

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

SchoolGambia has had a very good year. After the frustrating delays during the pandemic we have returned to a normal routine of sending Trustees to the school twice a year and as a result we have been able to resume some of the projects that were planned for 2020.

The foundations for the proposed library building were dug in November 22 and the building was resumed in March 2023 under the supervision of one Trustee. He also supervised the installation of electricity, bookshelves and another Trustee worked with the newly appointed Librarian to catalogue over 500 books. The bright airy building is big enough to host workshops and meetings and future plans include opening the facilities to villagers and running classes for adults who want to learn to read.

The Reading Scheme that has been written especially for the school is near completion and in November 2023 the plan is to select from the staff, a team of teachers who are skilled and experienced enough to train teachers in other schools in the local Cluster.

One teacher returned in September 2022 after 6 months of confinement leave. She resumes her responsibility for leading phonics and reading. Another teacher is currently on confinement leave until April 2023. We employ temporary teachers to cover but they are seldom qualified and need support.

The end of academic national test and exam results for Grade 3 and 9 were very good and most pupils passed. This is a high achievement in a country where the failure rate is still very high. It is down to the quality of our teaching all the way through the school from Nursery to Grade 9. We insist on keeping class sizes small (4) and supplying text books, exercise books and pencils so that every pupils has the chance to learn

The Independent Learning Programme continues to be successful in helping slower pupils to catch up and even attain mastery in national tests. The teacher in charge works with very small groups to fill the gaps in their learning.

One of our ex pupils is training to be a primary teacher and SchoolGambia is sponsoring her. She has been able to do her teaching practice in the school.

Yalding School Farato has also been chosen to form an Association for Nursery Schools in the area to run workshops and arrange visits to participating schools in order to share good practice and support those schools that lack materials and expertise.

The regular team of 12 sixth formers from Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich have had to suspend their annual visits since 2020 but they are currently planning a visit in 2024. We look forward to welcoming them back.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
SchoolGambia

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
6/1/2022

To

Period end date
5/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and other income	9,000	-	-	9,000	3,150
Sponsorships	15,826	-	-	15,826	11,722
Fundraising	3,267	-	-	3,267	13,113
Deposit Account Interest	471	-	-	471	57
Mini Bus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Cancelled cheques	-	-	-	-	324
Gift Aid Reclaim	2,138	-	-	2,138	2,260
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,702	-	-	30,702	30,626
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,702	-	-	30,702	30,626
A3 Payments					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Christmas Cards	204	-	-	204	245
Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses	27,000	-	-	27,000	20,000
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	177	-	-	177	134
Goods to the Gambia	1,110	-	-	1,110	325
Event Costs	50	-	-	50	8,471
Printing and Advertising	25	-	-	25	-
Fundraising Expenses	388	-	-	388	130
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Commission for Fundraising	729	-	-	729	381
				-	
Sub total	29,683	-	-	29,683	29,686
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,683	-	-	29,683	29,686
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,019	-	-	1,019	940
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,563	9,727	-	85,290	-
Cash funds this year end	76,582	9,727	-	86,308	940

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	76,582	9,727	-
	Unpresented cheque	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	76,582	9,727	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Kim Keeler	7/12/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SCHOOLGAMBIA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MAY 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1096152

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 05 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Callum M. Findlay

Date:

27 / 11 / 2023.

Name:

CALLUM MACDONALD FINDLAY

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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