

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

SchoolGambia has had a busy year. The Library building was completed and opened in November 2024 and SchoolGambia appointed one of the Lower Basic School teachers to be the full-time Librarian during the afternoon shift. His responsibility is to enable groups of pupils to use the Library frequently and regularly to borrow fiction and reference books, to join chess, draughts and scrabble clubs and to meet for Book Clubs and poetry readings.

Our Gambian First Readers reading scheme has been completed, resulting in ten graded books with supplementary books for consolidation. They follow the Gambian government guidelines for a phonics based system and the stories involve Gambian families, food, culture and adventures. We are embarking upon a programme for training other schools in the area to use the scheme. A team of our own teachers has been selected and the Cluster Monitor works closely with us.

We have trained two teachers to work with pupils who are struggling in the classroom and the results of this Independent Learning Scheme are encouraging. Many of the pupils respond well to the extra help and have achieved good results in school and national tests.

We now have two classes for each of the Grades (7-9) in the Upper Basic School. Pupils from our own Grade 6 automatically gain a place in Grade 7 and we set an entrance exam for pupils applying from other schools in order to maintain an equilibrium of standards. Our Grade 9 pupils performed very well in the national exams and most have gained entrance to the Senior Secondary School of their choice.

We welcomed back a team from Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich, Kent. Since 2007 this school has been sending twelve VIth form students and two teachers to work in the school but had to suspend visits in 2000. The students teach in the classrooms for two weeks and spend the weekends exploring the culture of the village and surrounding country, visiting compounds, learning local skills and joining in with Yalding Basic Cycle School students for debating, volleyball and football competitions.

The biggest project of this year has been to renovate the Nursery School building. The original two classrooms were originally built in 2000 by the villagers themselves. Two more classrooms were added, two offices, a storeroom and capacity for solar batteries. The renovation involves replacing the roof, putting in electricity throughout the block, inserting new ceilings, cupboards, lights, fans and retiling floors and repainting all walls.

We hope to start on renovating the Lower Basic storey building and adding an extra staircase by the end of 2025.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

SchoolGambia

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
6/1/2023

To

Period end date
5/31/2024

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	24,108	3,300	-	27,408	9,000
Sponsorships	11,038	-	-	11,038	15,826
Fundraising	13,084	-	-	13,084	3,267
Deposit Account Interest	1,687	-	-	1,687	471
Mini Bus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1,710	-	1,710	-
Travel Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Cancelled cheques	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaim	2,111	-	-	2,111	2,138
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,028	5,010	-	57,038	30,702
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,028	5,010	-	57,038	30,702
A3 Payments					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Christmas Cards	-	-	-	-	204
Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses	17,562	-	-	17,562	27,000
Travel Costs	1,350	-	-	1,350	-
Bank Charges	185	-	-	185	177
Goods to the Gambia	-	-	-	-	1,110
Event Costs	8,198	-	-	8,198	50
Printing and Advertising	-	-	-	-	25
Fundraising Expenses	404	-	-	404	388
Insurance	272	-	-	272	-
Commission for Fundraising	2,571	-	-	2,571	729
				-	
Sub total	30,542	-	-	30,542	29,683
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,542	-	-	30,542	29,683
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,485	5,010	-	26,495	1,019
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,582	9,727	-	86,309	-
Cash funds this year end	98,067	14,737	-	112,804	1,019

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	98,067	14,737	-
	Unpresented cheque	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	98,067	14,737	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Tony DiMarco	7/2/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
SCHOOLGAMBIA

On accounts for the year
ended

31/05/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1096152

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2024

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

10/03/2025

Name:

Susan Rowe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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