



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/24
Period end date

Period start date To 31/03/25

Charity name: Help for education and local projects in The Gambia (HELPING)

Charity registration number: 1098642

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide education for children and young people in The Gambia by providing buildings and equipment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Building and maintaining nurseries. Training Teachers. Sponsoring childrens education up to college and university level.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have read and abide by the commissions guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity has had volunteer teachers and nurses visit The Gambia to assist in the nurseries and clinic also people have gone out to help with building and maintenance work.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We have completed the new eating area at Chamen Nursery which can also be used as an extra classroom.</p> <p>Staff accomodation for the clinic and maternity ward building continues.</p> <p>Repairs to toilets at Jamagen Kati have been completed.</p> <p>New windows have been fitted at Chessay Ma Jaw nursery.</p> <p>We have given out over 1000 sacks of rice to sponsored childrens families and poor families.</p> <p>We have 380 children sponsored, 40 in college, University or apprenticeships.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash funds at the end of year £198062
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds approx. two years wages etc for the Gambian staff and teachers in a seperate account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx £60000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Sponsorship and local events and talks. Donations from Trusts, Businessess and Individuals.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by Members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Help for education and local projects in The Gambia
Other name the charity uses	HELPING
Registered charity number	1098642
Charity's principal address	3 Finches End Walkern Stevenage Herts SG2 7RG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Roy Richardson	Chair	
2	Lisa Osborne	Vice Chair	
3	Christopher Meeks	Vice Chair	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

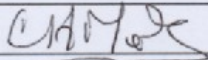
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Christopher Hugh Meeks

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Vice Chair

Date

18/10/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Help for Education and Local Projects in The Gambia

1098642

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.04.24

To

31.03.25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sponsorship (UK)	63,893	-	-		61,431
Fundraising (UK)	20,371	-	-		16,886
Gift aid	34,239	-	-		-
Lodge (UK + Gambia)	9,193	-	-		7,839
Bank interest (UK + Gambia)	2,750	-	-		589
Exchange rate adjustment	1,172	-	-		133
		-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	131,618	-	-		86,878
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	131,618	-	-	-	86,878
A3 Payments					
Admin costs - UK	3,286	-	-		2,628
Admin costs - Gambia	4,743	-	-		5,554
Staff costs - Gambia	26,062				22,807
Sponsorship/support - Gambia	36,934	-	-		33,955
Nurseries - Gambia	5,979	-	-		5,934
Lodge - Gambia+ UK	6,937	-	-		4,295
Projects - Gambia	19,613	-	-		3,871
Fees and charges - UK + Gambia	2,301	-	-		3,550
Exchange rate adjustment		-	-		
		-	-		
Sub total	105,855	-	-	-	82,594
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	105,855	-	-	-	82,594
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,763	-	-	-	4,284
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	172,299				168,015
Cash funds this year end	198,062				172,299



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

HELP FOR EDUCATION AND LOCAL PROJECTS IN THE GAMBIA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1098642

Set out on pages

1 and 2

**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 March 2025**.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

11/12/2025

Name:

Peter Goodwin

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

Address:

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