

Smile Malawi Annual Report 2022/23

Travel to Malawi from England was still very restricted in 2022 after the pandemic and South African Airways were still not flying to England. SAA did start to fly to Malawi in January 2023 from Johannesburg which will make journeys easier in the future.

However, life carried on much the same in Malawi and all the children were healthy and the staff well. The manager there continued to do an excellent job and there were no concerns. It was very noticeable that costs in Malawi had escalated and we were surprised how much funding was necessary to keep the children's home going. However, due to some very generous donors, we were able to contain this. All expenditure in Malawi was receipted and checked by the trustees.

Our house mother Regina decided to leave to be with her new husband in the north but we were very fortunate to find a replacement called Esnart. She is a qualified teacher waiting for her Government placement so she came to help us with the younger children and the local community. She already made a big impact with their school work.

There were lots of changes with older children moving on and 3 new young ones coming to live with us. Firstly Brian, who has been with us for 16 years, was able to go back to his long lost family after completing college and finding them in Bangwe, a suburb of Blantyre. Similarly Junior left to return to his family after completing secondary school. We tracked them down to a remote village and received help from the Chief there. Then Jo left to live with his sister Doreen, who also grew up in our care, as she is now a successful clothing designer in Lilongwe. Jo had recently passed his driving test ensuring employment in his new city. Alfred also passed his driving test and was actively looking for employment but continued to live with us as he has no family to go to.

We were able to offer a home to 12-year-old twins, John and Stephen, who came to us through the Social Welfare office. Then, ten-year-old Dorothy Thepo was able to welcome her twin sister Pemphero to live with us – she was returned to us by her guardian after 6 years as she could no longer afford to care for her. Finally, twenty-year-old Ulemu finished school in the summer and started at the University of Blantyre where he is studying Community Development.

Cyclone Freddy then hit southern Malawi on Sunday 12 March causing widespread devastation and deaths. Blantyre was hit very hard and 400 people died there buried in landslides and water. Roads were impassable and there was little food or electricity. Our orphanage was safe and our children were all ok but the surrounding villages were badly hit with houses destroyed and many children and vulnerable adults left without shelter, food or warmth.

We bought two lorry loads of maize so that every household was given 20kg and the money to have it ground into flour, plus blankets, soya pieces and soap. We were able to raise funds from an emergency appeal and we were very happy with the incredible response from our supporters. We were able to raise over £12000 in a week and that was all spent on the aid packages which were given out immediately. The village chief gave us the names which were verified before they were all invited to the orphanage to be given their relief packages. Everyone was so grateful as they had no food and were sleeping in the local school and church.

It was a sad end to the year but we were pleased that we were able to help and plan to carry on with more aid in the coming months.



Charity Name Smile Malawi	No (if any) 1106225
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2022	To	Period end date 3/31/2023
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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 UK	86,427	-	-	86,427	85,772
Donations Malawi	1,517	-	-	1,517	305
Fundraising	27,905	-	-	27,905	31,443
Gift Aid Repayment	5,587	-	-	5,587	15,571
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,436	-	-	121,436	133,091
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,436	-	-	121,436	133,091
A3 Payments					
Fundraising	1,444	-	-	1,444	730
Charitable Activities UK	3,345	-	-	3,345	20,167
Charitable Activities Malawi	103,631	-	-	103,631	82,318
Management & Administration	1,694	-	-	1,694	1,828
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	110,114	-	-	110,114	105,043
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	110,114	-	-	110,114	105,043
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,322	-	-	11,322	28,048
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	6,101
Cash funds this year end	11,322	-	-	11,322	34,149

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	Fund held in Malawi	878	-	-
	HSBC Bank A/C UK	10,438	-	-
	Cash held in UK	-		-
	Savings A/C UK	6	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,322	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	10 Hectares of land		-	-
	Detached 4 Bed House		-	-
	2 2 Bed S/D Bungalows		-	-
	Toyota Landcruiser		-	-
	Toyota Hilux Pickup		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SMILE MALAWI

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1106225

Set out on pages

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(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

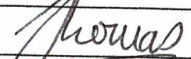
**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:



Date:

26/10/2023

Name:

Martin Thomas of Martin Thomas & Co

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

ACCA Finalist

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.