

Smile Malawi Annual Report 2023/24

Travel to Malawi from England was still very restricted in 2023 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 made our trustee journey easier in July 2023.

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.

Not surprisingly many people came down to visit while Elspeth was there to ask for help. Firstly, a lady came with a tragic story of two young sisters who had lost their mother during the floods further south and a kind neighbour had brought them to their relatives in our village. Unfortunately, their aunty already had 6 children to care for and could not cope with two more. We gave them a home and they settled in straight away.

Then Martha, who is blind, came with her mother from our village, asking for help. We took her to the special Lions Eye Clinic at the hospital in Blantyre where they told us that Martha is blind due to Glaucoma, which was preventable, but the family had neglected to take her to hospital in time. That was bad enough but a few days later she was left unsupervised at home and walked into a fire leaving her leg badly burned. She came to live with us with the full approval of the village chief and the family and we took care of her wounds and settled her. She has now started school at a special Lions school for the blind where we will pay for her accommodation and food and she will return to us during the holidays. She is such a happy little girl despite her tragic past!

We continued to raise funds and we were able to arrange the purchase and distribution of 210 x 50kg bags of cement to help the villagers rebuild their houses destroyed by the Cyclone. The cyclone also washed away all the newly planted crops and we witnessed that the villagers were getting very hungry. By December the situation was desperate and the village chiefs came to plead for help. No other agencies were coming to our villages to help so we felt compelled to assist as we have been part of this community for over 19 years, helping them through a previous famine in 2005. We set up a new appeal and managed to source 20 Tonnes of maize at the northern border with Tanzania. Very early on Christmas Day the trucks arrived at the orphanage and we were able to give out food to 400 households selected by the village chiefs. Hundreds of people came down all managed by our staff with no fuss.

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. Finally, Alfred passed his driving test and found work in Blantyre driving for a local company. We ended the year with 36 resident children, mostly at school or colleges.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Smile Malawi

No (if any)
1106225

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

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					
Donations (Uk)	58,246	-	-	58,246	86,427
Donations (Malawi)	884	-	-	884	1,517
Fundraising	37,686	-	-	37,686	27,905
Gift Aid Repayment	8,327	-	-	8,327	5,587
Misc Income	102	-	-	102	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	105,245	-	-	105,245	121,436
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	105,245	-	-	105,245	121,436
A3 Payments					
Fundraising	461	-	-	461	1,444
Charitable Activities (UK)	-	-	-	-	3,345
Charitable Activities (Malawi)	85,768	-	-	85,768	103,631
Management & Administration	1,469	-	-	1,469	1,694
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	87,698	-	-	87,698	110,114
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,698	-	-	87,698	110,114
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,547	-	-	17,547	11,322
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	17,547	-	-	17,547	11,322

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	Funds Held In Malawi	4,730	-	-
	HSBC Bank A/C (UK)	12,811	-	-
	Cash Held (UK)	-	-	-
	Savings A/C (UK)	6	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,547	-	-
	(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 x 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	
			04/10/2024	



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 2024

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:

4-10-2024

Name:

Martin Thomas of Martin Thomas & Co

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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.