

Smile Malawi Annual Report 2024/25

Travel to Malawi from England was still very restricted in 2024 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 but stopped again in late 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.

By Christmas 2024 it became apparent that the villagers around us were all very hungry as the crops had failed yet again due to a drought at the beginning of 2024 and more cyclones later in the year. Although we had taken food to the villagers in 2023, it was beyond our resources to do this again but, as we are in Malawi to help small vulnerable children, we decided to set up a feeding program for under 5s from 3 villages. This has been very successful and we are carrying on with it in 2025.

There were lots of changes with our own children moving on and several were repatriated or found work and went to live independently. Alfred now lives in Blantyre and has a good job driving for a hospital and Caroline and Natasha both graduated last year from the Malawi Institute of Tourism and should find work with no problem. Four of our teenagers did really well in their final primary school exams and were selected to church secondary schools, a celebrated achievement within the local community. We are so proud of Felesta and Deborah and brothers Samson and Fatsani. Altogether we have 9 children at various secondary schools, all funded by Smile Malawi.

We are super proud of our eldest boy Ulemu who is doing well at Blantyre University. He's studying Community Development and is a born organiser and leader so we're sure he will do well. He is in his third year of a 4 year degree which finishes in 2026 and is already helping in our local villages.

We have continued our outreach program to help local children access medical care for various needs and it is so rewarding to see their progress. Little Trizzah first came to us as a baby to ask for help for transportation to Queen Elizabeth hospital, Blantyre. She was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, causing an enlargement of the head. The recovery process is gradual but she is now a happy little girl and is healthy apart from her condition. She can talk and move her head which has reduced from 65cm at birth to 62.5cm now. We will continue to help her to hospital. 3 year old Emmanuel was born with club feet and we have been taking him to Beit Cure hospital in Blantyre with his mother for 18 months where he has had many operations to straighten his feet. Without the surgical interventions he would never have walked but he is now walking and even kicking a football.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Smile Malawi

No (if any)
1106225

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/1/2024

To

Period end date
3/31/2025

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)	83,525	-	-	83,525	58,246
Donations (Malawi)	4,730	-	-	4,730	884
Fundraising	12,817	-	-	12,817	37,686
Gift Aid Repayment	6,146	-	-	6,146	8,327
Misc Income	-	-	-	-	102
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	107,218	-	-	107,218	105,245
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,218	-	-	107,218	105,245
A3 Payments					
Fundraising	9,637	-	-	9,637	461
Charitable Activities (UK)	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities (Malawi)	86,592	-	-	86,592	85,768
Management & Administration	467	-	-	467	1,469
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,696	-	-	96,696	87,698
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,696	-	-	96,696	87,698
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,522	-	-	10,522	17,547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	10,522	-	-	10,522	17,547

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	5,140	-	-
	HSBC Bank A/C (UK)	5,376	-	-
	Cash Held (UK)	-	-	-
	Savings A/C (UK)	6	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,522	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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)
	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	
			10/4/2024	



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1106225

Set out on pages

1-2

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:

23/06/2025

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.