

AIM FOR CHANGE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Administration information

Aim for Change (registered charity number no. 1107924) is situated in Market Bosworth, Leicestershire. The correspondence address is 31 York Close, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, CV13 0ND

The following trustees who have served from 1 April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Mrs Ruth James (founder)
Mrs Nicola Ridout
Mr Philip Owen
Dr Domini James
Dr Lawrence Miall
Mr Robert Leake
Dr Matt James
Mr Andrew Jackson (appointed 19 May 2025)

Structure, governance and management

Aim for Change is governed by a declaration of trust executed on 13th October 2004 as amended by supplemental deed dated 20th January 2005. The legal form adopted by the charity is that of a trust.

The above trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance, including trustee appointment, to Aim for Change including deciding on how the funds of Aim for Change are to be spent.

Aim and purposes

The aim of the charity is to give hope and security to impoverished families, orphans and street children who are living in the very rural bush areas of Uganda and in Pakistan through the development of education, healthcare and self sufficiency.

Aim for Change has been working in Uganda for 22 years and in Pakistan for 19 years; we have been officially registered with the UK Charity Commission for 20 years.

The ethos of the charity is: Education – Health Care – Self Sufficiency.

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Objectives and activities

Aim for Change is committed to helping as many children and adults as possible who are living in poverty; working at present in Uganda and Pakistan through:

- Giving children the opportunity of education
- Improving health care through fresh water boreholes and medical facilities
- Enabling people to support themselves through animal projects/small businesses

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the ethos of Aim for Change.

Achievements and performance

Education

The charity cares for many children and young people, including orphan/street/refugee children of Uganda and orphan/refugee/abused children of Pakistan. We have approximately 500 orphans in our care. We support several schools, in Uganda, constructed by the charity, and help to provide school materials and resources. This financial year, at Bakka School, Uganda, the charity has continued to provide food regularly for approx.200 orphans attending the school. Funding was provided to construct a kindergarten section in the school compound and desks, benches and wall posters were bought for these new classrooms. In November 2024, funding was used to purchase 3 hectares of land for cultivation to produce food for the school pupils and to give a post-Christmas party for the children on their return to school for the new academic year..

Food for orphans and school equipment including desks and benches was also provided, at Amazing Grace School and Orphanage in Uganda.

A significant number of the young people in our care have now progressed to vocational training and university degree courses, on completion of their Secondary education. In Mbarara, where the charity supports a large number of former street children, many students have now graduated, secured employment and some are voluntarily contributing towards the education costs of new intake street children. Each term, the charity provides funding towards school fees and to purchase food for the young people at Trust Children's Centre. At Christmas 2024, as usual, funding was sent for a Christmas meal for all the young people at the project. College fees, graduation fees and placement costs were also paid for several students.

We also continue to fund the accommodation costs for a young man in nursing training in Lira, Uganda.

In Pakistan, the charity continues to help provide school equipment and materials for a small school in a refugee colony in Islamabad. We also continue to help to care for youngsters at Hope of Life Foundation orphanage. A 2-room building was constructed to provide more space for the older orphans at HOLF and for Green Wood School which operates beside the orphanage.

Funds for Christmas treats, parties or outings are sent to all our major projects each year.

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Health Care

Funding for medical assistance has been provided on several occasions this year, in Uganda. One of our former sponsored young people opened a drugstore and a microscope and 10 mattresses were provided to facilitate the treatment and care of patients. Pit latrines at Amazing Grace School and Orphanage were also emptied. In Pakistan, the charity purchased a new wheelchair for a young girl.

Self sufficiency

In Uganda, over the years, the charity has provided many individual animal/cultivation/farming/large community projects which include; water provision, cultivation, animals, sewing projects and small businesses. We have distributed many chicken, pigs and goats as well as oxen, seeds and trees. We continue to send funds for families to purchase seeds and chicken, as the need arises.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £50,656 of which £43,299 were donations. A total of £48,501 was spent on charitable causes, with approx. 72% of this being spent in Uganda and 28% in Pakistan.

A deficit of £2,649 was made in the year. The charity's bank balance at the year end was £106,242 and total assets were £294,723.

The full financial results can be seen on pages 5 & 6.

Policy on reserves

The trustees hold reserves in order to meet any potential fluctuations in receipts and payments, and to enable the organisation to continue fulfilling its charitable aims and objectives.

After taking account of assets not readily realised into cash, the charity had £106,242 (2024 - £108,707) held in reserves at the year end.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 20 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Ruth James
Founder/chair/trustee

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CHARITY NO 1107924**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

AIM FOR CHANGE**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME				
Donations received		43,299		35,603
HMRC gift aid received		5,750		11,788
Bank interest		1,607		1,333
		<u>50,656</u>		<u>48,724</u>
EXPENSES				
<u>Charitable causes</u>				
Uganda	34,751		25,356	
Pakistan	<u>13,750</u>		<u>19,100</u>	
		48,501		44,456
<u>Administration</u>				
Travelling	985		-	
Promotional and website	1,365		904	
Printing, postage and stationery	983		1,218	
Computer and IT	170		60	
Depreciation	184		184	
Bank charges and money transfer fees	867		965	
Accountancy	<u>250</u>		<u>200</u>	
		4,804		3,531
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u><u>(2,649)</u></u>		<u><u>736</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u> Unrestricted funds £	<u>2024</u> Unrestricted funds £
Fixed Assets		
Properties and equipment in Uganda	132,546	132,546
Land, property and equipment in Pakistan	55,750	55,750
Computer equipment	185	369
	<u>188,481</u>	<u>188,665</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>106,242</u>	<u>108,707</u>
	106,242	108,707
Total Assets	<u><u>294,723</u></u>	<u><u>297,372</u></u>
Funds of the Charity		
Amounts brought forward		
Designated reserves	188,665	188,296
Undesignated reserves	108,707	108,340
Surplus/(Deficit) this year	(2,649)	736
	<u><u>294,723</u></u>	<u><u>297,372</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 20 November 2025 by:

Signed

Mrs Ruth James

Founder/chair/trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Aim for Change (Charity No 1107924)

I report on the accounts of the charity for year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 you as 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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.

Signed:

Andrew Hall FCCA

Hall & Co Accountants Limited, 37 Burton Road
Ashby de la Zouch, Leics LE65 2LF

20 November 2025