

# **Reach The Children**

## **Trustees' Report and Accounts**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

**Registered charity number: 1108058**

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## Trustees' Report

The Trustees of Reach the Children are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### Charitable Objects

To relieve poverty of children living in Africa who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress. To advance the education of such children.

### Annual Review

2021 has been another challenging year with more cases of COVID infections; the upshot has been many countries closing their doors, installing entry barriers to visitors or establishing entry requirements that acted as a severe disincentive, as well as a risk of being detained in country should a positive COVID test occur. No Trustee visits from the UK were permitted while the travel restrictions were as arbitrary. The risks of infection and possible inability to return to the UK were very real.

We continued to supply Lateral Flow Test kits to Uganda to help Reach the Children Uganda monitor incidence of infection and reduce activity if found. Concern for the safety of Grandmas at the Luwero Centre was paramount in terms of contractors visiting who may have been infected with the COVID virus as none of the Grandmas had yet contracted COVID.

The first pineapple crop was harvested and contract dried with Jakana Fruits who declared the sweet cayenne pineapple from the Luwero Centre was 98% first grade quality. A consignment was air freighted to the UK for sample tasting and had a very positive response in the survey undertaken.

The third pineapple field was prepared and 1,000 shoots were planted, bringing the total under cultivation to 55,000. Designs for the retail pouches were commissioned and will be produced in Uganda.

Plans to roll out the I Told My Story competition to 20 schools were agreed once the COVID lockdown permitted schools to reopen after more than a year of closure. It was again sponsored by Red Planet Pictures. This competition would be the fifth year and engage more than a thousand school children.

More springs were protected in Buikwe Uganda; these rural infrastructure projects provide hundreds of families in the community with clean water. It gives certainty to the children who have to collect water each day for washing, cooking and laundry in that there is a reliable water source. This has other unintended consequences in that the certainty of getting clean water each morning means more children get to school and daily lessons. The construction of the protected springs is carried out using an effective design by local contractors, ensuring the know-how and funds are kept in the local economy.

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## Trustees' Report (continued)

Funds were provided to a self-help Grandma's group in Chyulu Kenya wanting to start a hatchery to provide chicks for sale. A small kerosene heated hatchery cabinet was purchased to test the proposed project which if successful would be expanded. Fertilised eggs were purchased for incubation. The seedling project will be monitored to ensure the hatchery can be successfully managed.

A small fund was granted to a vocational training centre for hearing impaired children in Mukono Uganda run by a Muslim lady who was associated with another centre where RTC has been active. Her skills and abilities are well known and she is a proficient signer for the deaf

### Charity Trustees

|                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Ray Botterell   | Chairman                           |
| Kathryn Gibson  | Trustee                            |
| Tony Jordan     | Trustee                            |
| Tarig El Sheikh | Trustee                            |
| Rachel Mace     | Trustee (Appointed 1 October 2021) |

### Principal Address

2 Manor Gardens  
Westoning  
Bedfordshire  
MK45 5NA

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 24 August 2022

***R Botterell***  
*Chairman*

***K Gibson***  
*Trustee*

# **REACH THE CHILDREN**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF REACH THE CHILDREN**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities and basis of report**

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.

*24 August 2022*

***David Chapman BA FCA***  
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## Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2021

|   |        | 2021               |        | 2020               |
|---|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
|   | £      | £                  | £      | £                  |
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>                  |        |                    |        |                    |
| Donations                               |        | 84,127             |        | 33,992             |
| Gift Aid tax repayment                  |        | 10,000             |        | -                  |
|   |        | <hr/>              |        | <hr/>              |
|   |        | 94,127             |        | 33,992             |
| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                  |        |                    |        |                    |
| Projects and expeditions                | 51,124 |                    | 37,069 |                    |
| Insurance                               | 247    |                    | 165    |                    |
| Bank charges                            | 408    |                    | 327    |                    |
| Website expenses                        | 960    |                    | 1,110  |                    |
| Just Giving charges                     | 446    |                    | 331    |                    |
| Commission paid on donations            | 738    |                    | 242    |                    |
| Other expenses                          | 5,168  |                    | -      |                    |
|   | <hr/>  | (59,091)           | <hr/>  | (39,244)           |
| <b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>          |        | <hr/> 35,036       |        | <hr/> (5,252)      |
| Bank balance at 31 December 2020        |        | <hr/> 13,218       |        | <hr/> 18,470       |
| <b>Bank balance at 31 December 2021</b> |        | <hr/> <hr/> 48,254 |        | <hr/> <hr/> 13,218 |

All funds held are unrestricted and available to be applied in the furtherance of the Trust's charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

*As at 31 December 2021*

|                             | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>    |               |           |
| HSBC Community Bank Account | <b>48,254</b> | 13,218    |
|                             | <hr/>         | <hr/>     |

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 24 August 2022

***R Botterell***  
*Chairman*

***K Gibson***  
*Trustee*