

Reach The Children

Trustees' Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

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 2022.

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

2022 saw the lifting of entry restrictions to East Africa following the World Health Organization's downgrading the restrictions associated with the impact of Covid infections. The effort to pick up where projects had stopped has taken time to get momentum behind them to get back on track.

The first pineapple crop was harvested and contract dried by 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. Listings have been prepared for Shopify and Amazon to sell dried pineapple on line.

The fourth pineapple field was prepared and 20,000 pineapple suckers were planted, bringing the total under cultivation to 75,000. Despite efforts to have the retail pouches printed in Uganda it was necessary to use Chinese suppliers to manufacture and print the 100g pouches.

The I Told My Story Competition was rolled out once again to 20 schools with beneficial outcomes for the P7 schoolchildren preparing for secondary school. The project continues to be sponsored by Tony Jordan, CEO of Red Planet Pictures, part of the Asacha Media Group, who is passionate about the programme designed to encourage children to use their imagination and see their future potential.

More remote springs have been protected; 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.

Further support was provided to the Grandmas self help group in Chyulu Kenya to provide more chicks.

The Birungi learning centre run by Halima has been fully funded and is under construction. This centre will train children with special needs in life skills that will assist them to earn a living and sustain a family. RTC has worked with Halima at YOPDIDA Centre in Kayunga previously. Some 20/30 children will board weekly with challenges ranging from hearing impairments to physical disabilities. Halima is a skilled language signer to the deaf. It is expected the centre will commence operation in 2023.

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Charity Trustees

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Ray Botterell | Chairman |
| Kathryn Gibson | Trustee |
| Tony Jordan | Trustee |
| Tarig El Sheikh | Trustee |
| Rachel Mace | Trustee |

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2 Manor Gardens
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 9 August 2023

R Botterell
Chairman

K Gibson
Trustee

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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 2022.

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.

9 August 2023

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2022

| | £ | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ |
|---|--------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Donations | | 66,228 | | 84,127 |
| Gift Aid tax repayments | | 13,875 | | 10,000 |
| | | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | | 80,103 | | 94,127 |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | |
| Projects and expeditions | 96,536 | | 51,124 | |
| Insurance | 285 | | 247 | |
| Bank charges | 1,334 | | 408 | |
| Marketing | 7,975 | | - | |
| Website expenses | 1,157 | | 960 | |
| Just Giving charges | 216 | | 446 | |
| Commission paid on donations | 200 | | 738 | |
| Other expenses | 1,542 | | 5,168 | |
| | <hr/> | (109,245) | <hr/> | (59,091) |
| Net (payments)/receipts | | <hr/> (29,142) | | <hr/> 35,036 |
| Bank balance at 31 December 2021 | | 48,254 | | 13,218 |
| | | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| Bank balance at 31 December 2022 | | 19,112 | | 48,254 |
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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 2022

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>Cash Funds</u> | | |
| HSBC Charitable Bank Account | 18,827 | 48,254 |
| HSBC Business Money Manager Account | 285 | - |
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| | 19,112 | 48,254 |
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Chairman

K Gibson
Trustee