

Reach The Children

Trustees' Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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 2024.

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

From Grandmas Gardens Centre at Luwero Uganda has grown in to a exporting social enterprise airfreighting dried and retail packed dried tropical fruit to Reach the Children UK, which on behalf of Grandmas Gardens positions the produce on various e-commerce platforms. Over 100 Grandmas are engaged in the growing, harvesting, processing and shipping both dried pineapple and mango. The Grandmas have now planted more than 100,000 pineapples suckers in their gardens. Training in UK standard food hygiene has been resourced and applied to the Grandmas working in the drying facility. Indirectly many hundreds of grandchildren are the beneficiaries of this developing social venture in that school fees are paid ensuring grandchildren do get an education.

The I Told My Story Competition 2024 was rolled out again to 20 state schools with beneficial outcomes for P7 schoolchildren preparing for secondary school. The project continues to be sponsored by Tony Jordan a fellow Trustee and an award winning scriptwriter, who is passionate about the programme, funding is assured for the coming next three years. All 20 schools receive initial training sessions designed to encourage children to develop and use their imagination. This had helped improve writing skills, enabling them to write better stories and have a clearer view of their future potential.

Remote springs continue to be protected, providing hundreds of families in the community with clean water. This work further benefits the local communities by providing employment for local tradespeople. Springs selected by local community leaders are those that never dry out though the water pressure may lessen during the dry season. This reliable water source enables children to collect water each morning for washing, cooking and laundry and still get to school on time for daily lessons. The most significant benefit however is the reduction in water-borne diseases to the children and the wider community.

The Birungi Skills Centre for disabled and hearing impaired children has now been fully completed. This centre is training children with special needs in life skills that will assist them to earn a living and sustain a family. The first students have been taken in as boarders in 2024 some sponsored by Uganda Ministry of Education indirectly who are hearing impaired. Reach the Children continues to support Halima its principal and the centre in its aims to educate special needs children and youth in life skills that will enable the students to earn a living in Ugandan society.

Reach the Children UK celebrated its 20th year of operation in East Africa with the planting of 2,000 eucalyptus tree saplings, providing 10 communities with many hundreds of beneficiaries in each community with filter spring water.

We continue to be most grateful to our donors and funders who wholeheartedly support the work of Reach the Children UK.

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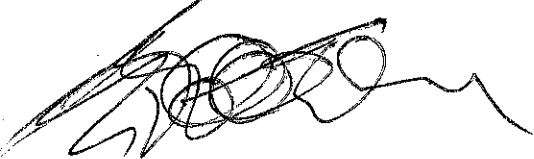
Charity Trustees

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

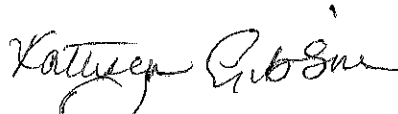
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 27 August 2025



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 2024.

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.



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27 August 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations		167,693		71,271
Gift Aid tax repayments		6,750		13,437
Interest received		253		4
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		174,696		84,712
<u>Payments</u>				
Projects and expeditions	75,544		77,573	
Insurance	219		549	
Bank charges	1,755		1,656	
Marketing	15,869		7,438	
Website expenses	-		1,186	
Just Giving charges	331		216	
Commission paid on donations	182		182	
Other expenses	7,381		2,177	
	<hr/>	(101,281)	<hr/>	(90,977)
Net receipts/(payments)		<hr/> 73,415		<hr/> (6,265)
Bank balance at 31 December 2023		12,847		19,112
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Bank balance at 31 December 2024		<hr/> 86,262		<hr/> 12,847

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 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
HSBC Charitable Bank Account	11,426	12,635
HSBC Business Money Manager Accounts	74,836	212
	<hr/> 86,262 <hr/>	<hr/> 12,847 <hr/>

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