

# GAMBIA EDUCATION AND TEACHING SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1110998

## Details

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Other names	GETSUK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2005-08-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS IN THE GAMBIA BY THE PROVISION AND SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY TEACHERS AND TRAINING ASSISTANTS, PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT, SPONSORSHIPS AND ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SKILL CENTRES.

**Activities:** Provide opportunities for education in Gambia by sponsorship and management of schools, teacher training and curriculum development.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE GAMBIA
- The Gambia

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£90	£2,830	-	-
2024-07-31	£23,598	£43,467	-	-
2023-07-31	£53,840	£66,688	-	-
2022-07-31	£54,317	£51,354	-	-
2021-07-31	£51,117	£62,147	-	-
2020-07-31	£58,993	£56,994	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>TONY NELSON</b>	Chair	2011-10-03
Dawn Webster		
<b>PAUL ALAN WEBSTER</b>		
Susan Nelson		2013-08-31

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# Accounts

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# TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

## GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT (also known as GETSuk)

UK Registered Charity No: 1110998

Gambian Registered Charity No: 343/2011

Principal address: Mrs Susan Nelson, 37 Brook Way, Romsey, Hants SO51 7JZ

### **TRUSTEES:**

Tony Nelson	Chairman
Susan Nelson	Secretary
Paul Webster	Treasurer
Dawn Webster	

**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution adopted 30<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

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### **Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives:**

Our main activity, amounting to 96% of our expenditure, was the funding and running of the Sunrise Bakoteh educational centre, providing Skills Training, Nursery and Lower Basic education for the local Bakoteh community. Supporters of GETS also sponsored 15 students in other schools.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Once again there were very few visitors from abroad, therefore few of the usual gifts and donations. Following the ending of Covid restrictions a full programme of extra-curricular activities was carried out – Sports Day, Excursions for Nursery, Lower Basic and Skills, and Graduation Ceremonies for Lower Basic and Skills,

Numbers in School have increased since last year. Overall Sunrise was 94% full

National Assessment Tests were held in July for Lower Basic Grade 3, the results will be known in the autumn term.

GETS supporters have continued sponsoring individual students - 24 at Sunrise and 15 at other schools.

UK Government support in the form of Gift Aid was £4,500

We would like to thank our many supporters for their continuing help.

Our focus has been to continue to maintain the Sunrise Centre structures and facilities so that it can continue into the future. In addition to all the normal maintenance work required in a busy school, we have replaced leaking corrugated roof-work, painted the outside of the school, repaired the Skills area soakaway, replaced broken chairs and re-invigorated the playground equipment. We've also had to repair the incoming electricity supply after a lightning strike, plus the damage caused within the school by the same strike.

**Financial Review:**

We hold bank balances and cash, in the UK and Gambia of £69,000, of which £61,000 relates to Sunrise and £8,000 to sponsorships of children in Sunrise and other schools.

The £8,000 will cover sponsored school costs to be paid in following period.

As in the previous year, total UK donations remained steady at £23,000 but £9,000 of these donations related to a "one off" gift from London Corner, a fellow UK charity School which closed down. It is clear that the longer term financial trend is towards declining revenue and increasing costs.

We have given formal notice to the Bakoteh Community to end our MOU with them from the end of 2023. Discussions as to how to fund and run the Sunrise School are under way. These negotiations are ongoing, but GETS is committed to continuing to finance Sunrise until 31 December 2023 We have sufficient financial reserves to be able to do this.

**Public Benefit:**

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The focus of our activities remains the advancement of education and the relief of poverty in The Gambia. We believe that by supporting the education of Gambian children and helping to improve their schools we are benefiting the Gambian public both now and in the future. We help children regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances. The only limit to the amount of help we provide is the funding available from donors to our charity.

**Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –

Signature



Date 10/08/2023

Full Name            Anthony Robert Nelson            Chairman

## GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023

### Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Y/E</u> <u>31/07/2022</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Sponsorship	7,060
Sunrise	47,257
	<u>54,317</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
Sponsorship	4,530
Sunrise	46,824
	<u>51,354</u>
<b><u>Surplus</u></b>	
Receipts less Payments	2,963
Brought forward	79,294
	<u>82,257</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>	
Cash	398
Santander	32,429
Guaranty Trust	49,430
Trustee Account	74
	<u>82,257</u>

### Sunrise Accounts

	<u>Unrestricted Income Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>31/07/2022</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
School Fees	19,002			19,002	16,303
Gambia Income	1,829			1,829	1,503
UK Donations	21,823	1,064		22,887	23,901
Administration charges	326			326	364
Gift Aid	4,496			4,496	4,984
Interest Received	67			67	202
	<u>47,543</u>	<u>1,064</u>		<u>48,607</u>	<u>47,257</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Nursery Expenses	6,020	223		6,243	6,303
Skills Expenses	6,243	254		6,497	5,138
Lower Basic Expenses	13,339	563		13,902	13,226
<b>Support Costs :-</b>					
Salaries & expenses	11,400			11,400	10,578
Office Supplies	4,384	9		4,393	3,415
Premises Upkeep	13,837			13,837	4,676
Building Extensions			1,751	1,751	1,012
<b>Governance costs :-</b>					
Gambia compliance	503			503	370
AGM costs	359			359	
Trustees Travel	2,663			2,663	
Independent exam.	569			569	461
Insurance	1,812			1,812	1,645
Domain name	199			199	
	<u>61,328</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>64,128</u>	<u>46,824</u>

Receipts less Payments	-	13,785	15	-	1,751	-	15,521	433
Balances at 31 July 2022		68,979	1,411	1,751		72,141		65,345
Transfers from Sponsorship		4,765	95			4,670		6,363
Balances at 31 July 2023		59,959	1,331	-		61,290		72,141

**Funds at 31 July 2023**

	Balance at 31/07/2022	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31/07/2023
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	1,751	-	-	1,751	-
Restricted Income Funds	1,411	95	1,064	1,049	1,331
Unrestricted Income Fund	68,979	4,765	47,543	61,328	59,959
	72,141	4,670	48,607	64,128	61,290
Sponsorship- External	4,823	-	2,958	2,551	4,657
Sponsorship- Sunrise	5,293	-	2,275	9	3,462
	82,257	-	53,840	66,688	69,409

**Notes to the Accounts**

- 1 As the gross income for the year does not exceed £ 250,000 the accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis
- 2 Gambian transactions have been brought into the accounts at an estimated D 68 to pound sterling
- 3 Travel expenses of £ 3,024 were paid to Trustees for meetings in the UK and visits to Gambia to help in Sunrise Centre
- 4 Trustees donated £ 2,666 to the charity in support of Sunrise activities

Signed on behalf of the trustees by: Anthony Robert Nelson

Chairman

10/08/2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT (UK)

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gambia Education and Teaching Support

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gambia Education and Teaching Support for the year ended 31 July 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

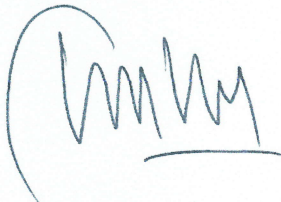
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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Date: 21 August 2023

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England & Wales - Charity number 1110998

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES REPORT 2022**  
**GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT**  
(also known as GETSuk)

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**Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives:**

Our main activity, amounting to 91% of our expenditure, was the funding and running of the Sunrise Bakoteh educational centre, providing Skills Training, Nursery and Lower Basic education for the local Bakoteh community. Supporters of GETS also sponsored 19 students in other schools.

**Achievements and Performance**

Our achievements this year continue to be affected by the restrictions due to the Covid-19 crisis. We ran the Sunrise school within the limitations placed upon us by the Gambian authorities, due to Covid-19, with nearly full Nursery and Lower Basic classes but reduced numbers in Skills Training, because of a number of factors, including free alternative training nearby sponsored by other NGO's. Overall Sunrise was 92% full.

There were very few visitors from abroad, and therefore less of the usual gifts and donations. Regular UK donations were at the same level as last year, but total donations increased by reason of a "one off " donation of £12,500 from Shine (The Gambia) - a Gambian charity working in the educational field, which had to close down.

Once again only one of the usual extracurricular activities took place - a Mufti Day was held on 26 November, when the children dressed in their local costumes. National Assessment Tests were held in June for Lower Basic Grade5, and the results will be known in the autumn term

We have finally completed a long outstanding project to provide a Staff Toilet facility (required by the Education Dept).

We also laid in a new water pipe to bring stored water from LBS tanks to other areas of the school to improve water availability, as daytime provision from the water company remains an issue.

We continue to spend significant sums of money on school maintenance of the Sunrise building and surroundings. Water pipe leakage has been a significant issue; both within and underground outside the building. The latest set of problems follow severe weather at the end of July; the Lower Basic School soakaway (septic tank) has collapsed and is under replacement at this time together with a major renewal of corrugated sheet roofing following leakage caused by strong winds and heavy rain.

We had to recruit new teachers to fill five vacant positions in various areas of the school and although we were successful, we have had two of the recruited staff leave, so now have vacancies again.

Our Tailoring teacher has gained her accreditation certification after a delay by the government body. We have been sponsoring our Lower Basic grade 1 teacher this year on a full time course to achieve a Diploma in Primary Teaching, year 1 of a 2 year course.

GETS supporters have continued sponsoring individual students - 44 at Sunrise and 19 at other schools.

UK Government support in the form of Gift Aid was £4,984

We would like to thank our many supporters for their continuing help in a difficult economic year.

**Financial Review:**

We hold bank balances and cash, in the UK and Gambia of approximately £82,000 of which £72,000 relates to Sunrise and £10,000 to sponsorship of children in Sunrise and other schools. The £10,000 is to cover sponsorships to be paid in the year to 31 July 2023

With our customary strict financial control of expenses, the funds held for Sunrise should be sufficient to cover our outgoings for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Looking forward beyond this, the financial uncertainties seem likely to continue.

**Public Benefit:**

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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**Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –

Signed



Chairman

Anthony Robert Nelson

Date 15/08/2022

## GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022

### Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Y/E</u> <u>31/07/2021</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Sponsorship	12,792
Sunrise	38,325
	<u>51,117</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
Sponsorship	9,654
Sunrise	52,493
	<u>62,147</u>
<b><u>Surplus</u></b>	
Receipts less Payments	- 11,030
Brought forward	90,324
	<u>79,294</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>	
Cash	150
Santander	20,960
Guaranty Trust	58,184
	<u>79,294</u>

### Sunrise Accounts

	<u>Unrestricted Income Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>31/07/2021</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
School Fees	16,303			16,303	18,680
Gambia Income	1,503			1,503	1,216
UK Donations	22,757	1,144		23,901	9,954
Administration charges	364			364	540
Gift Aid	4,984			4,984	6,077
Interest Received	202			202	1,858
	<u>46,113</u>	<u>1,144</u>		<u>47,257</u>	<u>38,325</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Nursery Expenses	6,025	278		6,303	6,465
Skills Expenses	4,921	217		5,138	5,451
Lower Basic Expenses	12,602	624		13,226	13,118
<b>Support Costs :-</b>					
Salaries & expenses	10,560	18		10,578	15,980
Office Supplies	3,415			3,415	3,625
Premises Upkeep	4,676			4,676	5,273
Building Extensions			1,012	1,012	89
Governance costs :-					
Gambia compliance	370			370	371
AGM costs				-	25
Trustees AGM travel				-	312
Independent exam.	461			461	448
Insurance	1,645			1,645	1,336
	<u>44,675</u>	<u>1,137</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>46,824</u>	<u>52,493</u>

Receipts less Payments	1,438	7	-	1,012	433	-	14,168
Balances at 31 July 2021	61,178	1,404	2,763	2,763	65,345	76,665	
Transfers from Sponsorship	6,363				6,363	2,848	
Balances at 31 July 2022	<u>68,979</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>72,141</u>		<u>65,345</u>	

**Funds at 31 July 2022**

	<u>Balance at 31/07/2021</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance at 31/07/2022</u>
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	2,763	-	1,012	-	1,751
Restricted Income Funds	1,404	-	1,137	-	1,411
Unrestricted Income Fund	61,178	6,363	46,113	44,675	68,979
	<u>65,345</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>47,257</u>	<u>46,824</u>	<u>72,141</u>
Sponsorship- External	6,489	-	3,178	4,303	4,823
Sponsorship- Sunrise	7,460	5,822	3,882	227	5,293
	<u>79,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,317</u>	<u>51,354</u>	<u>82,257</u>

**Notes to the Accounts**

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Signed on behalf of the trustees by: Anthony Robert Nelson



Chairman

15/08/2022



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT (UK)**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

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**Achievements and Performance**

Our achievements this year continue to be affected by the restrictions due to the Covid-19 crisis.

We ran the Sunrise school within the limitations placed upon us by the Gambian authorities, due to Covid-19 with nearly full Nursery and Lower Basic classes but reduced numbers in Skills Training, because of a number of factors, including free alternative training nearby sponsored by other NGO's. Overall Sunrise was 85% full.

There were no visitors from abroad, and therefore none of the usual gifts and donations.

UK donations also fell considerably, no doubt due to the economic conditions brought about by Brexit and Covid-19

Only one of the usual extracurricular activities took place - a Mufti Day, when the children dress in their local costumes, was held on 22 January.

National Assessment Tests were held in June for Lower Basic Grade3, and the results will be known in the autumn term

GETS supporters have continued sponsoring individual students- 50 at Sunrise and 25 at other schools. UK Government support in the form of Gift Aid was £6,000. This was less than the previous year, due to the fall in donations.

We would like to thank our many supporters for their continuing help in a difficult economic year.

**Financial Review:**

We hold bank balances and cash, in the UK and Gambia of approximately £79,000 of which £65,000 relates to Sunrise and £14,000 to sponsorship of children in Sunrise and other schools. The £14,000 is to cover sponsorships to be paid in the year to 31 July 2022

With our customary strict financial control of expenses, the funds held for Sunrise should be sufficient to cover our outgoings for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Looking forward beyond this the financial uncertainties seem likely to continue.

**Public Benefit:**

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**Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –

Signature  
Full Name



Anthony Robert Nelson

Chairman

Date

4/9/2021

## GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021

### Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Y/E</u> <u>31/07/2020</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Sponsorship	14,222
Sunrise	44,771
	<u>58,993</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
Sponsorship	9,771
Sunrise	47,223
	<u>56,994</u>
<b><u>Surplus</u></b>	
Receipts less Payments	1,999
Brought forward	88,325
	<u>90,324</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>	
Cash	169
Santander	7,175
Guaranty Trust	82,980
	<u>90,324</u>

### Sunrise Accounts

	<u>Unrestricted Income Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Y/E 31/07/2020</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
School Fees	18,680			18,680	17,370
Gambia Income	1,216			1,216	1,656
UK Donations	8,785	1,169		9,954	15,820
Administration charges	540			540	882
Gift Aid	6,077			6,077	7,294
Interest Received	1,858			1,858	1,749
	<u>37,156</u>	<u>1,169</u>		<u>38,325</u>	<u>44,771</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Nursery Expenses	6,165	300		6,465	6,458
Skills Expenses	5,228	223		5,451	6,039
Lower Basic Expenses	12,505	613		13,118	13,543
<b>Support Costs :-</b>					
Salaries & expenses	15,980			15,980	12,554
Office Supplies	3,617	8		3,625	2,108
Premises Upkeep	5,273			5,273	2,965
Building Extensions			89	89	736
<b>Governance costs :-</b>					
Gambia compliance	371			371	276
AGM costs	25			25	60
Trustees AGM travel	312			312	781
Independent exam.	448			448	432
Insurance	1,336			1,336	1,271
	<u>51,260</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>52,493</u>	<u>47,223</u>

Receipts less Payments	-	14,104	25	-	89	-	14,168	-	2,452
Balances at 31 July 2020	72,170	72,170	1,643	2,852	2,852	76,665	76,665	69,426	
Transfers from Sponsorship	2,848	2,848	-	-	-	2,848	2,848	9,691	
Other	264	264	264	-	-	-	-	-	
Balances at 31 July 2021	61,178	61,178	1,404	2,763	2,763	65,345	65,345	76,665	

**Funds at 31 July 2021**

	Balance at 31/07 2020	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31/07/2021
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	2,852	-	-	89	2,763
Restricted Income Funds	1,643	264	1,169	1,144	1,404
Unrestricted Income Fund	72,170	3,112	37,156	51,260	61,178
	76,665	2,848	38,325	52,493	65,345
Sponsorship- External	7,713	20	5,347	6,591	6,489
Sponsorship- Sunrise	5,946	2,868	7,445	3,063	7,460
	90,324	-	51,117	62,147	79,294

**Notes to the Accounts**

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- 2 Gambian transactions have been brought into the accounts at an estimated D 64 to £ sterling
- 3 Travel expenses of £ 312 were paid to 2 Trustees for meetings in the UK
- 4 Trustees donated £ 1,035 to the charity in support of Sunrise activities

Signed on behalf of the trustees by: Anthony Robert Nelson

Chairman

4/9/2021



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT (UK)**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gambia Education and Teaching Support**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gambia Education and Teaching Support for the year ended 31 July 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

**The impact of uncertainties due to COVID -19 on our independent examination**

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The COVID -19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We have applied a standardised approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no independent examinations should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a charity and this is particularly the case in relation to the COVID -19 pandemic.

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Date: 3 September 2021

**GAMBIA EDUCATION AND TEACHING SUPPORT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1110998

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES REPORT 2020**  
**GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT**  
(also known as GETSuk)

UK Registered Charity No: 1110998

Gambian Registered Charity No: 343/2011

Principal address: Mrs Susan Nelson, 37 Brook Way, Romsey, Hants SO51 7JZ

**TRUSTEES:**

Tony Nelson	Chairman
Susan Nelson	Secretary
Paul Webster	Treasurer
Dawn Webster	
Pat Taylor	Resigned 8 June 2020

**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution adopted 30<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

**How the charity is constituted:** Charitable unincorporated association.

**Trustee selection methods:**

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting, or may be co-opted as needed.

**Summary of the objects of the charity:**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of education and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress in The Gambia by employing and training teachers, providing buildings and educational equipment and sponsoring students.

**Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives:**

Our main activity, accounting for 80% of our expenditure, is the funding and running of the Sunrise Bakoteh educational centre, providing Skills Training, Nursery and Lower Basic education for the local Bakoteh community. Supporters of GETS also sponsor 28 students in other schools.

**Achievements and Performance**

Sunrise had 355 children and students registered at the end of July 2020 - 93% full, as the maximum number is 380.

Results came through from the external National Assessment Tests (NAT) at G3 (2918/19) level. The school achieved its targeted results (>80% passed) with 93% pass rate for boys and 94% for the girls. Our achievements this year have been restricted by the closure of the school during a Gambian Government enforced lockdown from March caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

There were no NAT G5 tests this year due to lockdown and we've been unable to complete our Skills course, due to lockdown. We are waiting for advice from the regulator (NAQAA) on this.

Although the lockdown stopped some of our extra curricular activities, Sports Day took place in December, with Nursery and Lower Basic children competing and Skills students helping the teachers to organise. Competitors were split into 4 competing "houses". The nursery outing this year was to the Camel Farm at Tanji in February. Mufti Days, when the children dress in their local costumes, were held in October and just before the lockdown in March. Commonwealth Day, when the children dress as member countries of the Commonwealth and parade through the streets around Sunrise, was also marked just before the lockdown in March.

Three of our staff received their teaching certificates in November after passing their College courses-

Sulayman Jobe, Yassin Jasseh and Mbacho Jallow. Sulayman Jobe has been promoted to a Teacher position in Lower Basic.

We have tried to improve the water supply to the Centre by installing an underground tank and pump by the LB block. When there is high water pressure in the mains at night water is pumped to the high level tank in the roof to be used in daytime when there is usually only low water pressure (or none at all!)

GETS supporters have continued sponsoring individual students- 60 at Sunrise and 28 at other schools. UK Government support in the form of Gift Aid was around £7,000.

Before the lockdown we had numerous visits from our regular supporters bringing gifts and helping out in the classrooms. We would like to thank all our many supporters for their continuing help

**Financial Review:**

The coronavirus lockdown from March has had some impact on our finances. We received no school fees for the third term- a loss of approximately £4,000. However, because the school was closed for this period our outgoings were approximately £3,500 less than expected, so the impact on our financial position during term 3 was minimal. This was partly due to having avoided costs for graduations and the Skills outing, both prohibited by lockdown. To this point, we have been able to continue paying full salaries to our staff (a substantial part of our expenses) without drawing on our reserves. We hold bank balances and cash, in the UK and Gambia of approximately £90,000 of which £77,000 relates to Sunrise and £13,000 to sponsorship of children in Sunrise and other schools. The £13,000 will cover sponsorships to be paid in the year to 31 July 2021

With our customary strict financial control of expenses, the funds held for Sunrise should be sufficient to cover our outgoings for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Looking forward the financial threat from the pandemic has not disappeared and the financial outlook for the coming year is thus uncertain .Any further substantial loss of fees may lead us to reconsider our salary policy. A further point is that the impact of the pandemic and Brexit are unknown factors which may adversely affect the UK economy and our supporters' ability to continue making donations.

**Public Benefit:**

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The focus of our activities remains the advancement of education and the relief of poverty in The Gambia. We believe that by supporting the education of Gambian children and helping to improve their schools we are benefiting the Gambian public both now and in the future. We help children regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances. The only limit to the amount of help we provide is the funding available from donors to our charity.

**Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –



Signature  
Full Name

Anthony Robert Nelson

Chairman

Date 10/08/2020

# GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020

## Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Y/E</u> <u>31/07/2019</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Sponsorship	14,222
Sunrise	44,771
	<u>58,993</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
Sponsorship	9,771
Sunrise	47,223
	<u>56,994</u>
<b><u>Surplus</u></b>	
Receipts less Payments	1,999
Brought forward	88,325
	<u>90,324</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>	
Cash	166
Santander	18,879
Guaranty Trust	69,280
	<u>88,325</u>

**Sunrise Accounts**

	<u>Unrestricted Income Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Y/E 31/07/2019</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
School Fees	17,370			17,370	19,752
Gambia Income	1,656			1,656	2,445
UK Donations	14,522	1,298		15,820	18,567
Administration charges	882			882	1,001
Gift Aid	7,294			7,294	6,957
Interest Received	1,749			1,749	1,828
	<u>43,473</u>	<u>1,298</u>		<u>44,771</u>	<u>50,550</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Nursery Expenses	6,174	284		6,458	6,687
Skills Expenses	5,794	245		6,039	9,836
Lower Basic Expenses	12,902	641		13,543	13,804
Building Extensions			736	736	
Support Costs :-					
Salaries & expenses	12,554			12,554	12,585
Office Supplies	2,104	4		2,108	2,108
Premises Upkeep	2,965			2,965	3,077
Governance costs :-					
Gambia compliance	276			276	496
AGM costs	60			60	99
Trustees AGM travel	781			781	941
Independent exam.	432			432	420
Insurance	1,271			1,271	1,296
	<u>45,313</u>	<u>1,174</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>47,223</u>	<u>51,349</u>

Receipts less Payments	124	-	736	-	2,452	-	799
Balances at 31 July 2019	1,519	3,588		69,426		64,056	
Transfers	9,691			9,691		6,169	
Balances at 31 July 2020	<u>1,643</u>	<u>2,852</u>		<u>76,665</u>		<u>69,426</u>	

**Funds at 31 July 2020**

	<u>Balance at 31/07/2019</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance at 31/07/2020</u>
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	3,588		-	736	2,852
Restricted Income Funds	1,519		1,298	1,174	1,643
Unrestricted Income Fund	64,319	9,691	43,473	45,313	72,170
	<u>69,426</u>	<u>9,691</u>	<u>44,771</u>	<u>47,223</u>	<u>76,665</u>
Sponsorship- External	8,459	-	5,684	6,237	7,713
Sponsorship- Sunrise	10,440	9,498	8,538	3,534	5,946
	<u>88,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,993</u>	<u>56,994</u>	<u>90,324</u>

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Signed on behalf of the trustees by: Anthony Robert Nelson



Chairman

10/8/2020 Date



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