

TRUSTEES REPORT 2021
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 30th 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, amounting to 84% 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 25 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 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 31st July 2022. 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.

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

4/9/2021

GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Sponsorship	12,792	14,222
Sunrise	38,325	44,771
	<hr/> 51,117	<hr/> 58,993

Payments

Sponsorship	9,654	9,771
Sunrise	52,493	47,223
	<u>62,147</u>	<u>56,994</u>

Surplus

Receipts less Payments	-	11,030	1,999
Brought forward		90,324	88,325
Carried forward		<u>79,294</u>	<u>90,324</u>

Represented by

Cash	150	169
Santander	20,960	7,175
Guaranty Trust	58,184	82,980
	<u>79,294</u>	<u>90,324</u>

Sunrise Accounts

	Unrestricted Income Fund	Restricted Income Funds	Building Fund	Total	Y/E 31/07/2020
<u>Receipts</u>					
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>
<u>Payments</u>					
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
Support Costs :-					
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
Governance costs :-					
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	1,643		2,852		76,665		69,426
Transfers from Sponsorship		2,848					2,848		9,691
Other		264	264						
Balances at 31 July 2021		61,178	1,404		2,763		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

- 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 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 31st 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

Uncertainties relating to the effects of COVID -19 are relevant to understanding our independent examination of the financial statements. All independent examinations assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as valuation of assets, appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements and associated disclosures. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the charity's future prospects and performance.

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