

**TRUSTEES REPORT 2022**  
**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.

**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 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.

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 –

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

#### Receipts

Sponsorship	7,060	
Sunrise	47,257	
		<u>54,317</u>

#### Payments

Sponsorship		9,654
Sunrise	4,530	52,493
	<u>46,824</u>	
	51,354	<u>62,147</u>

#### Surplus

Receipts less Payments	2,963	
Brought forward	79,294	
		<u>79,294</u>

#### Represented by

Cash	398	150
Santander	32,429	20,960
Guaranty Trust	49,430	58,184
	<u>82,257</u>	<u>79,294</u>

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### Sunrise Accounts

	Unrestricted Income Fund	Restricted Income Funds	Building Fund	Total	31/07/2021
<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	65,345		76,665
Transfers from Sponsorship	6,363				6,363		2,848
Balances at 31 July 2022	68,979	1,411		1,751	72,141		65,345

#### Funds at 31 July 2022

	Balance at 31/07/2021	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31/07/2022
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	2,763			- 1,012	1,751
Restricted Income Funds	1,404		1,144	- 1,137	1,411
Unrestricted Income Fund	61,178	6,363	46,113	- 44,675	68,979
	65,345	6,363	47,257	- 46,824	72,141
Sponsorship- External	6,489	- 541	3,178	- 4,303	4,823
Sponsorship- Sunrise	7,460	- 5,822	3,882	- 227	5,293
	79,294	-	54,317	- 51,354	82,257

#### 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 £ 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

15/08/2022



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

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

**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 2022.

**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: 01 September 2022