

# 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.

**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 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

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



### Sunrise Accounts

	Unrestricted Income Fund	Restricted Income Funds	Building Fund	Total	31/07/2022
<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
Support Costs :-					
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
Governance costs :-					
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	-	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').

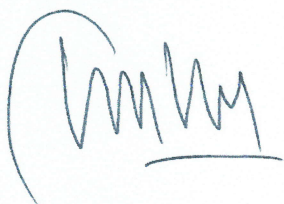
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **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