

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**



**WATOTO TRUST**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1111551**

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## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1111551
<b>START PERIOD</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
<b>END PERIOD</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>TRUSTEES AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	Sarah Green Joanna Shapiro Bruce Nightingale Oliver Nightingale Louise Myles Karen Meynink
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	<p>The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the charity's governing instrument.</p> <p>Trust Deed executed on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005 as amended by supplemental deed dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005.</p>
<b>OBJECTS</b>	<p>The relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and the protection and preservation of health of persons in African countries, particularly but not exclusively children and young persons, by the provision of financial and material assistance, food, clothing, medical aid, shelter, support for local projects and by other charitable means as the trustees shall from time to time determine with the object of improving conditions of life for such persons.</p>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	Watoto Trust Tankerdale Farm Tankerdale Lane Liss Hampshire GU33 7QY
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester Leicestershire LE87 2BB



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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the act);
2. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
3. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Niamh Wakefield  
10 Heathfield Road  
Petersfield  
Hampshire  
GU31 4DG

Signed: Niamh Wakefield

Dated: 22 July 2024

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**Trustees**

Sarah Green	Founding Trustee
Joanna Shapiro	Founding Trustee
Louise Myles	Appointed 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Karen Meynink	Appointed 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Bruce Nightingale	Kenyan Trustee
Oliver Nightingale	Kenyan Trustee

The charity is a Trust with a Trust Deed as the governing document.

**Watoto Trust's organisational structure**

We are a small charity and we have strived to keep overheads low in order to apply donor funds solely to the aims of the charity. Our donors are mainly friends and family and express their pleasure at being able to know that their donations go directly to the beneficiaries' needs as opposed to administrative costs, etc. When expenses arise, they are usually met from donations earmarked for that purpose. The four UK trustees carry out all the fund-raising work of the charity in the UK. In Kenya, involvement on the ground by the Kenyan trustees ensures financial accountability and transparency and a real link with the projects.

**The objects of the charity as set out in the governing document**

The relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and the protection and preservation of health of persons in African countries, particularly but not exclusively children and young persons, by the provision of financial and material assistance, food, clothing, medical aid, shelter, support for local projects and by other charitable means as the trustees shall from time to time determine with the object of improving conditions of life for such persons.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

Watoto Trust supports three initiatives in Kenya.

1. Provision of Scholarships to school and university children including help with living expenses where necessary
2. Paying for breakfasts and lunches for nursery school children and other support when necessary
3. Support for a rural community of Masai

**Scholarships**

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Watoto Trust is working in two areas of Kenya to provide scholarships for bright children to go to secondary school.

We have 13 children in the Njoro area who attend either Day or Boarding School, seven girls and six boys.

We also supported Judy Tigeri who is in her fourth year of Medicine at Moi University, Eldoret. We began sponsoring her through secondary school in 2013 when her father lost a leg in an accident and could no longer work.

In the Orkonyil Communities we have 8 children who attend two boarding schools, Nkoitai and Mulot. There are no day schools in the area at secondary level. The children are mentored by Josaphat who helps us select which children to sponsor and helps choose the school for them. He helps them settle into their new school and provides whatever support they need throughout their time at school. We also have a girl at Kenyatta University, the first girl in the area to go on to tertiary education.

**BETA Day Nursery**

BETA Day nursery is a small nursery school in the slums of Dagoretti near Nairobi. There are 50 children between 6 months and 6 years of age at the school, some can afford minimal fees, others pay nothing. Hannah Njoroge who set up the nursery is amazingly innovative, educating these children to a high standard with minimal resources. Watoto Trust has provided funds to give the children a hot breakfast and lunch every day. Hannah also looks after three disabled children, a boy with severe autism and two girls with cerebral palsy. Watoto Trust also paid for a new water tap and refurbished the playground.

**Orkonyil (Forest Guardian) Project**

Watoto Trust supported the Orkonyil (Forest Guardian) Project again this year. We continue to help fund alternative incomes. The vegetable growing using higher yielding growbags continues to be successful. We have also funded the training of people to use the Makiga brick maker and build a teacher's house at Kitlikini. The Masai community are currently facing land adjudication issues where their communally owned rangelands are being bought into private ownership. We are providing funds to teach them about the complexities of this process, and about their rights.

**Munje Teacher Assistance**

All four of our teacher assistance are now qualified teachers. Watoto Trust supported them through this process and has decided that on-going support is now no longer needed as they are able to get well paid jobs. We paid them up until the end of 2022.

**Financial Review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

At the end of the year the reserves were £ 55,724

This year we raised £9,293 more than we spent.

We want to ensure that once we have started to pay for a child to attend a school or further education that we have the funds available for them to complete their

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education. The trustees consider that it is important that we have a reasonable balance of funds in reserve to meet this commitment without being overly dependent on the continuing generosity of our small but loyal group of donors.

The trustees continue to consider the most appropriate way of holding the charity's reserves so that a balance is struck between generating additional funds and ensuring guaranteed funds are available for the children's secondary and potentially tertiary education. We currently expect to continue to hold all our surplus funds in our deposit account with Barclays in the UK.

### **Fundraising**

As a result of the Christmas Fair held at the Tithe Barn, Ditcham in November £11,790 was donated to Watoto Trust.

Further funds come from a group of loyal supporters who donate regularly by standing order. We have also been given some generous one-off gifts.

We are extremely grateful to all donors and friends of Watoto Trust.

### **Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 1993 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

Sarah Green

Date 24 January 2024

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## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations	19,254		17,541	
Gift Aid	<u>6000</u>		<u>0</u>	
		25,254		17,541
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Interest		181		3
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>25,435</u>		<u>17,544</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Bank Charges		63		51
		<u>63</u>		<u>51</u>
<b>Grants made</b>				
Scholarships	5,239		8,711	
Orkonyil (Forest Guardian)	10,562		5,000	
BETA Day Nursery	1,718		1,000	
Munje School teachers	720		3,252	
To (from) reserves in Kenya	<u>-2,160</u>		<u>8,940</u>	
		16,079		26,903
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>16,142</u>		<u>26,954</u>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>		<u>9,293</u>		<u>-9,410</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CASH</b>		
Current	26,787	17,674
Deposit	<u>28,937</u>	<u>28,757</u>
<b>Cash</b>	<u><b>55,724</b></u>	<u><b>46,431</b></u>
 <b>SURPLUS</b>		
At beginning of the year	46,431	55,841
For the year	<u>9,293</u>	<u>(9,410)</u>
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u><b>55,724</b></u>	<u><b>46,431</b></u>

The above accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Green

Sarah Green  
*Trustee*