



EDIRISA UK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The big news in June was our founder, Sheila Windridge being awarded an MBE by King Charles in his first Birthday Honours list. This was unexpected, was a great honour for her and well deserved.

In July Sophie Franchette, Project Manager from Give a Hand, and her family visited Uganda and we were delighted to have the opportunity to show her all of our projects. Give a Hand has been a key supporter since 2012 and have recently granted funds to build a resource centre at our special needs school next year. This will house a computer room, sewing room, library and a meeting room.

The women in our groups continue to benefit from regular workshops, which cover a variety of subjects, and our beekeeping project goes from strength to strength.

Crafts & Women's Groups

In November the new sewing and crafts workshop, where our Mugeru women's group will meet, was finished. This was thanks to a donation from St Helen's School in Northwood.



The nutrition workshops we began in September 2021 continued until the end of March 2022. They were delivered to our six women's groups and to eighteen Health Centres in the Kabale District. More than 1200 adults (mainly women) were taught how to feed their children a balanced diet using local produce. They were shown how to prepare and cook the food, which afterwards was shared out. After the workshops children were tested and treated for malnutrition, worms and HIV. Just under 700 children were assessed.

Following on from the nutrition workshops we ran several more workshops throughout the year, covering herbal medicines and small scale agriculture. We trained the women in organic farming, crop rotation, maintaining soil fertility and how to make organic manure. Running alongside the beekeeping project our over-all aim is to enable the women to diversify their income and livelihood, become more self-reliant and more environmentally conscious.

Bee Project

This year we distributed local bee hives to the women in our groups, adding to the top bar hives they were given at the start of the project. Traditional hives are cheap to make since they use locally sourced materials. Buckets and smokers were issued in preparation for the harvest. All the women have harvested honey from both traditional hives and top bar hives and they have used the income to buy food, pay school fees and support their families. They also use the honey in cooking and for medicinal purposes.



Nursery Schools

All of our nursery schools were given more puzzles and games. We provide scholastic materials each term but it's good for them to get more creative things now and again when funds allow.



Ryabirengye nursery had their building renovated and the gulley outside the classrooms filled in and concreted. The gulley had been formed by rain water pouring off the roof during the rainy season so we fitted gutters and installed a water harvesting tank. We also built them a new latrine.



Special Needs Education Centre

This year we ran more creative workshops at SNEC. The Splash Dance Company from Kampala visited at the end of March and Imagination Circle visited for the second time later in the year. Both groups work with the children from SNEC and from the primary school alongside. The children just love these workshops and it is lovely to see them enjoying themselves so much.



The teachers' houses have been repaired and a new latrine constructed.

Bwama Health Centre

In partnership with the Global Livingstone Institute and Entusi Resort, Bwama Health Centre started a project in February 2023 to help and monitor patients with hypertension. A total of 35 patients were recruited and are being closely monitored. The strategies in place include ensuring drug compliance, improving the nutrition of all patients and introducing physical exercises with classes conducted by a special coach once a month.

Thanks to the Ministry of Health and GAVI the centre received a modern motor boat ambulance. Previously they had been using a motor boat to transport patients but this ambulance is fitted with life-saving equipment - what a difference it will make.



As part of the outreach programmes the midwives at Bwama Health Centre have started visiting secondary schools around the lake. The objectives are:

- 1) To teach pupils about good personal hygiene and to provide the girls with reusable sanitary pads.
- 2) To vaccinate pupils against tetanus and diphtheria.
- 3) To do pregnancy check-ups for the girls - this is a challenge because girls are dropping out of school due to falling pregnant.



It's been three years (thanks to Covid 19) since Bwama Health Centre welcomed groups of doctors and medics from Slovenia. In June 2023 staff were delighted to welcome a group of five doctors. In addition to all their hard work they presented the staff with a new microscope and a steriliser - as well as providing many medicines for the pharmacy.



Water

This year we installed another 10 household water harvesting tanks, mainly in the houses of widows. This brings our total to over 150 household tanks since 2010. One of the recipients, Judith Mugesha, a young widow lives in the hills an hour and a half drive from Kabale. The nearest village/trading post and small primary school, which her children walk to every day, is 4km from her house, all along dirt roads/tracks which get very muddy and sometimes impassable in the rainy season. Judith lost her husband in April when her youngest of five children was only a few months old. Until we installed the tank the journey to collect water was 1.5km down a muddy path to a small stream in the valley.



Judith has been trained in maintenance of the tank and in health and sanitation. Access to clean water means better health, more time for education and income generation (particularly for women). This has a big impact on rural life.

Coffee

We have been supporting the Gorilla Highlands Coffee organisation since 2018 and are pleased to report that on July 18th, at the AVPA Coffee contest in Paris, they won the Gold Award. Over 200 coffees from 25 countries were judged and to gain a gold award is amazing!

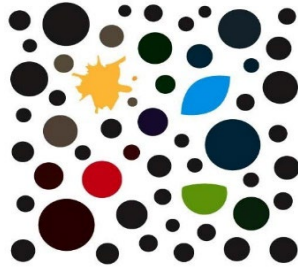
We recently provided funds to install a roastery machine, donated by PUM Netherlands and Climate Actions Now, into new premises next door to the GHC Cafe in Kisoro. This is the first roastery machine in the area and it will save a lot of time and money as the beans will no longer have to be transported to and from Kampala. GHC is doing great work and we are very happy to be involved.





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PROFIT & LOSS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

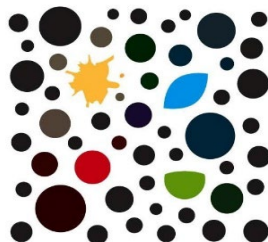
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	30,637.00	
Bank Interest	148.00	
Total Income		30,785.00
EXPENSES		
Travel Expenses	2,672.00	
Office Expenses	250.00	
Internet	464.00	
Equipment for Uganda	2,093.00	
Total Expenses		5,479.00
Profit		<u>£25,306.00</u>



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UGANDA PROFIT & LOSS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

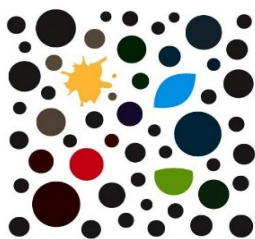
	UGX	UGX	STG
INCOME			
Donations	177,500		39.44
Craft Sales	32,974,000		7,327.56
Total Income		33,151,500	7,327.56
Direct Expenses			
Craft Materials Purchases	11,335,900		2,519.09
Commissions	2,635,900		585.76
		13,971,800	3,104.84
Overheads			
Travel Expenses	10,160,300		2,257.84
Office Expenses	6,660,850		1,480.19
Rent	5,430,000		1,206.67
Project Costs	Note 1 105,024,050		23,338.68
Special Needs Centre	21,053,800		4,678.62
Bwama Health Centre	14,899,400		3,310.98
Nursery Costs	42,749,500		9,499.89
Bank Charges	198,240		44.05
Staff Costs	21,854,000		4,856.44
		228,030,140	50,673.36
Total Expenses		242,001,940	53,778.21
Profit		<u>-208,850,440</u>	-46,450.65
Note 1			
Workshops and training	5,792,000		
Murandi Workshop	39,097,000		
Bee Project Costs	20,802,100		
Medical Costs Moses and Baby	5,122,800		
Sponsored Children & University Fees	11,210,150		
Coffee Roastery	8,000,000		
Water Tanks	15,000,000		
	105,024,050		



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COMBINED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

	UK £	Uganda £	Total £
INCOME			
Donations	30,637		30,637
Bank Interest	148		148
Craft Sales		7,328	7,328
Total Income	30,785	7,328	38,113
DIRECT EXPENSES			
Craft Purchases		2,519	2,519
Medical Purchases			0
Commissions		586	586
Total Direct Expenses	0	3,105	3,105
OVERHEADS			
Travel Expenses	2,672	2,258	4,930
Office Expenses	250	2,687	2,937
Internet Costs	464		464
Project Costs	2,093	40,828	42,921
Bank Charges		44	44
Staff Costs		4,856	4,856
Total Overheads	5,479	50,673	56,152
Profit/Loss	25,306	-46,451	<u>-21,145</u>



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BALANCE SHEETS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

UK Accounts	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	17,840.00	17,840.00
Total Current Assets		17,840.00
Current Liabilities		0.00
Current Assets less Liabilities		<u>17,840.00</u>
Reserves B/Fwd	29,868.00	
Profit from Sep 2022	25,306.00	
To Uganda Expenditure	37,334.00	
		<u>17,840.00</u>
Uganda Accounts	UGX	UGX
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	37,083,539	
Cash Accounts	679,200	
Crafts Stock	20,275,700	
		58,038,439
Current Liabilities	0	
Current Assets less Liabilities		<u>58,038,439</u>
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	97,227,058	
Ex Edirisa UK	169,661,821	
P & L Loss	208,850,440	58,038,439
Balance		<u>58,038,439</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EDIRISA UK

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
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