



Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022

Charity Reg No: 1113133
Company Reg No: 5570327

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The U Foundation

Registered Office: BVM House
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Company Reg Number: 5570327

Directors: Sarah Elton
Barbara Fletcher
Harsad Chikhlia

Charity Reg Number: 1113133

Trustees: Sarah Elton
Barbara Fletcher
Shelagh Thomson
Robert John Beare
Harsad Chikhlia
Charles Gwillim

Independent Examiner: Jonathan Read

Structure, Governance and Management

The U Foundation is a UK registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The U Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, drawn up on 21 September 2005.

The U Foundation gained charity status on 01 March 2006 and complies with the Charities Act 2011.

Objects of the Charity:

To provide relief from poverty, sickness, and distress in any part of the world and in particular the continent of Africa, and in furtherance of this object to provide relief by the provision of facilities of all kinds, support services and equipment generally calculated to reduce the need, hardship, or distress of such persons, and to promote awareness of poverty in Africa and elsewhere generally.

Trustees

New trustees are advised of their obligations under charity law. Trustees are re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting and meet quarterly for business. They must be committed to the aims and objectives of the charity. Trustees delegate the day to day running of the organisation to the Charity Administrator but should be prepared to give their time willingly to support the running of the Charity.

Objectives and Activities

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of The U Foundation is the provision of relief from poverty, sickness, and distress, in particular on the continent of Africa.

The principal aim is to provide the tools to educate and empower communities so that they can develop sustainably. The main activities include the ongoing support and development of specific rural schools, pupil sponsorship and the provision of freshwater through boreholes.

Achievements and Performance

For the past few years activities within the charity have been reduced due to the pandemic. Links with partners in Zambia have remained strong but have been limited to electronic communications. 2022 saw the first trustee visit to Zambia since 2019. Restrictions following the pandemic were all lifted, allowing travel to go ahead with ease. The visit was a success and provided a welcome and necessary insight into developments at the projects the charity supports.

Siankaba Community Trust, Southern Province, Zambia

The U Foundation works closely with the Siankaba Community Trust, with an ongoing commitment to the community and school. The charity's work depends on the strength of this relationship and therefore regular visits by trustees help reinforce this partnership.

At the beginning of the new school year in 2022, the Siankaba Community Trust School had expanded to grade 6, with total pupil numbers increasing from 121 to 145. There were now 9 teachers and support staff.

The school feeding programme continued to be one of the most important aspects of the school day, particularly as some households were still feeling the effects of the pandemic and the cost of living rising.

Despite being a quiet year on the fundraising front, improvements were ongoing at the school. The canteen was extended with a new cooking and food storage facility provided. Walkways within the grounds were improved and some simple landscaping was undertaken. Several second-hand donated laptops were provided, along with dedicated interactive software supporting the Zambian curriculum. The charity was also able to begin sponsorship for two former pupils studying grade 8 at boarding school.

Educational school trips started again, the highlight being the grade 5 and 6 classes visiting the local helicopter station and meeting a pilot. The girls club was also resurrected with members benefiting from various visits and guest speakers.

Investment in the local community continued, with the purchase of a new hammer mill. This is essential providing the locals and those from surrounding villages with a facility to mill their maize, rather than having to walk several miles to do so.

The Siankaba Community Trust acquired land for a communal sports pitch/school playing field. This has proved a success among everyone, being used regularly by the school as well as various local sports teams.

Once again the charity was able to start delivering donated clothing, shoes and school resources. These items are always welcome and distributed fairly, with an emphasis on those facing particularly hard times.

The Sponsor a Child programme provides a small but steady income for the charity. Income contributes towards the general running costs of the school as well as helping the most vulnerable of pupils.

Charity Begins at Home

Support in Mfuwe in the Eastern Province of Zambia continued on a limited scale. The Charity Begins at Home student sponsorship programme had been reduced during the pandemic and therefore no sponsorship requests were made in 2022. The annual calendar was produced, with copies distributed, raising awareness and funds for local schools and community development. A visit to one of the projects previously supported, Jumbe Secondary School, was made. The new classrooms were all in good order, allowing all students to study under cover rather than the previous makeshift outdoor classrooms.

Fundraising activities

With no cycle challenge planned, fundraising activities remained on hold. One supporter was able to use his deferred place and run the London marathon, but funds had already been raised the previous year.

Future Plans

The focus remains on the expansion programme at the Siankaba Community Trust School, taking the school to grade 7. Once all structures are complete, it is expected that the financial burden will be reduced to running costs and maintenance. Funds will be set aside as a contingency or for additional development that has not yet been accounted for.

Links to Charity Begins at Home also remain strong, and we will endeavour to support the community in the South Luangwa where possible. Discussions were initiated this year to support further water projects in future.

As a small charity, we can retain personal relationships with both donors and beneficiaries. With no salaries to pay or large overheads, donors can be confident that the money they pledge, gets to where it needs to.

The U Foundation will continue to work with both Siankaba Community Trust and Charity Begins at Home to offer support in the form of educational sponsorship wherever funds allow.

By the end of the year, discussions were already in place regarding fundraising events including a cycle challenge for 2023.

Financial Review

Income

For the reporting period, The U Foundation's income totalled £29,449 whilst expenditure totalled (£48,844), resulting in a deficit of £19,395 for the year. The charity's cash reserves were £204,197 at year-end. These funds will largely be used for plans at school projects in Zambia.

Donations in general were slightly higher during the accounting period in comparison to the previous year.

Income from fundraising events brought in a total of £298 due to the ongoing challenges after Covid. No cycle challenge events took part during this accounting year.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

A total of £4,330 of the income was held by TUF as custodian trustees on behalf of others during the accounting period. £1,650 was received on behalf of Conservation South Luangwa (CSL). It is CSL's mission 'to work with community and conservation partners in the protection of the wildlife and habitats of the South Luangwa ecosystem'. As restricted funds, these donations were communicated to CSL and documented. These monies were transferred during this accounting period.

£2,680 was received on behalf of Time and Tide Foundation to be ringfenced and held as restricted funds towards their Kapani School Project in Mfuwe. Time and Tide Foundation 'aim to give education to children who would otherwise not be able to go to school'. These funds were transferred during this accounting period.

Expenditure

The total expenditure amounted to £48,844, the majority of which relates to grants payable. Of this, £41,226 was paid to the Siankaba Community Trust, to cover school running costs, building work/renovations, pupil sponsorship and community support. A sum of £1,547 was spent on the new website design and miscellaneous IT expenses.

The remaining grants payable were to those charities for which we acted as custodian trustees. (CSL £1,650, Time and Tide £2,680)

The charity holds a reserves policy ensuring sufficient funds are maintained to enable the charity to carry out its activities. In the coming years, there will continue to be costly developments at Siankaba which will require a large injection of funds, as well as increased running costs.

Although the charity's income does not require a risk management statement, The U Foundation has in place a risk management policy to mitigate potential risks. In addition, robust financial controls are in place, ensuring finances and resources are properly managed and used effectively.

The charity has limited overheads, with the charity administrator's salary and expenses being paid by a local business. Day to day running costs amounted to £1585 for the period.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Registered number
5570327

Charity number
1113133

The U Foundation Limited
(A company Limited by Guarantee)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2022

The U Foundation Limited
Company Information

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Mrs B A Fletcher

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The U Foundation Limited
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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and activities

The U Foundation Limited, is limited by guarantee (number 5570327) and a registered charity (number 1113133). Its principal address and its registered office address is BVM House, Trinity Lane, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 0BL.

The company's objects and principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of relief from poverty, sickness and distress in any part of the world and in particular, the continent of Africa and to promote awareness of poverty in Africa and elsewhere generally.

Directors

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as directors.

The following directors served during the year:

Mr H Chikhlia

Mrs S L Elton

Mrs B A Fletcher

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Risk management

The directors have a risk management strategy which includes an annual review of the risks the charity faces and the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks and implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Review of activities for the year

The charity reported a deficit of (£19,395) for the year (2021: (£6,414)).

The detailed results are set out in the attached financial statements.


Reserves policy

The directors aim to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the company to carry out its activities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 03 September 2023 and signed on its behalf.



H Chikhlia
Director

The U Foundation Limited

***Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of The U Foundation Limited***

I report on the accounts of The U Foundation Limited for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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) and an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiners report

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 explanation 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: i) 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 1993 Act, have not been met; or

ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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03 September 2023

The U Foundation Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources			
Income from charitable activities and generated funds		29,449	27,997
Resources expended			
Fundraising and direct charitable activities			
Costs		(48,844)	(21,583)
Net incoming resources		(19,395)	6,414
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-
Net incoming resources for the financial year		(19,395)	6,414


The U Foundation Limited
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Current assets			
Debtors	2	-	-
Prepayment		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>204,197</u>	<u>221,992</u>
		204,197	221,992
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	-	-
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>204,197</u>	<u>221,992</u>
Reserves			
General Accumulated Funds	4	204,197	221,992
Net funds		<u>204,197</u>	<u>221,992</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



H Chikhlia
Director

Approved by the board on 03 September 2023

The U Foundation Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The accounts have also been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) - "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commissioners in England and Wales.

Income

All incoming resources, including donations, gifts and grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income receivable under gift aid includes the related income tax recoverable. Investment income comprising interest receivable is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis inclusive of the irrecoverable VAT, which is aggregated to the cost to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Funds comprise unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating results.

2. Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-
(Irrecoverable debtor)		
3. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors	-	-
4. General funds		
At 1 January 2021	221,992	
Surplus(deficit) for the year	(19,395)	
Irrecoverable debt (other)	-	
Exchange Rate conversion Profit(loss)	1,600	
At 31 December 2022	204,197	

The U Foundation Limited
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5. Trustee remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year.

6. Controlling party

In the opinion of the directors, given the structure of the company, there is no ultimate controlling party.