

Trustees' Annual Report
THE HELP UGANDA TRUST
Registered charity Number 1113447

For the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Charity's principal address

120 Silverdale Avenue
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Trustees who manage the charity

- 1 Mr ARA Robertson Chairman
- 2 Mrs CC Gray
- 3 Mr KJ Mantle
- 4 Mr RWS Lee
- 5 Mrs E-J Simpkin
- 6 Mr MD Simpkin
- 7 Mrs LE Speed
- 8 Mr SJC Speed
- 9 Mr S Di Gregorio Treasurer

Description of the charity's Governance

The Help Uganda Trust is constituted by a Trust Document and new Trustees are appointed by the Trustees.

The Charity is managed by a number of volunteers who support the Chairman Mr Andrew Robertson with fundraising and with overseeing the work of local support organisations in Kampala. The charity does not directly employ anyone and instead makes grants to local partner organisations.

The pandemic has been immensely disruptive and has meant that it has not been possible to visit Uganda nor for trustees to meet in person. Communications have however been by email and also with calls to Uganda.

The Trust continues to work closely with the Daughters of Charity (DOC), a Uganda based charity under the auspices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kampala. The DOC and the Archdiocese are the owners of the facilities at St Michaels and employ all of the staff at the home. The continued work with Child's I Foundation (Charity number: 1126212) a leading UK Charity operating in Uganda has been invaluable because of their in country representation.

The Trust ensures that its services and support are provided to children regardless of ethnic origin or religious background.

All monies raised by the HUT are paid into an account held with Barclays Bank in the UK and transfers are made to Uganda on a monthly basis in line with specific requests for school fees, staff salaries, food and medicine etc. A transfer via Barclays typically takes four to five days. On rare occasions and in times of

emergency money can be sent via Mr Daniel Kitzito and Western Union, when this is done monies are first sent by Mr Andrew Robertson who has a WU account who is then reimbursed by electronic transfer. This is a very fast operation and money can be there in a few hours if required. Mr Kitzito who is an employee of Brussels Airlines and a member of the St Michaels Management Board is able to collect money at the airport which is deemed a particularly safe location for cash collection. Details of amounts sent are also sent to other members of the Management Board of St Michaels and this way the Trustees are confident that the money can be easily tracked and reconciles

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty and sickness and the advancement of education, whether generally or individually, of children and young people in Uganda, in particular, but not exclusively, the children of St Michael's Children's Home in Nsambya, Kampala, by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services or facilities or through the provision of goods or services or grants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have ensured that all activities are for the benefit of the disadvantaged children and young people at St Michael's home and other parts of Uganda.

The Trustees continue to believe that in addition to food and medical assistance, that providing education and training provides the best way of relieving long term poverty. We aim subject to our financial constraints to provide education or technical training to a young person until they are able to leave the home and support themselves.

Because of their disrupted education (from conflict, illness or simple poverty and this year the pandemic) many children will not finish secondary education until they are in their early 20s.

Chairman's Report

This has been a most difficult year because of the pandemic. In some ways we were fortunate in that the lockdown in the UK started before the one in Uganda. With the experience gained the Trustees were able to offer additional advice.

St Michaels managed to get special dispensation to keep the young people at the home. The vast majority of facilities sent their Children and young people out to extended family. The trustees feeling was that given the space and the ability to buy a quantity of supplies in advance and then operating a strict isolation would be better.

As the first wave passed we were fortunate to be able to resettle with the support of Child I foundation a number of the older students who had completed their studies (by chance this was also a peak year).

Education in Uganda has very much ground to a halt with many years being called as dead years. Unlike the UK where education continued and examinations were adjusted Uganda has provided minimal education and exams have stopped.

The trustees in conjunction with Childs I are reviewing the ongoing strategy because given children were already behind in school a further delay of two years in limbo has significant effects.

The Charity was most blessed to receive a significant legacy of £49,300 from Sheila Higgins a parishioner of Pulborough and a long-term supporter of the HUT. This money will enable us to continue support the young people especially because of the impact of the pandemic.

The Trust is anticipating that the bulk of its activities will be completed by December 2023

Further financial review details

General income fell significantly as it was not possible to make general appeals.

It was noted that Fr John left funds within his estate that subject to certain conditions may be available to the Trust for the education of the young people.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Andrew Robertson

CHAIRMAN

Date 30th October 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE HELP UGANDA TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December
2020

Charity no
(if any)

1113447

Set out on pages

3 pages Report and 2 pages Accounts

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Alessandra Pasian

Date:

30.10.2021

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