

Trustees Annual Report 2023

Charity name: Casa Reom Trust

Registered charity number: 1113673

Charity address: 1a New Street,
Rugby,
Warwickshire,
CV22 7BE

Trustees: Dave MacLellan (Chairman)
Iain Slater (Treasurer)
Farai Mutsambiwa
Jane West

Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing document: Deed of Trust

How is the charity constituted? Declaration of Trust dated 23rd October 2005

Trustee selection method: By resolution of the trustees

Purposes and Activities:

Purposes of the charity, as set out in the Deed of Trust, are:

To promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Beira, Mozambique and the surrounding area, and to provide relief from financial hardship and social and/or economic disadvantage and to advance the education of its residents of all ages; and in particular to provide opportunities for the aforementioned residents to participate fully in the life of their community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects:

The present aims of the trust are:

- to raise funds to finance the completion of the new Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Casa Reom centre for street children in Inhamizua, Beira. This centre comprises an Orphanage which can house up to 20 children and a school Escola Reom that has approximately 650 boys and girls from Grade 1 to 6.
- to ensure that the Casa Reom project has sufficient funds to cover the day-to-day running costs. These funds are used to provide food, transportation, health care, education costs and reintegration with families as appropriate.

The trustees agree any development plans with the director of the Casa Reom centre, (normally the Base Leader at JOCUM Beira) providing funds and receiving reports to monitor progress.

Donations to the Trust that are not Restricted will be allocated by the trustees to either the building project or running costs as is appropriate and required at the time.

Summary of main activities of the charity during 2023:

Trustee Visit

During 2023, Dave MacLellan (Chair of Trustees) made a visit to Beira in July. Hence the details below are first hand reports from Casa Reom.

The Site

First impressions of the site was that the buildings are a lot more run down than the last visits (Iain Slater 2019, Dave MacLellan 2016). Not enough funding had been allocated to maintenance and during the visit this was rectified by identifying the more urgent needs and addressing them. Some plumbing and electrical fittings were purchased, and local labour was hired. Monteiro, one of the boys who left Casa Reom in 2016, returned to help fit the new lighting.



Plumbing repairs, electrical wiring, welding for security grills & pump housing

The Boys

There were 15 boys aged 14 to 25 years living at Casa Reom and one living at the Base while in full time employment. Around 5 of the boys have completed Grade 12 schooling and are seeking further training and employment. 7 of the boys are still studying in the Secondary School. Efforts will be made to re-integrate these boys and for those with no family to find somewhere for them to live and work more independent of Casa Reom. The health of the boys was found to be physically good, though emotionally and mentally some of them were struggling. During the visit a reunion of some of the boys who had left Casa Reom some years before was arranged and it was good to see what they are doing now.

The School – Escola Comunitaria Reom

The school appears to be thriving and is still the most sought-after non-private primary school in the area. There were 14 teaching staff delivering lessons to around 650 children in Grades 1 to 7. The class size is approximately 46 and there were 355 girls and 295 girls attending the school.



Morning roll call – Escola Reom

Leadership

During this visit, it was clear that the YWAM Base Leader (Oliveira Mocuna) at Beira was seeking to stand down as he had created a new organization OLAPA WA MOHA, working with funding from a Swiss charity to build new homes for those who were displaced by the Cyclone Idai of 2019.

Meetings were held with the local YWAM leaders Dinis Castelo (YWAM Pemba and National YWAM Leader) and Victor Selemani (YWAM Nampula) and Oliveira Mocuna to discuss the future leadership and plans for Casa Reom and Escola Reom. A plan to transition to a new leadership team, reintegrate the remaining 15 boys. This will allow for a new intake of children into the centre.



L-R: Oliveira (YWAM Beira), Dinis (YWAM Pemba), Dave, Victor (YWAM Nampula)

Building Project

The final building (a staff and visitor accommodation block had been stalled due to lack of funds and shortly after the visit Raimundo Manhisse (husband of Elisa Manhisse, base leader of YWAM Marromeu) was appointed interim leader later in the year and the funds

that were available were transferred to allow the foundations to be completed and the base slab to be poured. By November 2023 this was completed. Further building work has been scheduled in phases for 2024.



Completed foundations and base slab – November 2023

Looking ahead it is anticipated that approx. £ 90,000 will need to be raised to complete the building. Money raised will be held in the UK until the full amount to complete the next phase is available.

Looking ahead to 2024

More fundraising will be needed to complete the accommodation and visitor block – applications will be made to grant funding charities and also appeals to individual donors. Under the leadership of Raimundo Manhisse, assisted by Boniface, Nelio and Tabita, efforts to reintegrate the remaining boys will continue.

Further Information:

Past copies of all of our Annual Reports can be found on the Casa Reom website (www.casa-reom.org.uk) along with newsletters and further updates on the project.

Financial Review:

Brief statement of the charity policy on reserves:

The trustees do not aim to keep particular reserves but ensure that commitments to provide funds do not exceed trust assets.

The fund is not in deficit.

Principal funding sources:

Funds are collected through different mechanisms:

- fundraising events
- individual donations, both one off and by standing order
- donations from churches
- applications for grants from other charitable trusts

Fundraising events are organised by individuals or groups, including trustees of Casa Reom Trust. The Casa Reom Trust may be willing with prior agreement to pay for fundraising expenses, but the events remain the responsibility of the organisers.

The accounts are included below on page 7. The restricted funds are itemised and include money given by individual donors specifically for running costs and money raised for specific projects and purposes.

Receipts in 2023 totaled £ 53,388 and included:

- £20,679 unrestricted one-off and regular donations
- £17,587 from churches and other charities/trusts
- £13,687 from fundraising events and other restricted income
- £1,321 tax refund on Gift Aid Donations
- £114 from appeals and fundraising platforms

To all our donors, supporters, friends and volunteers – Thank you for your ongoing support!

Declaration:

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signature:

Full name: David Kenneth MacLellan
Position: Chair
Date: 1 October 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Casa Reom Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Casa Reom Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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.

Signed: 

Name: NICOLA TYSALL

Address: 16 EVEREST RD RUGBY CV22 6EX

Date 17.6.2024

Casa Reom Trust - Financial statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Receipts and payment account:

Receipts	2023			2022			Payments	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
Standing Order/ Regular Donations	20,034	24	20,058	19,874	24	19,965	Running Costs	33,846	24	33,870	33,844	26	33,870
One-off Donations	645	251	896	1,562	4,480	6,042	Appeals (not Building Project)	0	0	0	0	2,240	2,240
Fundraising Events	0	11,841	11,841	0	5,078	5,078	Fundraising Expenses	165	0	165	0	0	0
Donations from Other Charities / Trusts	17,587	0	17,587	10,050	1,350	11,400	Building Project	5,942	14,893	20,835	0	19,205	19,205
GAYL / Paypal / Amazon / Cards	78	296	374	147	0	147							
Appeals Platform	36	72	108	807	1,569	2,376							
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Tax Refund on Gift Aid Donations	1,321	1,203	2,524	2,083	1,073	3,156							
Total receipts	39,701	13,687	53,388	34,523	13,573	48,163	Total payments	39,953	14,917	54,870	33,844	21,471	55,315

Receipts exceed payments by:

Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2023	-1,482	-7,152
Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2024	11,555	18,707
	10,073	11,555

2023 Restricted Receipts:

Running Costs	£	£
Building Work	24	24
	13,663	14,893
	13,687	14,917

2023 Restricted Payments:

Running Costs	£	£
Building Work	24	24
	14,893	14,893
	14,917	14,917

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

Assets	£
Bank current account	10,073
Cash in hand	0
Total cash	10,073
Restricted cash	351
Designated cash	2
Unrestricted cash	9,720