

Trustees Annual Report 2024

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 2024:

Trustee Meetings & Communications

The Trust held 4 trustee meetings during 2024, reviewing the finances, discussing activities at Casa Reom during the year and managing the ongoing building project. In addition, several Zoom calls took place between various trustees and the Casa Reom director, to discuss all aspects of the project in consideration of the change of leadership of the project during 2023. The Trustees also developed communications with other organisations working in their area and spoke to people that have had long term relationships with both the previous leader and the new leader to ensure continuity of contact and good local advice for the Trusts affairs in Mozambique.

The Trustees also extended the depth and breadth of fundraising activities during 2024 to strengthen and accelerate the financial backing for completion of building work at Casa Reom.

The Leadership and Staff Support

After 15 years as director at Casa Reom, Oliveira Mocuna stepped down at the end of 2023. Raimundo Manhisse was appointed by YWAM Mozambique as the new leader at Casa Reom, responsible for the project throughout 2024. Although not resident on site, he regularly visits family in Beira and is supported by another YWAM leader that works at the nearby Dondo base. A leadership team called “Inhamizua Forward Team” was formed to manage the handover of leadership.

Despite challenges with the handover process, Raimundo has provided more regular communication with Casa Reom Trust than we previously experienced. He also has experience in managing building projects and the Trust has benefited from his knowledge in this area during the past year as he took over management of the building project. He provided regular on-site supervision of the builders and prompt and effective communication on budgets and progress of the work.



Casa Reom leaders and their families

Throughout the year Raimundo was supported by staff working on site including: Boniface, who provides administration of both the building work and the ongoing running of the centre and the school; Nelio and Tabitha Sulamane, who work as house parents and give pastoral and spiritual support to the boys living at Casa Reom. During 2024 these staff received support from leaders at the nearby Dondo base.

The Boys

By 19 September there were 13/14 boys living at Inhamizua and Casa Reom. Staff members Boniface and Nelio have been working on a reintegration programme. 5 boys who have families and are in the process of reintegration were identified. This has involved visits to the families, dialogue with them, feasibility assessments, monitoring of the programme and collaboration with relevant authorities. Social Services partly supported this work but also request fees for their work from Casa Reom.



Re-integration visits to relatives of the boys

Casa Reom's efforts to provide vocational training for the boys has not been successful in all cases but the staff continue to try to find ways to help the boys become self-sufficient. The reintegration work was consequently hampered and a half-way house option is being explored.

Many of the boys did not pass their exams during the year, perhaps because of the recent transition of leadership. However, 4 of the boys may progress to university with one boy, Joao Dinis, accepting a place at the university in Tete. Another boy, Benjamin Quite, was able to attend another nearby base as an intern to gain valuable experience in working as a team and finding out if this type of work could be a possibility in a full-time capacity.

The School – Escola Comunitaria Reom

The school was seen to thrive in 2024 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.

As a community school, the support extends beyond providing for school age children to helping their families. During the year there was a severe water shortage that affected all parts of the city. The well at Casa Reom, which was the result of a previous water project, was able to supply essential water to the local community for the 3 days when the water was off.



Building Project

During 2024 the ground floor of the new Staff Accommodation at Casa Reom took shape rising from the foundations completed the previous year. Structural pillars, capable of holding the upper floor, were erected around the walls of the ground floor rooms and lintels were added to create window openings throughout the building.



Completion of ground floor structure

A team of builders worked to the architects plans with Raimundo attending site during the key building phases to check on progress and resolve any queries. By the end of the year, the concrete floor of the upper level had been poured and the structure secured until funds are available to complete the next level.

Fundraising Efforts

Extensive efforts continued during 2024 to obtain grants to help with the remaining building costs, with applications made to seven funders. A major achievement was the award of a grant of £15,000 from The Allan and Nesta foundation during August which covered a large part of the ground floor construction. The trust also reached out to previous partners in Europe, USA and Australia, who have supported Casa Reom Trust. Further applications for support were sent to UK Livery companies and other foundations.

One of the church partners, St. Peter's Church, Hersham celebrated twenty years of supporting Casa Reom and held a special fundraiser to celebrate the occasion. The trust also secured a publicity event with UK based Charitable Traveller tour operator, who agreed to provide 5% commission to any holiday makers selecting Casa Reom Trust out of a choice of charities. Sadly, the arrangement terminated with the closure of the company later in the year.

Looking ahead to 2025

During discussions with the new leadership team at Casa Reom, the Trust have re-stated the desire to see new local sources of income to assist with the running of the centre. One possibility is that income can be raised from the rental of a property located in the centre of the city.

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 2024 totaled £ 49,828 and included:

- £20,771 unrestricted one-off and regular donations
- £25,753 from churches and other charities/trusts
- £1,766 from fundraising events and other restricted income
- £1,431 tax refund on Gift Aid Donations
- £107 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: 16 October 2025

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 2024

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').

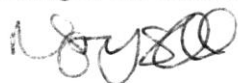
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 JAYNE TYSALL

Date 24th APRIL 2025

Casa Reom Trust - Financial statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Receipts and payment account:

Receipts	2024			2023			Payments	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Standing Order/ Regular Donations	18,791	24	18,815	20,034	24	20,058	Running Costs	33,846	24	33,870	33,846	24	33,870
One-off Donations	1,980	150	2,130	645	251	896	Appeals (not Building Project)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0	11,841	11,841	Fundraising Expenses	0	0	0	165	0	165
Donations from Other Charities / Trusts	10,753	15,000	25,753	17,587	0	17,587	Building Project	4,582	17,463	22,045	5,942	14,893	20,835
GAYL / Paypal / Amazon / Cards	107	1,552	1,659	78	296	374							
Appeals Platform	0	0	0	36	72	108							
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Tax Refund on Gift Aid Donations	1,431	40	1,471	1,321	1,203	2,524							
Total receipts	33,062	16,766	49,828	39,701	13,687	53,388	Total payments	38,428	17,487	55,915	39,953	14,917	54,870

Receipts exceed payments by:

Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2024	-6,088	-1,482
Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2025	10,073	11,555
	<u>3,985</u>	<u>10,073</u>

2024 Restricted Receipts:

Running Costs	£	24
Building Work		
	<u>16,742</u>	<u>17,463</u>
	<u>16,766</u>	<u>17,487</u>

2024 Restricted Payments:

Running Costs	£	24
Building Work		
	<u>17,463</u>	<u>17,487</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024

Assets	£
Bank current account	3,985
Cash in hand	0
Total cash	<u>3,985</u>
Restricted cash	40
Designated cash	0
Unrestricted cash	3,945