# gold-youth Africa Foundation UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1113786

## Details

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| **Other names** | AFRICAN VISION MALAWI, THE LANDIRANI TRUST, LANDIRANI TRUST |
| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Other |
| **Registered** | 2006-04-18 |
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## Activities

**Objects:** THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY (OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP) IN AFRICA, BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND HEALTHCARE PROJECTS.

**Activities:** Our vision is to see a healthy, educated, self sufficient community in Malawi. Our mission statement is that we promote educational facilities for all children in the community. Enhance the ability of the community to become self sufficient. Ensure care of orphans and vulnerable people affected by HIV/Aids. Provide fresh water and sanitation. We are active in 13 centres in an area of 400km sq.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

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## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Malawi

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-03-31 | £303,550 | £355,129 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £208,968 | £237,602 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £321,925 | £260,756 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £325,594 | £238,424 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £244,795 | £251,036 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **Sandile Swana** | Chair | 2025-08-25 |
| Alicia Davids | | 2025-08-25 |
| Andrew Stegmann | | 2025-08-25 |
| Ayanda Madira Helen Mnkeni | | 2025-08-25 |
| Christianne Clare Williamson | | 2025-08-25 |
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# Accounts



AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

# ANNUAL REPORT

## TO APRIL 2025

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# OUR PURPOSE





The purpose of African Vision Malawi is to work with local communities to develop long-term, sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi.

**We achieve this through four key strategic pillars:**

**Education** **Healthcare** **Self-sufficiency** **Environment**



# OUR VISION

## TO SEE A HEALTHY, EDUCATED, AND SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY IN MALAWI

# WHERE WE WORK





We operate 35km from Malawi's capital, Lilongwe, in an area spanning 400km² with a population exceeding 60,000. Within this region, we deliver transformative support through education, sustainable agriculture, vocational skills, and vital healthcare initiatives.

# THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK














PILLAR 1

# EDUCATION

# EDUCATION

Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life-cycle approach, supporting children from pre-school through to tertiary education and employment.

Malawi has a population of approximately 21 million with 85% living in rural areas as subsistence farmers. Only 38% of girls complete primary school. Currently, only 36% of learners progress to secondary school. In response, we have placed female empowerment at the heart of our mission, ensuring our initiatives actively remove the barriers to girls' education.

**We currently have six education projects:**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD):

We support 13 centres, nurturing 1,035 children with the help of 43 dedicated caregivers and 4 teachers.

In partnership with the Gandys Foundation and Bobby Wyeth (UK), we maintained a year-round feeding programme across seven centres, with a critical focus on the 'hungry months' of November to March. By implementing sustainable agricultural practices at the local level, we have enabled these communities to grow their own food, transitioning from emergency support to self-sustaining nutrition.

We provided nutritious meals to an average of 280 learners three days per week. This initiative was essential in combating seasonal food insecurity, significantly improving attendance and ensuring the physical wellbeing of children.





# EDUCATION

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We maintain a vibrant network of 23 UK schools partnered with 20 Malawian schools. This year's theme, "Growing," facilitated a rich cultural and resource exchange. UK representatives visited Malawi and delivered resource packs from their schools.

Thanks to substantial funding from The Mall School, we completed a dedicated administrative block and staff facilities. Twickenham Prep School addressed the regional teacher shortage by funding three staff houses, ensuring long-term educational stability. These efforts, combined with resource packs provided to all our partner schools in Malawi, ensure that both teachers and students have the environment they need to succeed.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME:

We currently support 68 students across primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. In 2024, nine of our scholars were selected for public universities, and six successfully graduated from tertiary education.






# EDUCATION

## HER EDUCATION MATTERS

This initiative focuses on keeping girls in school by providing essential hygiene kits and mentorship. This year, 274 girls received sanitary packs. 1,086 washable sanitary pads were made locally.

## ADULT LITERACY

Operating in two centres, we provided 112 adults with literacy and life-skills training. The programme successfully facilitated the formation of three economic cooperatives. Specialising in soap production, these groups allow our adult learners to apply their new skills to generate a consistent household income.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training takes place at Sam's Village, a purpose-built training centre. We have currently trained up over 300 beneficiaries in subjects such as basic electronics, tailoring, and carpentry to name a few. The graduates leave to set up a business in their community and become self-sufficient.




## SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- Feeding 500 children in ECD centres
- 304 children successfully transitioned from ECD centres into primary school.
- Over £6,000 raised by UK partner schools to fund teachers' offices, desks, and essential stationery.
- Launch of three business cooperatives (e.g., soap making) by adult literacy graduates.




PILLAR 2

# HEALTH

# HEALTH

In a region with limited resources, our health programme accounts for a vital portion of our community support.

## SEND & SAFE MOTHERHOOD:

A major milestone was reached on May 8, 2025, with the official launch of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Assessment unit at M'bang'ombe. Three interconnected centres in M'bang'ombe will make a significant difference for people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Two parent support groups were formed and 86 children with disabilities supported. This comprehensive programme provides essential support, fostering greater independence and inclusion within the community. Our thanks to Debi Peppin for funding setting up of the SEND Assessment parent support groups and to our partners Sandi Thandiza for implementing the set up of the unit.

We have significantly expanded our maternal health infrastructure with the completion of a new Safe Motherhood Unit (SMU). This facility provides a dedicated environment for antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and 'Under-5' clinics, while substantially increasing our capacity to accommodate new mothers.





# HEALTH

In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we have integrated permaculture gardens into the unit, where trained local facilitators provide hands-on nutritional education. To ensure these skills translate into long-term health, The Halcrow Foundation has funded 'Nutritional Starter Packs' (including seeds and equipment) for mothers to establish home vegetable gardens.

We extend our sincere professional thanks to Aoife Donnelly for her extensive architectural design of both the SEND and SMU facilities, and to Love Support Unite and Noel Hayes for their critical funding support.







# HEALTH

## MOBILE OUTREACH CLINICS:

Our 10 mobile outreach clinics remain a lifeline for remote areas. This year, we saw a record-breaking 121% increase in patient attendance, providing outpatient services to over 60,000 people.

## DISABILITY OUTREACH:

We hold a disability outreach each month along with the SEND assessment unit 5 days a week. In partnership with 500 Miles and MAP, we provided specialized rehabilitation and devices to 125 clients. Referrals are made to Kamuzu Central Hospital, Beit Cure, 500 Miles, MAP-Bwaila and St John of God. We thank our partners 500 Miles who support this programme. We would also like to acknowledge The London Orthotic Consultancy who regularly fund prosthetic devices and The Foundry International.

## SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 62,221 patients reached through mobile clinics— nearly doubling our previous year's impact.
- Completion and launch of the Safe Motherhood Unit extension and SEND Assessment unit with specialized therapy rooms.













## PILLAR 3

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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Sam's Village serves as our central eco-training hub, designed to empower the community through vocational excellence. Sam's Village is a 17-acre, self-sustaining eco-training village located in the Northwest Lilongwe District and can accommodate up to 50 trainees. Built in collaboration with the community, it has provided vocational skills in carpentry, tailoring, motorcycle repairs, tin-smithing and earth building, to name but a few, and has enabled graduates to set up their own businesses and provide for their families.

The facility serves as a hub for the local community, accommodating both a pre-school and library. AVM utilises the space for internal meetings and training workshops, while also making it available for rental to ensure the organisation's long-term sustainability.

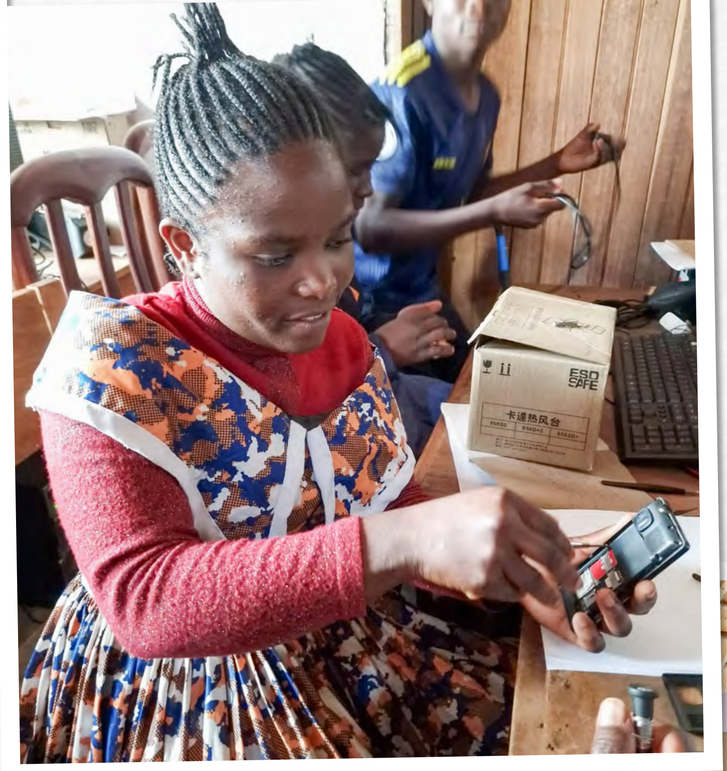
The permaculture gardens, tended by vocational training students, not only beautify the facility but also provide hands-on learning opportunities in organic agroforestry techniques. Additionally, the rear fields produce staple foods to nourish staff and trainees most of the year.

**Vocational Training:**

Funded by the Bloom Foundation, we successfully trained 100 students in high-demand fields: Motorbike Mechanics, Basic Electronics, and Baking.

**Entrepreneurship:**

Graduates received start-up toolkits, enabling them to immediately establish small businesses within their communities.






# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## SUSTAINABLE NUTRITION & COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Our long-term strategy is to transition communities toward independent food production. In the 2024–2025 period, we successfully advanced this "Sustainable Feeding" model through two distinct phases:

**Phase 1 (Expansion):**

We expanded the initiative to four additional centres—Chipasula, M'kunkhu, Mseteza, and Funsani ECD centres. Supported by Bobby Wyeth (UK), LSU, and The Gandys Foundation.

**Phase 2 (Consolidation):**

The M'teza, Kafutwe, and M'gwizi ECD centres have successfully implemented their independent feeding programmes.

**Empowerment through Agriculture:**

these communities utilised organic farming methods to cultivate maize and soya. These harvests directly supply the porridge for the ECD centres, fostering a sense of community ownership and ensuring a reliable, long-term source of nutrition despite the challenges of irregular rainfall.

## SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 98% graduation rate for our 2024-25 vocational cohort.
- Graduates are already generating consistent monthly incomes to support their families.
- Community taking ownership of ECD feeding programmes.









## PILLAR 4

# ENVIRONMENT

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## REFORESTATION:

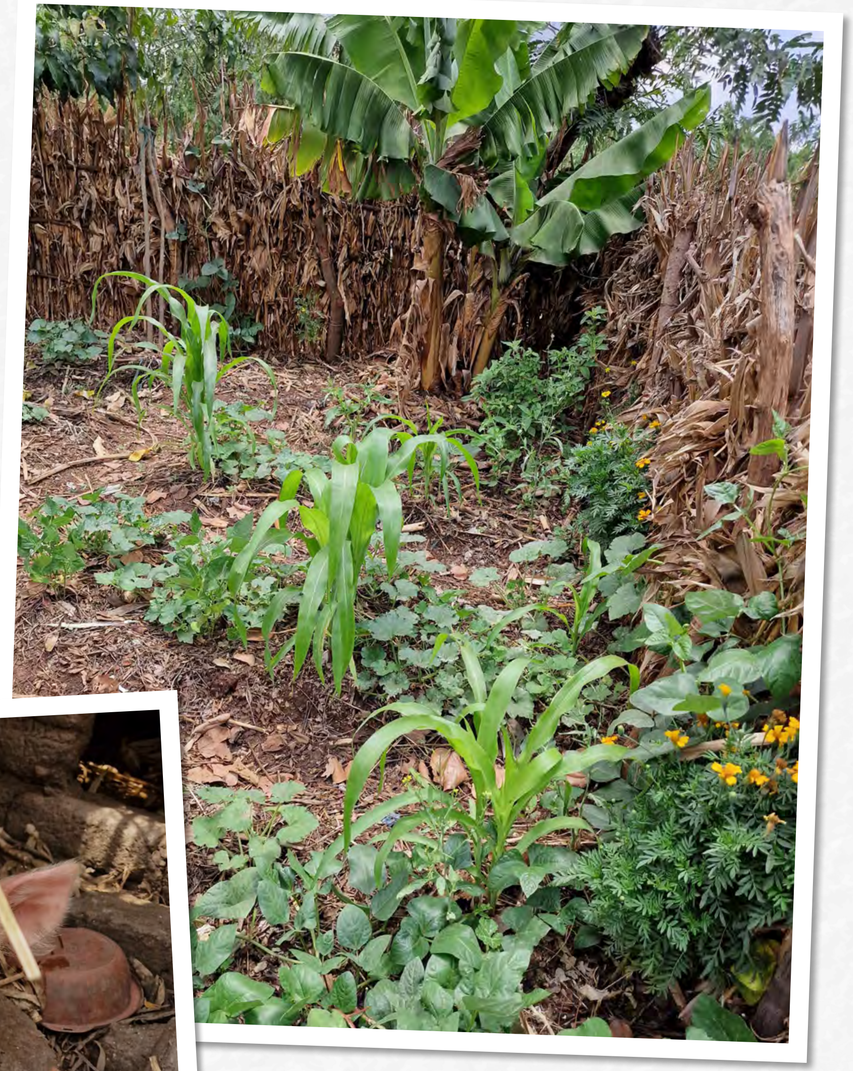
People in our area rely on wood for cooking and building. It is a profitable income generator, and many trees are cut down to sell. Subsistence farmers have been negatively impacted with climate change and deforestation contributes to this.  Our strategic plan is to plant 10,000 trees per year with the support of Love Support Unite who fund 50% of the programme.

This year we successfully planted 10,000 trees and 1,000 bamboos across the catchment area in cemeteries (where they won't get chopped down!), villages and schools.

## SUSTAINABLE FAMILY FARMS (SFF) PROGRAMME:

Our Sustainable Family Farms programme is a cornerstone of our effort to empower the most vulnerable households in our catchment area. By providing comprehensive agricultural support to families supporting multiple dependents—including orphans and the elderly—we are breaking the cycle of food insecurity.

Supported by Love Support Unite (LSU), the programme equips families with the inputs and training required to manage one hectare of land productively.
Over a two-year cycle, beneficiaries receive intensive coaching in sustainable agriculture and business management, ensuring they can not only feed their households but also generate a surplus.





# ENVIRONMENT

**The Multiplier Effect:**

The programme operates on a unique "pay-it-forward" model. The value of the initial farming inputs is repaid by the family over two years at 0% interest. These funds are then immediately reinvested to provide inputs for a new family within the same community.

**Impact & Self-Sufficiency:**

This initiative has enabled many families to cultivate their land successfully for the first time. The resulting income from surplus crops allows families to achieve true independence—covering essential costs such as school fees, mosquito nets, and future farming inputs without further external aid.

**Food Security:**

The SFF loan repayment scheme saw high success, with 110 bags of maize contributed back to the community revolving fund.

## SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 11,000 trees and bamboo plants established to protect the local ecosystem.
- 85% loan repayment rate from our Sustainable Family Farm beneficiaries.





# LOOKING AHEAD

## STRATEGIC EVOLUTION

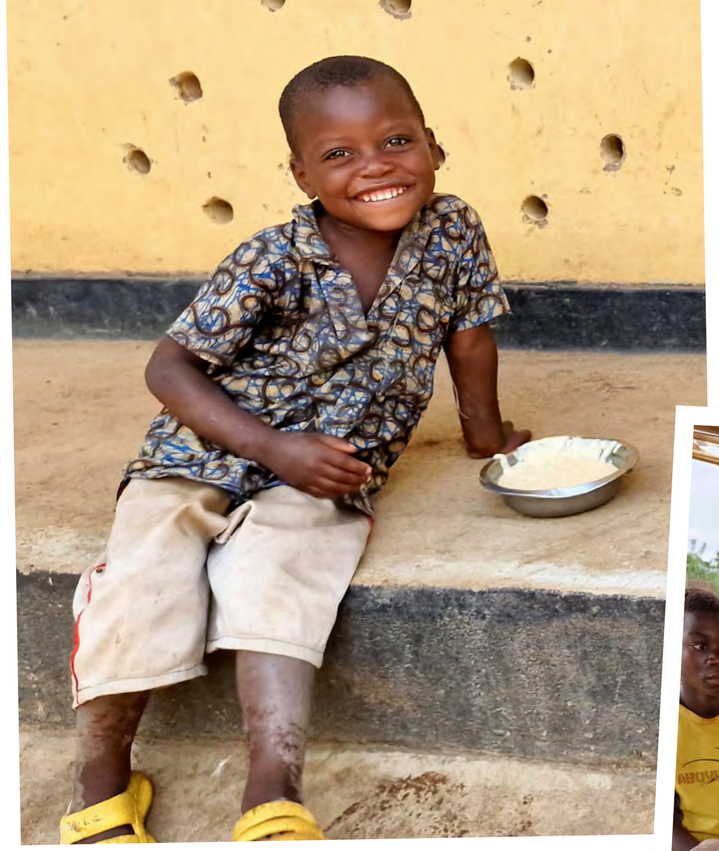
African Vision Malawi (AVM) is transitioning its work and partnerships to the **gold youth Development Agency (gold-youth)**, ensuring that AVM's rich legacy continues to flourish while expanding its vision for impact. Both organisations celebrate 20 years of impact this year, making the transition of AVM's work to **gold-youth** a natural and timely step.

This is not a takeover but a strengthening of AVM's legacy, building on two decades of social and relational capital to ensure long-term sustainability, wider reach, and deeper outcomes in social behaviour change, education, and job creation for young people in Malawi and beyond.

By becoming part of **gold-youth's** Africa-rooted movement, AVM's work will be amplified through a proven model that equips young people with skills, mentoring, and opportunities to become leaders who shift social norms, complete their education, and grow in economic independence. This evolution honours the past while unlocking fresh opportunities for Malawi's youth within a continental vision where all young Africans discover and live out the gold inside them. Learn more at **www.goldyouth.org.**

AVM's established health programmes will not be part of this transition. They will continue to serve the community and will now be run through our long-term partner **Love Support Unite**, in association with a local NGO in Malawi called **Unite Support Malawi (www.unitesupport.org)**

Their mission is to deliver accessible, sustainable, and compassionate healthcare to people across their catchment area – reaching over 60,000 people, including 35,000 served by M'bang'ombe Clinic.



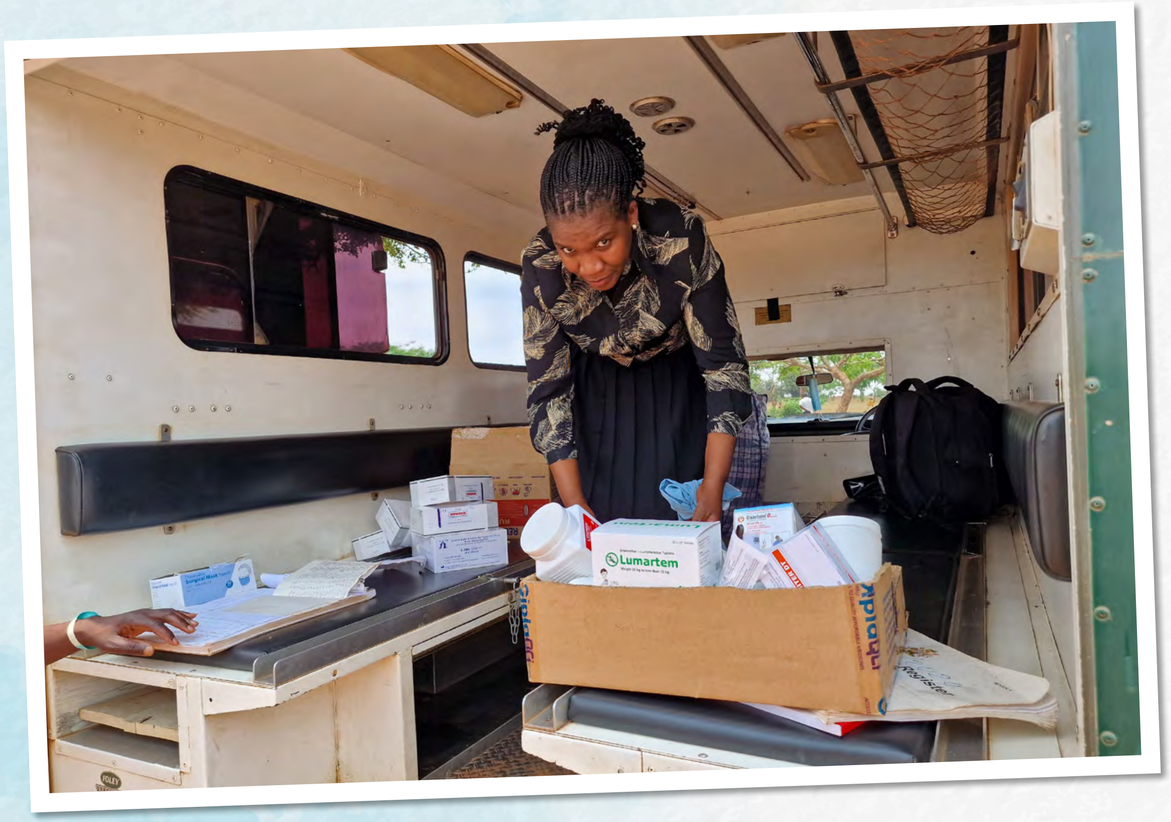



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# EMPLOYEE STRUCTURE

African Vision Malawi relies on volunteers in the UK and employs 31 Malawian nationals through its local office.






# THE LOCAL BASED COMMITTEES (LBCs)

In addition to our central team in Malawi, we collaborate with 14 Local Based Committees (LBCs) strategically located throughout our support area. Each LBC represents multiple villages and schools, acting as a vital link between our organization and the communities we serve.

Our 84 dedicated LBC volunteers play a crucial role in advocating for the needs and priorities of their communities. They actively participate in decision-making processes and help ensure that our projects are implemented effectively and transparently.

Each LBC is comprised of six members, including a secretary and representatives from various sectors. The secretary is typically a teacher who is fluent in both Chichewa and English. The other members represent education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, and orphans & vulnerable people. A chair is appointed among these representatives to oversee the LBC's activities.

Monthly meetings are held within each LBC, where members report on their specific areas of focus. This enables us to stay informed about the challenges and opportunities facing the communities we serve and to respond accordingly.

Every 6 months we hold a 'Cluster meeting' which involves all LBC members and will have a training focus, reporting and sharing good practice.

To further strengthen our connection with the LBCs, we have four coordinators who monitor multiple centres. These coordinators facilitate regular bi-monthly meetings at Sam's Village, where AVM staff and LBC representatives discuss new initiatives and share information. This collaborative approach ensures that our efforts are aligned with the needs and priorities of the communities we serve.

**MATTHEWS NELSON –** Supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres.
**SAIKOLO JIMU –** Supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres.
**ANNES BANDA –** Supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres.
**BONIFACE MALEMA –** Supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres.



# THANKS

Our deepest gratitude goes to our primary partners: Love Support Unite, SCOPE Malawi, The Gandys Foundation, 500 Miles, Sandi Thandiza, and Project4Africa. We also thank The Bloom Foundation, Noel Hayes, Debi Peppin, and Bobby Wyeth for their targeted support. We express our deep appreciation to the many volunteers who tirelessly help both in the UK and Malawi by organizing events to support our work. We also thank our Trustees in the UK and Malawi for their invaluable time, support, and guidance.

As we look toward 2025 and beyond, African Vision Malawi is entering its most significant chapter yet. This year marks a natural and timely transition as we transfer our core operations to **gold-youth**.

While our youth and education pillars evolve with **gold-youth**, our established healthcare programmes will continue to serve the community without interruption.

**We invite you to join us in this bold new direction as we scale our impact across Malawi and beyond.**

**Learn more at: goldyouth.org**

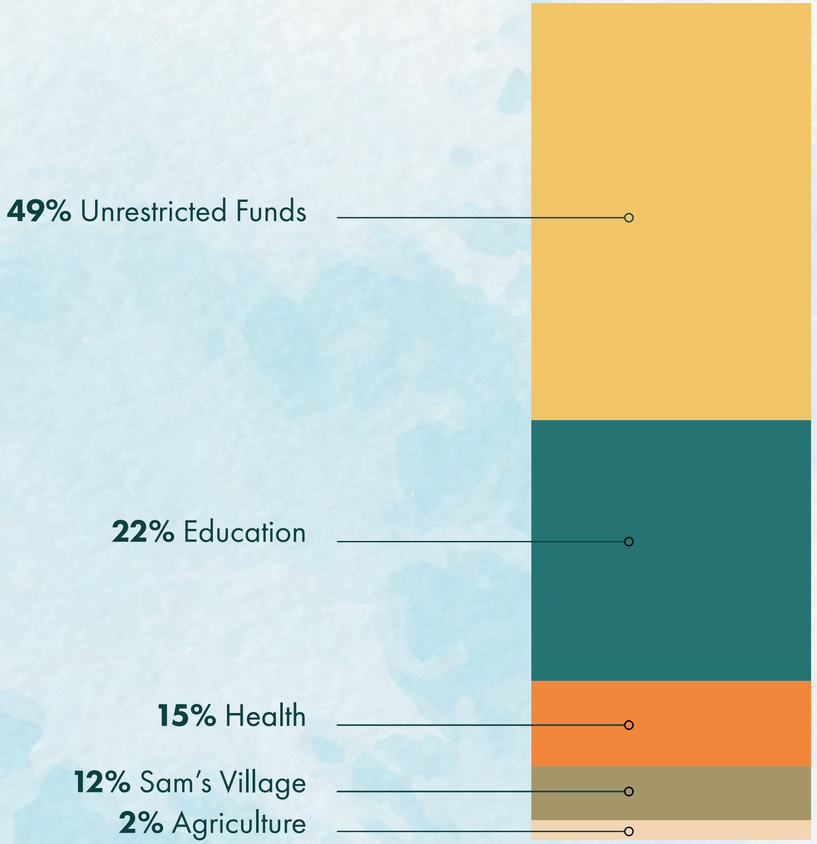
# TRUSTEES

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| Nigel Palmer | **Chairman** |
| David Stead | **Treasurer** |
| Sara Butterfield | |
| Andrew Ridley-Barker | |
| Beth Sheehan | |
| Maria Moyo | **(Malawi Resident)** |
| Heather Palmer | **Founder & Programmes Trustee** |
| Marie Brown | **CEO (July 2022 – December 2024)** |

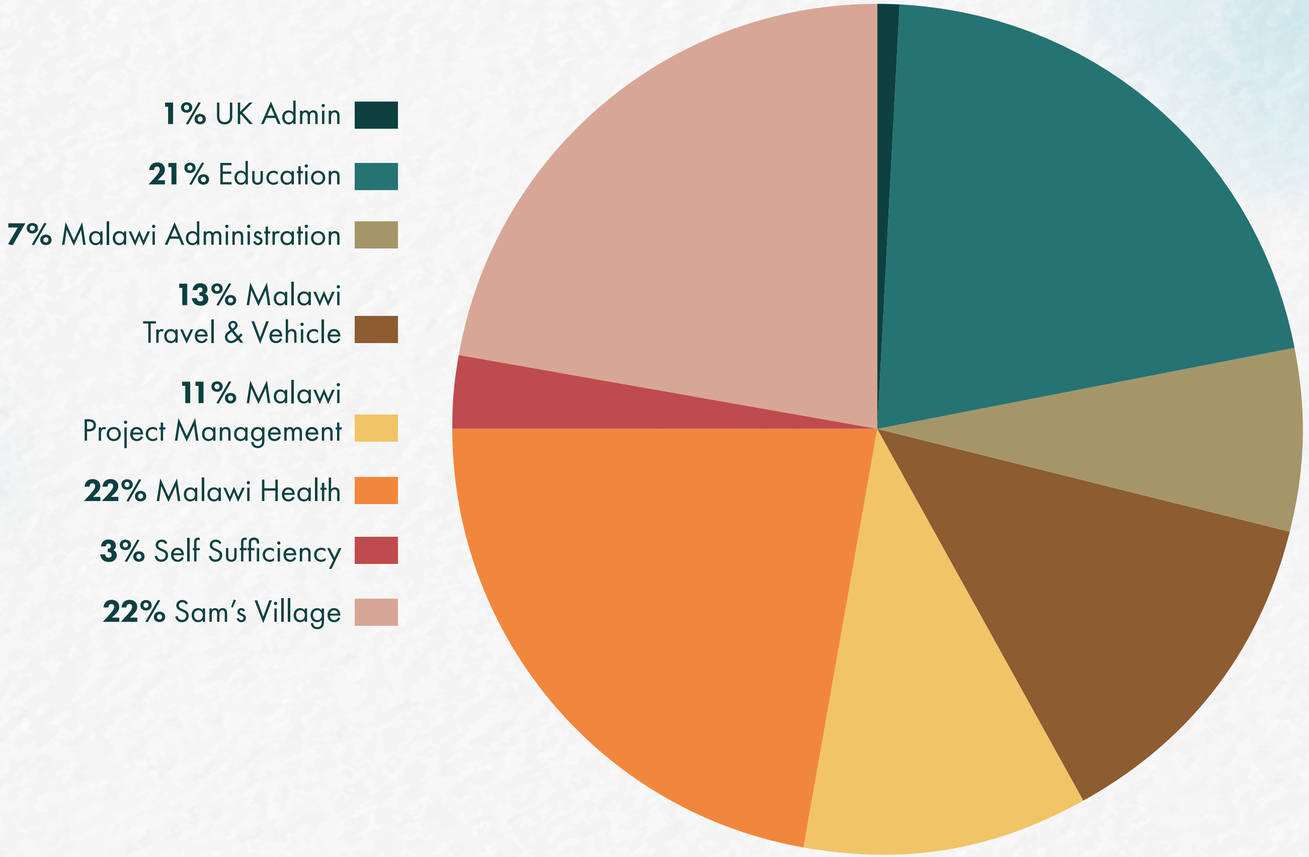
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# FINANCIALS

# INCOME




# EXPENSES




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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Objects of African Vision Malawi**

African Vision Malawi was formed on the 23 April 2005 in Blantyre, Malawi and formalized by Declaration of Trust on the 24 March 2006. Our Mission Statement is that we will

- Promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community in the community
- Enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient
- Ensure better provision of access to Health facilities in the community
- Improve communities access to fresh water and promote good sanitation

Our Vision is to see a healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi.

**Employees**

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK.

Through its local entity in Malawi the Charity employed a team of approx. 30 employees being made up entirely of Malawian Nationals.

**Review of Activities**

The Charity's activities during the year are described in full in the Chairman's report.

**Review of Financial Position**

**a) Asset cover for funds**

The Charity's liquid assets are held as short-term bank deposits. The current level of funding is sufficient to complete the intended projects and other planned expenditures. All expenditure decisions are taken based on the known amounts available at the time.

**b) Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Charity reviews its reserves and risk policies as part of the Charity's operational management.

### c) Malawi Structure

The Charity is registered in Malawi as an International NGO and with CONGOMA, thus formalizing our legal status in the Country. The Charity has assets in Malawi, comprising 17 acres of land, Sam's Village Residential Training Centre buildings and equipment to support the operations, along with 4 bank accounts in Lilongwe controlled by the Country Manager. Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings have been expensed at time of purchase in the UK accounts.

### d) Funding Sources

Fund transfers from the UK to Malawi are made on an as needed basis, generally each month, and are made up of mainly regular Income from Donations coupled with proceeds from fundraising events throughout the year. The building phase of Sam's Village has been funded by extra donations from various sources but the majority from the support of one main benefactor.

### e) Restricted Funds

The Charity recognizes that the costs of shutting down operations in Malawi are extremely low approximately £10,000 and aims to keep balances above this level wherever possible; Trustees would make good any shortfall should it be necessary. In recognition of specific requests by donors a restricted fund is maintained for Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Self Sufficiency projects and Sam's Village. Such projects do not commence without the presence of sufficient funding to meet budgeted expenditures.





Nigel Palmer
Chairman
African Vision Malawi

David Stead
Treasurer
African Vision Malawi

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Accountants for Business

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts 2024-25

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of African Vision Malawi for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of African Vision Malawi 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 African Vision Malawi 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 African Vision Malawi as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

Signed:  Date: 20th November 2025

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**
**For the year ended 31st MARCH 2025**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practices and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 24-25 £ | Total 23-24 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming Resources** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fund Raising Activities | 1 | 119,290 | 117,742 | 237,032 | 192,090 |
| Gift Aid | 2 | 17,883 | 0 | 17,883 | 15,620 |
| Grants | 3 | 0 | 37,500 | 37,500 | 4,000 |
| Legacies | 4 | 10,300 | 0 | 10,300 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | | 3,774 | 0 | 3,774 | 58 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 151,247 | 155,242 | 306,490 | 211,768 |
| Less cost of generating funds & fund raising | | 2,940 | 0 | 2,940 | 2,800 |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **148,307** | **155,242** | **303,549** | **208,968** |
| **Resources Expended** | | | | | |
| Education Projects | 5 | 0 | 76,067 | 76,067 | 72,471 |
| Health/Orphan Care Projects | 6 | 0 | 76,335 | 76,335 | 16,147 |
| Self Sufficiency Projects | | 0 | 10,633 | 10,633 | 6,255 |
| Water & Sanitation Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam's Village Project | 7 | 0 | 79,265 | 79,265 | 41,370 |
| Malawi Project Management | | 39,885 | 0 | 39,885 | 45,883 |
| Malawi Travel and Vehicle Expenses | 8 | 44,352 | 0 | 44,352 | 21,566 |
| Malawi Administration | | 26,024 | 0 | 26,024 | 30,813 |
| UK Administration | | 2,568 | 0 | 2,568 | 3,097 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | **112,829** | **242,300** | **355,129** | **237,602** |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **35,478** | **-87,058** | **-51,580** | **-28,634** |
| Fund Balances @ 31/3/24 | | 123,327 | 83,818 | 207,145 | 235,779 |
| Transfers From Unrestricted to Restricted Funds | | -59,236 | 59,236 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fund Balances @ 31/3/25** | | **99,569** | **55,996** | **155,565** | **207,145** |
| **Notes (For clarification)** | | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | 9 | 99,569 | 0 | 99,569 | 123,328 |
| Restricted Funds:- | | | | | |
| Education | | 0 | 39,749 | 39,749 | 56,486 |
| Healthcare | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,055 |
| Self Sufficiency | | 0 | 8,517 | 8,517 | 2,787 |
| Sam's Village | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water & Sanitation | | 0 | 7,730 | 7,730 | 7,489 |
| **Total Funds** | | **99,569** | **55,996** | **155,565** | **207,145** |

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025**

| | | Total 24-25 | Total 23-24 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Current Assets** | 10 | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 168,672 | 218,710 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 38,933 | 8,375 |
| Accounts payable | | -52,040 | -19,940 |
| **Net Assets** | | **155,565** | **207,145** |
| **Funds** | 9 | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 55,996 | 83,817 |
| Unrestricted Fund | | 99,569 | 123,328 |
| **Total Funds** | | **155,565** | **207,145** |

**Notes to Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2025:**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

African Vision Malawi meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Accounting Policies**

The Accounts have been prepared under the Income and Expenditure basis, moving from Receipts and Payments basis in prior years.

**Accounting Estimates and prior Year Adjustments**

There has been no adjustments made in the year relating to previous years

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

**Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

**Trade debtors/creditors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from fund raising and donations to the charity, creditors being early receipts of funds.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash held in Current and Reserve accounts, with no Investment accounts opened.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**Financial Performance Notes:**

1. Strong growth in donations and fund raising with large funds raised for Safe Motherhood Unit and recommencement of the Malawi Cycle Challenge.

2. Gift Aid based on receipts and receivables due for the financial year.

3. Two Grants received in the year for Training and Health programmes.

4. Two Legacies received in the financial year.

5. Education spending inline with prior year after reductions in Tertiary education programmes.

6. Health spending increased entirely due to the construction of the Safe Motherhood Unit.

7. Sams Village costs increased due to funded Training programmes along with reductions in major construction work against prior year.

8. Travel and Vehicle costs increased solely due to the purchase of 2 vehicles, an Ambulance for our Health proghrammes and an Hilux for General usage

9. As previously noted, funds specifically donated or raised for a defined purpose are maintained in a restricted account, with extra funding from unrestricted donations used to support expenditure if required.

The yearend restricted fund balances by category were:

| | |
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| · Education | £39,749 |
| · Health | £0 |
| · Water/Sanitation | £7,730 |
| · Self-sufficiency | £8,517 |
| · Sam's Village | £0 |
| · Total Restricted Funds held | **£55,996** |

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| Unrestricted funds held at yearend are: | **£99,569** |

10. Current Assets include provisions for both receivables and payables, summarised as:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash held | | £168,672 |
| Receivables | | |
| Gift Aid receipts due | £17,456 | |
| Donation for Motor Vehicle due | £17,000 | |
| Fund raising receipts due | £4,477 | |
| Total | | £38,933 |
| Payables | | |
| Deferred Income received in advance | | -£52,040 |
| Current Assets - Total | | **£155,565** |

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# Accounts



AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

# ANNUAL REPORT

## TO APRIL 2024

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# OUR PURPOSE





The purpose of African Vision Malawi is to work with local communities to develop long-term, sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi.

**We do this across four key areas:**

**Education** **Healthcare** **Self-sufficiency** **Environment**



# OUR VISION

## TO SEE A HEALTHY, EDUCATED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY IN MALAWI

# WHERE WE WORK



We have been operating since 2005 in an area 30km from Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. The area spans 400km$^2$ with a local population of 60,000.

We work through 14 centres where we have a Local Based Committee (LBC) of six volunteers — in each centre — who help us identify and resolve any issues on the ground. As well as these 84 volunteers, we have four LBC coordinators connecting us to the community.

# THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK






















## PILLAR 1

# EDUCATION



# EDUCATION

Malawi has a population of approximately 21 million with 85% living in rural areas as subsistence farmers. Only 38% of girls complete primary school. Of these, 36% percent go on to secondary school.

Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life cycle approach: starting from pre-school, school years, through tertiary/vocational training and onto employment.

**We currently have six education projects:**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

We support 13 ECD centres with 1,165 children, 47 caregivers and teachers. Early childhood development is key to improving the transition to primary school and to get a nutritional meal.

Since Feed the Children stopped providing porridge to our centres, we have started to grow sustainable ECD gardens.

**Successful impacts:**

We successfully delivered an Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme across 13 centres, supporting a total of 1,165 children, 43 caregivers, and 4 teachers. 404 children successfully transitioned to primary school. To address nutritional needs, we received funds from donors, and implemented a feeding programme that provided meals to an average of 625 children daily. Additionally, we established a sustainable feeding programme in 3 ECD centres to empower communities to grow maize and soya.





This feeding programme is expanding to a further 4 centres next year. Furthermore, we renovated the Funsani ECD centre with the generous support of our partners, The Gandys Foundation.

# EDUCATION

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

The school partnership programme aims to promote collaboration between Malawi and UK schools. 24 UK schools are partnered with 22 Malawi schools. The theme for 2023 was “weather and climate.”

**Successful impacts:**

3 new school partnerships were introduced to replace old ones. Kakoma Primary and St Pauls Roman Catholic Primary, Mlumbwira Primary with Hillcross Primary and Mkunkhu Primary with Flakefleet Primary.

12 Malawi partnership schools received funding from their UK schools for a total of £7,810 which was spent on learning resources, construction materials, uniforms, footballs, chairs, and some renovations.

## SCHOLARSHIP

The current scholarship programme provides opportunities to 81 vulnerable children entering secondary and tertiary education. These children go through the AVM selection process and demonstrate great academic potential. Tuition fees, transport, accommodation, uniforms, upkeep, and learning resources are provided.

This allows them to succeed in education and many exit with a degree and find a good job. They in turn support their extended family.  This programme is partially funded by Love Support Unite.





**Successful impacts:**

Out of 13 who graduated from secondary, 7 have been selected for university. We supported 28 scholarships in secondary school, 4 in primary, and 42 in tertiary. 6 students have graduated from tertiary with degrees or diplomas.

Twenty-three students have graduated with a degree since starting our programme. Three secured places at the SOS Vocational training centre. We held a successful scholarship camp for 66 students in December 2023.

Quote from Samuel Mphazewa who graduated in 2023. ‘African Vision was happy with my performance and I myself could see my future being brighten, I had all the hope now that one day I will beat our village poverty and be different’. He lives in Mzuzu working with the National Economic Empowerment Fund (NEEF) empowering females in rural villages.

# EDUCATION

## HER EDUCATION MATTERS

Her Education Matters project aims to keep girls in schools by providing washable sanitary pads and constructing washrooms. To date, we have constructed nine washrooms in nine primary schools, providing a private space for the girls to go to during menstruation.

**Successful impacts:**

73 'Girls packs' were provided to female students in 3 primary schools. These drawstring bags consist of washable sanitary pads, soap and pants. A girls' washroom was constructed at M'bang'ombe Primary School with Funding from the Irish V&S group. Two members came out to Malawi to help build the unit.

Quote - 'the washroom will help us because we travel long distances when we want to clean ourselves during menstruation, since our homes are far from this school. Sometimes we choose to stay at home when we think of the condition of the girl's toilets, they are not private and used by little girls'

## ADULT LITERACY

The adult literacy programme aims to promote literacy and life skills among adults who are predominantly women. Many girls don't finish primary school due to early marriages or dropping out due to lack of education during their menstruation time.

**Successful impacts:**

In 2023, the programme moved out of Mseteza and Mkhalapadzuwa and into Chigonthi and Chalasa villages. This was to reach new areas.




101 beneficiaries learned Chichewa, English, numeracy, and business skills. 46 people graduated from our Adult Literacy programme in both levels 1 & 2.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training takes place at Sam's Village, a purpose-built training centre. We have currently trained up over 300 beneficiaries in subjects such as basic electronics, tailoring, and carpentry to name a few. The graduates leave to set up a business in their community and become self-sufficient.

**Successful impacts:**

In early 2024, we successfully applied for a grant from the Bloom Foundation to support further vocational training later in the year.




PILLAR 2

# HEALTH

# HEALTH

In Malawi there are very basic health services. 50% of deaths of children under five years old are due to malaria and 11% of children are HIV positive. Within our catchment area of 60,000, we have just two government clinics which are poorly resourced.

Health is our second biggest programme accounting for 25% of our work. It also follows a life cycle approach: from supporting babies in safe maternal care; working with children and adults with disabilities; helping vulnerable adults living with HIV/Aids and chronic diseases through to the frail and elderly.

## MEDICAL OUTREACH CLINIC

We have 10 Mobile Outreach Clinics providing integrated healthcare services for difficult-to-reach areas. We work in partnership with the District Health Office who provide medication and qualified health personnel. This programme is funded by Love Support Unite.

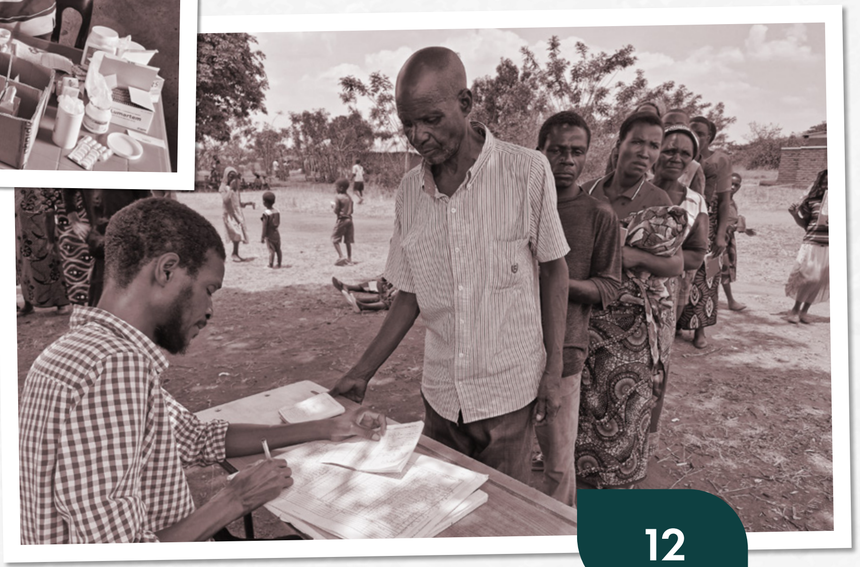
### Successful impacts:

The clinics have served 31,683 patients over the past year through services such as under 5s, family planning, HIV testing, Malaria testing and treatment and antenatal. The Under-Five clinic is the most used.  The number of people impacted has risen by 12.5% from the previous year. Many people come to the clinics in the rainy season when it is more difficult to reach a government clinic facility.

### Dental programme:

Our annual Dental programme screened 1,668 children from 5 different primary schools, with 163 having their teeth filled and 177 having teeth extractions. We provide mouth hygiene and give children a toothbrush and toothpaste.





# HEALTH

## DISABILITY OUTREACH SERVICE

We identify individuals through our disability outreach clinics and provide transport, rehabilitation, devices, and treatment. Referrals are made to Kamuzu Central Hospital, Beit Cure, 500 Miles, MAP-Bwaila and St John of God. We thank our partners 500 Miles who support this programme. We would also like to acknowledge The London Orthotic Consultancy who regularly fund prosthetic devices and The Foundry International for a grant of £4,000 to support our disability programme.

**Successful impacts:**

40 females and 50 males, were assisted in our Disability Outreach programmes of which 32 went to 500 Miles. Receiving a prosthetic limb can provide independence to any age group. We had a young girl of 6 years old whose single mother was finding life difficult coping with her violent outbursts. She was eventually diagnosed with ADHD, Epilepsy, Hydrocephaly and Autism and received medication to improve her life.

## BICYCLE AMBULANCE SERVICE

We started installing bicycle ambulances in our area in 2013. This was reviewed in 2021 and they were recalled for upgrading. This service allows transportation to clinics and we have been reassessing the design of the bicycle ambulance.

**Successful impacts:**

Andrew Bovington has designed a bicycle ambulance, and our thanks go out to him and also to Hitherbest Ltd for making a prototype which has already been sent to Malawi. We are going to trial the prototype before making new ones in Malawi.





## WATER AND SANITATION

Clean water is the highest priority need in our area. In partnership with Rotary International and other sponsors, 50 boreholes have been installed, and we work with the community to monitor their performance.

## VULNERABLE RELIEF SUPPORT

At times during our outreach clinics, we identify ultra-vulnerable children and adults who have severe and long-term difficulties that cannot easily be resolved. If we can, we support their guardians and include them in our agricultural programmes to make them more independent.

**Successful impacts:**

We support 13 ultra-vulnerable children and adults monthly with basic items and medicines. These are sponsored by individuals in UK. Our thanks go out to these sponsors. Additionally, we provide a food relief distribution in February to the most vulnerable children and adults. This year 98 orphans and vulnerable adults received 14kg of food and blankets (knitted by All Saints Church, Kingston).

# HEALTH

## SAFE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVES

### Special Educational Needs (SEND) and Safe Motherhood Unit (SMU)

This year we will complete Phase One where we extend our Safe Motherhood Unit, and link it to a new SEND Assessment and Therapy unit.

The **SEND programme** will see three interconnected centres in the M'bang'ombe area that will make a significant difference for people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

This comprehensive programme provides essential support, fostering greater independence and inclusion within the community. Phase one is 'health-based', phase two is 'education-based' and phase three is training-based along with making and fixing devices.

**The Safe Motherhood Unit (SMU)** for new mothers at the Maternity Unit will have an extension built, linking the buildings and extending the Guardian's home to embrace more waiting mothers.

The unit will include nutritional training through permaculture gardens grown in front of the new wing where new mothers will have cooking demonstrations. The maternity unit links with the Assessment unit as early identification of traumatic births can lead to special needs.

Through the under-5 clinics and early intervention using the assessment therapy unit, we can make positive progress in changing that child's life.

**Successful impacts:**

A successful stakeholder meeting was held to discuss the upcoming Special Education and Disability project in May 2023. We appointed a contractor in January 2024 and a consultant in March 2024 to monitor the build.













PILLAR 3

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Sam's Village is a 17-acre, self-sustaining eco-training village located in the Northwest Lilongwe District. It is a central site for all our operations and can accommodate up to 50 trainees. Built in collaboration with the community, it has provided vocational skills in carpentry, tailoring, motorcycle repairs, tin-smithing and earth building, to name but a few, and has enabled graduates to set up their own businesses and provide for their families.

The facility serves as a hub for the local community, accommodating both the pre-school and library. AVM utilises the space for internal meetings and training workshops, while also making it available for rental to ensure the organisation's long-term sustainability.

The permaculture gardens, tended by vocational training students, not only beautify the facility but also provide hands-on learning opportunities in organic agroforestry techniques. Additionally, the rear fields produce staple foods to nourish staff year-round.

**Successful impacts:**

We have trained over 300 people at Sam's Village. The last training saw 24 marginalized people trained in carpentry and tailoring and all graduated successfully. M&E was carried out on 9 graduates from the 2022 cohort in January 2024. 8 out of the 9 said they were earning more money than before the training.

**Quotes:**

Triphonia Kanyamula did tailoring and said she has been paying school fees for her siblings who are at secondary school in Lumbadzi. She also manages to buy food for the family and supports her parents.

Innocent Lemekezani re-invested income generated from tailoring into farming and after selling the produce he bought a motorbike. He buys food and basic family needs.

**Buildings:**

Each year we aim to improve the facilities at Sam's Village and successfully completed a maintenance plan and completion of the Tree Block. Due to water issues, we drilled another borehole so there are now two providing clean water to the facility.







## PILLAR 4

# ENVIRONMENT

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Our fourth pillar focuses on sustainable agriculture and improving environmental practices. This includes promoting food security, alleviation of poverty and impacting climate change. Our environmental programmes include Sustainable Family Farms (SFF), Seed & Knowledge Initiative (SKI), Household Permaculture (HHP), Dimba Gardens and Reforestation. A major part of the funding for these comes from Love Support Unite and SCOPE Malawi.

## SUSTAINABLE FAMILY FARMING (SFF)

Sustainable farming helps vulnerable families living on less than $1 per day who have 6 or more dependents, including orphans, disabled or elderly. The aim is to break the cycle of poverty by providing farm inputs which are paid back after their harvest. The remaining food is kept to feed the family and the surplus is sold to buy further farm inputs and family needs.

### Successful impacts:

8 families who were supported in 2022/23 have harvested more food this year than the previous year, giving them food security. They are trained in agroforestry techniques and how to make the land fertile.  In August 2023 this methodology was implemented in Mngwizi village where farmers were put into 3 different groups. Training was implemented in one large group with topics such as manure making, conflict resolution, resource mobilization, building fuel-saving ovens and sharing responsibilities.

## SEED AND KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE (SKI)

This programme is coming to the end of its funding. We have worked with SCOPE Malawi to implement this positive lifechanging programme over the past 5 years which has trained subsistence farmers in Chitsime to be food secure through techniques and seed multiplication.

### Successful impacts:

84 farmers at Chitsime Centre are now food secure and use their retained local seeds to plant out for the coming year. They are organic and don't need to buy fertilisers. They have a seed bank and can swap or sell seeds. Indigenous plants have been reintroduced.
A demonstration garden based on Integrated Land Use design has started in Chitsime which includes permaculture, agroforestry, arable farming and a simple fish pond. This was instigated by SCOPE Malawi. 11 out of 20 of their Household permaculture garden beneficiaries now have food all year. 65 local farmers showcased their local seed at the SustainFest in Lilongwe in October 2023, showing 100 different varieties.

## DIMBA GARDENS (BY RIVERBEDS)

The Dimba Gardens programme was introduced to ensure that guardians of orphan and vulnerable children, were able to have food all year round and that they were also able to buy basic needs for their families, after selling their vegetables. They are trained in permaculture techniques and are given initial farming inputs to set them up.
After graduating, we train up further beneficiaries.

### Successful impacts:

30 new beneficiaries were trained in organic farming techniques in three different centres, over the year. Philipo Katulutse harvested crops and earned £70. He bought a piglet to provide manure and when she has piglets they will be sold to buy more farm inputs. The money remaining feeds his family and pays for school fees. He also bought sweet potato plants which are growing well.



# ENVIRONMENT

## REFORESTATION

We aim to plant 10,000 trees each year. People in our area rely on wood for cooking and building. It is a profitable income generator, and many trees are cut down to sell. Subsistence farmers have been negatively impacted with climate change and deforestation contributes to this. We plant sustainably by planting trees and bamboo that can be coppiced and fruit trees for food, focusing on the communal areas such as cemeteries, schools, and clinics.

### Successful impacts:

3 centres were selected for the nurseries. These were at Chibwata, Chimbalu and Mundundu. 90% of seedlings germinated and are thriving.  After an unusually dry spell in January 2024, a total of 12,932 trees were planted.

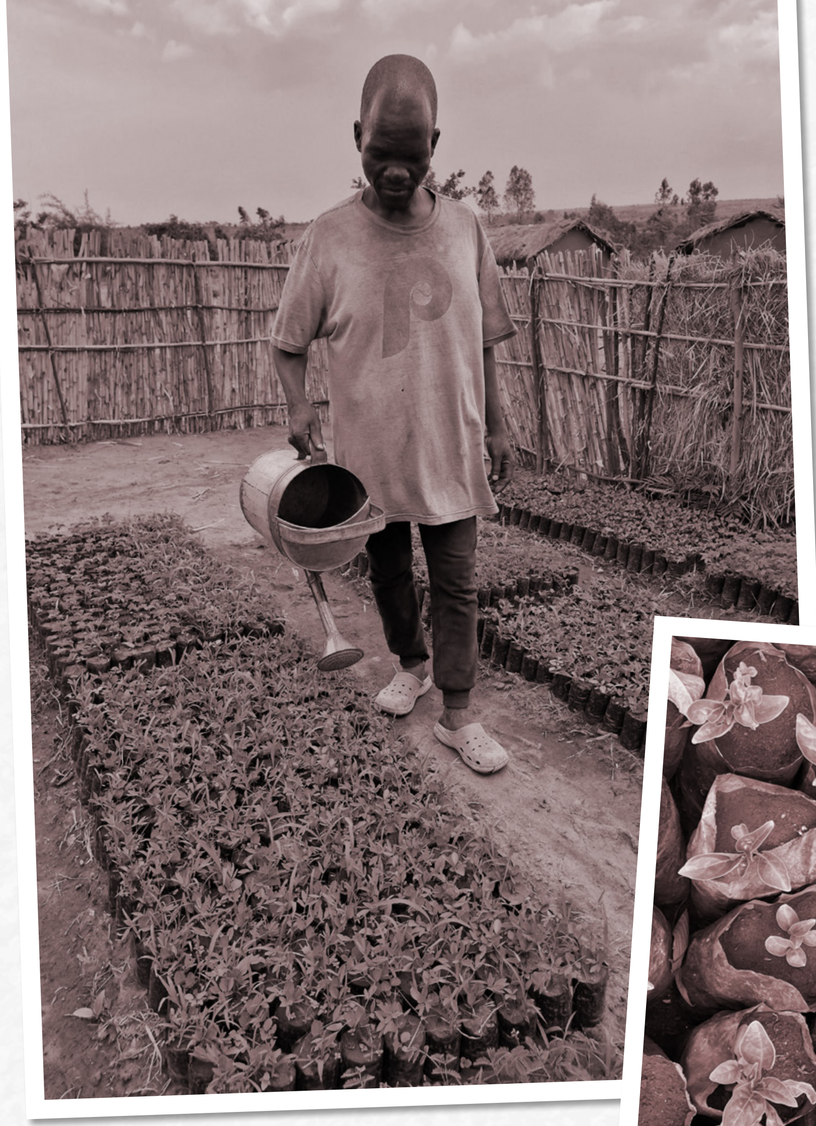
## HOUSEHOLD PERMACULTURE GARDENS

### Permaculture:

In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we offer training in permaculture approaches to schools and households in our communities. We have set up 70 gardens in total.

### Successful impacts:

20 vulnerable farmers were trained up in Msampha Village. When we went to visit the gardens for monitoring, they had trained up a further 11 women and shared knowledge and seeds, which was fantastic to see!





# LOOKING AHEAD

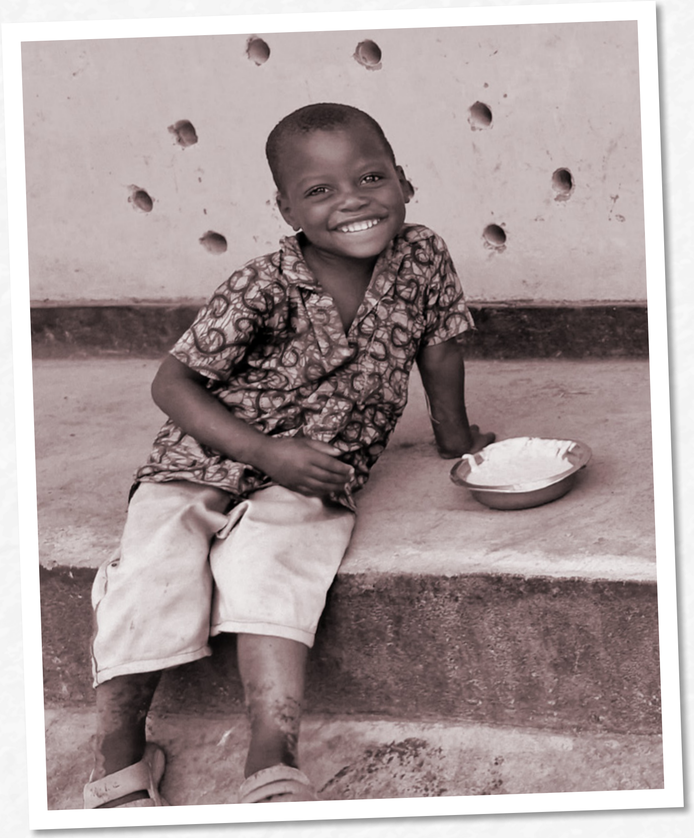
In the coming year, AVM will focus on several key areas to ensure long-term sustainability and community impact. AVM will continue to prioritize community development and empowerment by expanding its vocational skills training program at Sam's Village to 100 students, equipping them for future employment and entrepreneurship. Additionally, the facility will be opened to NGOs and organizations to hire for conferences and training.

AVM will complete the Safe Motherhood and special therapy unit, ensuring that women have access to quality healthcare services during pregnancy and childbirth. We will also establish permaculture gardens and deliver nutritional training, promoting sustainable agriculture and improving food security.

AVM will ensure that 75% of ECD centres are running sustainable community gardens, promoting healthy eating habits and environmental sustainability. We will also implement the revised Community Day Secondary Schools/Government scholarship model, providing financial support to vulnerable children to continue their education. AVM will design sustainable farms programmes that include tree planting and fuel-saving ovens, promoting sustainable agriculture and reducing reliance on traditional cooking methods.

We will encourage Household Permaculture to increase tree planting within their backyard gardens and cascade training to community members, promoting reforestation and environmental conservation. By increasing the number of boreholes and integrating them with permaculture design, we will improve access to clean water.

Finally, AVM will improve operational capacities, review the LBC model, and strengthen partnerships to enhance organizational efficiency and sustainability. These initiatives will contribute to the long-term sustainability and impact of AVM's work in the community.



# EMPLOYEE STRUCTURE

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK and relies totally on volunteers, which includes the Founder and Trustees. Through its local office in Malawi, the Charity employs 31 staff, all of whom are Malawian nationals.






# THE LOCAL BASED COMMUNITIES (LBCs)

In addition to our central team in Malawi, we collaborate with 14 Local Based Committees (LBCs) strategically located throughout our support area. Each LBC represents multiple villages and schools, acting as a vital link between our organization and the communities we serve.

Our 84 dedicated LBC volunteers play a crucial role in advocating for the needs and priorities of their communities. They actively participate in decision-making processes and help ensure that our projects are implemented effectively and transparently.

Each LBC is comprised of six members, including a secretary and representatives from various sectors. The secretary is typically a teacher who is fluent in both Chichewa and English. The other members represent education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, and orphans & vulnerable people. A chair is appointed among these representatives to oversee the LBC's activities.

Monthly meetings are held within each LBC, where members report on their specific areas of focus. This enables us to stay informed about the challenges and opportunities facing the communities we serve and to respond accordingly.

Every 6 months we hold a 'Cluster meeting' which involves all LBC members and will have a training focus, reporting and sharing good practice.

To further strengthen our connection with the LBCs, we have four coordinators who monitor multiple centres. These coordinators facilitate regular bi-monthly meetings at Sam's Village, where AVM staff and LBC representatives discuss new initiatives and share information. This collaborative approach ensures that our efforts are aligned with the needs and priorities of the communities we serve.

**MATTHEWS NELSON –** Supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres.
**SAIKOLO JIMU –** Supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres.
**ANNES BANDA –** Supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres.
**BONIFACE MALEMA –** Supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres.



# THANKS

Our work would not be possible without the generous support and funding we receive from grants and trusts. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who continues to fund our projects, which have a profound positive impact on the community.

We offer our particular thanks to our partners over the past year, including Love Support Unite, SCOPE Malawi, 500 Miles, The Gandys Foundation, MAP, London Prosthetic Consultants, Project4Africa and personal donors.

Our grateful thanks also go to inq. Malawi (formerly Skyband), who provide our internet at the Njewa office and Sam's Village.

Finally, we express our deep appreciation to the many volunteers who tirelessly help both in the UK and Malawi by organizing events to support our work. We also thank our Trustees in the UK and Malawi for their invaluable time, support, and guidance.

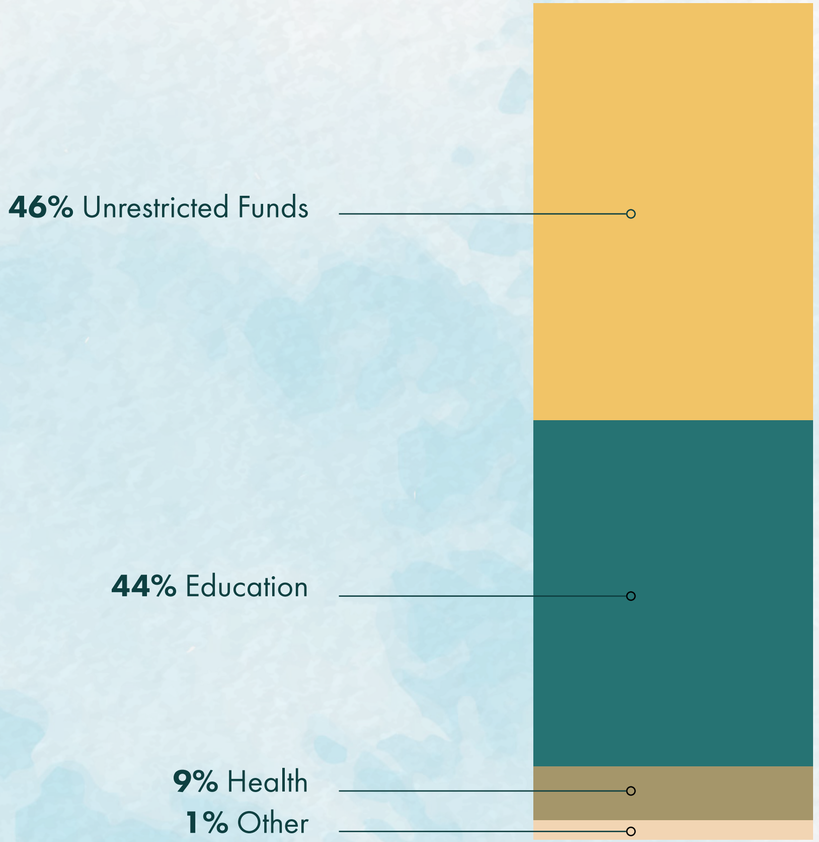
# TRUSTEES

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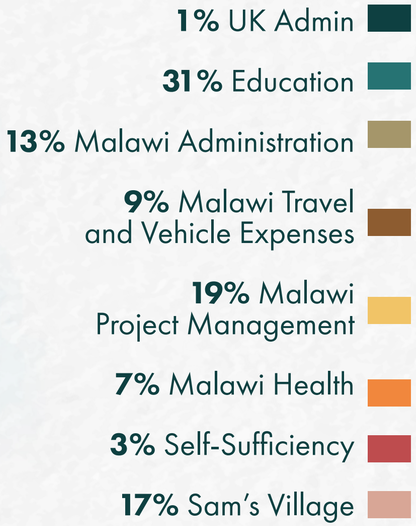

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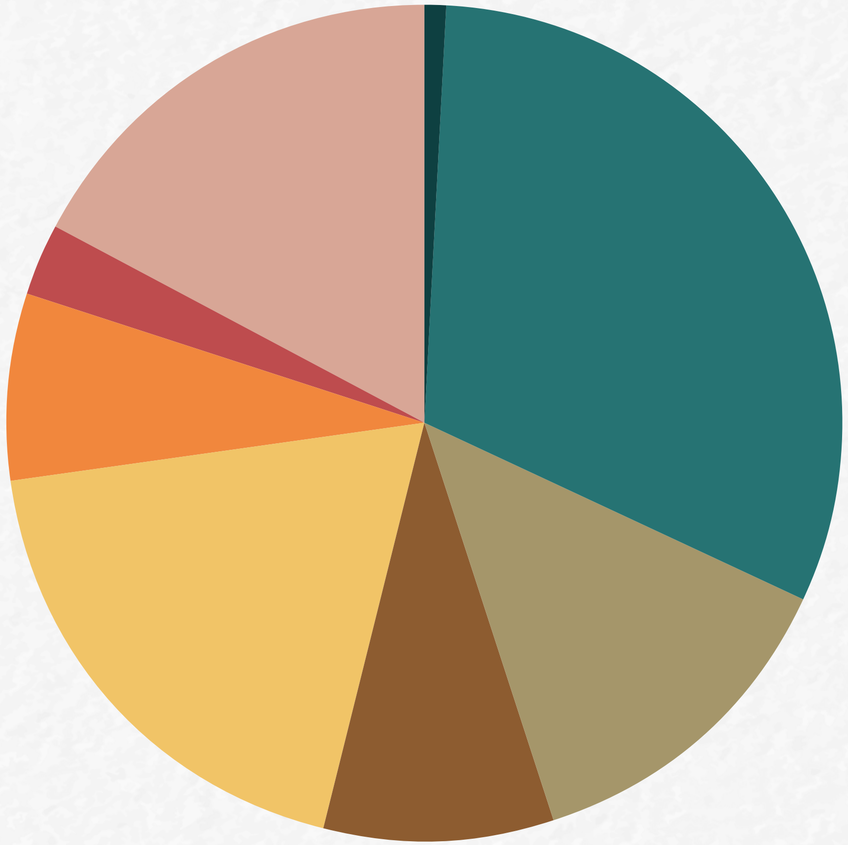
# FINANCIALS

## INCOME




## EXPENSES




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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Objects of African Vision Malawi**

African Vision Malawi was formed on the 23 April 2005 in Blantyre, Malawi and formalized by Declaration of Trust on the 24 March 2006. Our Mission Statement is that we will

- Promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community in the community

- Enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient

- Ensure better provision of access to Health facilities in the community

- Improve communities access to fresh water and promote good sanitation

Our Vision is to see a healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi.

**Employees**

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK.

Through its local entity in Malawi the Charity employed a team of approx. 30 employees being made up entirely of Malawian Nationals.

**Review of Activities**

The Charity's activities during the year are described in full in the Chairman's report.

**Review of Financial Position**

**a) Asset cover for funds**

The Charity's liquid assets are held as short-term bank deposits. The current level of funding is sufficient to complete the intended projects and other planned expenditures. All expenditure decisions are taken based on the known amounts available at the time.

**b) Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Charity reviews its reserves and risk policies as part of the Charity's operational management.

### c) Malawi Structure

The Charity is registered in Malawi as an International NGO and with CONGOMA, thus formalizing our legal status in the Country. The Charity has assets in Malawi, comprising 17 acres of land, Sam's Village Residential Training Centre buildings and equipment to support the operations, along with 4 bank accounts in Lilongwe controlled by the Country Manager. Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings have been expensed at time of purchase in the UK accounts.

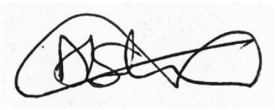
### d) Funding Sources

Fund transfers from the UK to Malawi are made on an as needed basis, generally each month, and are made up of mainly regular Income from Donations coupled with proceeds from fundraising events throughout the year. The building phase of Sam's Village has been funded by extra donations from various sources but the majority from the support of one main benefactor.

### e) Restricted Funds

The Charity recognizes that the costs of shutting down operations in Malawi are extremely low approximately £10,000 and aims to keep balances above this level wherever possible; Trustees would make good any shortfall should it be necessary. In recognition of specific requests by donors a restricted fund is maintained for Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Self Sufficiency projects and Sam's Village. Such projects do not commence without the presence of sufficient funding to meet budgeted expenditures.





Nigel Palmer
Chairman
African Vision Malawi

David Stead
Treasurer
African Vision Malawi

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Accountants for Business

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts 2023-24

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of African Vision Malawi for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of African Vision Malawi 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 African Vision Malawi 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 African Vision Malawi as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

Signed:  Date: 1st November 2024

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**
**For the year ended 31st MARCH 2024**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practices and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 23-24 £ | Total 22-23 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming Resources** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fund Raising Activities | 1 | 80,537 | 111,553 | 192,090 | 281,562 |
| Gift Aid | 2 | 15,620 | 0 | 15,620 | 25,594 |
| Grants | 3 | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 |
| Legacies | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,019 |
| Bank Interest | | 58 | 0 | 58 | 23 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 96,215 | 115,553 | 211,768 | 327,198 |
| Less cost of generating funds & fund raising | | 2,800 | 0 | 2,800 | 5,273 |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **93,415** | **115,553** | **208,968** | **321,925** |
| **Resources Expended** | | | | | |
| Education Projects | 5 | 0 | 72,471 | 72,471 | 80,739 |
| Health/Orphan Care Projects | | 0 | 16,147 | 16,147 | 18,257 |
| Self Sufficiency Projects | | 0 | 6,255 | 6,255 | 4,491 |
| Water & Sanitation Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,748 |
| Other Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam's Village Project | 6 | 0 | 41,370 | 41,370 | 80,347 |
| Malawi Project Management | | 45,883 | 0 | 45,883 | 47,369 |
| Malawi Travel and Vehicle Expenses | | 21,566 | 0 | 21,566 | 7,763 |
| Malawi Administration | | 30,813 | 0 | 30,813 | 16,493 |
| UK Administration | | 3,097 | 0 | 3,097 | 1,549 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | **101,359** | **136,243** | **237,602** | **260,756** |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **-7,944** | **-20,690** | **-28,634** | **61,169** |
| Fund Balances @ 31/3/23 | | 172,555 | 63,224 | 235,779 | 174,610 |
| Transfers From Unrestricted to Restricted Funds | | -41,283 | 41,283 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fund Balances @ 31/3/24** | | **123,328** | **83,817** | **207,145** | **235,779** |
| **Notes (For clarification)** | | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | 7 | 123,328 | 0 | 123,328 | 172,555 |
| Restricted Funds:- | | | | | |
| Education | | 0 | 56,486 | 56,486 | 36,185 |
| Healthcare | | 0 | 17,055 | 17,055 | 14,387 |
| Self Sufficiency | | 0 | 2,787 | 2,787 | 5,303 |
| Sam's Village | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water & Sanitation | | 0 | 7,489 | 7,489 | 7,349 |
| **Total Funds** | | **123,328** | **83,817** | **207,145** | **235,779** |

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024**

| | | Total 23-24 | Total 22-23 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Current Assets** | 8 | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 218,710 | 220,072 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 8,375 | 15,707 |
| Accounts payable | | -19,940 | 0 |
| **Net Assets** | | **207,145** | **235,779** |
| **Funds** | 7 | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 83,817 | 63224 |
| Unrestricted Fund | | 123,328 | 172555 |
| **Total Funds** | | **207145** | **235779** |

**Notes to Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2024:**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

African Vision Malawi meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Accounting Policies**

The Accounts have been prepared under the Income and Expenditure basis, moving from Receipts and Payments basis in prior years.

**Accounting Estimates and prior Year Adjustments**

There has been no adjustments made in the year relating to previous years

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

**Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

**Trade debtors/creditors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from fund raising and donations to the charity, creditors being early receipts of funds.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash held in Current and Reserve accounts, with no Investment accounts opened.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**Financial Performance Notes:**

1. No growth in donations and fundraising with large reductions in fundraising activities, particularly Malawi Cycle Challenge.

2. Gift Aid based on receipts and receivables due for the financial year.

3. One Grant received in the year.

4. No Legacies received in the financial year.

5. Education spending declined against prior year due to reduction in Tertiary education programmes.

6. Sams Village costs reduced due to reductions in major construction work against prior year.

7. As previously noted, funds specifically donated or raised for a defined purpose are maintained in a restricted account, with extra funding from unrestricted donations used to support expenditure.

The yearend restricted fund balances by category were:

| | |
|---|---|
| · Education | £56,486 |
| · Health | £17,055 |
| · Water/Sanitation | £7,489 |
| · Self-sufficiency | £2,787 |
| · Sam's Village | £0 |
| · Total Restricted Funds held | **£83,817** |

| | |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted funds held at yearend are: | **£123,328** |

8. Current Assets include provisions for both receivables and payables, summarised as:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash held | £218,710 |
| Receivables | |
| Gift Aid receipts due | £6,420 |
| Fund raising receipts due | £1,955 |
| Payables | |
| Fund raising receipts paid in advance (Bike Ride) | -£19,940 |
| Current Assets - Total | **£207,145** |

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# Accounts

AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

# ANNUAL REPORT

## TO APRIL 2023



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# OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of African Vision Malawi is to work with local communities to develop long-term, sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi.

**We do this across four key areas:**

- Education
- Healthcare
- Self-sufficiency
- Environment



# OUR VISION

TO SEE A HEALTHY, EDUCATED
AND SELF-SUFFICIENT
COMMUNITY IN MALAWI

# WHERE WE WORK

We have been operating since 2005 in an area 30km from Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. The area spans 400km$^2$ with a local population of 60,000. We support 28 Government primary schools and have just under 4,000 orphans and 300 disabled people registered with two clinics and two maternity units.

We work through 14 centres where we have a Local Based Committee (LBC) of six volunteers — in each centre — who help us identify and resolve any issues on the ground plus a total of 84 volunteers who are residents in the local area.



# THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK

EDUCATION

HEALTH

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

ENVIRONMENT




PILLAR 1

# EDUCATION

# EDUCATION

Malawi has a population of approximately 19 million with 85% living in rural areas as subsistence farmers. Only 25% of children get a place in secondary school.

Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life cycle approach: starting from pre-school, school years, through tertiary/vocational training and onto employment.

**We currently have six education projects:**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

We have 13 ECD centres within our catchment area with 994 children registered. We have been looking at alternative ways to restart our feeding programme and working with the community we shall be setting up 3 'ECD feeding gardens' in 2023.





## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We are working with 22 schools in Malawi and 23 schools in the UK that have partnered to learn from each other. Themed packs on ‘Celebrations’ were shared in October showing their traditional culture. Schools in the UK fundraise for Malawi schools, and we bought educational resources, footballs, and chairs and paid for exams and school uniforms for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).



## SCHOLARSHIP

In January 2023 we had 81 scholarships. In December 2022 they attended our annual scholarship camp, themed ‘Excellence is a Must’ which encouraged achieving their academic, social and entrepreneurial goals.
14 of our 15 students completed secondary education, 7 of them applied to university. 6 university students successfully graduated over the year.











## GIRLS EDUCATION MATTERS

We are working with nine primary schools where we provide girls with sanitary materials and have built washrooms to encourage girls to attend school during menstruation. Girls in the region would usually miss 2 – 3 months of education per year by staying at home during their monthly periods.

## ADULT LITERACY

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, we deliver English and Chichewa classes to adults across five centres. 64 took their exams of which 43 passed and graduated in March 2023.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

We offered 25 places to marginalized adults in carpentry and tailoring training at our purpose-built eco-training centre at Sam's Village. All graduated in November 2022. They now have the skills to set up businesses and support their families, making them self-sufficient.




PILLAR 2

# HEALTH

# HEALTH

In Malawi there are very basic health services. 50% of deaths of children under five years old are due to malaria. Within our catchment area of 60,000, we have just two government clinics and they are poorly resourced. In 2013, we rebuilt the maternity unit at one of the clinics. In 2019 we merged with Love Support Unite and since 2020 have taken on their programmes, which they continue to fund.

Health is our second biggest programme and accounts for 25% of all our work. It also follows a life cycle approach: from supporting babies in safe maternal care; working with children and adults with disabilities; helping vulnerable adults living with HIV/Aids and chronic diseases through to the frail and elderly.

**Our health programme features:**

## MEDICAL OUTREACH CLINIC

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, we support 10 mobile outreach clinics providing much needed health services to those living in rural, hard to reach areas.











## DISABILITY OUTREACH SERVICE

Our service identifies those living with disability in our communities and provides referrals and access to rehabilitation services. This includes 'vulnerable support' for people with long-term illness needing support or medication. In addition to this, we will be building a Special Needs Assessment and Therapy unit shortly.

## BICYCLE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Bicycle ambulances provide much-needed access to health care services for the acutely ill and mothers in labour.

## WATER AND SANITATION

In partnership with the Rotary Club and other sponsors, 50 boreholes have been installed and we work with the community to monitor their performance.

## RELIEF SUPPORT

We support ultra-vulnerable children on a monthly basis with basic items and medicines. We also provide a relief distribution in February to the most vulnerable children and adults.





## SAFE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVES

In 2013 we constructed a maternity unit at M'bang'ombe Health Centre which serves the community of 25,000 people. We are working towards building a 'Safe Motherhood Unit' which will include nutritional training, permaculture gardens, additional space for expectant mothers and facilities for children under five.





PILLAR 3

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Sam's Village is a self-sustaining eco-training village built on a 17-acre site in rural north-west Lilongwe (8km from Kamuzu International Airport).

The construction phase is now almost complete, and our objective is to support a move away from hand-outs to creating self-sufficient training programmes.

**Features of Sam's Village include:**

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

We offer accredited vocational training to adults in 'non-formal' skills such as carpentry and tailoring.

## LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Life skills training such as health/disability awareness, education around gender-based violence, and permaculture gardening is available.














## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

We offer a pre-school learning service for children between the ages of 3-5 in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

## LIBRARY

The library serves people of all ages and is utilised by community members. Many of our scholarship students use it in the holidays.

## PERMACULTURE GARDENS

The organic gardens sustain the staff, visitors and trainees at Sam's Village.

## TRAINING IN EARTH BUILDING

Previously we have offered training in natural building methods and all our buildings are constructed using this method.



PILLAR 4

# ENVIRONMENT



# ENVIRONMENT

Our fourth pillar focuses on sustainable agriculture and improving environmental practices. This includes promoting food security and impacting climate change.

**Our environmental programme features:**

## SUSTAINABLE FAMILY FARMING

With the support of our partner Love Support Unite, we provide this programme to vulnerable people who would otherwise struggle to produce farming outputs as a result of poverty, disability or illness. It is a roll-on programme where farm inputs are provided and then paid back over a 2-year period.

## DIMBA GARDENS

Farming near riverbeds helps people grow crops all year round and is a sustainable farming method that enables people to maintain their livelihoods. Our selection process focuses on people supporting orphans, the disabled, the elderly and those living with HIV/Aids.



## REFORESTATION

Since 2013 we have planted 38,270 trees in our area. We plant a mix of agroforestry and fruit trees.

## MAIZE MILL

The construction of a maize mill at Bowa has provided access to milling services that were not available without significant travel.

## HOUSEHOLD PERMACULTURE GARDENS

AVM has now trained 51 beneficiaries to grow their own ‘back garden’ near their home using permaculture techniques. The programme includes making manure, natural medicines, soap making, water management, soil management and natural pest control.

## PERMACULTURE

In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we offer training in permaculture approaches to schools and households in our communities. The SKI (Seeds & Knowledge Initiative) programme supports seed multiplication and organic methods of growing, leading to food security while encouraging the use of indigenous seeds and no fertilisers.





# IMPACT

# EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully delivered an ECD (Early Childhood Development) programme across 13 centres and out of 994 children,186 transferred to primary school.
- Renovated Funsani ECD centre through funding from Gandy's International Foundation.
- Delivered feeding programmes to M'teza and Funsani during a cholera epidemic.
- Supported 44 scholarships in secondary school, 7 in primary and 33 in college. 6 were selected to different public universities and 4 graduated. 13 out of 14 passed their MSCE (Secondary) and 9 have applied for university and are waiting for results. 3 secured places at the SOS Vocational training centre.
- Held a successful 3-day scholarship for 88 students at Sam's Village.
- Successfully delivered the School Partnership programme to 22 Malawi Primary schools with the theme of 'Celebrations'.



- 9 Malawi partnership schools received funding from their UK schools for a total of £1,979 which was spent on learning resources, uniforms, footballs, chairs and some renovations.
- 43 out of 64 people graduated from our Adult Literacy programme in both levels 1 & 2, with a pass rate of 70%.









# HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our Medical Outreach Clinics reached 28,147 patients. Providing access to HIV and malaria testing, under 5's clinics, antenatal and family planning services.
- 100 beneficiaries assisted in our Disability Outreach programmes. Referrals to Beit Cure, 500 Miles, MAP and Kamuzu Central Hospital.
- 11 ultra-poor vulnerable children were supported with food and basic packs each month and medication where needed.
- 280 orphans and vulnerable adults received relief food in February.
- A borehole was installed at Nyondo Village, Chitsime Centre. Kindly funded by STAR Properties, UK.
- Through our Dental programme we screened 994 children and 187 pupils had teeth extracted.
- 131 patients were transported on our bicycle ambulance service.

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sam's Village was officially opened in September 2022 with 114 people attending.
- 24 marginalized people were trained at Sam's Village in carpentry and tailoring and graduated successfully in November.
- 8 Sustainable Family Farms have harvested more food than the previous year giving them food security.
- We continued growing extensive permaculture gardens at Sam's Village which include 7 acres of land outside the main campus.
- 84 farmers at Chitsime Centre are now food secure and use their local seeds to plant each year. They are totally organic and don't need to buy fertilizers.
- 27 guardians of orphans and vulnerable people were supported with 'dimba' gardens by the riverbeds. These provide organic vegetables to feed their extended family and with the surplus they can buy basic needs.
- 11 out of 20 Household permaculture garden beneficiaries now have food all year.







# ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2,800 trees were planted in our community in January.
- 51 Household Permaculture Gardens have been formed within M'bang'ombe Centre. This helps provide food directly near the house of the beneficiary.
- Continued SCOPE Malawi partnership with SKI (Seeds Knowledge Initiative) programme in Chitsime community, promoting growing local indigenous seeds, composting and reducing reliance on fertilizer.
- We have 'greened up' M'bang'ombe and M'teza schools with permaculture programmes.
- Chitsime community showcased their seed multiplication evidence at 'Sustainfest' in Lilongwe in October 2022.
- Provided training to 140 people on how to make manure in our 14 centres.





# LOOKING AHEAD

From the beginning, it's been our mission to develop long-term and sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi and there is still much work to be done.

Over the rest of 2023 and into 2024, we continue to invest in and develop the projects we work on currently and we've identified other initiatives that we believe will make a real difference to people's lives.

This includes building a Safe Motherhood Unit and our first Special Educational Needs & Disability Unit, constructing an outdoor learning facility at Sam's Village, along with recruiting and training new beneficiaries for our ongoing programmes.

As an organisation, we have developed our Strategy Plan from 2022 – 2027 outlining our direction and we've held two cluster meetings for our valued Local Based Committee members across our 14 centres to identify further issues and solutions.



Part of our strategy is to look for more partnerships and we look forward to working with other organisations and ministries with expertise in our programme areas along with recruiting additional staff to support the development and implementation of our programmes including a Senior Finance Officer, an Agriculture Manager, Community Development Officer and an M&E Officer.





# EMPLOYEE STRUCTURE

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK and relies totally on volunteers, which includes the Founder and Trustees. Through its local entity in Malawi, the Charity employs 34 staff, all of whom are Malawian nationals except the new CEO who is Scottish.



# THE LOCAL BASED COMMUNITIES (LBCs)

Besides the Malawi Team outlined above, we work through 14 Local Based Committees (LBC) which are each clustered around several villages and schools. One Committee is based in each of our centres within our support area. Our 84 LBC volunteers act as the voice of the communities we work in, and help to make decisions about priorities in different areas.

They also function as an accountability mechanism to ensure that projects are implemented successfully and that funds are used appropriately. Each LBC has been restructured to six members: Secretary (a teacher from a school who can speak both Chichewa and English); and one representative for each of the five areas we work in (education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, orphans & vulnerable people).

One of these representatives is also appointed as a Chair and members report on their specific area on a monthly basis. The records from these meetings enable us to keep track of issues and developments in the area we work in and to act upon information coming directly from the area.

We have four coordinators who monitor a number of centres:

**MATTHEWS NELSON –**
supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres.

**SAIKOLO JIMU –**
supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres.

**ANNES BANDA –**
supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres.

**BONIFACE MALEMA –**
supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres.

A bi-weekly meeting is held at Sam's Village with AVM staff where new activities are discussed and information passed on for them to liaise with the different LBC centres.



# THANKS

Without our supporters and funding through grants and trusts, we would not be able to complete our work. We sincerely thank people for continuing to fund our projects, which make such a positive impact within the community. Our particular thanks to our partners over this past year, which include Love Support Unite, Scope Malawi, 500 Miles, MAP and Project4Africa.

Our grateful thanks to inq. Malawi (formerly Skyband) who provide our internet at Njewa office and Sam's Village. And finally, the many volunteers who tirelessly help both in the UK and Malawi with organising events to help us continue our work and to our Trustees in the UK and Malawi for providing their time, support and guidance.

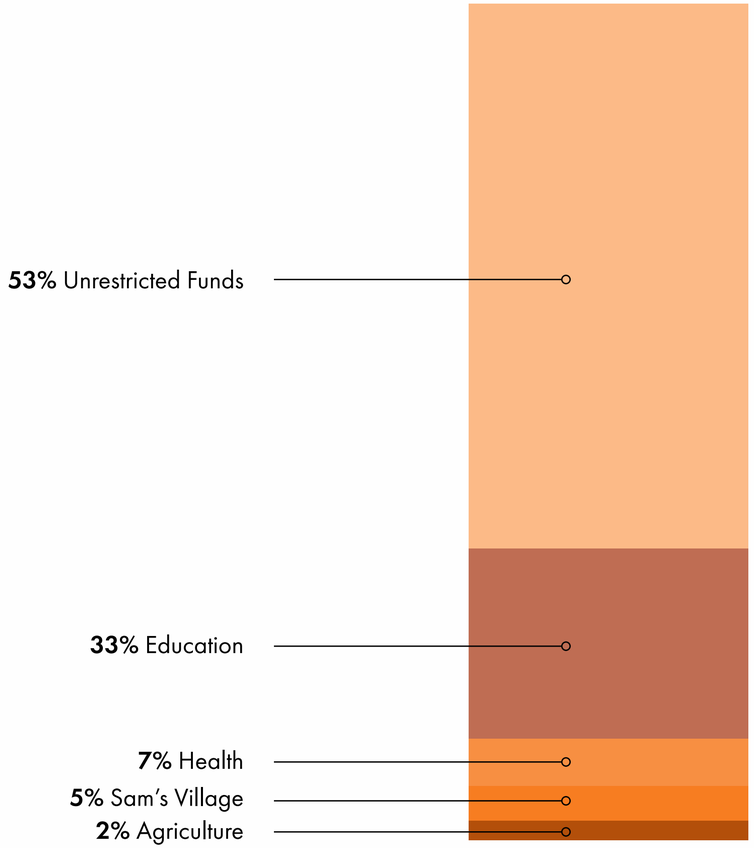
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| Andrew Ridley-Barker | **HR** |
| Beth Sheehan | **HR** |
| William Nyasulu | **(Malawi Resident)** |
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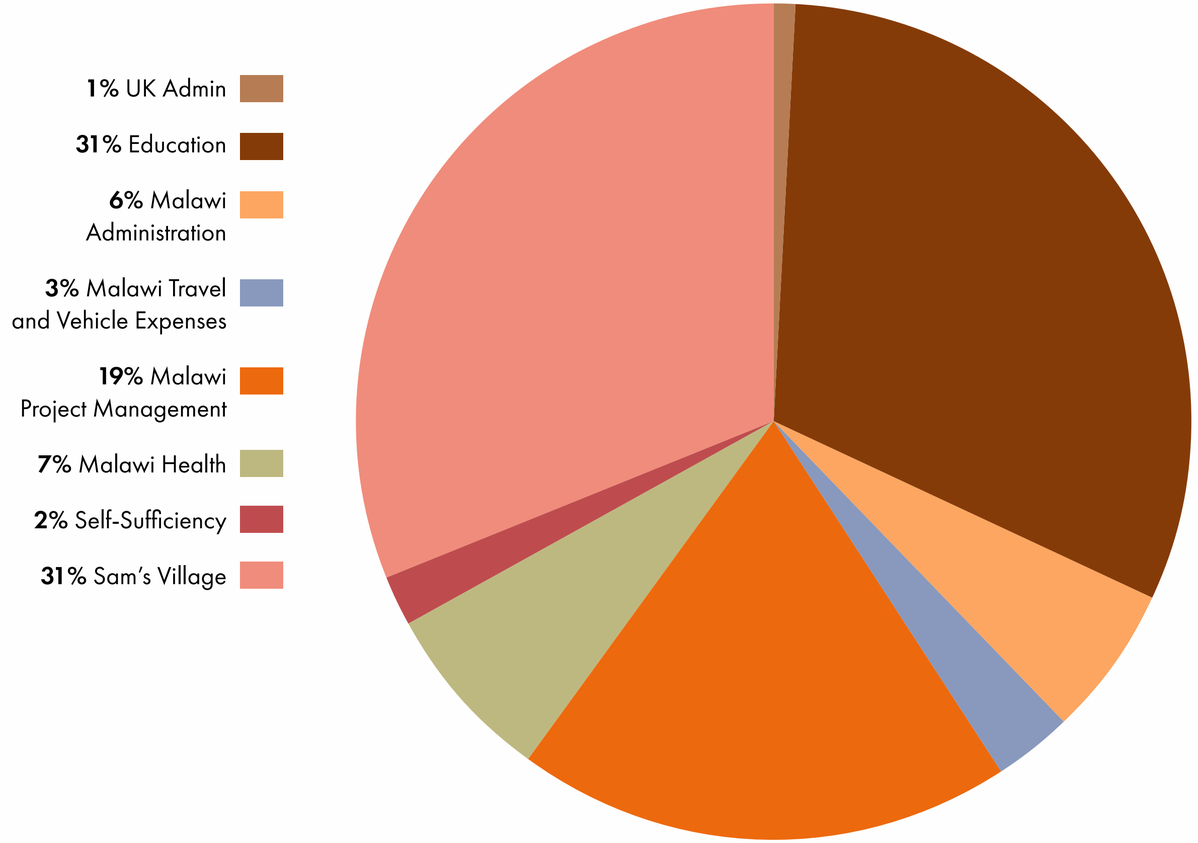
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# FINANCIALS

# INCOME




# EXPENSES



AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

# THANK YOU



**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Objects of the Landirani Trust**

The Landirani Trust was formed on the 23 April 2005 in Blantyre, Malawi and formalized by Declaration of Trust on the 24 March 2006. Our Mission Statement is that we will

- Promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community in the community

- Enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient

- Ensure better provision of access to Health facilities in the community

- Improve communities access to fresh water and promote good sanitation

Our Vision is to see a healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi.

**Employees**

The Landirani Trust has no employees in the UK.

Through its local entity in Malawi the Charity employed a team of approx. 30 employees being made up entirely of Malawian Nationals.

**Review of Activities**

The Trust's activities during the year are described in full in the Chairman's report.

**Review of Financial Position**

**a) Asset cover for funds**

The Trust's liquid assets are held as short term bank deposits. The current level of funding is sufficient to complete the intended projects and other planned expenditures. All expenditure decisions are taken based on the known amounts available at the time.

**b) Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trust reviews its reserves and risk policies as part of the Trust's operational

management.

### c) Malawi Structure

The Trust is registered in Malawi as an International NGO and with CONGOMA, thus formalizing our legal status in the Country. The Trust has assets in Malawi, comprising 12 acres of land, Sam's Village Residential Training Centre buildings and equipment to support the operations, along with 4 bank accounts in Lilongwe controlled by the Country Manager. Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings have been expensed at time of purchase in the UK accounts.

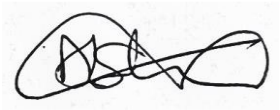
### d) Funding Sources

Fund transfers from the UK to Malawi are made on an as needed basis, generally each month, and are made up of mainly regular Income from Donations coupled with proceeds from fundraising events throughout the year. The building phase of Sam's Village, has been funded by extra donations from various sources but the majority from the support of one main benefactor.

### e) Restricted Funds

The Trust recognizes that the costs of shutting down operations in Malawi are extremely low approximately £5,000 and aims to keep balances above this level wherever possible; trustees would make good any shortfall should it be necessary. In recognition of specific requests by donors a restricted fund is maintained for Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Self Sufficiency projects and Sam's Village. Such projects are not commenced without the presence of sufficient funding to meet budgeted expenditures.





Nigel Palmer
Chairman
African Vision Malawi

David Stead
Treasurer
African Vision Malawi

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Accountants for Business

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts 2022-23

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signed:  Date: 3rd November 2023

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practices and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 22-23 £ | Total 21-22 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming Resources** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fund Raising Activities | 1 | 127,635 | 153,927 | 281,562 | 230,516 |
| Gift Aid | 2 | 25,594 | 0 | 25,594 | 37,038 |
| Grants | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Legacies | 4 | 20,019 | 0 | 20,019 | 61,131 |
| Bank Interest | | 23 | 0 | 23 | 42 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 173,271 | 153,927 | 327,198 | 328,727 |
| Less cost of generating funds & fund raising | | 5,273 | 0 | 5,273 | 3,133 |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **167,998** | **153,927** | **321,925** | **325,594** |
| **Resources Expended** | | | | | |
| Education Projects | 5 | 0 | 80,739 | 80,739 | 79,837 |
| Health/Orphan Care Projects | | 0 | 18,257 | 18,257 | 12,984 |
| Self Sufficiency Projects | | 0 | 4,491 | 4,491 | 15,562 |
| Water & Sanitation Projects | | 0 | 3,748 | 3,748 | 101 |
| Other Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam's Village Project | 6 | 0 | 80,347 | 80,347 | 42,977 |
| Malawi Project Management | | 47,369 | 0 | 47,369 | 44,773 |
| Malawi Travel and Vehicle Expenses | | 7,763 | 0 | 7,763 | 12,460 |
| Malawi Administration | | 16,493 | 0 | 16,493 | 27,729 |
| UK Administration | | 1,549 | 0 | 1,549 | 2,001 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | **73,174** | **187,582** | **260,756** | **238,424** |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **94,824** | **-33,655** | **61,169** | **87,170** |
| Fund Balances @ 31/3/22 | | 140,455 | 34,155 | 174,610 | 87,440 |
| Transfers From Unrestricted to Restricted Funds | | -62,724 | 62,724 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fund Balances @ 31/3/23** | | **172,555** | **63,224** | **235,779** | **174,610** |
| **Notes (For clarification)** | | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | 7 | 172,555 | 0 | 172,555 | 140,454 |
| Restricted Funds:- | | | | | |
| Education | | 0 | 36,185 | 36,185 | 9,212 |
| Healthcare | | 0 | 14,387 | 14,387 | 9,731 |
| Self Sufficiency | | 0 | 5,303 | 5,303 | 4,115 |
| Sam's Village | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water & Sanitation | | 0 | 7,349 | 7,349 | 11,098 |
| **Total Funds** | | **172,555** | **63,224** | **235,779** | **174,610** |

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023**

| | | Total 22-23 | Total 21-22 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Current Assets** | 8 | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 220,072 | 149,240 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 15,707 | 26,570 |
| Accounts payable | | 0 | -1,200 |
| **Net Assets** | | **235,779** | **174,610** |
| **Funds** | 9 | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 63,224 | 34156 |
| Unrestricted Fund | | 172,555 | 140454 |
| **Total Funds** | | **235779** | **174610** |

**Notes to Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2023:**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

African Vision Malawi meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Accounting Policies**

The Accounts have been prepared under the Income and Expenditure basis, moving from Receipts and Payments basis in prior years.

**Accounting Estimates and prior Year Adjustments**

There has been no adjustments made in the year relating to previous years

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

**Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from fund raising and donations to the charity.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash held in Current and Reserve accounts, with no Investment accounts opened.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**Financial Performance Notes:**

1. Strong growth in donations and fund raising with improvements in fund raising activities, particularly Malawi Cycle Challenge.

2. Gift Aid based on receipts and receivables due for the financial year.

3. No Grants received in the year with the major programmes fininshing in previous years.

4. Legacies received in the financial year after receipt of large Will donation.

5. Education spending in line with prior year due to provision for extra students from absorbed charity programmes.
Fees for both school and University students continue to see large increases.

6. Sams Village costs increased due to major construction work in trainee accomodation and other building works.

7. As previously noted, funds specifically donated or raised for a defined purpose are maintained in a restricted account, with extra funding from unrestricted donations used to support expenditure.

Note: Malawi saw a mid year devaluation of the MKW currency followed by high inflation partially offset by exchange gains in UK transfers.

8. The yearend restricted fund balances by category were:

| | |
|---|---|
| · Education | £36,185 |
| · Health | £14,387 |
| · Water/Sanitation | £7,349 |
| · Self-sufficiency | £5,303 |
| · Sam's Village | £0 |
| · Total Restricted Funds held | **£63,224** |
| | |
| Unrestricted funds held at yearend are: | **£172,555** |

9. Current Assets include provisions for both receivables and payables, summarised as:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash held | £220,072 |
| Receivables | |
| Gift Aid receipts due | £13,852 |
| Fund raising receipts due | £1,855 |
| Payables | |
| Fund raising receipts paid in advance | £0 |
| | |
| Current Assets - Total | **£235,779** |

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# Accounts

# AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

# 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT



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# OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of African Vision Malawi is to work with local communities to develop long-term, sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi.

**We do this across four key areas:**

- Education
- Healthcare
- Self-sufficiency
- Environment



# OUR VISION

TO SEE A HEALTHY, EDUCATED
AND SELF-SUFFICIENT
COMMUNITY IN MALAWI

# WHERE WE WORK

We have been operating since 2005 in an area 30km from Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. The area spans 400km$^2$ with a local population of 60,000. We support 28 primary schools and have just under 4,000 orphans and 300 disabled people registered with two clinics and two maternity units.

We work through 14 centres where we have a Local Based Committee (LBC) of six volunteers — in each centre — who help us identify and resolve any issues on the ground plus a total of 84 volunteers who are residents in the local area.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, we have experienced difficulties in delivering some of our programmes due to a lack of funds and restricted access to the region. Malawi was on the 'red list' of countries and people were not permitted to cross its borders until December 2021. Over the past year our funding levels have started to increase and Malawi's regulations have relaxed.



# THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK

EDUCATION

HEALTH

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

ENVIRONMENT



PILLAR 1

# EDUCATION

# EDUCATION

Malawi has a population of approximately 19 million with 85% living in rural areas as subsistence farmers. Only 25% of children get a place in secondary school.

Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life cycle approach: starting from pre-school, school years, through tertiary/vocational training and onto employment.

**We currently have six education projects:**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

With support from Feed the Children we delivered porridge to our 13 ECD centres; assisted with the construction of centres as needed; and in partnership with government colleagues provided the ECD curriculum through our identified care givers. Unfortunately, in November 2021, we were notified by Feed the Children that the feeding programme would stop. We have been looking at alternative ways to re-start it. We had 1,035 children attending our ECD centres in April 2021 and by March 2022 that number had reduced to 721 due to the withdrawal of the feeding programme.





## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We are working with 21 schools in Malawi and 23 schools in the UK who have partnered to learn from each other. This involves students writing to each other and sharing their experiences, culture and values. Schools in the UK fundraise for Malawi schools, and we have constructed school blocks; teachers' houses; offices; and also purchased school uniforms for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).



## SCHOLARSHIP

In January 2020 we merged Tilinanu orphanage girls into our scholarship programme. This increased our number of students by 28 (11 primary and 17 secondary). African Vision Malawi (AVM) has 37 secondary students, 19 university students, and seven young people on the waiting list for university. There are 91 scholarships in total. We are grateful to Love Support Unite (LSU) who not only sponsor the Tilinanu girls but also sponsor an additional 13 AVM scholarships.










## GIRLS EDUCATION MATTERS

We are working with nine primary schools where we provide girls with sanitary materials and have built washrooms to encourage girls to attend school during menstruation. Girls in the region would usually miss 2 – 3 months of education per year by staying at home during their monthly periods.

## ADULT LITERACY

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, we deliver English, Chichewa and basic numeracy classes to adult learners across five centres.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

We offer vocational training to adult learners in non-formal skills at our training facility at Sam's Village in north-west Lilongwe.



PILLAR 2

# HEALTH

# HEALTH

In Malawi there are very basic health services. 50% of deaths of children under five years old are due to malaria. Within our catchment area of 60,000, we have just two government clinics and they are poorly resourced. In 2013, we rebuilt the maternity unit at one of the clinics. In 2019 we merged with Love Support Unite and since 2020 have taken on their programmes, which they continue to fund.

Health is our second biggest programme and accounts for 25% of all our work. It also follows a life cycle approach: from supporting babies in safe maternal care; working with children and adults with disabilities; helping vulnerable adults living with HIV/Aids and chronic diseases through to the frail and elderly.

**Our health programme features:**

## MEDICAL OUTREACH CLINIC

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, we support 10 mobile outreach clinics providing much needed health services to those living in rural, hard to reach areas.










## DISABILITY OUTREACH SERVICE

Our service identifies those living with disability in our communities and provides referrals and access to rehabilitation services. This includes ‘vulnerable support’ for people with long term illness needing support or medication.

## BICYCLE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Bicycle ambulances provide much needed access to health care services for the acutely ill and mothers in labour.

## WATER AND SANITATION

In partnership with the Rotary Club and other sponsors, 47 boreholes have been installed and we work with the community to monitor their performance.



## SAFE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVES

In 2013 we constructed a maternity unit at M'bang'ombe Health Centre which serves the community of 25,000 people. We are working towards building a 'Safe Motherhood Unit' which will include nutritional training, permaculture gardens, additional space for expectant mothers and facilities for children under five.





PILLAR 3

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Sam's Village is a self-sustaining eco-training village built on a 17-acre site in rural north-west Lilongwe (8km from Kamuzu International Airport). The construction phase is now almost complete, and our objective is to support a move away from hand-outs to creating self-sufficient training programmes.

**Features of Sam's Village include:**

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

We offer accredited vocational training to adults in 'non-formal' skills.

## LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Life skills training such as health/disability awareness, education around gender-based violence, and permaculture gardening is available.














## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

We offer a pre-school learning service for children between the ages of 3 – 5 in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST).

## LIBRARY

The library serves people of all ages and is utilised by community members.

## PERMACULTURE GARDENS

The organic gardens sustain the staff, visitors and trainees at Sam's Village.

## TRAINING IN EARTH BUILDING

Previously we have offered training in natural building methods and all our buildings are constructed using this method.



PILLAR 4

# ENVIRONMENT



# ENVIRONMENT

Our fourth pillar focuses on sustainable agriculture and improving environmental practices. This includes promoting food security and impacting climate change.

**Our environmental programme features:**

## SUSTAINABLE FAMILY FARMING

With the support of our partner Love Support Unite, we provide this programme to vulnerable people who would otherwise struggle to produce farming outputs as a result of poverty, disability or illness. It is a roll-on programme where farm inputs are provided and then paid back over a 2-year period.

## DIMBA GARDENS

Farming near riverbeds helps people grow crops all year round and is a sustainable farming method that enables people to maintain their livelihoods. Our selection process focuses on people supporting orphans, the disabled, the elderly and those living with HIV/Aids.



## REFORESTATION

Since 2013 we have planted 35,570 trees in our area. We plant a mix of agroforestry and fruit trees.

## MAIZE MILL

The construction of a maize mill at Bowa has provided access to milling services that were not available without significant travel.

## HOUSEHOLD PERMACULTURE GARDENS

AVM has now trained 40 beneficiaries to grow their own ‘back garden’ near their home using permaculture techniques. The programme includes making manure, natural medicines, soap making, water management, soil management and natural pest control.

## PERMACULTURE

In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we offer training in permaculture approaches to schools and households in our communities. The SKI (Seeds & Knowledge Initiative) programme supports seed multiplication and organic methods of growing, leading to food security while encouraging the use of indigenous seeds and no fertilisers.



# IMPACT

# EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS

- We selected 10 students for scholarships. They are all orphans or vulnerable young people with high potential to go through secondary school and on to tertiary education. All 10 students are sponsored by Love Support Unite.
- In April 2021 we distributed 103 ‘girls packs’ which include washable sanitary pads, underwear and soap. In June, a further 101 were distributed to Bowa school.
- Eleven Form 4 students took their MSCE exams in January 2021 and incredibly all passed. The schools had been closed from March – September, so many of them had lost out on teaching time, but were studying at home. Nine started university in January 2022 and received government grants for their fees.
- Six Malawi partnership schools received funding from their UK schools to a total of £3,329 which was spent on learning resources, uniforms, footballs, chairs and some renovations.



- 276 beneficiaries are receiving Adult Literacy Support in both English and Chichewa.
- In total we supported 40 students in secondary school scholarships, seven in primary school and 28 in college/university.
- Six girls from Tilinanu completed primary school and started secondary school.
- 102 out of 137 adult literacy beneficiaries graduated from our five centres, a total of 76%.





*"In December 2021, a 29 year old woman from Kasakula Village was travelling to attend a funeral. On her way, she developed labour pains and our Bicycle Ambulance at Kaninga Centre helped her. She was taken to Kayembe Health Centre and delivered twins safely."*

# HEALTH
## ACHIEVEMENTS

- We secured £30,000 funding for the construction of a Safe Motherhood Unit and Special Needs Therapy Unit at M'bang'ombe Health Centre.
- 24,500 people were able to access the Medical Outreach Clinics over the year.
- We had three medical internships supporting the health programmes.
- Disability – 250 people were on outreach and supported with prosthetic & orthotic devices, wheelchairs, therapy or an operation to support their independence.
- 350 vulnerable and elderly received 15kg of maize during the hungry month of February.
- We have nine active Bicycle Ambulances in the area.

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Access to our ECD Centre and library was maintained during COVID-19.
- We conducted a community needs assessment exercise, which will enable us to determine the vocational courses needed at Sam's Village.
- We harvested 63 x 50kg bags of maize and 12 bags of soya in early June 2022.
- We continued growing extensive permaculture gardens and completed the erection of a greenhouse.
- 3,102 users were registered at our library this year.
- Training was provided on using bamboo as a construction material to over 20 people in our communities and key members of staff.
- 17 local marginalized people were supported by being hired as assembly workers for ener-G-AFRICA up until October 2021.



*"With the income I was earning from assembling rings, I have been paying school fees for my daughter at Chikutu CDSS am also able to support my disabled child in education. I have been affording clothes and food for the family without problems and was able to buy a phone too."*



# ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- We identified 39 new beneficiaries for our Sustainable Family Farms programme in Chalasa Village and M'lumbwira Centre.
- We continued to support 27 'dimba' guardians gardens (supporting orphans, vulnerable people and people with disabilities) to improve livelihoods.
- Trained 320 beneficiaries in 'dimba gardening'.
- We relocated the maize mill from Kafutwe to Bowa for ease of monitoring and where there is greater need.





- Continued SCOPE Malawi partnership with SKI (Seeds Knowledge Initiative) programme in Chitsime community, promoting growing local indigenous seeds, composting and reducing reliance on fertilizer and 'greened up' M'bang'ombe and M'teza schools with permaculture programmes.
- Provided training on how to make manure in our 14 centres.
- Provided two internships over this period to agriculture interns who have assisted with the construction of our greenhouse and the analysis of two of our programmes.
- Provided training to local-based volunteers on how to maintain changu-changu stoves (local built fuel saving ovens).
- Planted over 9,000 trees since January 2022 of which over 83% are growing well.

# LOOKING AHEAD

From the beginning, it's been our mission to develop long-term and sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi and there is still much work to be done.

This year and next, we will continue to invest in and develop the projects we work on currently and we've identified other initiatives that we believe will make a real difference to people's lives. This includes building a girls' washroom at M'bang'ombe Primary School, providing a dental service at five schools, constructing an outdoor learning facility at Sam's Village, and recruiting and training new beneficiaries for the Sustainable Farming Programme, plus much more.

As an organisation, we have developed our Strategy Plan from 2022 – 2027 outlining our direction for the next five years and we've held two cluster meetings for our valued Local Based Committee members across our 14 centres to identify further issues and solutions.

We look forward to working with other organisations and ministries with expertise in our programme areas and to recruiting additional staff to support the development and implementation of our programmes including a Programmes Manager, a Senior Finance Officer, and Agriculture Manager and an M&E Officer.







# EMPLOYEE STRUCTURE

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK and relies totally on volunteers, which includes the CEO. Through its local entity in Malawi, the Charity employs 34 staff, all of whom are Malawian nationals except the new Country Manager who is Scottish.



# THE LOCAL BASED COMMUNITIES (LBCs)

Besides the Malawi Team outlined above, we work through 14 Local Based Committees (LBC) which are each clustered around several villages and schools. One Committee is based in each of our centres within our support area. Our 84 LBC volunteers act as the voice of the communities we work in, and help to make decisions about priorities in different areas.

They also function as an accountability mechanism to ensure that projects are implemented successfully and that funds are used appropriately. Each LBC has been restructured to six members: Secretary (a teacher from a school who can speak both Chichewa and English); and one representative for each of the five areas we work in (education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, orphans & vulnerable people). One of these representatives is also appointed as a Chair and members report on their specific area on a monthly basis. The records from these meetings enable us to keep track of issues and developments in the area we work in and to act upon information coming directly from the area.

We have four coordinators who monitor a number of centres:

**MATTHEWS NELSON –** supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres

**WILLARD NYUNDO –** supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres

**ANNES BANDA –** supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres

**BONIFACE MALEMA –** supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres.

A bi-weekly meeting is held at Sam's Village with AVM staff where new activities are discussed and information passed on for them to liaise with the different LBC centres.



# THANKS

Without our supporters and funding through grants and trusts, we would not be able to complete our work. We sincerely thank people for continuing to fund our projects, which make such a positive impact within the community. Our particular thanks to our partners over this past year, which include Love Support Unite, Scope Malawi, 500 Miles, MAP and Project4Africa.

Our grateful thanks to inq. Malawi (formerly Skyband) who provide our internet at Njewa office and Sam's Village. And finally, the many volunteers who tirelessly help both in the UK and Malawi with organising events to help us continue our work and to our Trustees in the UK and Malawi for providing their time, support and guidance.

# TRUSTEES

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| Nigel Palmer | **Chairman** |
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| William Nyasulu | **(Malawi Resident)** |
| Kumbukani Kuntiya | **(Malawi Resident)** |
| Heather Palmer | **CEO** |
| Marie Brown | **Country Manager (Malawi) (From May 17th 2021)** |

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| **Charity Number** | 1113786 |
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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Objects of the African Vision Malawi**

The African Vision Malawi was formed on 23 April 2005 in Blantyre, Malawi and formalized by the Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006. Our Mission Statement is that we will

- Promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community in the community

- Enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient

- Ensure better provision of access to Health facilities in the community

- Improve communities' access to fresh water and promote good sanitation

Our Vision is to see a healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi.

**Employees**

The African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK.

Through its local entity in Malawi, the Charity employed a team of approx. 30 employees being made up entirely of Malawian Nationals.

**Review of Activities**

The Trust's activities during the year are described in full in the annual report.

**Review of Financial Position**

**a) Asset cover for funds**

The Trust's liquid assets are held as short-term bank deposits. The current level of funding is sufficient to complete the intended projects and other planned expenditures. All expenditure decisions are taken based on the known amounts available at the time.

**b) Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trust reviews its reserves and risk policies as part of the Trust's operational management.

**c) Malawi Structure**

The Trust is registered in Malawi as an International NGO and with CONGOMA, thus formalizing our legal status in the Country. The Trust has assets in Malawi, comprising 12 acres of land, Sam's Village Residential Training Centre buildings and equipment to support the operations, along with 4 bank accounts in Lilongwe controlled by the Country Manager. Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings have been expensed at the time of purchase in the UK accounts.

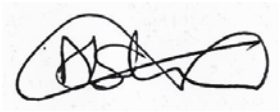
**d) Funding Sources**

Fund transfers from the UK to Malawi are made on an as-needed basis, generally each month, and are made up of mainly regular Income from Donations coupled with proceeds from fundraising events throughout the year. The building phase of Sam's Village has been funded by extra donations from various sources but the majority is from the support of one main benefactor.

**e) Restricted Funds**

The Trust recognizes that the costs of shutting down operations in Malawi are extremely low approximately £5,000 and aims to keep balances above this level wherever possible; trustees would make good any shortfall should it be necessary. In recognition of specific requests by donors, a restricted fund is maintained for Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Self Sufficiency projects and Sam's Village. Such projects are not commenced without the presence of sufficient funding to meet budgeted expenditures.





Nigel Palmer
Chairman
African Vision Malawi

David Stead
Treasurer
African Vision Malawi

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts 2021-22

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signed:  Date: 12/12/2022

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practices and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming Resources** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fund Raising Activities | 1 | 105,638 | 124,878 | 230,516 | 154,979 |
| Gift Aid | 2 | 37,038 | 0 | 37,038 | 19,196 |
| Grants | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,799 |
| Legacies | 4 | 61,131 | 0 | 61,131 | 42,171 |
| Bank Interest | | 42 | 0 | 42 | 25 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 203,849 | 124,878 | 328,727 | 246,170 |
| Less cost of generating funds & fund raising | | 3,133 | 0 | 3,133 | 1,375 |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **200,716** | **124,878** | **325,594** | **244,795** |
| **Resources Expended** | | | | | |
| Education Projects | 5 | 0 | 79,837 | 79,837 | 50,024 |
| Health/Orphan Care Projects | | 0 | 12,984 | 12,984 | 10,762 |
| Self Sufficiency Projects | | 0 | 15,562 | 15,562 | 11,516 |
| Water & Sanitation Projects | | 0 | 101 | 101 | 115 |
| Other Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam's Village Project | 6 | 0 | 42,977 | 42,977 | 86,430 |
| Malawi Project Management | | 44,773 | 0 | 44,773 | 44,334 |
| Malawi Travel and Vehicle Expenses | | 12,460 | 0 | 12,460 | 14,960 |
| Malawi Administration | | 27,729 | 0 | 27,729 | 32,336 |
| UK Administration | | 2,001 | 0 | 2,001 | 559 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | **86,963** | **151,461** | **238,424** | **251,036** |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **113,753** | **-26,583** | **87,170** | **-6,241** |
| Fund Balances @ 31/3/21 | | 59,910 | 27,530 | 87,440 | 93,681 |
| Transfers From Unrestricted to Restricted Funds | | -33,208 | 33,208 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fund Balances @ 31/3/22** | | **140,455** | **34,155** | **174,610** | **87,440** |
| **Notes (For clarification)** | | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | 7 | 140,454 | 0 | 140,454 | 59,910 |
| Restricted Funds:- | | | | | |
| Education | | 0 | 9,212 | 9,212 | 0 |
| Healthcare | | 0 | 9,731 | 9,731 | 10,808 |
| Self Sufficiency | | 0 | 4,115 | 4,115 | 5,554 |
| Sam's Village | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water & Sanitation | | 0 | 11,098 | 11,098 | 11,168 |
| **Total Funds** | | **140,454** | **34,156** | **174,610** | **87,440** |

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022**

| | | Total 2022 | Total 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Current Assets** | 8 | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 149,240 | 87,440 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 26,570 | 0 |
| Accounts payable | | -1,200 | 0 |
| **Net Assets** | | **174,610** | **87,440** |
| **Funds** | 9 | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 34,156 | 27530 |
| Unrestricted Fund | | 140,454 | 59910 |
| **Total Funds** | | **174610** | **87440** |

**Notes to Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2022:**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

African Vision Malawi meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Accounting Policies**

The Accounts have been prepared under the Income and Expenditure basis, moving from Receipts and Payments basis in prior years.

**Accounting Estimates and prior Year Adjustments**

There has been no adjustments made in the year with prior year Gift Aid received in this financial year.

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

**Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from fund raising and donations to the charity.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash held in Current and Reserve accounts, with no Investment accounts opened.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**Financial Performance Notes:**

1. Growth in donations and fund raising with the cessation of 'covid lockdowns' and the increase in fund raising activities.

2. Gift Aid based on receipts and receivables included in accounts going forward, which is different to prior years.

3. No Grants received in the year with the major programmes fininshing in prior year.

4. Legacies increased by receipt of large Will donations compared to prior years.

5. Education spending increased due to provision for extra students from absorbed charity programmes, with activity levels increased after restrictions from prior years. Fees for both school and University students again saw large increases from prior year.

6. Sams Village training programmes saw reduced costs as the large 3 year programme came to an end, along with reduced construction.

7. As previously noted, funds specifically donated or raised for a defined purpose are maintained in a restricted account, with extra funding from unrestricted donations used to support expenditure.

8. The yearend restricted fund balances by category were:

| | |
|---|---|
| · Education | £9,212 |
| · Health | £9,731 |
| · Water/Sanitation | £11,098 |
| · Self-sufficiency | £4,115 |
| · Sam's Village | £0 |
| · Total Restricted Funds held | **£34,156** |
| | |
| Unrestricted funds held at yearend are: | **£140,454** |

9. Current Assets include provisions for both receivables and payables, summarised as:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash held | £149,240 |
| Receivables | |
| Gift Aid receipts due | £25,661 |
| Fund raising receipts due | £909 |
| Payables | |
| Fund raising receipts paid in advance | -£1,200 |
| | |
| Current Assets - Total | **£174,610** |

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## AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

*'Creating Lasting Change'*

Registered charity number 1113786

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*Children back at school during Covid-19 need to wear masks*

## April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021

AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

## Trustees

| | |
|---|---|
| Nigel Palmer | Chairman |
| David Stead | Treasurer |
| Andrew Walker | HR |
| Sara Butterfield | |
| Andrew Ridley-Barker | |
| William Nyasulu | (Resident in Malawi, appointed Jan 2018) |
| Kumbukani Kuntiya | (Resident in Malawi, appointed December 2019) |

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|---|---|
| **CEO** | Heather Palmer |
| **Country Manager (Malawi)** | Chrispin Chinula (Resident in Malawi, April 2019 - June 2020)<br>Kumbukani Kuntiya (temporary from October 2020) |
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| **Bankers** | Barclays Bank PLC 43<br>High Street Sutton<br>Surrey SM1<br>1DR |
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# Trustees' Annual Report
# Year ending 31st March 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report on AFRICAN VISION MALAWI for the year ending 31st March 2021.

We are still operating under the name of The Landirani Trust in Malawi. In 2013, we changed our name to African Vision Malawi in the UK. The reasons for the change are explained here **http://www.africanvision.org.uk/about-us/**

**Our Vision:**

"To see a healthy, educated and self-sufficient community in Malawi"

**Aims:**

The main aim of the charity is to work with and through communities to develop long-term and sustainable solutions to issues of supporting orphans and vulnerable people in four key areas: education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation.

- *To promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community*
- *To ensure better provision of access to Health facilities*
- *To enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient*
- *To improve communities' access to fresh water and promote good sanitation*

Due to Covid-19 organisation funding levels and activities were significantly disrupted during the year of this report. Fortunately, Malawi has not been hit as hard as the UK, but with the borders closing it meant that many fundraising activities were cancelled, our funding levels suffered and we had to make a redundancy due to our situation. Malawi has had 2 waves of Covid which were in June/July 2020 (due to colder weather and people on the streets during an election period) then in January/February 2021 (due to Malawians returning home from South Africa and bringing the SA variant into the country).

# Our Programmes and achievements over 2020/21

An overview of programmes and key achievements for AVM are identified below.

## EDUCATION –

Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life cycle approach, starting from pre -school, school years, through graduation and onto employment. We currently have six education projects:

***Early Childhood Development (ECD)*:** With support from Feed the Children, we facilitate the delivery of porridge to our 13 ECD Centres, facilitate the construction of centres as needed and in partnership with our government colleagues provide ECD curriculum through our identified care givers.

***Scholarship:*** With the kind support of sponsors from the UK, we currently support 12 students in 3 primary schools, 46 students in 21 secondary schools and 21 university students in 8 institutions.

School Partnership: We are working with 21 schools in Malawi and 25 schools in UK who partner together to learn from each other; students write to each other and share their experiences, culture and values. Schools in the UK fundraise for Malawi schools and we have constructed school blocks, teachers' houses, offices, and bought uniforms for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).

***Girls Education Matters:*** In partnership with Think Malawi, we are working with 9 primary schools where we provide girls with sanitary materials. This project encourages girls to stay in school while menstruating, otherwise they miss around 2 to 3 months of education a year and end up dropping out. We have trained 2 sets of mother groups from two schools who are making pads to be distributed in schools.

***Adult Literacy:*** In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, through their adult literacy curriculum, we deliver English, Chichewa and basic numeracy classes to adult learners across five centres.

***Vocational training:*** We offer vocational training to adult learners in non-formal skills at our training facility at Sam's Village in North West Lilongwe.

**Achievements:**

- Construction of 8-girl washrooms at M'lumbwira, M'khalapadzuwa, Chitedze, Bowa, Chitsime, M'khunku and Masiye for the 'Girls Education matters' programme. We distributed 304 'girls' packs which include washable sanitary pads, underwear and soap.
- Completed a kitchen for M'lumbwira CBCC (Community Based Childcare Centre) feeding programme
- Supported 38 Secondary Scholarships and 18 University Scholarships. Even though there was the disruption of Covid, all Form 4's passed their MSCE exams which were taken in January 2021. Graduation of 2 university students.
- Took on a new scholarship programme in December of 24 Primary and Secondary scholarships for girl orphans and 3 Tertiary scholarships. Funded by Love Support Unite
- 13 functioning ECD Centres of which 12 have feeding programmes from Feed the Children
- ECD refresher Training took place at our purpose made training centre, for 42 caregivers in October 2020
- Built M'seteza Nursery with funding from Love Support Unite
- Environmental initiative started with M'teza school. 109 students benefited from swapping filled bottles with waste plastics for educational items

- 298 beneficiaries are having Adult Literacy support in both English and Chichewa with the goal of reducing illiteracy levels in adults



*Girls getting sanitary packs*



*Washroom*



*ECD Caregiver refresher training in Oct 2020*







*New nursery school built at M'seteza with toilets(Funded by Love Support Unite)*

Lobiner Kathenga is the fourth student to graduate from our scholarship programme. She graduated as a nurse and *said 'I am incredibly happy that I fulfilled my dream of become a qualified nurse and African Vision Malawi has been my parent since in secondary school and I wouldn't have reached this far if it wasn't there'.*



## HEALTH –

Our second biggest programme is health, which accounts for 25% of all our programmes and also follows a life cycle approach, working with children with disabilities, orphaned children, mothers and infants through to vulnerable adults living with HIV/Aids, chronic diseases and the frail elderly. Our health program features:

***Medical Outreach clinic:*** In partnership with the Ministry of Health, we support 10 mobile outreach clinics providing much needed health services to those living in rural, hard to reach areas.
***Disability Outreach service:*** Our service, identifies those living with disability in our communities and provides referral and access to rehabilitation services at MAP, KCH and 500 Miles.
***Bicycle Ambulance service:*** Bicycle ambulances provide much needed access to health care services for the acutely ill and labouring mothers.
***Water and Sanitation:*** In partnership with the Rotary Club, thirty boreholes have been installed and we work with the community in monitoring their performance.

***Safe Motherhood initiatives:*** We have constructed a maternity unit at M'bang'ombe Health Centre which serves the community there and are working towards developing a nutritional programme and permaculture garden to support expectant mothers to be.

**Achievements:**

- 10,459 patients seen at our Medical Outreach programmes in partnership with the District Health Office (DHO) – (2 months closed due to Covid)
- Disability – 317 clients seen on outreach and supported with prosthetic & orthotic devices, wheelchairs, therapy or an operation to support their independence.
- Covid – made and distributed 7,000 cloth masks to vulnerable people
- 748 orphan and elderly received a food package during the hungry month of February 2021
- Re/distributed 10 Bicycle Ambulances in our area to a newly formed committee of 5 members and training was held in March 2021.
- We received a donated ambulance for our Medical Outreach programmes from LSU






*Medical Outreach programme using the new ambulance*





*Disability outreach programme and training for new Bicycle Ambulances*

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE –

Finally, our third initiative, accounting for approximately 15% of all our programmes is Sustainable Agriculture (SA), some of which is supported by our donors, Love Support Unite (LSU). Although the smallest of the programmes, it's value cannot be underestimated. The SA programme includes:

***Sustainable Family Farming:*** With the kind support of LSU, we provide this programme to vulnerable people who otherwise struggle to produce farming outputs as a result of poverty, disability or illness.

***Dimba Gardens:*** Wetland farming helps people grow crops all year round and therefore is a sustainable farming method that enables people to maintain livelihoods

Maize Mill: The construction of a maize mill at Bowa has provided access to milling services that are not available without significant travel.

***HIV/Aids support:*** We support people living with HIV/Aids in growing and selling their vegetables with support from The National Association for People Living with HIV and AIDS in Malawi (NAPHAM).

***Permaculture:*** In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we offer training in permaculture approaches to schools and households in our communities.

**Achievements:**

- Supporting 27 'dimba' Guardians gardens (supporting orphans) improving livelihoods.
- 28 new beneficiaries selected for Sustainable Family Farms programme in Chalasa Village. Supporting guardians of orphans, elderly and disabled people. (Seed and farm input loan paid back at 0% interest over 2 years).
- Relocated the Maize mill from Kafutwe to Bowa for ease of monitoring and where there is greater need.
- SCOPE Malawi partnership continues with SKI (Seeds Knowledge Initiative) programme in Chitsime community, promoting growing local indigenous seeds, composting and reducing reliance on fertiliser. Also greening up M'bang'ombe and M'teza schools with permaculture programmes.



*' Dimba' gardens*



*Reforestation*



*Permaculture gardens*

## SAMS VILLAGE –

Our training facility is located in rural North West Lilongwe and is part of our educational programming with its focus on adult and child students. Our training facility programme features:

***Vocational training:*** We offer vocational training to adults in 'non-formal' skills.

***Early Childhood Development Centre:*** we offer a pre-school learning service for children between the ages of 3-5 in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST)

***Library:*** a library serves people of all ages and is utilised by community members.

***Permaculture gardens:*** the gardens sustain the staff, visitors and trainees at Sam's Village.

***Training in earth building:*** previously we have offered training in natural building methods and all our buildings are constructed using this approach.

***Employability skills:*** In partnership with ENER-G –Africa, we are offering employment to eighteen vulnerable people in making rings for stoves.

**Achievements:**

- Urinal, washroom and compost toilet unit earth built (as are the other buildings below)
- Large water harvester built
- Compost toilets renovated
- Harvested 180 x 25kg bags of maize
- Growing extensive permaculture gardens
- Household Permaculture training held in November for 20 families
- 386 registered users at the library per month
- Built entrance guards house, showroom and compost toilets
- Renovation/extension started on Tree Accommodation Block
- Formed a partnership with Ener-G-Africa to assemble rings for fuel saving ovens providing an income to 17 marginalized community members





*(left to right) Weluzani, paralysed wants to do vocational training; assembling fuel saving ovens; building the adobe earth-built entrance buildings.*





*Finished entrance buildings with Guards room, showroom, trainee support room and compost toilets*

## ORGANISATION ACTIVITIES–

- Due to low levels of funding we made our Country Manager, Chris Chinunda, redundant in June 2020. The CEO managed the Malawi team until September 2020 when Kumbukani Kuntiya our Malawian trustee, temporarily took over.
- Ruth Katchere, Finance Officer, took maternity leave from July- September
- We employed a consultant to support opportunities to develop our operations for a 6-month period starting in November 2020
- We restructured our Local Based Committees (LBC) and took on 4 LBC Coordinators

## Employee structure:

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK and relies totally on volunteers, which includes the CEO. Through its local entity in Malawi, the Charity employed 34 staff, all of whom are Malawian Nationals.

## The Local Based Committees (LBCs):

Besides the Malawi Team outlined above, we work through 14 Local Based Committees (LBC) which are each clustered around several villages and schools. One Committee is based in each of our centres within our support area. LBCs (all volunteers) act as the voice of the communities AVM works in, and help to make decisions about priorities in different areas.

They also act as an accountability mechanism to ensure that projects are implemented successfully and that funds are used appropriately. Each LBC has been restructured to six members: Secretary (a teacher from a school who can speak both Chichewa and English), and one representative for each of the five areas we work in (education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, orphan & vulnerable people). One of these representatives is also appointed as a Chair. Members report on their specific area, on a monthly basis. The records from these meetings are sent back to the office, to enable us to keep track of issues and developments in the area we work in and to act upon information coming directly from our area.

In January 2020 we started the restructuring process of the LBC committees and interviewed existing members to become local co-ordinators. We selected 4 who are:

- Matthews Nelson - supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres
- Willard Nyundo – supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres
- Annes Banda – supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres
- Boniface Malema – supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres



*Our LBC Co-ordinators*

## Conclusion and future plans:

This past year has been a difficult time for our organisation due to Covid-19 affecting the whole world in one way or another. This has meant that we have had to cancel significant fundraising events both in the UK and Malawi and our income has reduced significantly. Many of our regular donors had to reconsider their funding levels. We had to protect our support area and our team as much as we could, which meant finding funds to provide wash stations, make cloth masks, soap and sanitizer although this seemed like a drop in the ocean. To safeguard our team we formed work rotas, as well as COVID 19 guided procedures to implement our outreach programmes as much as we could. Malawi went through two waves over the year and there was no sign of the vaccine. Our community is very vulnerable and we have had to change the way we work to support them. In our 16 years of activity in Malawi, this has been a particularly difficult time.

With our supportive team and donors, we managed to keep the majority of our programmes operating, but couldn't provide training at Sam's Village. Our medical outreach programme was stopped as a result of Government-led restrictions on occasions, although their guidelines were very necessary. We would like to give thanks to our staff for their continued support through this period and for kind donors who provided funds to protect our community.

## Thanks:

Without our supporters and funding through grants and trusts, we would not be able to complete our work. We sincerely thank people for continuing to fund our projects, which make such a positive impact within the communities. Our specific thanks to UNESCO/ EU STEP who supported our vocational training programme, supporting over 200 families and to Noel Hayes for supporting the infrastructure development at Sam's Village. We are very grateful to Feed the Children for supplying nutritional porridge to 1,000 pre-school children each day. Thanks to our School Partnerships in the UK, Project4Africa for continued support for the Maternity unit and Namanyanga School. Grateful thanks to inq.Malawi (formerly Skyband) who provide our internet at Njewa office and Sam's Village. We thank All Saints Knitters, St Matthew's Church, Love Support Unite for their continued partnership. 500 Miles and MAP (Malawi) for their support with people with disabilities, plus of course the many volunteers who tirelessly help with organising events to help us continue our work. Finally, our grateful thanks to our Trustees in UK and Malawi, for providing their time, support and guidance.

## Future plans for 2021/2022:

1. To maintain Sam's Village to be fit to rent out for training/conferences.
2. To continue our 'Her Education Matters' project making and distributing washable sanitary pads and building a washroom in 1 further school.
3. To continue with our 21 School Partnerships, theme 'Weather and Environment'.
4. To continue linking with other organizations and ministries with expertise in our projects.
5. To provide a further Household Permaculture training
6. To continue working in partnership with DHO in delivering 10 Medical outreach programmes each month
7. To change our name in Malawi to African Vision Malawi.
8. To form an MoU with both Education and Health Ministries
9. To make further plans for converting the old Maternity Unit into a Waiting Home/Ward.
10. To start implementing our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) project, starting with the 'Health ability unit' to be based at M'bang'ombe Clinic.
11. To continue supporting people with disabilities in our area and empowering them to become independent.
12. To implement our Sustainable Family Farms in a new support area
13. To improve our Early Childhood Development centres
14. To support our Adult Literacy programme to new beneficiaries

I would like to end this report by thanking all of our staff and volunteers in Malawi who are so dedicated towards helping us achieve our vision. I want to thank our LBC members in Malawi who give up their time to be our eyes and ears on the ground; we could not manage without them.

I would also like to thank our staff, volunteers, supporters, partners and trustees in the UK, all of whom work unpaid. Collectively, they bring a wide range of skills that together allow us to bring about self-sufficiency in the community.

Best wishes



Nigel Palmer
Chairman

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Objects of African Vision Malawi**

African Vision Malawi was formed on the 23 April 2005 in Blantyre, Malawi and formalized by Declaration of Trust on the 24 March 2006. Our Mission Statement is that we will

- Promote and improve educational facilities for all children in the community
- Enhance the ability of the community to become self-sufficient
- Ensure better provision of access to Health facilities
- Improve access to fresh water and promote good sanitation

Our Vision is to see a healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi.

**Employees**

African Vision Malawi has no employees in the UK.

Through its local entity, The Landirani Trust in Malawi, the Trust employed a team of 34 employees being made up entirely of Malawian Nationals.

**Review of Activities**

The Trust's activities during the year are described in full in the Chairman's report.

**Review of Financial Position**

**a) Asset cover for funds**

The Trust's liquid assets are held as short-term bank deposits. The current level of funding is sufficient to complete the intended projects and other planned expenditures. All expenditure decisions are taken based on the known amounts available at the time.

**b) Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trust reviews its reserves and risk policies as part of its operational management.

**c) Malawi Structure**

The Trust is registered in Malawi as an International NGO and with CONGOMA, thus formalizing our legal status in the Country. The Trust has assets in Malawi, comprising 12 acres of land, Sam's Village Residential Training Centre buildings and equipment to support the operations, along with 4 bank accounts in Lilongwe controlled by the Country Manager. Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings have been expensed at time of purchase in the UK accounts.

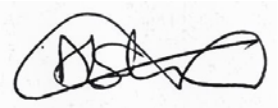
**d) Funding Sources**

Fund transfers from the UK to Malawi are made on an as needed basis, generally each month, and are made up of mainly regular Income from Donations coupled with proceeds from fundraising events throughout the year. The building phase of Sam's Village, has been funded by extra donations from various sources but the majority from the support of one main benefactor.

**e) Restricted Funds**

The Trust recognizes that the costs of shutting down operations in Malawi are extremely low approximately £5,000 and aims to keep balances above this level wherever possible; trustees would make good any shortfall should it be necessary. In recognition of specific requests by donors, a restricted fund is maintained for Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Self Sufficiency projects and Sam's Village. Such projects do not commence without the presence of sufficient funding to meet budgeted expenditures.





Nigel Palmer
Chairman
African Vision Malawi

David Stead
Treasurer
African Vision Malawi

AIMS
Accountants for Business

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts 2020-21

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signed:  Date: 02/11/2021

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**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practices and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming Resources** | | | | | |
| Donations & Fund Raising Activities | 1 | 136607 | 18372 | 154979 | 228963 |
| Gift Aid | 2 | 13004 | 6192 | 19196 | 12508 |
| Grants | 3 | 25218 | 4581 | 29799 | 113068 |
| Legacies | 4 | 42171 | 0 | 42171 | 0 |
| Bank Interest | | 25 | 0 | 25 | 2260 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 217025 | 29145 | 246170 | 356799 |
| Less cost of generating funds & fund raising | | 1375 | 0 | 1375 | 2491 |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **215650** | **29145** | **244795** | **354308** |
| **Resources Expended** | 5 | | | | |
| Education Projects | 6 | 0 | 50024 | 50024 | 46165 |
| Health/Orphan Care Projects | | 0 | 10762 | 10762 | 5779 |
| Sam's Village Project | 7 | 0 | 86430 | 86430 | 135611 |
| Self Sufficiency Projects | | 0 | 11516 | 11516 | 211 |
| Water & Sanitation Projects | | 0 | 115 | 115 | 18 |
| Other Projects | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malawi Project Management | | 44334 | 0 | 44334 | 37109 |
| Malawi Travel and Vehicle Expenses | 8 | 14960 | 0 | 14960 | 32547 |
| Malawi Administration | 9 | 29614 | 0 | 29614 | 67781 |
| Malawi Administration - Staff House | | 0 | 2722 | 2722 | 5000 |
| UK Administration | | 487 | 72 | 559 | 1215 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | | **89395** | **161641** | **251036** | **331436** |
| **Net Incoming Resources** | | **126255** | **-132496** | **-6241** | **22872** |
| Fund Balances @ 31/3/20 | | 23772 | 69909 | 93681 | 70809 |
| Transfers From Unrestricted to Restricted Funds | | -90117 | 90117 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fund Balances @ 31/3/21** | | **59910** | **27530** | **87440** | **93681** |
| **Notes (For clarification)** | | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| Unrestricted Funds | | 59910 | 0 | 59910 | 23772 |
| Restricted Funds:- | | | | | |
| Education | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Healthcare | | | 10808 | 10808 | 4676 |
| Self Sufficiency | | | 5554 | 5554 | 6758 |
| Sam's Village | | | 0 | 0 | 48866 |
| Water & Sanitation | | | 11168 | 11168 | 9609 |
| **Total Funds** | 10 | **59910** | **27530** | **87440** | **93681** |

**AFRICAN VISION MALAWI**
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2020**

| | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | |
| Cash at Bank | 87440 | 93681 |
| **Net Assets** | **87440** | **93681** |
| **Funds** | | |
| Restricted Funds | 27530 | 69909 |
| Unrestricted Fund | 59910 | 23772 |
| **Total Funds** | **87440** | **93681** |

**Notes to Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2021**

**Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the recommendations of the Charity Commission and generally accepted accounting practice.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**Incoming Resources**
Income from donations and fund raising activities are included at the date of receipt.

**Resources Expended**
Resources expended are included in the accounts on the date of payment.

**Fixed Assets**
The Trust has no fixed assets in the UK.

**Notes:**

1. Donations include ''donations and fund raising" activities for ease of reporting purposes.
Strong growth in Income previous year was driven mainly by two one-off large donations which we have not seen this year. Also affecting was the Covid 19 pandemic, reducing fund raising activities. The continued management of programmes for another UK charity helped increase donations received, along with costs.

2. Gift Aid refunds dependent upon claims timing.

3. Grants received reducing this year as major training programme was undertaken and completed in the Training Village.

4. One-off donation received from legacy left in Will.

5. Expenditure made in Malawi is subject to independent verification in Malawi with effect from 1st January 2011. The numbers shown in the accounts reflect the agreed purpose for funds transferred and align with expenditure in the country.
CONGOMA registration has been obtained and a Malawi based NGO is subject to formal accounting requirements.
The Malawi based NGO is registered with the Malawi Revenue Service (MRS) from 2009 and the formal accounts are filed with MRS.

6. Education spending increased due to provision for extra students from absorbed charity programmes, offset by reductions due to covid restrictions. Fees for both school and University students again saw large increases from prior year.

7. Sams Village training programmes saw reduced costs as the large 3 year programme came to an end.

8. Travel and Vehicle costs reduced as no vehicles were purchased in the year as were last year.

9. Malawi administration reductions were mainly due to the completion of the provision of the new office.

10. As previously noted, funds specifically donated or raised for a defined purpose are maintained in a restricted account, with extra funding from unrestricted donations used to support expenditure.
The yearend restricted fund balances by category were:

| | |
|---|---|
| · Education | £0 |
| · Health | £10,808 |
| · Water/Sanitation | £11,168 |
| · Self-sufficiency | £5,554 |
| · Sam's Village | £0 |
| · Total Restricted Funds held | **£27,530** |

| | |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted funds held at yearend are: | **£59,910** |