



Vision Peoples In Mission UK Trust

Annual Report 2021

The Vision Peoples In Mission UK Trust is registered with the Charity Commission, Registered Number 1113819. It's principal address is 61 Saxon Drive, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7FN.

Structure

The charity is governed by a trust deed executed on 12th December 2005.

Charitable Purpose

The VPM UK Trust seeks to relieve poverty and suffering, to prevent disease and ill health, and to promote Christian education and evangelism, particularly in the Korogocho slum of Nairobi. During the year, charitable grants of £61,209.41 were made in pursuit of this.

Charitable Benefit

Vision Peoples In Mission (VPM) works amongst some of the world's poorest people. The principal benefit is the relief of poverty of residents in the Korogocho slum. This is achieved through running an orphanage, a primary school with a feeding programme, a clinic and a vocational training programme in dressmaking and other projects. These programmes are open to all.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the world and has affected us all. As of March 2020, like many organisations around the world, income from some sources stopped. VPM was no exception where they instantly lost income from rent of Lucky summer as a result of tenants losing their jobs. This reduction in income continued throughout 2021.

Following an appeal, we are very grateful to UK donors who stepped up and supported VPM, enabling VPM to continue paying salaries.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit all areas of VPM. The church was unable to hold services, the medical centre was hit with an increase in people needing treatment along with the fact that patients needed to remain in for longer if they contracted COVID-19. Of course, this also brought risk to the staff too.

As of December 2021, the reported cases in Kenya hits 295,028 with 5,378 deaths. COVID cases continued to be on the rise heading into the next year. The vaccination programme in Kenya shows that almost 6 million Kenyans had received one vaccine, with just over 4 million fully vaccinated. This represents just 12% and 8.7% of the country's population.

The Tuko Pamoja Organization gifted the school a hand washing gadget during 2021 to assist with reinforcing good hygiene in informal settlements such as Korogocho.



Haven Primary School



The Christmas 2021 VPM newsletter reported of the joy and gratitude put in by every class both academically and spiritually. The last term of the year was a success and the teachers are credited for this.

The teachers not only teach academically but also give guidance to their pupils and dedicate their time to give the pupils a better life in Korogocho. Haven Primary School prides itself on treating all pupils

equally – whether they are orphans living in Lucky Summer, foster children sponsored through the work of Vision Peoples In Mission or pupils from local families.

A new curriculum in Kenya has been implemented during 2021 and the teachers have had relevant training to ensure a smooth transition to the teaching of this curriculum. As a result of the new education system, new resources and learning materials are needed.

Mrs Jane Abong'o is the head teacher of Haven Primary School.

Feeding Programme

The school feeding programme continues to be a lifeline for many pupils and this was able to continue during the pandemic for those that needed support. It really is a lifeline for many of the pupils who need the programme to survive. The feeding programme is targeted towards the school children to ensure that they are able to get at least one proper meal helping with their growth and to stop them being forced to do jobs in the slum to make money for food. The feeding programme is successful in reducing the rate of drop-outs and increasing attendance in the school.

The programme is costly but VPM continues to be grateful to a number of donors who support this project.



VPM Medical Centre

Vision Medical Centre continues to be a very busy centre, with the Kenyan population increasing at an alarming rate. The centre treats patients for coughs, abdominal pain,



headaches, respiratory conditions, malaria, typhoid and gastric infections along with continuing to treat patients with COVID-19, sexual health issues and providing maternity support.

As a result of the growth of the population, Vision Medical Centre requires additional wards including a more robust maternity and womens ward, childrens ward and a mens ward.

A medical staff room is also required to allow staff a place to take a break and get ready before and after their shift.

All treatment is free or subsidised to the public for those who cannot afford the services of local hospitals.

Women Vocational Training

This is the arm of VPM that seeks to empower women of the Korogocho slums with skills for employments or self-employment. Courses offered include Tailoring/Dressmaking, Embroidery and Knitting.



Women and girls getting pads at VPM

“The vulnerable women pads project” set up in 2020 to allow girls in need of sanitary pads to seek help from VPM continues to be a need during 2021 and VPM continues to support these vulnerable women. COVID-19 once again has hit this area with many women unable to earn money and

buy the necessities. Some women previously had to resort to sex working to purchase

sanitary products. VPM started this projects and counsel them, providing seminars and a few pads each month. The women and girls are invited to the church to learn about sex education, reproductive health, hygiene and family planning. This is taught by VPM staff. VPM donate over 200 pads every month in this project.

Orphanage

The orphanage was able to open again during 2021 allowing the children a much needed social life and therefore improving their mental health as well as protecting their physical health from the impact of COVID 19.

The orphanage housed 20 children, 10 girls and 10 boys. All of the children attend Haven Primary School and are fed, given clothing, shelter and medical attention.

During 2021, one orphan was able to move out of the orphanage and into a foster home thanks to a UK donor. This allows more children to be taken in to the orphanage and support more of those on the streets in Korogocho.

Future plans

On 15th September 2020, the manager for the upgrade programme visited VPM site and brought the new lease, with an increased land size of 0.78Ha. The church has also been allocated it's own land that was lost previously.

VPM has some plans for a new building costing \$433,000USD to include the Havel school, childrens home moving from Lucky Summer, and medical centre. They anticipate this will take several years to build. There will be a library open to the school and the public, generating an income for VPM.

These plans continue to be in the making for 2021.

VPM Missionary Church

The church continues to be the backbone of the gospel evangelism to Korogocho residents. The main goal is to present Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of all human kind in all that is done.

The church remains alive and vibrant with Franklyn Otwama becoming Bishop on 5th September 2021.

Vision Peoples In Mission was gifted 0.156ha of land to build a new church in Maseno. The title deeds have been granted and the plans for the church have been drawn up.

The church is also blessed to have talented youth gifted in playing musical instruments, who also have a vision for starting a band to take the Christian message out. Vision band continues to be a project and any donations of instruments would be welcomed.

Vision Peoples In Mission: Governance and Financial Performance

During the year 2021, the board of trustees has changed slightly as is common. Mr Simon Mihanda and Mr Paul Gathiru have resigned from their posts. The following are on the board of trustees:

Bishop Franklyn Otwama
Mr Isaac Sikote
Mrs Jemimah Amakobe
Mrs Violet Omollo
Mrs Gladys Mmbone

As is customary, the 2021 audited accounts have been received by the UK trust. These show that the organisation continues to be in good health with Net Surplus of 1.157 million KSH (£8,219) (2020-£41,321). This has reduced as a result of a reduction in income. 2021 saw an income of almost 11.8 million KSH (£83,692) (2020-£116,234) and operating expenditure of just over 10.5 million KSH (£74,645) (2020-£72,330). Following on from an encouraging year in 2019, largely due to COVID-19 resulting in a further reduction in rental income, donations from the VPM UK Trust accounts for 74%, compared to 68% last year and 55% in 2019. Income from rent collection decreased to just 484,165KSH (£3,439) compared with 3.9 million KSH (£25,831) in 2020 (2019-£42,873).

After an increase in 2020, Clinic collections decreased significantly accounting for 391,118KSH (£2,778) compared to 2.5million KSH in 2020 (£16,827) still up from £984 in 2019.

Total Assets of the Kenyan charity stand at almost 70 million KSH (£497,233) (2020-£451,000) - mostly property assets.

In 2020, Vision Peoples In Mission UK Trust accounts for 8.73 million KSH (£62,018)* of the 10.37 million KSH that comes from other external income. In 2020, just 1.409 million KSH comes from internal income (Rent, School, Clinic, Church collections and investment income)

Nb. 2021 GBP exchange rate used as £1 = 141KSH

*Figure here slightly different than VPM UK accounts due to exchange rates.

The Korogocho slum upgrading programme is on its final stages. The government of Kenya has provided VPM with the additional land that was promised and all squatters that were occupying this land have been evicted. Plans are in place for the new VPM permanent buildings which will be occupying this land. In 2020, Vision Peoples In Mission received 947,905KSH for the Korogocho Building project.

Risk Management

The Future for Korogocho

There are significant plans that are already underway to improve the Korogocho slum area, which is at least in part funded by Italian Government money. Teams have been working to clean the streets and there is more tarmac on the roads than previously. The slum upgrading project has some major implications for building work but this upgrade programme is on its final stages:

- Initially that following the award of additional land, the plot now needs to be secured by building a perimeter fence. Following a further round of loan funding (which has now been repaid), this funding is in place and being held in reserves.
- Secondly there is a need for extensive rebuilding. As part of the slum rebuilding, there is a government requirement that only permanent buildings are in place, and the 'shanty' style buildings will need to be demolished. This requires significant capital, (around £300,000 further capital is required).
- Attracting this additional capital requires confidence that demand would continue from local residents. This is exacerbated as there may be migration issues. The Government has stated an intention that residents of Korogocho would remain, as they have said that they don't wish to just move the slum further out. All residents are being given plots of land linked to the size of their previous dwelling. However, the requirement to build permanent buildings is likely to lead many of the poorest residents to sell their plots to developers and move away. This may change the nature of the population in Korogocho, and it may lead to different demand on VPM's services.

Financial Risk: Because the charity simply makes grants out of income received, there is no liability. Should the Trust embark on another round of loan funding to bring forwards expenditure in Korogocho, the lenders would be required to agree that in the event that there are insufficient donations coming into the trust to repay the loans, that they will convert to gifts. This avoids any financial risk to the UK Trust. This has worked well with two previous rounds of loan funding. Although this is a risk to the Kenyan organisation, rather than the UK Trust, there is a wider challenge of sustaining incoming funds from donors – which is nurtured by periodic fund raising visits from the Kenyan director. Most of our funds are regular direct debits routed through Stewardship which helps a more even cash flow than might otherwise be the case.

Reputational Risk / Monitoring: The trustees (or those known to them) have visited the work of Vision Peoples in Mission at intervals over time. Seeing the work on the ground is an important part of evaluating charitable impact. The trust receives copies of their audited report and accounts and have done so for fifteen years. The Trustees (and supporters) receive newsletters and other communication from Nairobi. This long term relationship with VPM gives us confidence in them. No trustee visited VPM in 2020. It is not expected that a trustee will be able to visit in the next year due to the ongoing pandemic.

VPM UK Reserves Policy: Because the trust makes grants out of income received, and does so immediately, there is little need to hold reserves. As such our reserves are nominal.

Financial Report

During the year, the Trust received donations of £63,355.33. Whilst much of the ongoing donation stream is Gift Aided, it is given through Stewardship, who reclaim Gift Aid on our behalf. A gift aid reclaim was not completed in 2021.

£61,389.41 was paid out in charity grants to support the work of Vision Peoples In Mission in Kenya. £180 was paid in bank fees (Twelve monthly transfer fees of £15). One of the benefits of the Trust is it sends donations electronically, which is the safest means of transferring funds to Nairobi. It does this in a pooled way to avoid individual donors having to pay a significant part of the donation on transfer costs.

The accounts have been independently examined by Simon Hartridge, who has kindly performed this service to us without charge. See page 8 for the Independent Examiner's Report.

Vision Peoples In Mission UK Trust: 2020 Financial Statements

ACCOUNTS for 2021

	2021	2020
RECEIPTS		
Donations	£ 63,355.33	£ 80,533.81
Gift Aid	£ -	£ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 63,355.33	£ 80,533.81
 PAYMENTS		
Grants to VPM	£ 61,209.41	£ 75,802.64
Loan Repayments	£ -	£ -
Bank Charges	£ 180.00	£ 180.00
Other	£ -	£ 3,000.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 61,389.41	£ 78,982.64
RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	£ 1,965.92	£ 1,551.17
 Bank Account 31/12/21	£ 6,323.88 £ 8,289.80	£ 4,772.71 £ 6,323.88
INCREASE IN FUNDS	£ 1,965.92	£ 1,551.17
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Assets		
Loans Receivable		
Bank Account	£ 8,289.80	£ 6,323.88
Liabilities		
Loans Outstanding	£ -	£ -

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of Vision Peoples in Mission UK Trust (Charity No: 1113819) on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement 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.

Independent examiner's statement 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: Simon Hartridge Date: 28-10-22

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