

# FRIENDS OF AMANI TANZANIA

England & Wales - Charity number 1114281

## Details

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Other names	FRIENDS OF AMANI
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2006-05-18
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN TANZANIA, IN PARTICULAR BY SUPPORTING THE WORK OF "THE AMANI CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES", CHAMWINO, MOROGORO.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE IN TANZANIA, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.

**Activities:** The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular by supporting the work of The Amani Centre for Persons with Mental Disabilities , Chamwino, MorogoroTo advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, 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

## Geography

- Area of benefit: TANZANIA
- Tanzania

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£36,787	£39,814	-	-
2024-12-31	£37,086	£43,975	-	-
2023-12-31	£60,062	£55,039	-	-
2022-12-31	£67,576	£64,877	-	-
2021-12-31	£55,753	£55,622	-	-
2020-12-31	£107,620	£102,710	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>PROFESSOR KENNETH SPOURS</b>	Chair	
BRIDGET HELEN GREEN		
CATHERINE SWANSON		
John Bullock		2018-04-19
LESLIE GREEN		
Rachel Derry		2014-04-11

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# Accounts

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Annual Report and Accounts:

Friends of Amani Tanzania

Registered Charity Number 1114281

Year Ending 31 December 2025

## **Charity Registered Address**

Jaycroft, Elm Lane  
Lower Earley  
Reading RG6 5UG

## **Trustees**

Professor Ken Spours (Chair)  
Leslie Green (Treasurer)  
Bridget Green (Secretary)  
Catherine Swanson  
Rachel Derry  
John Bullock

## **Bank Details**

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Account No: 0036740

Sort Code: 40-52-40

# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ending 31 December 2025 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2025 the Trustees met five times via Zoom on:

- 7 January
- 1 April
- 12 June
- 23 September
- 9 December

The Trustees apply the income of the charity to further the following objectives:

- The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular to support the work of the Amani Centre, Morogoro, for persons with disabilities.
- To advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Banking

The application to open a Charity Account with CAF Bank was approved on 1 December 2023. The Authorised Signatories are - Leslie Green (Trustee and Treasurer), Bridget Green (Trustee and Secretary), Ken Spours (Chair of Trustees) and Rachel Derry (Trustee). Any two of the above may authorise payments.

There are three regular donors who are still paying into the old RBS account monthly. Despite best efforts of the Trustees, it has not been possible to contact them to advise them of the bank change. Until such time as all regular donors to the Charity have redirected their payments to the new CAF account, Trustees have agreed to keep both accounts open.

## **Safeguarding**

FOAT remains committed to upholding the integrity of its Safeguarding commitments as outlined by the UK Charity Commission. In a strategic attempt to keep Safeguarding as a core focus in our Trustee meetings, there is a designated agenda item where an aspect of International Safeguarding is presented and discussed. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead on the Board, who lived and worked in Tanzania for 20 years as a Safeguarding Officer for another charity. She herself was a volunteer at Amani Centre. She is also a registered UK nurse. She ensures that all trustees have up to date DBS checks and follow the FOAT Code of Conduct. She makes spontaneous visits to Amani on an annual basis to identify any serious safeguarding risks and looks for opportunities to provide contextually relevant training. This enables her to align UK Charity Commission standards with culturally sensitive and realistic practices on the ground at Amani and in Shinyanga.

## **Trustee and Associate Visits –**

Chair of Trustees Prof Ken Spours visited the Amani Centre for 10 days in May/June 2025.

FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow, visited the Amani Centre for a period of five weeks in June/July 2025.

Trustees, Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Amani Centre for a period of 9 days in August 2025.

Trustees held regular discussions with Fr Beatus (Director) and Emmanuel Mlegu (Assistant Director) by WhatsApp.

Cathy Swanson, Safeguarding Lead, ran a three-day Child Protection workshop in Morogoro, in November 2025, and a valued member of the Amani centre community helped with that training.

In addition, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in July 2025 for a period of 10 days, to review Care Ministry work there in their capacity as FOAT Trustees and Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga.

## About Amani

The Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Morogoro, Tanzania is a non-profit organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 30+ years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 the Amani Centre ownership was transferred to the Roman Catholic Church and Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director. He continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs, now employed as a Schools Inspector.

Since 2015, Amani has been working in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro on joint outreach projects to families of the disabled in the Morogoro Region. In 2023 the Lutheran Church joined this Ecumenical initiative.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 50 workers, most in a voluntary capacity,
- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers,
- has developed an infrastructure comprising four centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired, a Farm and Vocational Centre at Mikese, and an outreach centre at Magubike,
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for children with mental and physical disabilities – over 7,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community,
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani and the Ecumenical Team through outreach in village communities throughout the Morogoro Region,

- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers,
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## About Shinyanga

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Care Ministry Coordinator (Priest) and the Diocesan Accountant. In July 2021 Bridget and Leslie Green were appointed as Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga and in November 2023 both were invited to be Lay Canons of St Stephen's Cathedral, Shinyanga in recognition of their work in support of Care Ministry in the Diocese. They were officially inducted at a service held in the Cathedral on 15 July 2024.

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What follows is a summary of Friends of Amani Tanzania's (FOAT's) activities for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.

## Fundraising and Awareness

The Charity has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.
3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good-will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

## **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures could be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

We are pleased to report that in 2025, the Chair of Trustees, Professor Ken Spours visited Amani, giving his time to strengthen relationships between FOAT and the Diocese of Morogoro, his expertise in education development initiatives and a generous donation towards the further education of two of the nuns (Masista) to study for teaching education diplomas.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (St Luke's Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. Since 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including Earley St Peter's Church, Reading, sponsoring Care Ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

Trustees are pleased to work closely with an associate, Barbara Bristow who has her own network of supporters in the UK. Barbara normally visits Amani annually for a period of four to five weeks.

Ken Spours is working with several universities in China, where he is attempting to develop links to support vocational training for Amani students.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2025 the Charity received funds from:

- John Pitman Charitable Trust (Amani) £950
- The Rotary Club of Reading (Amani) £866
- Earley St Peter's Church (Shinyanga) £810
- Souter Charitable Trust (Shinyanga) £2,975

### **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £9,644 from regular donations including for child sponsorship and the social fund (a decrease of £25 on 2024). In 2025 we had 24 regular monthly donors (an increase of one on 2024) and a further five annual donors. The child sponsorship scheme generated £5,550 (an increase of £308 on 2024).

By the end of 2025, FOAT had eight regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £4,504 for the year. This includes £1,326 for the education of two girls with albinism, one who attends Mwadui Anglican Primary School and the other the local Lutheran Secondary School. The first donation of college fees for a young man with albinism was made in 2024. A further donation is expected in 2026.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations to maximize the income to the Charity. In 2025 the Charity received a tax rebate of £4,625. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition, further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £954.

### **4. Harnessing the goodwill of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

We are fortunate to continue to be supported in our work by Catherine Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and volunteered a day a month on Amani's Home Visiting Outreach programme. Catherine was Safeguarding Officer for Africa Inland Mission International (AIM). She remained in East Africa (Kenya) until December 2025 when she returned to live in the UK. Her work with

AIM brings her to Morogoro from time to time; she visits Amani whenever viable. In her wider safeguarding role, she endeavors to connect Amani with wider networks, for example through the Child Safety and Protection Network (cspn.org). The CSPN holds annual Africa regional conferences to which Amani staff are invited.

## **5. Events and initiatives**

Trustees are pleased to report fundraising initiatives they have organised and/or participated in during 2025.

- Following the success of the 'meals to your door' initiative which Bridget and Leslie Green began in 2021, they repeated this in 2025 on a smaller scale and raised £223 for various projects at Amani and £100 for bikes for Shinyanga.
- Trustee, Rachel Derry did a birthday fundraiser on Facebook which raised £126 for the charity.
- For several years, Bridget and Leslie Green have coordinated a Gift Christmas Card initiative. In 2025 this raised £100.

A total of £4,362 was raised through the efforts of Barbara Bristow (FOAT Associate). Barbara travels to the Amani Centre every year for five weeks. This length of time allows her to get to understand the Centre and she is able to make on-the-ground decisions about spending. In 2025 the usual shopping trip took place, purchasing food to tide Amani over for two months until the harvest, as well as a two-month supply of urgent medicines for the children. The funds enabled the purchase of two acres of arable land, which Amani wanted to develop, to grow sugar cane as a cash crop. It was also possible to do essential, urgent repairs to the tractor. Barbara was able to help renovate and reorganise the main admin office, including the purchase of a new computer. At the farm, Barbara was able to contribute to the Goat Project with the purchase of 10 goats. In between these purchases, there was an opportunity to spend smaller amounts of money, for instance, to support a student in his college studies and to repair and purchase physiotherapy equipment.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as 'Giveasyoulive' raised £255. This is an increase of over £5 on 2024.

## Projects and Funding for Amani

At Amani, local support has picked up since COVID-19 but FOAT still needed to focus on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self-sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading for their assistance. FOAT is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards Amani's food costs. The Club has donated a total of £866. This is a decrease of £64 on 2024.

### **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £28,320 was donated to Amani, a decrease of £3,786 on 2024. Of this, £25,180 was directed towards supporting the core mission of the Amani Centre.

FOAT donated £6,400 from the Child Sponsorship Scheme. There was an average of 35 children residing at Amani (Chamwino) who are part of this scheme. A total of 21 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani's main centre in Chamwino. All income from this is collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, to obtain regular updates about the children.

Each year FOAT pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and local donors, for their generosity. In 2025, £500 was donated for the party, including small gifts for the children.

FOAT also supports a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduce dependency on overseas donors.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the children with disabilities at Amani.

FOAT continues to seek supporters through its networks to assist with the education of young people at Amani.

Many of the families of children who attend Amani Mvomero Special School cannot afford the school fees. In 2021 a donation of £6,176 by the Park Family Trust was received to support the education of four students for the four years of their secondary education at Amani Mvomero School. The last payment of £2,000 was sent to Amani in June. FOAT is actively seeking sponsors for other pupils.

The future shape of Amani leadership includes the professional training of the nuns. In 2025, thanks to a generous donation from Chair of Trustees, FOAT was able to sponsor the first year for two of them to study for education diplomas. Once they have completed their studies, it is hoped they will join the staff of Amani Mvomero School.

## **3. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

We are delighted to report that once again the Park Family Trust supported the surgery enablement programme. The grant of £9,124 made in 2023 was to enable five children from Amani to receive vital surgery each year for four years, thereby facilitating their rehabilitation to their families and to the community at large and freeing up capacity for Amani to support more children with disabilities. Funds of £2,400 were sent in September 2025 and a further £620 was sent in December (as costs had increased) to enable the third cohort of five children to receive surgery at the CCBRT hospital in Dar es Salaam in November/December 2025 and early in 2026.

#### **4. Economic Social Empowerment Projects (ESEPs) around Amani Chamwino**

Following the death of Helena Green in 2017, her parents (Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green) set up a memorial fund to establish economic social empowerment projects in eight wards around Amani Chamwino. During their visit in 2025, Bridget and Leslie reviewed the ninth group, established in 2024 with funding from the John Pitman Trust. They were pleased to see the group was flourishing, making a variety of craft items – jewellery, mats and baskets – to sell.

### **Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2025**

FOAT continues to support Care Ministry Projects in the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in particular those focussing on community development including families of the disabled. By the end of 2025, FOAT had a total of eight regular donors to Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

#### **1. Projects**

##### **1.1. *Education of two girls with albinism at Mwadui***

The two girls with albinism who live with the local priest at Mwadui are continuing to have their education sponsored by a UK donor. Shija attends the local Lutheran Secondary School. Lucia continues at Mwadui Anglican Primary School. Both girls are benefitting from extra support given by the teachers.

##### **1.2 *Further education training for a young man with albinism***

A young man with albinism was sponsored by a UK donor in 2023 to attend a four-month Computer Access Course. In November 2025 he began a diploma course in IT and Business Administration at the College of Business Education, Mwanza Campus. During the vacations, he stays at Ndala Mission and Evangelism Training Centre where he studies theology and assists children who attend the Compassion Centre, with IT skills.

##### **1.3 *Training***

Since the start of the six-month Evangelism Training programme in 2023, there are now 74 trained evangelists working across the Diocese of Shinyanga. Bishop Johnson has initiated a two-year Mission and Evangelism training programme as a way of training future clergy. There are 15 students registered on this programme

which began in November 2024. Both programmes include modules on the care of people with disabilities in the community and developing self-support groups.

#### **1.4 Care Ministry Support Groups**

During their visit to the Diocese of Shinyanga in 2025, Bridget and Leslie witnessed the increasing number of churches being planted and initiation of Care Ministry Support Groups bringing together families of the disabled for mutual support and to initiate projects to support themselves. There are now a total of ten groups (an increase of four since 2024), at Solwa, Meatu, Mwadui, Maswa, Kitangili, Ndala, Igalamyia Wapendaneo, Upendo Group (Kakola), Nzobogo and Salawe.

## **2. Developing support networks in the UK**

In their roles as Bishop's Commissaries and Lay Canons in the Diocese of Shinyanga, Bridget and Leslie have been working to develop links with churches and individuals in the UK to support Care Ministry in Shinyanga. Earley St Peter's Church continues to support Care Ministry in the Diocese of Shinyanga (for three years 2025 – 2027).

Discussions have begun with Earley St Peter's Primary School about support for Mwadui Anglican Primary School.

Bicycles are critical for the evangelists' work. FOAT has so far secured funding for 30 bikes since the programme was initiated in 2023. Bishop Johnson has introduced a priority/incentive scheme – those who plant a church are in line to receive a bike. There are now five evangelists waiting, so FOAT continues to seek funds for more bicycles.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Amani**

FOAT will:

- continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's four centres at Chamwino, Mikese, Mvomero and Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical

outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those with a focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities, and fundraising initiatives;

- work with Amani to build on the ecumenical project through developing further partnerships with local churches in Morogoro and the UK;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on the work of the Amani Centre with a view to requesting a further grant in 2026;
- keep the Rotary Club of Reading updated on the work of Amani Centre;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you Live' to raise funds via on-line shopping;
- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK, China and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits.

## Future Plans for FOAT's support for Shinyanga

FOAT will:

- continue to seek support from churches in the UK for care ministry projects;
- seek support for Mwadui Anglican Primary School through partnership with Anglican schools in the UK
- continue to look for regular donors for care ministry work;
- seek sponsors for the education of individuals with special needs, in particular those with albinism;
- keep Earley St Peter's church and other supporters updated on care ministry projects.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide. Grants have been received from John Pitman Charitable Trust, The Rotary Club of Reading, Earley St Peter's Church and Souter Trust (for Shinyanga). Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate.

Once again, the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£36,787**.

Expenditure for the year was **£39,814**. This included:

- Donations of £39,075, of which £28,320 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £10,755 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.

- Operating expenses of £523 (1.3% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges and FOAT Web fees.

Funds received in 2023, scheduled for payment in 2025, account for the variation of income over expenditure.

Just Giving costs for 2024 and 2025 are yet to be paid but scheduled for payment in 2026.

There was a deficit of income over expenditure of 3,027 for the year. This compares with a deficit of £6,889 in 2024.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 showed cash balances of £7,821 and net assets of £7,389.

A tax rebate of £1,880 was received in 2024 for funds donated between October 2024 and March 2025. A further rebate of £2,745 was received in October 2025 for the period April to September 2025.

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	2,234	600	2,834	2,867
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	5,550	5,550	5,242
Card Sales	100	0	100	340
Charity Donation inc Amani Goats	2,960	2,920	5,880	6,767
Social Fund	0	1,260	1,260	1,560
Ecumenical project	0	0	0	652
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	0	866	866	930
Shinyanga ACT inc Bike Appeal	0	9,012	9,012	4,667
Shinyanga Education inc Mwadui	0	1,475	1,475	3,022
Just Giving & Virgin Money	399	4,361	4,760	5,634
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	255	0	255	326
Gift Aid receipts	1,404	3,221	4,625	4,731
Interest	170	0	170	348
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,522</b>	<b>29,265</b>	<b>36,787</b>	<b>37,086</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	679	0	679	798
Bank Charges	60	0	60	60
Donations	6,694	32,381	39,075	43,117
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,433</b>	<b>32,381</b>	<b>39,814</b>	<b>43,975</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(3,116)</b>	<b>(3,027)</b>	<b>(6,889)</b>
Funds brought forward	296	10,120	10,416	17,305
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>7,004</b>	<b>7,389</b>	<b>10,416</b>

Note 2

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and bank balances	<b>7,821</b>	10,632
<b>LESS</b>		
Creditors	<b>432</b>	216
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>7,389</b></u>	<u><b>10,416</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	<b>385</b>	297
Restricted Funds	<b>7,004</b>	10,119
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u><b>7,389</b></u>	<u><b>10,416</b></u>

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

Income and expenditure is accounted for mainly on a receipts and payments basis with an accrual made for fundraising expenses, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity.

(i) Figures are rounded to the nearest £.

(ii) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2025

Amani		£
General Funds	Includes CBR, Food and School fees	11,260
Child Sponsorship		6,400
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		4,850
Education Projects		2,670
Medical Fees		3,140
	Sub Total	<u>28,320</u>
<b>Shinyanga</b>		
Care Ministry		7,950
Bikes		1,200
Education Projects		1,605
	Sub Total	<u>10,755</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><b>39,075</b></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chairperson)



Date.  
19 May 2026

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which are set out on pages 17 to 19.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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20 May 2026

**FRIENDS OF AMANI TANZANIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1114281

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# Accounts

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Annual Report and Accounts:

Friends of Amani Tanzania

Registered Charity Number 1114281

Year Ending 31 December 2024

## **Charity Registered Address**

Jaycroft, Elm Lane  
Lower Earley  
Reading RG6 5UG

## **Trustees**

Professor Ken Spours (Chair)  
Leslie Green (Treasurer)  
Bridget Green (Secretary)  
Catherine Swanson  
Rachel Derry  
John Bullock

## **Bank Details**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling,  
Kent ME19 4JQ

Account No: 0036740

Sort Code: 40-52-40

# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ending 31 December 2024 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2024 the Trustees met three times via Zoom on:

- 19 March
- 27 June
- 3 October

NB: The fourth quarterly meeting was deferred until 7 January 2025.

The Trustees apply the income of the charity in furthering the following objectives:

- The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular for supporting the work of the Amani Centre, Morogoro, for persons with disabilities.
- To advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Banking

The application to open a Charity Account with CAF Bank was approved on 1 December 2023. The Authorised Signatories are - Leslie Green (Trustee and Treasurer), Bridget Green (Trustee and Secretary), Ken Spours (Chair of Trustees) and Rachel Derry (Trustee). Any two of the above may authorise payments.

The process of transferring all donors from the old RBS account to the new CAF Bank Charity Account began in January 2024. There are three regular donors who

are still paying into the old RBS account monthly. Despite best efforts of the Trustees, it has not been possible to contact them to advise them of the bank change. Until such time as all regular donors to the Charity have redirected their payments to the new CAF account, Trustees have agreed to keep both accounts open.

## **Safeguarding**

FOAT remains committed to upholding the integrity of its Safeguarding commitments as outlined by the UK Charity Commission. In a strategic attempt to keep Safeguarding as a core focus in our Trustee meetings, there is a designated agenda item where an aspect of International Safeguarding is presented and discussed. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead on the Board, who has been based in East Africa and works full-time as a Safeguarding officer in another charity and is also a registered UK nurse. She ensures that all trustees have up to date DBS checks and follow the FOAT Code of Conduct. She makes spontaneous visits to Amani on an annual basis to identify any serious safeguarding risks and looks for opportunities to provide contextually relevant training. This enables her to align UK Charity Commission standards with culturally sensitive and realistic practices on the ground at Amani and in Shinyanga.

## **Trustee and Associate Visits**

FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow, visited the Amani Centre for a period of five weeks in May/June 2024.

Trustees, Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Amani Centre for a period of 12 days in August 2024. Catherine Swanson visited for a day in May 2024 whilst on other business in Tanzania.

Trustees held regular discussions with Fr Beatus (Director) and Emmanuel Mlegu (Assistant Director) by WhatsApp.

In addition, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in July 2024, to review Care Ministry work there in their capacity as FOAT Trustees and Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga.

## About Amani

The Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Morogoro, Tanzania is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 30+ years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 the Amani Centre ownership was transferred to the Roman Catholic Church and Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director. He continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs, now employed as a Schools Inspector.

Since 2015, Amani has been working in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro on joint outreach projects to families of the disabled in the Morogoro Region. In 2023 the Lutheran Church joined this Ecumenical initiative.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 50 workers, most in a voluntary capacity,
- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers,
- has developed an infrastructure comprising four centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired and Farm, Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre and a new outreach centre in the village of Magubike,
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for children with mental and physical disabilities – over 7,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community,
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani and the Ecumenical Team through outreach in village communities throughout the Morogoro Region,
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers,
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## About Shinyanga

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Care Ministry Coordinator (Priest) and the Diocesan Accountant. In July 2021 Bridget and Leslie Green were appointed as Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga and in November 2023 both were invited to be Lay Canons of St Stephen's Cathedral, Shinyanga in recognition of their work in support of Care Ministry in the Diocese. They were officially inducted at a service held in the Cathedral on 15 July 2024.

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What follows is a summary of achievements the charity Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

## Fundraising and Awareness

The Charity has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.
3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good-will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

### 1. Educational partnership and support

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people

in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures that could be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (Redlands Parish Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. Since 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including Earley St Peter's Church, Reading, sponsoring Care Ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

Trustees are pleased to work closely with an associate, Barbara Bristow who has her own network of supporters in the UK. Barbara normally visits Amani annually.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2024 the Charity received funds from:

- St James' Place Charitable Trust                      £2,787
- John Pitman Charitable Trust                              £406
- The Rotary Club of Reading                                £930
- Earley St Peter's Church                                    £356
- Wolfscastle    £500

## **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £9,669 from regular donations including for child sponsorship and the social fund (a decrease of £1,161 on 2023). In 2024 we had 23

regular monthly givers (a decrease of two on 2023) and a further five annual givers. The child sponsorship scheme generated £5,242 (an increase of £142 on 2023).

By the end of 2024, FOAT had eight regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £4,645 for the year. This includes £1,265 for the education of two girls with albinism, one who attends Mwadui Anglican Primary School and the other the local Lutheran Secondary School.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations to maximize the income to the Charity. In 2024 the Charity received a tax rebate of £4,731. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition, further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £969.

#### **4. Harnessing the good-will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

We are fortunate to continue to be supported in our work by Catherine Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and volunteered a day a month on Amani's Home Visiting Outreach programme. Catherine is a Safeguarding Officer for Africa Inland Mission International (AIM). She is still based in East Africa (Kenya) and her work with AIM brings her to Morogoro from time to time; she visits Amani whenever viable. In her wider safeguarding role she endeavours to connect Amani with other similar organisations and charities. An example of this is a Safeguarding WhatsApp group which grew out of the May 2022 training: here is an accessible medium whereby resources, ideas and training examples can be shared. This remains an active forum for discussion as well as being able to advertise safeguarding workshops.

We are delighted that the young student, Angela Elezi, who visited Amani with Bridget and Leslie Green in 2023 is continuing to be involved with FOAT. She sits as an observer on the FOAT Board to understand better the workings of the charity and hopes to make a visit to Amani in the not-too-distant future.

## **5. Events and initiatives**

Trustees are pleased to report fundraising initiatives they have organised and/or participated in during 2024.

- Following the success of the 'meals to your door' initiative which Bridget and Leslie Green began in 2021, they repeated this in 2024 and raised £652 for various projects at Amani.
- Trustee, Rachel Derry did a birthday fundraiser on Facebook which raised £75 for the charity.
- For several years, Bridget and Leslie Green have coordinated a Gift Christmas Card initiative. In 2024 this raised £340.

A total of £7,640 was raised through the efforts of Barbara Bristow (FOAT Associate). This includes the grant of £2,787 from St James Place for construction of the biogas plant at Amani Mvomero. Among other things funds raised by Barbara contributed towards, a new kitchen at Amani Mvomero, scrubs for the physio team, medicines and food.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as 'Giveasyoulive' raised £250. This is an increase of over £100 on 2023.

## **Projects and Funding for Amani**

At Amani, local support has picked up since COVID-19 but FOAT has still needed to focus on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self-sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading for their assistance. FOAT is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards Amani's food costs. The Club has donated a total of £930. This is an increase of £50 on 2023.

## **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £32,106 was donated to Amani, a decrease of £6,429 on last year. Of the £32,106, £29,319 was directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre.

FOAT donated £6,200 from the Child Sponsorship Scheme. There was an average of 32 children residing at Amani (Chamwino) who are part of this scheme. A total of 22 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani's main centre in Chamwino. All monies from this are collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, in order to obtain regular updates about the children to ensure the information is kept up to date.

Each year FOAT pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which, not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and local donors, for their generosity. In 2024, £475 was donated for the party, including small gifts for the children.

Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduce dependency on overseas donors.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the children with disabilities at Amani.

FOAT continues to seek supporters through its networks to assist with the education of young people at Amani.

Many of the families of children who attend Amani Mvomero Special School cannot afford the school fees. In 2021 a donation of £6,176 by the Park Family Trust was received to support the education of four students for the four years of their secondary education at Amani Mvomero School. The third payment of £2,000 was sent to Amani in June. FOAT is actively seeking sponsors for other pupils.

### **3. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

We are delighted to report that once again the Park Family Trust supported the surgery enablement programme. The grant of £9,124 made in 2023 will enable five children from Amani to receive vital surgery each year for four years, thereby facilitating their rehabilitation to their families and to the community at large and freeing up capacity for Amani to support more children with disabilities. Funds of £2,245 were sent in October 2024 and a further £796 was sent in November\* to enable the second cohort of five children to receive surgery at the CCBRT hospital in Dar es Salaam in November/December 2024 and early in 2025.

\* Costs of surgery had increased from £300 to £450 per child since 2023.

### **4. Economic Social Empowerment Projects (ESEPs) around Amani Mvomero**

Following the death of Helena Green in 2017, her parents (Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green) set up a memorial fund to establish economic social empowerment projects in eight wards around Amani Chamwino. In 2024 during their visit to Amani, Bridget and Leslie, along with Amani, identified the need for a ninth group to be established and trained. A grant of £406 from the John Pitman Charitable Trust in November has enabled the initiation of this ninth group.

## **Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2024**

FOAT continues to support Care Ministry Projects in the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in particular those focussing on community development including families of the disabled. By the end of 2024, FOAT had a total of eight regular donors to Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

## **1. Projects**

### **1.1. *Education of two girls with albinism at Mwadui***

The two girls with albinism who live with the local priest at Mwadui are continuing to have their education sponsored by a UK donor. Shija graduated from Primary School and now attends the local Lutheran Secondary School. Lucia continues at Mwadui Anglican Primary School. Both girls are benefitting from extra support given by the teachers.

### **1.2 *Further education training for a young man with albinism***

A young man with albinism was sponsored by a UK donor in 2023 to attend a four-month Computer Access Course. He was due to start at Mwanza FE college to study for a Certificate in Information Technology in 2024, but this was deferred until April 2025. In the meantime, he has been staying at Ndala Mission and Evangelism Training Centre where he has been increasing his knowledge of theology and assisting the children who attend the Compassion Centre, with IT skills.

### **1.3 *Training***

Since the start of the six-month Evangelism Training programme in 2023, there are now 74 trained evangelists working across the Diocese of Shinyanga. Bishop Johnson has initiated a two-year Mission and Evangelism training programme as a way of training future clergy. There are now 16 students registered on this programme which began in November 2024. Both programmes include modules on the care of people with disabilities in the community and developing self-support groups.

### **1.4 *Care Ministry Support Groups***

During their visit to the Diocese of Shinyanga in 2024, Bridget and Leslie witnessed the increasing number of churches being planted and initiation of Care Ministry Support Groups bringing together families of the disabled for mutual support and to initiate projects to support themselves. There are now a total of six groups, at Solwa, Meatu, Mwadui, Maswa, Kitangili and Ndala.

## **2. Developing support networks in the UK**

In their roles as Bishop's Commissaries and Lay Canons in the Diocese of Shinyanga, Bridget and Leslie have been working to develop links with churches

and individuals in the UK to support Care Ministry in Shinyanga. They are delighted to report that Early St Peter's Church has agreed to support Care Ministry in the Diocese of Shinyanga for a further three years, 2025 – 2027.

Bicycles are critical for the evangelists' work. FOAT has so far secured funding for 15 bikes, seven, thanks to fundraising by Earley St Peter's church. Bishop Johnson has introduced a priority/incentive scheme – those who plant a church are in line to receive a bike. There are already three evangelists waiting, so FOAT continues to seek funds for more bicycles.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Amani**

FOAT will:

- continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's four centres at Chamwino, Mikese, Mvomero and Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those which a focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities, and fundraising initiatives;
- work with Amani to build on the ecumenical project through developing further partnerships with local churches in Morogoro;
- keep The Park Family Trust updated with surgery operations and the progress of secondary pupils sponsored at Amani Mvomero Secondary School;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on the work of the Amani Centre with a view to requesting a further grant in 2025;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you Live' to raise funds via on-line shopping;

- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK, China and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Shinyanga**

FOAT will:

- continue to seek support from churches in the UK for care ministry projects;
- seek support for Mwadui Anglican Primary School through partnership with Anglican schools in the UK
- continue to look for regular donors for care ministry work;
- seek sponsors for the education of individuals with special needs, in particular those with albinism;
- keep Earley St Peter's church and other supporters updated on care ministry projects;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on training and care ministry projects.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide. Grants have been received from John Pitman Charitable Trust, St James' Place Charitable Trust, The Rotary Club of Reading, Wolfscastle and Earley St Peter's Church (for Shinyanga). Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate.

Once again, the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£37,087**.

Expenditure for the year was **£43,975**. This included:

- Donations of £43,117, of which £32,105 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £11,010 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.
- Operating expenses of £798 (1.8% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania, Just Giving costs and FOAT Web fees.

Restricted funds received in 2023 and earlier years, scheduled for payment in 2024, account for the variation of income over expenditure.

Just Giving costs for 2024 are yet to be paid.

There was a deficit of income over expenditure of £6,889 for the year. This compares with a surplus of £5,023 in 2023.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 showed cash balances of £10,632 and net assets of £10,416.

A tax rebate of £2,209 was received in 2024 for funds donated between October 2023 and March 2024. A further rebate of £2,522 was received in October 2024 for the period between April 2024 and September 2024.

Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	2,867	0	2,867	4,320
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	5,242	5,242	5,100
Card Sales	340	0	340	105
Bristow Initiatives excl. Just Giving (JG)	0	0	0	1390
Charity Donation	2,318	4,449	6,767	3,604
Park Family Trust	0	0	0	12989
Social Fund	0	1,560	1,560	1,410
Ecumenical project	652	0	652	700
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	0	930	930	1,627
SEN School (Mvomero)	0	0	0	611
Shinyanga ACT inc Bike Appeal	0	4,667	4,667	10,161
Shinyanga Education inc Mwadui	0	3,022	3,022	3,134
Just Giving & Virgin Money	781	4,853	5,634	7,338
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	326	0	326	128
Gift Aid receipts	1635	3,096	4,731	7,257
Interest	348	0	348	188
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,267</b>	<b>27,819</b>	<b>37,086</b>	<b>60,062</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	798	0	798	932
Bank Charges	60	0	60	107
Donations	8,752	34,365	43,117	54,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,610</b>	<b>34,365</b>	<b>43,975</b>	<b>55,039</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(343)</b>	<b>(6,546)</b>	<b>(6,889)</b>	<b>5,023</b>
Funds brought forward	640	16,665	17,305	11,893
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>16,916</b>

Note 2

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts: Friends of Amani Tanzania	<b>10,632</b>	<b>17,313</b>
<b>Less:</b> Creditors	<b>216</b>	<b>396</b>
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<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>16,917</b>
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<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds: general reserves	<b>297</b>	<b>640</b>
Restricted funds	<b>10,119</b>	<b>16,665</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>17,305</b>
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## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

Income and expenditure is accounted for mainly on a receipts and payments basis with an accrual made for fundraising expenses, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity.

(i) Figures are rounded to the nearest £.

(ii) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2024

		£
<b>Amani</b>		
General Funds	Includes CBR, Food and School fees	14,989
Child Sponsorship		6,200
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		5,876
Education Projects		2,000
Medical Fees		3,041
	Sub Total	<u>32,106</u>
<b>Shinyanga</b>		
Care Ministry		5,170
Education Projects		5,841
	Sub Total	<u>11,011</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>43,117</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chairperson)



Date 23 April 2025

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 17 to 19.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

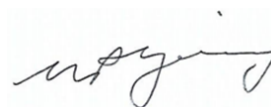
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**DATE** 15 June 2025

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Accounts:

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Year Ending 31 December 2023

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An application to open a Charity Account with CAF Bank was approved on 1 December 2023. The Authorised Signatories are: Leslie Green (Trustee and Treasurer), Bridget Green (Trustee and Secretary), Ken Spours (Chair of Trustees) and Rachel Derry (Trustee). Any two of the above may authorise payments.

Until such time as all regular donors to the Charity have redirected their payments to the new CAF account, Trustees have agreed to keep both accounts open.

## **Safeguarding**

FOAT remains committed to upholding the integrity of its Safeguarding commitments as outlined by the UK Charity Commission. In a strategic attempt to keep Safeguarding 'front and centre' in our Trustee meetings, there is a designated agenda item where an aspect of International Safeguarding is presented and discussed. This is a focus on specific areas where we might mitigate risks to beneficiaries in the course of our work. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead on the Board, who is based in East Africa and works full-time as a Safeguarding officer in another charity, and is also a registered UK nurse. She makes spontaneous visits to Amani on an annual basis to identify any serious safeguarding risks and give advice where necessary. This enables her to align UK Charity Commission standards with culturally relevant and realistic practices on the ground at Amani and in Shinyanga.

## **Trustee and Associate Visits**

FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow visited the Amani Centre for a period of three weeks in May/June.

Trustees, Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Amani Centre for a period of 11 days in August.

Trustees held regular discussions with Fr Beatus (Director) and Emmanuel Mlegu (Assistant Director) by WhatsApp.

In addition, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in July, to review Care Ministry work there in their capacity as FOAT Trustees and Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga.

## **About Amani**

The Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Morogoro, Tanzania is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth.

Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 30 years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 the Amani Centre ownership was transferred to the Roman Catholic Church and Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director. He continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs, now employed as a Schools Inspector in Kilombero District of the Morogoro Region.

Since 2015, Amani has been working in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro on joint outreach projects to families of the disabled in the Morogoro Region.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 40 workers, most in a voluntary capacity;
- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers;
- has developed an infrastructure comprising four centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired and Farm, Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre and a new outreach centre in the village of Magubike;
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for children with mental and physical disabilities – over 7,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community;
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani and the Ecumenical Team through outreach in village communities throughout the Morogoro Region;
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers;
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## **About Shinyanga**

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and

ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and a named church volunteer. In July 2021 Bridget and Leslie were appointed as Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga and in November 2023 both were invited to be Lay Canons of St Stephen's Cathedral, Shinyanga in recognition of their work in support of Care Ministry in the Diocese. It is expected they will be officially inducted at a service to be held in the Cathedral during their planned visit in 2024.

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What follows is a summary of achievements by Friends of Amani Tanzania for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.

## **Fundraising and Awareness**

The Charity (FOAT) has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.
3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

### **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering

valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures that could be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (Redlands Parish Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. Since 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including from other churches, sponsoring Care Ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

Trustees are pleased to work closely with an associate, Barbara Bristow who has her own network of supporters in the UK. Barbara normally visits Amani annually.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2023 the Charity received funds from:

- |                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| • John Pitman Charitable Trust | £ 3,000 |
| • The Park Family Trust        | £12,989 |
| • The Rotary Club of Reading   | £1,377  |
| • Earley St Peter's Church     | £726    |

## **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £10,830 from regular donations including the child sponsorship and the social fund (an increase of £1,000 on 2022). In 2023 we had 25 regular monthly givers (a decrease of one on 2022) and a further seven annual givers. The child sponsorship scheme generated £5,100 (an increase of £440 on 2022).

By the end of 2023, FOAT had eight regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £4,246, for the year. This includes £1,290 for the education of two girls with albinism who attend Mwadui Anglican Primary School and £1,840 for a young man with albinism to study for a Certificate in Computer Studies.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations in order to maximize the income to the Charity. In 2023 the Charity received a tax rebate of £7,257. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £1,275.

#### **4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

New volunteers and supporters, often with professional and medical skills, come forward from time to time, either via the former volunteers' universities or places of work, or through the Facebook web pages of Friends of Amani and the Amani Centre itself. While this is something that the Charity is keen to support, we recognize the need both for the young people to play an active and constructive role, and for the Amani Centre to provide relevant project work for them to undertake.

We are fortunate to continue to be supported in our work by Catherine Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and volunteered a day a month on Amani's Home Visiting Outreach programme. Catherine is a Safeguarding Officer for Africa Inland Mission International (AIM). She is still based in East Africa (Kenya) and her work with AIM brings her to Morogoro from time to time; she visits Amani whenever viable. In her wider Safeguarding role she endeavours to connect Amani with other similar organisations and charities. An example of this is a Safeguarding WhatsApp group which grew out of the May 2022 training: here is an accessible medium whereby resources, ideas and training examples can be shared.

We are delighted to report that a young 17 year old student visited Amani with Bridget and Leslie Green in 2023. She is keen to retain a link with Amani, to visit as a student volunteer in the coming year or two and to sit as an observer on the FOAT Board to understand better the workings of the charity.

#### **5. Events and initiatives**

Trustees are pleased to report fundraising initiatives they have organised and/or participated in during 2023.

Following the success of the 'meals to your door' initiative which Bridget and Leslie Green began in 2021, they repeated this twice during 2023 and raised £1,315 for various projects at Amani. In addition, they have provided meals to various friends on an 'ad hoc' basis in exchange for a donation to the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga. This raised £380.

A total of £6,471 was raised through the efforts of Barbara Bristow (FOAT Associate). Among other things this contributed towards the construction of a medical testing laboratory (Maabara) at Amani and the purchase of a microscope and medicines.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as Giveasyoulive raised £128. This is a decrease of over £100 on 2022.

## **Projects and Funding for Amani**

In 2020 and 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic significantly affected the ability for all charities to hold fund raising events. To a certain extent, we were limited in 2022 but despite the opening up of opportunities for fundraising, FOAT has found it hard to generate income through events. In addition, the global economic situation continues to make it hard to obtain grants from Charitable Trusts outside those already known to FOAT.

At Amani, local support has picked up but FOAT has still needed to focus on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading for their assistance. Whilst the members of the Club have resumed 'in person' meetings, this is only on a fortnightly basis; they have been allocating their lunch money saved from the intervening weeks to support a number of charities. The Amani Centre is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards their food costs. The Club has donated a total of £877. This is a reduction of £308 on 2022.

### **1. New Amani Centre at Magubike**

A new Amani Centre is now in situ at a fourth site in Magubike. It comprises a reception area, a hall/physiotherapy room, staff house and toilets. Phase 1 was completed in September 2023 following a final donation of £700 to connect the water tanks. The Magubike Centre can now provide vital support, guidance and therapy for those in need in the Magubike/Berega area.

## **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £38,535 was donated to Amani, a decrease of £3,795 on last year. Of the £38,535, £31,925 was directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre.

FOAT donated £6,000 from the Child Sponsorship Scheme. There was an average of 38 children residing at Amani (Chamwino) who are part of this scheme. A total of 23 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani's main centre in Chamwino. All monies from this are collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all 38 children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, in order to obtain regular updates about the children to ensure the information is kept up-to-date.

Each year FOAT pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which, not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre, but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and local donors, for their generosity. In 2023, £580 was donated for the party and £125 for small gifts for the children.

Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduce dependency on overseas donors.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the children with disabilities at Amani. In 2023, the final year of construction training for one of the young people from Amani was funded by FOAT.

FOAT continues to seek supporters through its networks to assist with the education of young people at Amani.

Many of the families of children who attend Amani Mvomero Special School cannot afford the school fees. In 2021 a donation of £6,176 by the Park Family Trust was received to support the education of four students for the four years of their secondary education at Amani Mvomero School. The second payment of £1,500 was sent to Amani in July. FOAT is actively seeking sponsors for other pupils.

### **3. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

We are delighted to report that once again the Park Family Trust supported the surgery enablement programme. The grant of £9,124 will enable five children from Amani to receive vital surgery each year for four years, thereby facilitating their rehabilitation to their families and to the community at large, and freeing up capacity for Amani to support more children with disabilities. The first cohort of five children received surgery at the CCBRT hospital in Dar es Salaam in November/December 2023.

### **5. School projects**

**Primary education** –the Special School at Mvomero was finally registered and officially opened in August 2018, although it had been in operation for three years before this. The first intake of students completed their seven years of primary education in December 2021. A second group completed their Standard 7 exams in December 2022 and a further group of five students in December 2023. The School has now achieved its initial and main aim of becoming a fully functioning primary school, focusing on children with a hearing impairment and other special needs.

**Secondary education** - with no provision for students with special needs to study at secondary level in the Morogoro Region, Amani took the decision to initiate a special needs secondary school on the Mvomero site in 2021. Following discussions with FOAT, it was decided to do this as a phased approach; by seeking funds to build a classroom (essential for the first cohort of secondary level students to use at the start of 2022), with a second classroom and dormitories following soon after.

Thanks to a grant of £3,865 from the Park Family Trust to complete the boys' dormitory, the first phase of the secondary school is now complete.

## **6. Economic Social Empowerment Projects (ESEPs) around Amani Mvomero**

Following the death of Helena Green in 2017, her parents (Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green) set up a memorial fund to establish economic social empowerment projects in eight wards around Amani Chamwino. In 2023, a grant of £800 enabled further training on microbanks and a top up to each of the eight groups.

## **7. Ecumenical Economic Social Empowerment and outreach projects**

Since the establishment of the Ecumenical Project in 2014, whereby the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches agreed to work together to further the aim of supporting families of the disabled in the community, the Lutheran Church has joined the Project.

At the Ecumenical Steering Group meeting in August 2023 attended by representatives of all three churches, it was agreed that the work of the group should focus on fundraising for Amani, rather than conducting further outreach at this stage.

## **Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2023**

FOAT continues to support Care Ministry Projects in the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in particular those focussing on community development including families of the disabled. By the end of 2023, FOAT had a total of eight regular donors to Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

### **1. Projects**

#### **1.1. *Education of two girls with albinism at Mwadui Anglican Primary School***

The two girls with albinism who live with the local priest at Mwadui are continuing to have their education sponsored by a UK donor. Both girls have settled well and are benefitting from extra support given by the teachers at Mwadui on a voluntary basis.

#### **1.2 *Further education training for a young man with albinism***

A young man with albinism was sponsored by a UK donor in 2023 to attend a four month Computer Access Course.

### **1.3 Training**

FOAT and the Shinyanga Care Ministry Team would like to express their thanks to the Trustees of the John Pitman Charitable Trust for a grant of £2,000 towards mission training at Ndala Mission and Evangelist Training Centre (METC). The training includes modules on support and care for families of the disabled. The first cohort of evangelists completed their training in September and are now working in community development roles throughout the Shinyanga Diocese.

### **1.4 Buhangija Fire Appeal**

Following a fire at Buhangija Special School in one of the girls' dormitories which killed three children with visual impairments, an appeal for funds of £3,500 was launched in November 2022. A total of £2,794 was raised by FOAT in 2022 and a further £700 early in 2023.

## **2. Developing support networks in the UK**

In June 2021, Bishop Johnson of Shinyanga confirmed the status of 'Bishop's Commissaries in the UK and Beyond' on Bridget and Leslie Green. In this role, Bridget and Leslie have been working to develop links with churches and individuals in the UK to support Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Amani**

FOAT will:

- continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's four centres at Chamwino, Mikese, Mvomero and Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those which focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities and fundraising initiatives;
- work with Amani to build on the ecumenical project through developing further partnerships with local churches in Morogoro;

- keep The Park Family Trust updated with surgery operations and the progress of secondary pupils sponsored at Amani Mvomero Secondary School;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on the work of the Amani Centre with a view to requesting a further grant for in 2024;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you Live' to raise funds via on-line shopping;
- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and also bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Shinyanga**

FOAT will:

- continue to seek support from churches in the UK for care ministry projects;
- continue to look for regular donors for care ministry work;
- seek sponsors for the education of individuals with special needs, in particular those with albinism;

- keep Earley St Peter's church and other supporters updated on care ministry projects;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on training at the Ndala Training Centre.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide. Grants have been received from John Pitman Charitable Trust, The Park Family Trust, The Rotary Club of Reading and Earley St Peter's Church (for Shinyanga). Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate. She raised £6,471 in 2023.

Once again the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£60,062**.

Expenditure for the year was **£55,039**. This included:

- Donations of £54,000, of which £38,535 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £15,465 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.
- Operating expenses of £932 (1.7% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania, Just Giving costs and FOAT Web fees.

Just Giving costs and Web Fees for 2023 are yet to be paid.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,023 for the year. This compares with a surplus of £2,699 in 2022.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 showed cash balances of £17,313 and net assets of £16,917.

A tax rebate of £3,449 was received in 2023 for funds donated between October 2022 and March 2023. A further rebate of £3,808 was received in October 2023 for the period between April 2023 and September 2023.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	3,820	500	4,320	4,200
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	5,100	5,100	4,660
Card Sales	105	0	105	640
Bristow Initiatives excl. Just Giving (JG)	0	1,390	1,390	250
Charity Donation	2,546	1,058	3,604	7,220
Park Family Trust	0	12,989	12,989	6676
Social Fund	0	1,410	1,410	960
Ecumenical project	0	700	700	1797
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	0	1,627	1,627	1,686
SEN School (Mvomero)	0	611	611	8934
Shinyanga ACT excl. JG inc Buhangija Appeal	0	10,161	10,161	15,805
Shinyanga Education inc Mwadui	0	3,134	3,134	1,445
Just Giving & Virgin Money	182	7,156	7,338	5,265
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	128	0	128	212
Gift Aid receipts	1,528	5,729	7,257	7,801
Interest	188	0	188	25
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,497</b>	<b>51,565</b>	<b>60,062</b>	<b>67,576</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	932	0	932	389
Bank Charges	26	81	107	238
Donations	7,391	46,609	54,000	64,250
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,349</b>	<b>46,690</b>	<b>55,039</b>	<b>64,877</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>5,023</b>	<b>2,699</b>
Funds brought forward	104	11,790	11,894	9,194
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>16,665</b>	<b>16,917</b>	<b>11,893</b>

Note 2

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**

**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts: Friends of Amani Tanzania	<b>17,313</b>	<b>11,893</b>
<b>Less:</b> Creditors	<b>396</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>16,917</b>	<b>11,893</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds: general reserves	<b>252</b>	<b>103</b>
Restricted funds	<b>16,665</b>	<b>11,790</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>16,917</b>	<b>11,893</b>

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

Income and expenditure is accounted for mainly on a receipts and payments basis with an accrual made for fundraising expenses, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity.

- (i) Figures are rounded to the nearest £.
- (ii) Funds accounting  
Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees  
Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.  
Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2023

<b>Amani</b>		<b>£</b>
General Funds	inc. CBR , Food and School fees	15,787
Child Sponsorship		6,000
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		6,285
Education Projects		6,610
Medical Fees		3853
	Sub Total	<u>38,535</u>
<b>Shinyanga</b>		
Buhangija Appeal		1,132
Medical Fees		740
Care Ministry		10,876
Education Projects		2,717
	Sub Total	<u>15,465</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54,000</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chairperson)



Date 12 May 2024

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 17 to 19.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

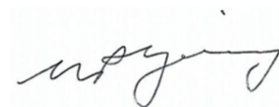
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Nigel Gowing BSc BFP FCA MBA

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

118 Netherton Road, Abingdon, OX13 5LA



6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**FRIENDS OF AMANI TANZANIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1114281

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Accounts:

## Friends of Amani Tanzania

Registered Charity Number 1114281

Year Ending 31 December 2022

## **Charity Registered Address**

Jaycroft, Elm Lane

Lower Earley

Reading RG6 5UG

## **Trustees**

Professor Ken Spours (Chair)

Leslie Green (Treasurer)

Bridget Green (Secretary)

Catherine Swanson

Rachel Derry

John Bullock

## **Bank Details**

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Sort Code: 16-29-25

# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ending 31 December 2022 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2022 the Trustees met four times via Zoom and once in person on:

- 10 March (Zoom)
- 9 June (Zoom)
- 22 September (Zoom)
- 12 November (in person)
- 6 December (Zoom)

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The Treasurer has made numerous attempts to establish a new business account without success throughout 2022. It would appear that banks are resistant to setting up new accounts for charities making international payments. The Treasurer will continue the search in 2023.

## **Safeguarding**

FOAT remains committed to upholding the integrity of its Safeguarding commitments as outlined by the UK Charity Commission. In a strategic attempt to keep Safeguarding 'front and centre' in our Trustee meetings, there is a designated agenda item where an aspect of International Safeguarding is presented and discussed. This is a focus on specific areas where we might mitigate risks to beneficiaries in the course of our work. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead on the Board who helps to align UKCC standards with culturally relevant and realistic practices on the ground at Amani and in Shinyanga.

In May 2022, the FOAT Safeguarding Lead ran a three-day workshop on Child Protection in vulnerable communities which was attended by several different NGOs working in a variety of fields. This was attended by eight members of Amani Centre and five from Shinyanga. The inclusion of other organisations allowed for 'cross pollination' of ideas to take place and networking opportunities. One of the presenters was a previous Community worker from Amani who had been part of the Policy writing team for Amani. The presence of a familiar and respected person added to the credibility of the training and some rich contextualization of the content.

## **Trustee and Associate Visits**

Trustees, Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Amani Centre for a period of 11 days at the end of August/beginning of September.

FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow visited the Amani Centre for a period of three weeks in October.

FOAT Trustee Catherine Swanson visited the Amani Centre in February 2022 and discussed ways in which the Code of Conduct could be laminated and replaced on the walls following recent redecoration.

Trustees held regular discussions with Fr Beatus (Director) and Emmanuel Mlegu (Assistant Director) by WhatsApp.

In addition, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green visited the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga in June, to review Care Ministry work there in their capacity as FOAT Trustees and Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga. Their visit included discussions:

- with the Anglican Bishop and senior leaders about strengthening the Diocesan Safeguarding policy and delivering training across the Diocese for those working with children and vulnerable adults,
- with the Anglican Bishops of Shinyanga and Morogoro to spearhead the development of a Safeguarding Policy for the whole Anglican Church of Tanzania, and
- with Compassion International (the Church in Shinyanga works in partnership with this charity in two districts) and local government leaders to keep safeguarding at the forefront of their work.

## About Amani

The Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Morogoro, Tanzania is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 30 years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director of the Amani Centre; he continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs, now employed as a Schools Inspector in Kilombero District of the Morogoro Region.

Since 2015, Amani has been working in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro on joint outreach projects to families of the disabled in the Morogoro Region and is now a Catholic social organisation.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 40 workers, most in a voluntary capacity;
- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers;
- has developed an infrastructure comprising four centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired and Farm, Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre and a new outreach centre in the village of Magubike;

- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for children with mental and physical disabilities – over 7,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community;
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani and the Ecumenical Team through outreach in village communities throughout the Morogoro Region;
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers;
- supports the elderly in terms of both physical well-being and appropriate social activities;
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## About Shinyanga

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and a named church volunteer. In July 2021 Bridget and Leslie were appointed as Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga.

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What follows is a summary of achievements by Friends of Amani Tanzania for the financial year ending 31 December 2022.

## Fundraising and Awareness

The Charity (FOAT) has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.
3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

## **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures may be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (Redlands Parish Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. Since 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including from other churches, sponsoring Care Ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

Trustees are pleased to work closely with an associate, Barbara Bristow who has her own network of supporters in the UK. Barbara normally visits Amani annually. After a break of nearly three years due to Covid restrictions, she was able to visit Amani once again in October 2022.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2022 the Charity received funds from:

- |                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. John Pitman Charitable Trust | £3,892 |
| 2. St James' Place Foundation   | £5,000 |

3. The Park Family Trust	£6,176
4. The Rotary Club of Reading	£6,685
5. Earley St Peter's Church	£1,184

### **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £9,820 from regular donations including the child sponsorship and the social fund (a decrease of £45 on 2021). In 2022 we had 26 regular monthly givers (an increase of one on 2021) and a further seven annual givers. The child sponsorship scheme generated £4,660. The eighth regular annual donor is now supporting one off projects and this year donated £2,000 towards the girls' dormitory at Mvomero.

By the end of 2022, FOAT had seven regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £3,376 for the year. This includes £980 for the education of two girls with albinism who attend Mwadui Anglican Primary School.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations in order to maximize the income to the Charity. In 2022 the Charity received a tax rebate of £7,801. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £917.

### **4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

New volunteers and supporters, often with professional and medical skills, come forward from time to time, either via the former volunteers' universities or places of work, or through the Facebook web pages of Friends of Amani and the Amani Centre itself. While this is something that the Charity is keen to support, we recognize the need both for the young people to play an active and constructive role, and for the Amani Centre to provide relevant project work for them to undertake.

We are fortunate to continue to be supported in our work by Catherine Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and volunteered a day a month on Amani's Home Visiting Outreach programme. Catherine is a Safeguarding Officer for Africa Inland Mission International (AIM). She is still based in East Africa (Kenya) and her work with AIM brings her to Morogoro from time to time; she visits Amani whenever viable. In her wider Safeguarding role she endeavours to connect Amani with other similar organisations and charities. An example of this is

a Safeguarding WhatsApp group which grew out of the May 2022 training: here is an accessible medium whereby resources, ideas and training examples can be shared.

It is very unfortunate that the Covid-19 pandemic prevented any overseas volunteers from visiting Amani in 2020 and 2021. With the uncertainties of Covid restrictions being lifted there were no visits by volunteers in 2022 but it is hoped that visits will commence again in 2023.

## **5. Events and initiatives**

Trustees are pleased to report fundraising initiatives they have organised and/or participated in during 2022.

In March, Rachel Derry and John Bullock ran a half-marathon which raised over £550 for Amani.

Following the success of the 'meals to your door' initiative which Bridget and Leslie Green began in 2021, they repeated this three times during 2022 raising over £2,000 for various projects at Amani, including the secondary boys' dormitory at Mvomero Special School. In addition, they have provided meals to various friends on an 'ad hoc' basis in exchange for a donation to the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga. This has raised over £400.

A total of £3,835 was raised through the efforts of Barbara Bristow (FOAT Associate). Among other things this enabled the upgrading of physiotherapy equipment at Amani and contributed towards food and agriculture projects and enhancements to water capture.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as Giveasyoulive, Amazonsmile and Paypal totalled £212. This is a decrease of £352 on 2021. Much of the decrease can be accounted for by the demise of AmazonSmile part way through 2022.

## **Projects and Funding for Amani**

In 2020 and 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic significantly affected the ability for all charities to hold fund raising events. To a certain extent, we were limited in 2022. In addition, the World economic situation has made it harder to obtain grants from Charitable Trusts outside those already known to FOAT.

At Amani, local support has begun to pick up but FOAT has still needed to focus on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading for their

assistance. Whilst the members of the Club have resumed 'in person' meetings, this is only on a fortnightly basis; they have been allocating their lunch money saved from the intervening weeks to support a number of charities. The Amani Centre is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards their food costs. The Club has donated a total of £1,185. This is a reduction of £673 on 2021.

Leslie Green, a member of the Rotary Club of Reading, was also successful in securing a grant of £5,500, a contribution towards the construction of the physiotherapy room/activity hall at Amani's new outpost at Magubike.

### **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £42,330 was donated to Amani, an increase of £10,590 on last year. Of the £42,330 £32,105 was directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre of which £12,781 was for use at the discretion of the Director.

FOAT donated £5,400 from the Child Sponsorship Scheme. There was an average of 38 children residing at Amani (Chamwino) who are part of this scheme. A total of 21 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani's main centre in Chamwino. All monies from this are collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all 38 children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, in order to obtain regular updates about the children to ensure the information is kept up-to-date.

Each year FOAT pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which, not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre, but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and local donors, for their generosity. In 2022, £350 was donated for the party.

Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduce dependency on overseas donors.

Agricultural projects are key to Amani's sustainability. In the latter part of the year, at Amani's request, FOAT rescheduled its payments to Amani in line with the needs of the agricultural calendar.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the children with disabilities at Amani. In 2022, a FOAT supporter donated £500 towards the cost of the education of one young person. FOAT is seeking future supporters through its networks.

Many of the families of children who attend Amani Mvomero Special School cannot afford the school fees. FOAT is delighted to report on the donation of £6,176 by the Park Family Trust to support the education of four students for the four years of their secondary education at Amani Mvomero School. The first payment of £1,544 was sent to Amani in June. FOAT is actively seeking sponsors for other pupils.

## **3. Mpapa-Msufini Dispensary**

The 10 rooms required under the new Government rules have been built and water tanks installed in 2020 thanks to a very generous private donation in 2019. It is frustrating that despite Amani's best efforts the local government have not yet refurbished the building or appointed medical workers. The Director of the Amani Centre met with villagers and local government leaders on several occasions in 2021 and 2022. It seems that the hold-up is due to multiple changes of government staff. On their visit to Amani in September 2022, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green joined Fr Beatus and others from Amani for a meeting with village leaders and local government staff to implore them to commit to completing the outstanding work and appoint staff so the centre can be opened.

## **4. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

The third of five annual payments of £730 was made to Amani in November 2022 from The Park Family Charitable Trust grant of £3,200 donated to FOAT in 2020. These funds enabled a total of ten children from Amani to receive medical treatment at the CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam in December. Most of the children subsequently returned to Amani to receive physiotherapy and occupational follow up. The cost of surgery this year was very high; it will only be possible for one child to have an operation in 2023 after requesting the Ministry of Health to reduce the cost on the

basis of the complexities of her disability. FOAT has written to the Park Trust to update them on the increased costs of surgery and bring forward the expenditure of the outstanding grant.

## **5. School projects**

**Primary education** - the Special School at Mvomero was finally registered and officially opened in August 2018, although it had been in operation for three years before this. The first intake of students completed their seven years of primary education in December 2021 and all passed their Standard 7 exams enabling them to proceed to Secondary School. The school has now achieved its initial and main aim of becoming a fully functioning primary school, focusing on children with a hearing impairment and other special needs.

**Secondary education** - with no provision for students with special needs to study at secondary level in the Morogoro Region, Amani took the decision to initiate a special needs secondary school on the Mvomero site. Following discussions with FOAT, it was decided to do this as a phased approach; by seeking funds to build a classroom (essential for the first cohort of secondary level students to use at the start of 2022), with a second classroom and dormitory following soon after. After raising funds in 2021 for the first classroom, FOAT's focus in 2022 was to fund a second classroom and a dormitory for the secondary girls.

Thanks to a grant of £2,500 from St James' Place Charitable Trust in Bristol (SJPT) and other fundraising initiatives by FOAT, a donation of £3,000 was made to Amani in March to construct the second classroom. A grant of £2,500 from St James' Place Charitable Trust in London (SJPT) together with donations and funds raised by FOAT, enabled the charity to donate £5,500 in September and £1,725 in November for the construction of a dormitory for the secondary girls.

## **6. Ecumenical Economic Social Empowerment Projects**

The ecumenical project initiated at Tunguli in 2017/18 has faced challenges. Following discussions with the ecumenical team it was decided that training on running microbanks would be undertaken at Amani. Funds were donated by FOAT in October 2021 for the training which was conducted at Amani over a five day period in December 2021 involving 10 members from Tunguli, and the ecumenical project coordinator. It was agreed that the ecumenical project coordinator would make the first of the follow up visits to Tunguli early in 2022. This identified the need for safe deposit boxes and some start up funds. FOAT was pleased to donate £750 for this.

## **7. Ecumenical Outreach projects**

FOAT Trustees would like to express their thanks to the John Pitman Charitable Trust whose grant of £1,222 enabled the ecumenical team from the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches to conduct outreach awareness training in Turiani village.

## **Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2022**

### **1. Funding**

Following a talk given by Bridget to a group of Christians in East Reading in October 2021, Earley St Peter's Church agreed to partner Shinyanga Diocese' Care Ministry work for a period of three years, 2022 to 2024.

As Tanzania emerged from Lockdown in 2021, it became increasingly obvious that there was a need for the Bishop and Diocesan Secretary (who has responsibility for Care Ministry) to have reliable cars. The first priority was a car for the Bishop who had no means of transport to get around the diocese. Thanks to donations from Earley St Peter's Church and two private donors, FOAT was able to send funds for the purchase of a second-hand car early in the year.

By the end of 2022, FOAT has a total of six regular donors to Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

### **2. Projects**

#### **2.1. *Education of two girls with albinism at Mwadui Anglican Primary School***

The two girls with albinism who live with the local priest at Mwadui are continuing to have their education sponsored by a UK donor. Both girls have settled well and are benefitting from extra support given by the teachers at Mwadui on a voluntary basis.

#### **2.2 *Further education training for a young man with albinism***

During the early part of 2022, the Care Ministry team identified a young man, Samuel who had completed his secondary education but was living in poverty in a remote area of Shinyanga. It was agreed that he would benefit from attending an access course at the further education college (VETA) in Shinyanga to embark on an introductory computer skills course with the potential of entering the formal work place. Two UK sponsors were identified, enabling Samuel to commence the four month course in 2023.

### **2.3 Safeguarding training**

FOAT sponsored five people from the Shinyanga Care Ministry team to attend safeguarding training in Morogoro run by FOAT Trustee, Catherine Swanson. The course was also attended by staff from the Amani Centre.

### **2.4 Refurbishment of Ndala Training Centre**

Key to undertaking Care Ministry Work in Shinyanga is to have the Ndala Training Centre functional to enable clergy, evangelists and local volunteers to be trained in all aspects of community-based rehabilitation and safeguarding.

Thanks to donations from regular supporters and a fundraising event at Earley St Peter's Church, FOAT was able to assist with funding the completion of renovation work at Ndala Training Centre in 2022. FOAT and the Shinyanga Care Ministry Team would like to express their thanks to the Trustees of the John Pitman Charitable Trust for a grant of £2,670 to enable the purchase of bunk beds and mattresses for the Centre which is now ready to host the first training sessions in 2023.

### **2.5 Buhangija Fire Appeal**

Following a fire at Buhangija Special School in one of the girls' dormitories which killed three children with visual impairments, an appeal for funds of £3,500 was launched in November. By the end of the year a total of £2,794 had been raised by FOAT.

## **3. Developing support networks in the UK**

In June 2021, Bishop Johnson of Shinyanga confirmed the status of 'Bishop's Commissaries in the UK and Beyond' on Bridget and Leslie Green. In this role, Bridget and Leslie have been working to develop links with churches and individuals in the UK to support Care Ministry in Shinyanga.

## **Future Plans for FOAT's support for Amani**

FOAT will:

- continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's three centres at Chamwino, Mikese and Mvomero and outreach station at Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done

through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those which focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities and fundraising initiatives;

- work with Amani to build on the ecumenical project through developing further partnerships with local churches in Morogoro;
- keep The Park Family Trust updated with surgery operations and the progress of secondary pupils sponsored at Amani Mvomero Secondary School;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on ecumenical outreach work with a view to requesting a further grant for this work in 2023;
- keep the St James' Place Charitable Trust updated on construction of buildings at Amani Mvomero Special Needs School with a view to requesting further grants;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you to raise funds via on-line shopping;
- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and also bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits.

## Future Plans for FOAT's support for Shinyanga

FOAT will:

- continue to seek support from churches in the UK for care ministry projects;
- continue to look for regular donors for care ministry work;
- seek sponsors for the education of individuals with special needs, in particular those with albinism;
- keep Earley St Peter's church and other supporters updated on care ministry projects;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on training at the Ndala Training Centre.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide and the Covid 19 pandemic. Interest in the work of the Charity has increased. In addition to grants from the St James Place Charitable Trust, John Pitman Charitable Trust, the Rotary Club of Reading, the Park Family Charitable Trust, funds have been received from St Peter's Church Earley. Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate. She raised £3,835 (£3,585 of this through Just Giving) in 2022.

Once again the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£67,576**.

Expenditure for the year was **£64,877**. This included:

- Donations of £64,250, of which £42,330 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £21,920 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.

- Operating expenses of £627 (0.97% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania (£238), Just Giving costs (£216), and FOAT Web Licence (£173).

Just Giving costs for 2022 totalling £216 are yet to be paid.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £2,699 for the year. This compares with a surplus of £131 in 2021.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 showed cash balances of £11,893 and net assets of £11,677.

A tax rebate of £4,880 was received in 2022 for funds donated between October 2021 and March 2022. A further rebate of £2,921 was received in October 2022 for the period between April 2022 and September 2022. The tax due for funds donated in the period October to December 2022 totalling £9,845 will be submitted in 2023.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	4,200	0	4,200	4,045
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	4,660	4,660	4,620
Card Sales	640	0	640	430
Bristow Initiatives excl. Just Giving (JG)	0	250	250	1230
Charity Donation	870	7,351	8,221	8,196
Fonthill	0	0	0	2,287
Park Family Trust	0	6176	6,176	0
Social Fund	0	960	960	1,300
Ecumenical project	575	1222	1,797	850
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	0	1185	1,185	1,858
SEN School (Mvomero)	0	8934	8,934	3395
Shinyanga ACT excl. JG inc Buhangija Appeal	0	15,805	15,805	21,254
Mwadui	0	1,445	1,445	1,100
Just Giving & Virgin Money	620	4,645	5,265	1,522
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	212	0	212	564
Gift Aid receipts	1734	6,067	7,801	3,101
Interest	25	0	25	1
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>58,700</b>	<b>67,576</b>	<b>55,753</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	389	0	389	360
Bank Charges	119	119	238	149
Donations	9,112	55,138	64,250	55,113
	Note 2			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,620</b>	<b>55,257</b>	<b>64,877</b>	<b>55,622</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-744</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>131</b>
Funds brought forward	847	8,347	9,194	8,847
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>11,790</b>	<b>11,893</b>	<b>8,978</b>

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

- (i) Income and expenditure is accounted for mainly on a receipts and payments basis with an accrual made for fundraising expenses, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity. Figures are rounded to the nearest £.
- (ii) Funds accounting
- Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.
- Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2022

Amani		£
General Funds	inc. CBR, Food and Medical fees	12,781
Child Sponsorship		5,400
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		11,880
Education Projects		10,225
School Fees		2044
	Sub Total	<u>42,330</u>
Shinyanga		
Buhangija Fire Appeal		2,650
Transport		5,125
Care Ministry		13,008
School fees (inc. Mwadui)		1,137
	Sub Total	<u>21,920</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>64,250</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chair)



Date 27 April 2023

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**

**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	<b>31 December 2022</b>	<b>31 December 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank	11,893	9,194
Less:		
creditors	0	216
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>11,893</u>	<u>8,978</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds:		
General reserves	103	603
Restricted funds	11,790	8,375
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>11,893</u>	<u>8,978</u>

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 18 to 20.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

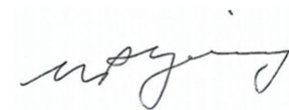
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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30 May 2023

**FRIENDS OF AMANI TANZANIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1114281

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Accounts:

## Friends of Amani Tanzania

Registered Charity Number 1114281

Year Ending 31 December 2021

## **Charity Registered Address**

Jaycroft, Elm Lane

Lower Earley

Reading RG6 5UG

## **Trustees**

Professor Ken Spours (Chair)

Leslie Green (Treasurer)

Bridget Green (Secretary)

Catherine Swanson

Kathryn Tudor   retired 01.06.2021

Rachel Derry

John Bullock

Madalaine Thomas from 01.10.2021

## **Bank Details**

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Reading RG1 1LG

Account No: 10201087

Sort Code: 16-29-25

# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ending 31 December 2021 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2021 due to the Covid pandemic all meetings were held over Zoom. The Trustees met on:

- 18 March (Zoom)
- 30 March (Zoom)
- 21 May (Zoom)
- 24 June (Zoom)
- 30 September (Zoom)
- 9 December (Zoom)

The Trustees apply the income of the charity in furthering the following objectives:

- The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular for supporting the work of the Amani Centre, Morogoro, for persons with mental disabilities.
- To advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Banking

On 30 March 2021 the Trustees reviewed the current banking arrangements. The Charity account is registered in the name of the Treasurer with the Secretary as counter signature. In order to allow greater access to Trustees, it was agreed to apply for a business account for the charity. The Trustees also agreed to amend Clause 24 of the Trust Deed to permit the Treasurer, or other designated Trustees, to act alone to undertake transactions to and from the Charity's bank account. This would make it easier to operate online banking, an essential requirement for banking post Covid.

The Treasurer has made numerous attempts to establish a new business account without success. It would appear that banks are resistant to setting up new accounts for charities making international payments. The Treasurer will continue the search in 2022.

## **Safeguarding**

As a UK registered charity, FOAT is subject to the Safeguarding guidelines laid down by the Charity Commission. The Amani Centre is ahead of the game here in many ways and has a Code of Conduct developed by the community workers and written in Swahili. In 2021, we at FOAT resolved to strengthen our efforts to ensure that risks to vulnerable children are managed well and that as Trustees we would keep ourselves abreast of the latest Safeguarding issues. To that end, we now plan a dedicated agenda item at every alternate meeting where we look at specific areas of mitigating risks to beneficiaries. We have a designated Safeguarding Lead on the Board who helps to align UKCC standards with culturally relevant and realistic practices on the ground at Amani and in Shinyanga. A face- to- face Safeguarding workshop is planned for May 2022 and representatives from Amani and Shinyanga will be in attendance.

## **Trustee and Associate Visits**

There were no visits to Amani during the year: Trustees held regular discussions with Fr Beatus (Director) and Emmanuel Mlegu (Assistant Director) by WhatsApp.

Some Trustees and Associates are making plans to visit in 2022.

## **About Amani**

The Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Morogoro, Tanzania is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 30 years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director of the Amani Centre; he continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs, now employed as a Schools Inspector in Kilombero District of the Morogoro Region.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 40 workers, most in a voluntary capacity;

- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers;
- has developed an infrastructure comprising four centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired and Farm, Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre and a new outreach centre in the village of Magubike;
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for children with mental and physical disabilities – over 7,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community;
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani awareness groups throughout the Morogoro District;
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers;
- supports the elderly in terms of both physical well-being and appropriate social activities;
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## About Shinyanga

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and a named church volunteer. In July 2021 Bridget and Leslie were appointed as Commissaries of the Bishop of Shinyanga.

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What follows is a summary of achievements by Friends of Amani Tanzania for the financial year ending 31 December 2021.

## Fundraising and Awareness

The Charity has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.

3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

## **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures may be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (Redlands Parish Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. Since 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including from other churches, sponsoring Care Ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

Trustees are pleased to work closely with an associate, Barbara Bristow who has her own network of supporters in the UK. Barbara normally visits Amani every year but, as with Trustees, she has not been able to visit since 2019 due to Covid restrictions.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2021 the Charity received funds from:

1. Fonthill Charitable Trust	£2,287
2. John Pitman Charitable Trust	£850
3. St James' Place Foundation	£1,600
4. The Rotary Club of Reading	£6,300
5. Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation	£19,128 (Shinyanga, Solwa Medical Centre)

## **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £9,865 from regular donations including the child sponsorship and the social fund (an increase of £880 on 2020). In 2021 we had 25 regular monthly givers (an increase of one on 2020) and a further eight annual givers. The child sponsorship scheme generated £4,520.

By the end of 2021, FOAT had five regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £2,426 for the year.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations in order to maximize the income to the Charity. In 2021 the Charity received a tax rebate of £3,101. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £214.

## **4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

New volunteers and supporters, often with professional and medical skills, come forward from time to time, either via the former volunteers' universities or places of work, or through the Facebook web pages of Friends of Amani and the Amani Centre itself. While this is something that the Charity is keen to support, we recognize the need both for the young people to play an active and constructive role, and for the Amani Centre to provide relevant project work for them to undertake.

Trustees were delighted to welcome Madalaine [Maddy] Thomas to the Trustee Board in October 2021. After working as a Police Officer with the Yorkshire Constabulary for five years, Maddy had a career break in 2017/2018. She undertook voluntary work in Tanzania during her break, including at the Amani Centre where she met trustees Cathy Swanson and Bridget and Leslie Green during their visit to Amani in 2018. On her return to the UK, she trained as a physiotherapist, graduating in 2021. Maddy's experience at Amani and in her new career as a physiotherapist will undoubtedly make her a valuable asset to the Trustee Board.

We are fortunate to continue to be supported in our work by Cathy Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and volunteered a day a month on Amani's Home Visiting Outreach programme. Cathy is a Safeguarding Officer for Africa Inland Mission International (AIMI). She is still based in East Africa (Kenya) and her work with AIMI brings her to Morogoro from time to time; she visits Amani whenever viable.

It is very unfortunate that the Covid-19 pandemic prevented any overseas volunteers from visiting Amani in 2020 and 2021, but Trustees are hopeful that with the lifting of Pandemic restrictions, there will again be opportunities for overseas volunteers to visit in 2022.

## **5. Events and initiatives**

Normally, the Trustees themselves organize and/or participate in a range of fundraising initiatives, including coffee mornings and sponsored events, such as marathons. Only one such event took place in 2021 due to the restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic. In March 2021 Bridget and Leslie Green ran a campaign, they called "Feed their minds, feed our bodies"; preparing meals and delivering to the doors of members of their church. They raised £1,575 towards the construction of the first phase of the Amani Mvomero Special Needs Secondary School.

A total of £1,522 was raised via Just Giving; £1,002 of this was due to the efforts of Barbara Bristow (FOAT Associate), who led a campaign to raise funds to build and stock a new pigsty at Amani Mvomero Farm.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as Giveasyoulive, Amazonsmile and Paypal totalled £564. This is a decrease of £126 on 2020.

## Projects and Funding for Amani

In 2020 and 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly affected the ability for all charities to hold fund raising events. Not only has the Charity been limited in its own fundraising events but the money from Charitable Trusts has also been much harder to obtain.

At Amani, local support completely disappeared and as a result, the Charity's focus has been on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading and The Fonthill Foundation for their assistance.

Whilst the members of the Rotary Club of Reading have been unable to meet over lunch during the Covid 19 pandemic, they have been allocating their lunch money to support a number of projects. The Amani Centre is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards their spiralling food costs. The Club has donated a total of £1,858 in 2021.

Leslie Green, a member of the Rotary Club of Reading, was also successful in securing a grant of £6,300 from a bequest to the Club, to drill a bore hole at Amani's Mikese farm to provide an essential water supply for domestic and animal use. The money was released to Amani in March 2021 and the borehole completed in June.

### **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £31,740 was donated to Amani, an increase of £4,175 on last year. This was primarily directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre. Funds equating to £11,228 were sent for use at the discretion of the Director of the Amani Centre, to include support for staff honoraria, community based rehabilitation (CBR), and social and medical costs. In addition £4,900 was given to the Amani Centre through the Child Sponsorship Scheme.

There was an average of 38 children residing at Amani (Chamwino) who are part of the Child Sponsorship Scheme. A total of 21 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani's main centre in Chamwino. All monies from this are collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all 38 children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors

the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, in order to obtain regular updates about the children to ensure the information is kept up-to-date.

Each year FOAT pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which, not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre, but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and local donors, for their generosity. In 2021, £250 was donated for the party.

Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduce dependency on overseas donors. Improvements to the Amani Hostel and Café, and development of the farmland at Mvomero are examples of such initiatives.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the children with disabilities at Amani. In 2021, a FOAT supporter donated £100 towards the cost of the education of one young person. A major donor is no longer able to support this initiative and FOAT is seeking future supporters through its networks.

Many of the families of children who attend Amani Mvomero Special School cannot afford the school fees. FOAT is actively seeking sponsors.

## **3. Mpapa-Msufini Dispensary**

The 10 rooms required under the new Government rules have been built and water tanks installed in 2020 thanks to a very generous private donation in 2019. It is frustrating that despite Amani's best efforts, the local government have not yet refurbished the building or appointed medical workers. The Director of the Amani Centre met with villagers and local government leaders on several occasions in 2021. It seems that the hold-up is due to multiple changes of government staff associated with the appointment of a new President. A meeting at the end of 2021 has led to the initiation of some final construction work for which the Government is responsible. It is now expected that registration will take place and the dispensary begin functioning from May 2022.

#### **4. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

The second of five annual payments of £650 was made to Amani in October 2021 from The Park Family Charitable Trust grant of £3,200 donated to FOAT in 2020. These funds enabled a total of nine children from Amani to receive medical treatment at the CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam in December. These children subsequently returned to Amani to receive physiotherapy and occupational follow up.

#### **5. School projects**

##### **Primary education**

The Special School at Mvomero was finally registered and officially opened in August 2018, although it had been in operation for three years before this. The first intake of students completed their seven years of primary education in December 2021 and all passed their Standard 7 exams enabling them to proceed to Secondary School. The school has now achieved its initial and main aim of becoming a fully functioning primary school, focusing on children with a hearing impairment and other special needs.

The immediate challenge identified in 2020 was for dormitory accommodation for girls. In order for the Mvomero Special primary school to take the final intake of students, giving them the total of seven primary school years, plus a nursery class, two issues needed addressing: i) more classrooms and dormitory space to allow for the final intake, and ii) the visitor space had to be separated from the dormitory to satisfy government regulations. When FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow visited the centre in February 2020, she met with the engineer to confirm plans for conversion of both spaces. The conversion of the classroom space was successfully completed whilst Barbara was there. Funds were left at the centre to cover the costs for the conversion of the dormitory space. Unfortunately, as a result of Covid-19, the money for the final stage of the expansion works had to be diverted and used as emergency funds. FOAT thus needed to fundraise in a very short timeframe to cover this. The work to increase the dormitory space and to furnish it was £3,000. FOAT launched an appeal in 2020 which raised £900; the remainder of the funds were given by the Fonthill Foundation at the end of 2020 and Amani completed the work in early 2021.

##### **Secondary education**

With no provision for students with special needs to study at secondary level in the Morogoro Region, Amani took the decision to initiate a special needs secondary school on the Mvomero site. Following discussions with FOAT, it was decided to do this as a phased approach; by seeking funds to build a classroom (essential for the first cohort of secondary level students to use at the

start of 2022), with a second classroom and dormitory following soon after.

Thanks to a grant from St James' Place Charitable Trust in Newbury (SJPT) and Bridget & Leslie Green's fundraising initiative in March, a donation of £2,230 was made to Amani in June to construct the first classroom for the secondary pupils. Funding continued to be sought for the second classroom and dormitory.

## **6. Fonthill**

The bid for a grant to create a new curriculum environment for Life skills Development for pupils with special educational needs was received positively by The Fonthill Foundation and two grants totaling £7,140 were received in 2019. A further grant of £1,000 was donated in 2020 in furtherance of this project. In addition, a grant of £2,100 was donated for Covid Emergency. In 2021 a final grant of £2,287 was donated towards the project.

The aims of the project are i) to enhance the students' educational experience by developing the learning environment at the school, as well as providing the children with vocational skills; ii) to contribute towards the food security for the School, by developing the agricultural environment with self-sufficiency in mind. The project gives the children many more opportunities and more secure pathways for their futures.

Thanks to Fonthill, farming tools and educational items have been purchased to enable the children to utilise the outdoor space to support this vocational experience. The school children can actively participate in planting and harvesting, as well as caring for the chickens and selling their eggs.

A primary aim of this project is the growing of food for the school. With help from Fonthill, the Amani Centre has now purchased some land nearby the school for growing maize, which is more secure than renting land. The school now has seven acres, which should provide all the maize needed for the school. Also, a substantial vegetable garden plot has been developed on the school site. As a result, the children also have the benefit of fresh green vegetables, as well as tomatoes and other vegetables, vital for their health. A chicken project has also now been implemented at the school where children learn how to care for chickens, incorporating the activity into both their curricular and extracurricular activities. Importantly, this opportunity enables the students to gain entrepreneurship and business skills.

## **7. Economic Social Empowerment Projects**

### **7a Helena Projects – Amani Locality**

Economic Social Empowerment projects were first initiated in eight of the wards around the Amani Centre in 2018. These were funded by donations given at the time of Helena Green's death in 2017. Seven of these projects have continued to function well, providing a social support network to group members and operating small projects to generate income for the families. The project at Sangasanga had failed in 2019/20 due to some of the original members moving away. FOAT, in conjunction with Amani, agreed to fund the training of a group of families from Sangasanga who wished to initiate a Microbank Project. The training took place at the Amani Centre in November 2021 and the group initiated their microbank later that month.

### **7b Ecumenical social empowerment projects**

The ecumenical social empowerment project initiated at Chalinze in 2017/18 has continued to function well. The spin-off from the initiation of a microbank has permitted individual group members to start their own projects, including a small café, a hairdressing salon and food shop. Amani and FOAT recognized that the success of the project at Chalinze was in part due to the proximity of the village to the main Dar-Morogoro highway and being just 50km from Amani Centre so that follow up visits could be relatively easily made.

The ecumenical project initiated at Tunguli in 2017/18 has been less successful. Tunguli is situated in a much remoter part of the Morogoro Region, some five hours drive from Morogoro town, mostly on dirt roads. Access during the rainy season is almost impossible. The original projects chosen by the groups were to rear chickens. They began well but a combination of factors – chicken 'sickness', remoteness from Amani Centre, ecumenical project coordinator (who had lead responsibility for Tunguli) moving from Morogoro to Shinyanga, restrictions on movement of people due to Covid etc – meant the projects ultimately failed. With funding provided by FOAT, the new ecumenical coordinator (Rev Enock Chibada) conducted an audit at Tunguli in July 2021. He identified that the groups had a strong desire to re-engage in a social empowerment project. but wanted to start microbanks instead of keeping chickens. Following discussions with the ecumenical team it was decided that training on running microbanks would be undertaken at Amani. Funds were donated by FOAT in October 2021 for the training which was conducted at Amani over a five day period in December involving 10 members from Tunguli, and the ecumenical project coordinator. It was agreed that the ecumenical project coordinator would make the first of the follow up visits to Tunguli early in 2022.

## **8. Ecumenical Outreach projects**

FOAT Trustees would like to express their thanks to the John Pitman Charitable Trust whose grant of £700 enabled the ecumenical team from the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches to conduct outreach awareness training in Dakawa Masai Village and Lumbiji village.

During the outreach at Lumbiji, a child with critical medical needs was identified and brought back to the Amani Centre for urgent medical treatment at Morogoro hospital and rehabilitation at Amani. Trustees are very grateful to the John Pitman Charitable Trust for a further grant of £150 to cover these costs.

## **Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2021**

### **1. Solwa Medical Centre**

Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green were fortunate in securing a further grant of £19,128 from Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation in May 2021 to cover the cost of additional works identified by the Government Medical Officer needed to meet the current standards for a medical centre.

The facility which opened in November 2020, was temporarily closed in May 2021 to allow this work to commence. The change in Government and failure of the main water supply to the region has delayed its reopening.

### **2. Disability outreach**

Following the disability training delivered by Amani personnel to a group of Christians from across the Shinyanga Diocese at the end of 2020, the Care Ministry team was pleased to start putting their training into practice, starting in the Solwa locality in March 2021 using funds donated by a small number of regular donors to Shinyanga Care Ministry. After extensive visits to locate individual families of children with disabilities, some of these families were brought together to meet with the local priest, Zacheus and other members of the Care Ministry team to better understand the needs of the children and families and to establish a social support network. The challenges of distance and seasonal rains made regular meetings difficult but the plan is to meet monthly.

Outreach visits were also conducted at two villages in the Mwadui locality and two at Maswa. Plans to conduct further outreach were curtailed in part, due to two major health issues suffered by the Rev Stanley Sewando (Care Ministry lead) in June and July 2021, and also time needed to review the strategy for outreach in relation to resources available.

### **3. Education of two girls with albinism at Mwadui Anglican Primary School**

While working on a project proposal to develop Mwadui Education Centre, a series of developments came together which have enabled two girls to benefit from primary education at Mwadui Anglican Primary School. The girls were identified during outreach visits. They are from a family of 12 children whose parents cannot afford to send them to school. The local priest, Jacob at Mwadui and his wife offered to act as foster parents, providing a safe and loving home for the girls to grow up alongside their own daughter. At the same time, a UK based sponsor offered to pay for the girls' education. The education sponsorship agreement commenced in April 2021.

### **4. Developing support networks in the UK**

In June 2021, Bishop Johnson of Shinyanga confirmed the status of 'Bishop's Commissaries in the UK and Beyond' on Bridget and Leslie Green. In this role, Bridget and Leslie have been working to develop links with churches in the UK to support Care Ministry in Shinyanga. Following a talk given by Bridget to a group of Christians in East Reading in October, Earley St Peter's Church agreed to partner Shinyanga Diocese' Care Ministry work for a period of three years, 2022 to 2024. We look forward to developing this link over the coming years.

## **Future Plans for Amani**

The main objectives for 2022:

- FOAT will continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's three centres at Chamwino, Mikese and Mvomero and outreach station at Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those which focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities.
- FOAT will continue to foster its partnership with the Fonthill Foundation to provide support and resources for developing the curriculum environment for life-skills development for pupils with special educational needs at Mvomero Special School.
- Fundraise for building the first phase of the Mvomero Special Needs Secondary School.

With regard to the remaining objectives, FOAT will:

- keep The Park Family Trust updated with surgery operations on a year-on-year basis, noting that their grant was given for up to eight operations to be conducted over a five year period;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on ecumenical outreach work with a view to requesting a further grant for this work in 2022;
- keep the St James' Place Charitable Trust updated on construction of buildings at Amani Mvomero Special Needs secondary school with a view to requesting a further grant for this work in 2022
- seek funds from one or more Charitable Trusts to complete the building of phase one of new Amani Village at Magubike;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you Live' and Amazon Smile to raise funds via on-line shopping;
- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and also bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits;
- develop closer links between churches in the UK and Tanzania to support projects at Amani and Shinyanga.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide and the Covid 19 pandemic. Interest in the work of the Charity has increased. In addition to grants from the Fonthill Charitable Trust, John Pitman Charitable Trust and Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation, funds have been received from the St James Place Charitable Trust, the Rotary Club of Reading and VACT (Friends of Amani in the Netherlands). Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate Member and to liaise with VACT. She raised £2,232 (£1,002 of this through Just Giving).

Once again the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Young people who have been volunteers at the Amani Centre, and.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£55,753**.

Expenditure included:

- A total of £55,113 of which £31,740 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £23,373 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.
- Expenses of £509 (0.9% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania (£149), Just Giving costs (£216), and Web Licence (£144).

Just Giving costs for 2021 totalling £216 are yet to be paid.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £131 for the year. This compares with a surplus of £4,910 in 2020.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 showed cash balances of £9,194 and net assets of £8,978.

A tax rebate of £3,101 was received in 2021 for funds donated between October 2020 and March 2021. The tax due for funds donated in the period April to December 2021 totalling £11,030 will be submitted in 2022.

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	4,045	0	4,045	4,675
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	4,620	4,620	3,610
Card & Cake Sales	430	0	430	1,265
Bristow Initiatives excl. Just Giving (JG)	0	1230	1230	500
Charity Donation	1,646	6,550	8,196	3,187
Fonthill	0	2,287	2,287	3,100
Park Family Trust	0	0	0	3,200
Social Fund	0	1,300	1,300	700
Ecumenical project	0	850	850	0
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	1,858	0	1,858	1,894
SEN School (Mvomero)	0	3395	3395	330
Shinyanga ACT excl. JG	0	21,254	21,254	72,334
Mwadui	0	1,100	1,100	0
Just Giving & Virgin Money	68	1,454	1,522	4,304
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	564	0	564	670
Gift Aid receipts	976	2,125	3,101	7,848
Interest	1	0	1	3
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,588</b>	<b>46,165</b>	<b>55,753</b>	<b>107,620</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	360	0	360	390
Bank Charges	89	60	149	82
Donations	9,480	45,633	55,113	102,238
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>45,693</b>	<b>55,622</b>	<b>102,710</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(341)</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>4,910</b>
Funds brought forward	944	7,903	8,847	2,937
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>8,375</b>	<b>8,978</b>	<b>8,847</b>

Note 2

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**

**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts:		
Friends of Amani Tanzania	<b>9,194</b>	<b>9,063</b>
<b>Less:</b> Creditors	<b>216</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,978</b>	<b>8,847</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds: general reserves	<b>603</b>	<b>944</b>
Restricted funds	<b>8,375</b>	<b>7,903</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>8,978</b>	<b>8,847</b>

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

- (i) Income and expenditure is accounted for mainly on a receipts and payments basis with an accrual made for fundraising expenses, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity.  
Figures are rounded to the nearest £.
- (ii) Funds accounting
- Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.
- Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2021

Amani		£
General Funds	inc. CBR , Food and Medical fees	11,228
Child Sponsorship		4,900
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		12,417
Education Projects		3,095
School Fees		100
	Sub Total	<u>31,740</u>
Shinyanga		
Solwa Medical Centre		19,128
Outreach		3,047
Mwadui school fees		1,198
	Sub Total	<u>23,373</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55,113</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chairman)



Date 17th August 2022

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, which are set out on pages 19 to 21.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

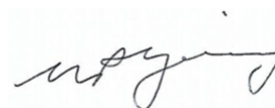
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nigel Gowing BSc BFP FCA MBA

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

118 Netherton Road, Abingdon, OX13 5LA



17th August 2022

**FRIENDS OF AMANI TANZANIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1114281

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Accounts:

## Friends of Amani Tanzania

Registered Charity Number 1114281

Year Ending – 31 December 2020

## **Charity Registered Address**

Jaycroft, Elm Lane

Lower Earley

Reading RG6 5UG

## **Trustees**

Professor Ken Spours (Chair)

Leslie Green (Treasurer)

Bridget Green (Secretary)

Catherine Swanson

Kathryn Tudor

Rachel Derry

John Bullock

## **Bank Details**

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Account No: 10201087

Sort Code: 16-29-25

# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ending 31 December 2020 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2020 due to the Covid pandemic the majority of meetings were held over Zoom. The Trustees met on:

- 12 March
- 18 June (Zoom)
- 17 September (Zoom)
- 3 December (Zoom)

The Trustees apply the income of the charity in furthering the following objectives:

- The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular for supporting the work of the Amani Centre, Morogoro, for persons with mental disabilities.
- To advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Trustee and Associate Visits

There was one visit to Amani during the year: Planned visits later in the year were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Feb/Mar 2020 (5 weeks) by Barbara Bristow (Associate member).

## About Amani

Located in the Chamwino area of Morogoro, the Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 28 years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims, with the support of its friends in the UK, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2010 Father Beatus Sewando was appointed Director of the Amani Centre; he continues in that role and is assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu, a teacher of special needs at Morogoro Secondary School.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 20 workers, most in a voluntary capacity;
- gains additional support from both international and local volunteers;
- has developed an infrastructure comprising three centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Residential School for the hearing impaired and Farm, and Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre;
- is developing a new centre at its outreach station in the village of Magubike;
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for mentally and physically disabled children – over 5,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community;
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani awareness groups throughout the Morogoro District;
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers;
- supports the elderly in terms of both physical well-being and appropriate social activities;
- has developed links with Shinyanga Anglican Diocese (Lakes Region of Tanzania) through its ecumenical outreach work with the disabled.

## About Shinyanga

FOAT Trustees reviewed the constitution at their meeting in December 2019 and agreed that the Charity could support work amongst the disadvantaged and disabled in Tanzania beyond the direct remit of the Amani Centre. Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green reported that Rev Stanley

Sewando, Anglican Priest who had been Project Coordinator for the Ecumenical work at Amani, had been appointed Diocesan Secretary in the Anglican Diocese of Shinyanga, Northern Tanzania in May 2019.

At the invitation of Bishop Johnson, Diocesan Bishop of Shinyanga, Bridget and Leslie visited Shinyanga – one of the poorest regions in Tanzania - in September 2019 and saw first-hand some of the challenges faced by the communities there. Learning from work with the disabled community in Morogoro, Rev Stanley, with the backing of his Diocesan Bishop, is now developing initiatives in Shinyanga to support the disadvantaged and disabled community there.

Projects amongst disadvantaged communities led by the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Shinyanga and supported by Friends of Amani Tanzania (FOAT) are independent from those at the Amani Centre, Morogoro. Funds for these projects are deposited into the FOAT account and ring-fenced for Shinyanga. Payments are made to the Shinyanga Care Ministry Account which is administered by the Diocesan Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and a named church volunteer.

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What follows is a summary of achievements by Friends of Amani Tanzania for the financial year ending 31 December 2020.

## **Fundraising and Awareness**

The Charity has five major strategies for fundraising and raising awareness:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts.
3. Regular giving and gift aid.
4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers.
5. Events and initiatives.

Examples of each are given below.

## **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges, universities and churches. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures may be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able.

Over the years FOAT has been in existence, Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green have developed a network of individuals through their local church (Redlands Parish Church in Reading) keen to support Amani's work. In 2020, Bridget and Leslie have developed a further network of supporters, including from other churches, sponsoring care ministry work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga.

## **2. Corporate donations and bids to charitable trusts**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies and other charitable organizations who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2020 the Charity received funds from:

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Park Family Trust                  | £3,200                                    |
| 2. Fonthill Charitable Trust          | £3,100                                    |
| 3. John Pitman Charitable Trust       | £1,000 (Shinyanga, Buhangija appeal)      |
| 4. Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation | £62,753 (Shinyanga, Solwa Medical Centre) |

### **3. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year for Amani we collected £8,985 from regular donations including the child sponsorship (an increase of £290 on 2019). We currently have 24 regular monthly givers (an increase of three on 2019) and a further eight annual givers. The child sponsorship scheme raised £3,610.

This year is the first we have reported on funding streams for Shinyanga. By the end of 2020, FOAT had four regular donors for the Care Ministry work in Shinyanga, giving a total of £1,063 for the year.

The Trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations in order to maximize the income to the Charity. This year the Charity received a tax rebate of £7,848. This includes Gift Aid on donations made for Shinyanga projects. In addition further Gift Aid was received via Just Giving amounting to £811.

Whilst the members of the Rotary Club of Reading have been unable to meet over lunch during the Covid 19 pandemic, they have been allocating their lunch money to support a number of overseas projects. The Amani Centre is one of four charities that receive a monthly donation towards their spiralling food costs. The Club has donated a total of £1,894 in 2020.

### **4. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity.

New volunteers and supporters, often with professional and medical skills, come forward each year either via the former volunteers' universities or places of work, or through the Facebook web pages of Friends of Amani and the Amani Centre itself. While this is something that the Charity is keen to support, we recognize the need both for the young people to play an active and constructive role, and for the Amani Centre to provide relevant project work for them to undertake. We have been fortunate to be supported in this work by Cathy Swanson, who until December 2018 was resident in Morogoro and regularly visited the Amani Centre, to provide an independent view of Amani activities and to act as an informal mentor and medical adviser to volunteers. Cathy is still based in East Africa (Uganda) and can visit Amani whenever viable.

It is very unfortunate that the Covid-19 pandemic prevented any overseas volunteers from visiting Amani in 2020, but Trustees are hopeful that once the pandemic is over there will again be opportunities for overseas volunteers to visit.

## **5. Events and initiatives**

Normally, the Trustees themselves organize and/or participate in a range of fundraising initiatives, including coffee mornings and sponsored events, such as marathons. Only one such event took place in 2020, due to the restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic. A Tanzanian-themed coffee morning held in Reading in February 2020 organised by Bridget and Leslie Green assisted by Rachel Derry and John Bullock raised £516 for Amani.

A total of £4,304 was raised via Just Giving. This figure includes projects for Shinyanga.

Funds received by the Charity through on-line shopping such as Giveasyoulive, Amazonsmile and Paypal total £670. This is an increase of £437 on 2019.

## **Projects and Funding for Amani**

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly affected the ability for all charities to hold fund raising events. Not only has the Charity been unable to hold its own fundraising events but the money from Charitable Trusts has also been much harder to obtain.

At Amani local support completely disappeared and as a result, the Charity's focus has been on plugging the gap to provide staple items for survival and support the existing self sustainable projects. Trustees would once again like to express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Reading and The Fonthill Foundation for their assistance.

The following projects at Amani were supported during 2020.

### **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £27,565 was donated to Amani, a decrease of £13,052 on last year. This was primarily directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre. General funds, including support for staff, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and social and medical costs equating to £15,830

was sent for use at the discretion of the Director of the Amani Centre. In addition £4,450 was given to the Amani Centre through the Child Sponsorship Scheme.

There are currently 34 children who reside at Amani and are part of the child sponsorship scheme. A total of 21 of these children have regular sponsors; some sponsors support more than one child. Sponsorship averages £20/month per child. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani Centre. All monies from this are collated and used to purchase food, clothing and medicines for all 34 children. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry, monitors the Child Sponsorship Scheme, communicates with the sponsors and takes the lead on seeking new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with Emmanuel Mlegu, Deputy Director of the Amani Centre, in order to obtain regular updates about the children, ensuring the child information is maintained and kept up-to-date.

Each year the Friends of Amani Tanzania pays towards the costs of a community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre which, not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre, but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and the increasing number of local donors, for their generosity. In 2020, £290 was donated for the party.

Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involve members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduces dependency on overseas donors. Improvements to the Amani Hostel and Café, and development of the farmland at Mvomero are examples of such initiatives.

## **2. School/College fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist in the care of the disabled children at Amani. In 2020, a supporter of Friends of Amani donated £175 for the education of one young person. A major donor is no longer able to support this initiative and FOAT is seeking future supporters through its networks.

In addition, an orphan child in Amani's care, who lives with a local family independently of Amani, is sponsored to the tune of £600 per year.

### **3. Assistance for elderly people**

£200 was made available to the Elders in Mvomero to support them in their social and educational activities at this Amani Outstation. The Charity has encouraged the elders to work more closely with the residential school to develop a market garden.

### **4. Mpapa-Msufini Dispensary**

The ten rooms required under the new Government rules have now been built and water tanks installed in 2020 thanks to a very generous private donation in 2019. It is frustrating that despite Amani's best efforts, the local government have not yet refurbished the building or appointed medical workers. It is now expected that registration will take place and the dispensary begin functioning from July 2021.

### **5. Five-year Surgery Enablement Programme**

Trustees would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Park Family Charitable Trust for their grant of £3,200 to enable eight children from Amani to receive vital surgery each year for the next five years, thereby facilitating their rehabilitation to their families and to the community at large.

VACT (Friends of Amani in the Netherlands) also donated £680 via FOAT to this programme.

### **6. School projects**

The Special School at Mvomero was finally registered and officially opened in August 2018, although it had been in operation for three years before this.

The bid for a grant to create a new curriculum environment for Life skills Development for pupils with special educational needs was received positively by The Fonthill Foundation and two grants totaling £7,140 were received in 2019. A further grant of £3,100 was donated in 2020 in furtherance of this project.

The aims of the project are i) to enhance the students' educational experience by developing the learning environment at the school, as well as providing the children with vocational skills; ii) to contribute towards the food security for the School, by developing the agricultural environment with self-sufficiency in mind. The project gives the children many more opportunities and more secure pathways for their futures.

Thanks to Fonthill, farming tools and educational items have been purchased to enable the children to utilise the outdoor space to support this vocational experience. The school children

can actively participate in planting and harvesting, as well as caring for the chickens and selling their eggs.

A primary aim of this project is the growing of food for the school. With help from Fonthill, the Amani Centre has now purchased some land nearby the school for growing maize, which is more secure than renting land. The school now has seven acres, which should provide all the maize needed for the school. Also, a substantial vegetable garden plot has been developed on the school site. As a result, the children also have the benefit of fresh green vegetables, as well as tomatoes and other vegetables, vital for their health. A chicken project has also now been implemented at the school where children learn how to care for chickens, incorporating the activity into both their curricular and extracurricular activities. Importantly, this opportunity enables the students to gain important entrepreneurship and business skills.

The school will receive its final intake of students in January 2021. At that point, the school will have achieved its initial and main aim of becoming a fully functioning primary school, specialising in children with a hearing impairment. In 2019 the students in Year 5 had to undertake a national exam; we were so pleased to know that they had all passed! It is these children who are now in their final year at Mvomero (Standard 7), and will again be taking National Exams, this time for entry into secondary school. Amani is now looking to initiate a special needs secondary school on the Mvomero site.

## **7. Mvomero Dormitory**

In order for the Mvomero Special primary school to take the final intake of students, giving them the total of seven primary school years, plus a nursery class, two issues needed addressing: i) more classrooms and dormitory space to allow for the final intake, and ii) the visitor space had to be separated from the dormitory to satisfy government regulations. When FOAT Associate, Barbara Bristow visited the centre in February 2020, she met with the engineer to confirm plans for conversion of both spaces. The conversion of the classroom space was successfully completed whilst Barbara was there. Funds were left at the centre to cover the costs for the conversion of the dormitory space. Unfortunately, as a result of Covid-19, the money for the final stage of the expansion works had to be diverted and used as emergency funds. FOAT thus needed to fundraise in a very short timeframe to cover this. The work to increase the dormitory space and to furnish it was £3,000. FOAT launched an appeal which raised £900; the remainder of the funds were given by the Fonthill Foundation in 2021.

## **8. Ecumenical Social Entrepreneurship Project**

Leslie and Bridget Green have continued to work to bring together members of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Dioceses of Morogoro to support people with disabilities and orphans.

In March 2020 a bid was submitted to UK Aid Direct Small Charities Challenge Fund for a grant to conduct economic social empowerment projects in the two villages of Chakwale and Matombo where ecumenical outreach had previously been conducted in 2017. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful. The search for funding continues.

## **9. Ecumenical Outreach projects**

FOAT Trustees would like to express their thanks to the John Pitman Charitable Trust whose grant of £1,000 (made in 2019) enabled a team from the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches to conduct outreach visits to the villages of Lugoba and Kiloka in November/December 2020.

Many villagers came to receive advice and treatment for their children. At Lugoba, 23 children with cerebral palsy were identified and eight hard of hearing children were advised to join the Mvomero School to begin their schooling. Several families were invited to stay at Amani for a short while so they could access physiotherapy services. At Kiloka, 10 children were advised to visit Berega Anglican Hospital, over twenty were advised to go to Amani to receive physiotherapy and eight children with hearing impairments were advised to attend Mvomero Special School. These children had not previously been attending school.

The Ecumenical team in Morogoro continues to mobilise their churches to support disadvantaged groups and lobbies local leaders to help to educate the villagers about disabilities.

It has been noted earlier in this report that the ecumenical work at Amani was the catalyst to the initiation of work amongst the disabled in Shinyanga, led by Rev Stanley Sewando from the Anglican Church.

## Projects and Funding for Shinyanga in 2020

### 1. Buhangija Residential School, Shinyanga

Towards the end of March 2020, the Rev Stanley Sewando (Diocesan Secretary) reported on the plight of the children of Buhangija, a residential school for children with albinism in Shinyanga. People with albinism in Tanzania face widespread persecution and most of the children resident at the school have been abandoned by their parents. With the fear of Covid-19, food prices had soared and the already very meagre local support they used to receive at Buhangija, had dried up. As a result, the 250 children were facing starvation. There was an immediate need to provide food over the next few months. Going forward, the plan was to develop a plot of land adjacent to the school as a vegetable garden. This would help to feed the children, as well as giving them an opportunity to learn new skills, and any surplus produce could be sold locally.

At the beginning of May 2020, assisted by a friend, FOAT Trustees Bridget and Leslie launched an appeal to donate towards emergency food supplies and for the establishment of a vegetable garden.

By early June 2020 some £8,000 was raised which enabled:

- Emergency food supplies to be delivered to the school on a weekly basis from the start of May.
- The purchase of 2 x 10,000 litre water tanks.
- The purchase, supply and fitting of drip-feed irrigation pipes to the one-acre garden plot.
- The supply and construction of fencing around the plot.

The children, staff and School Board were involved throughout the process, with some of the staff and board members contributing funds for water to fill the tanks as the rains had all but finished by the time the tanks were installed.

The garden has attracted widespread interest in the local area. The municipal education officer in Shinyanga has instructed his staff to ensure the long-term sustainability of the garden by helping with any problems that may arise, such as providing water for irrigation and the school will use the garden as a learning tool for the children, teaching them important skills. In addition, many other schools have come forward, wanting to learn from the Buhangija experience. Most importantly of all, the project is helping to break down the preconceived ideas about disability and has raised awareness of what people with disabilities can achieve.

In due course, the Buhangija Community Garden will become the responsibility of the School to run and maintain. As soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow, there will be detailed discussions and a formal handover of responsibilities from the Diocese.

## **2. Solwa Medical Centre**

Trustees Bridget and Leslie Green were fortunate in securing a grant of £62,753 from Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation to cover the cost of renovating the main buildings, toilets, and the houses for the medical staff at the disused medical centre at Solwa.

The facility which opened in November 2020, will initially be an outpatients' clinic and is critically important in an area where there are health problems such as malaria, typhoid and high rates of infant mortality. To assist the medics with disease diagnosis and treatment, one of the rooms at the Centre has been equipped as a diagnostic lab.

## **3. Disability Training in Shinyanga**

Thanks to the support of individuals and a grant of £1,000 from the Bishop of Oxford's outreach fund, Disability Awareness Training was delivered to a group of Christians over a three-day period in early November. The training facilitators from the Amani Centre were Fr Beatus (Director) and Special Needs teacher, Emmanuel 'Mlegu (Deputy Director). The trainees were drawn from Anglican Parishes in Shinyanga, the Anglican Diocesan leadership and six from the Roman Catholic church in Shinyanga, thus establishing the beginnings of ecumenical cooperation in support of the disabled in Shinyanga.

## **Future Plans for Amani**

The main objectives for 2021:

- FOAT will continue to support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani's three centres at Chamwino, Mikese and Mvomero and outreach station at Magubike including donating to the medical, social and travel fund. With the increasing number of children and families needing support from Amani as a result of the ecumenical outreach and social empowerment projects, it is imperative that further funds are sought to support Amani's core work. This will be done through funding bids to Charitable Trusts, in particular those

which focus on work amongst disadvantaged communities.

- FOAT will continue to foster its partnership with the Fonthill Foundation to provide support and resources for developing the curriculum environment for life-skills development for pupils with special educational needs at Mvomero Special School.
- Fundraise for building the first phase of the Mvomero Special Needs Secondary School.

With regard to the remaining objectives, FOAT will:

- keep The Park Family Trust updated with surgery operations on a year-on-year basis, noting that their grant was given for up to eight operations to be conducted over a five year period;
- keep the John Pitman Charitable Trust updated on ecumenical outreach work with a view to requesting a further grant for this work in 2021;
- seek funds from one or more Charitable Trusts to complete the building of phase one of new Amani Village at Magubike;
- build on the initiative to encourage supporters to register with 'Give as you Live' to raise funds via on-line shopping;
- continue to encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects at the Amani Centre;
- consolidate the work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media;
- continue to direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and also bring in much needed income;
- continue to lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to

promote joint work and exchange visits;

- develop closer links between churches in the UK and Tanzania to support projects at Amani and Shinyanga.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation is satisfactory when considering the economic situation worldwide and the Covid 19 pandemic. Interest in the work of the Charity has increased. In addition to grants from Park Family Trust, the Fonthill Charitable Trust, John Pitman Charitable Trust and Lady McNeice Charitable Foundation, funds have been received from the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund, the Rotary Club of Reading, Dame Alice Owen School and VACT (Friends of Amani in the Netherlands). Barbara Bristow continues to work closely with FOAT as an Associate Member and to liaise with VACT. She raised £1,528 and made one visit to Amani early in 2020 before the Covid 19 lockdown.

Once again the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Young people who have been volunteers at the Amani Centre, and.
- Church organisations.

Income for the year was **£107,620**.

Expenditure included:

- Grants totalling £102,238, of which £27,565 was distributed to the Amani Centre and £74,673 to Shinyanga Care Ministry as summarised in the financial statement.
- Expenses of £472 (0.5% of expenditure) which comprised bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania (£82), Just Giving costs (£216), Conference calls (£30) [both items incurred in 2019] and Web Licence (£144).

Just Giving costs for 2020 totalling £216 are yet to be paid.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £4,910 for the year. This compares with a surplus of £2,055 in 2019.

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 showed cash balances of £9,063 and net assets of £8,847.

A tax rebate of £5,615 was received in 2020 for funds donated in 2019. In addition, a Gift Aid claim for monies given between April and September 2020 was submitted and resulted in a further rebate of £2,232. The tax due for funds donated in the period October to December 2020 totalling £6,576 will be submitted in 2021.

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	2020			2019
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	3,900	775	4,675	3,940
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	3,610	3,610	3,830
Card & Cake Sales	1,265	0	1,265	460
Bristow Initiatives excl. Just Giving (JG)	0	500	500	3,760
Charity Donation	1,777	1,410	3,187	8,391
London Marathon excl. JG	0	0	0	2,347
Fonthill	0	3,100	3,100	7,140
Mpapa dispensary	0	0	0	4,910
Park Family Trust	0	3,200	3,200	0
Social Fund	100	600	700	700
Ecumenical project	0	0	0	1,000
Rotary Club of Reading(Food)	1,894	0	1,894	0
SEN School (Mvomero)	0	330	330	0
Shinyanga ACT excl. JG	0	72,334	72,334	0
Just Giving & Virgin Money	307	3,997	4,304	2,460
Giveasyoulive & Amazon Smile	545	125	670	233
Gift Aid receipts	2,938	4,910	7,848	3,928
Interest	3	0	3	12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,729</b>	<b>94,891</b>	<b>107,620</b>	<b>43,111</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Sundry Expenses	390	0	390	246
Bank Charges	27	55	82	193
Donations	12,825	89,413	102,238	40,617
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,242</b>	<b>89,468</b>	<b>102,710</b>	<b>41,056</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-513</b>	<b>6423</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>2,055</b>
Funds brought forward	1,457	1,480	2,937	1,852
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>7,903</b>	<b>8,847</b>	<b>3,907</b>

Note 2

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts:		
Friends of Amani Tanzania	<b>9,063</b>	4,153
<b>Less:</b> Creditors	<b>216</b>	246
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>8,847</b></u>	<u><b>3,907</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds: general reserves	<b>944</b>	1,425
Restricted funds	<b>7,903</b>	2,482
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>8,847</b></u>	<u><b>3,907</b></u>

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

#### 1 Accounting Policies

- (i) Income and expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis, is expressed in £ sterling, the operating currency of the charity. Figures are rounded to the nearest £.
- (ii) Funds accounting
- Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.
- Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2020

Amani		£
General Funds	inc. CBR , Food and Medical fees	15,830
Child Sponsorship		4,450
Ecumenical and Sustainable Projects		1,360
Education Projects		4,600
Mvomero Elders		200
School Fees		1,125
	Sub Total	<u>27,565</u>
Shinyanga		
Food		2,420
Buhangija Vegetable Garden		5,890
Solwa Medical Centre		62,863
Training and Outreach	Disability Training by Amani	3,500
	Sub Total	<u>74,673</u>
TOTAL		<u>102,238</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours (Chairman)



Date: 4 May 2021

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, which are set out on pages 18 to 20.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts varied 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 with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nigel Gowing (BSc BFP FCA MBA)

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4<sup>th</sup> July 2021