

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1114699

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05708741](#)

Registered 2006-06-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3 A. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS OF CHILDREN IN AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ORPHANS, STREET CHILDREN, CHILD MOTHERS AND WIDOWS. THOSE WITH HIV/AIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY PROVIDING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES.B. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY PEOPLE FROM SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: We are currently working in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. In each country our activities are slightly different but have the common aim of enabling every child to gain access to primary education. We seek to identify the issues stopping a child going to school and then with local partners adopt an appropriate remedy or remedies to overcome these issues.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK AND OVERSEAS
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£283,020	£314,325	-	-
2024-03-31	£294,500	£320,382	-	-
2023-03-31	£326,195	£315,659	-	-
2022-03-31	£288,083	£261,174	-	-
2021-03-31	£230,988	£215,139	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLINE JENNIFER Farrington		
DEBRA BEAZLEY		2012-01-30
Derek Bird		2018-09-22
HENRY CHITSENGA		
RICHARD WARREN KENYON		
SANDRA NORTH		2012-01-30
Steve Brimley		2022-07-02

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Kenya

In Kenya we work with a local NGO, Watoto Kwanza which is based in Thika, Kiambu County providing support to the poorest children to increase their attendance at primary school. They have identified two main reasons for children dropping out of school:

- i. Children from poor families need to scavenge or work during the day to obtain food.
- ii. Girls can't afford sanitary protection and miss a week of schooling each month, often causing them to fall so far behind they drop out altogether.

Watoto Kwanza addresses these challenges by working closely with schools to provide school meals and sanitary wear along with social awareness forums to the poorest pupils. Their success rate is outstanding with both attendance and attainment rising steadily. Watoto Kwanza works with thirteen primary schools in Kiambu County, including four Special Needs units.

They also work with the Joy Children's Centre which is home to 65 children and a school to a further 350. Kenya experienced severe flooding in April 2024 which damaged the dining room at the Joy Centre and destroyed the kitchens at two of Watoto Kwanza's partner schools. Thanks to a special appeal and a generous grant from the EA Foundation we were able to fund the construction of two new kitchens, which has ensured the continued smooth running of the porridge programme.

Our second partner in Kenya is ACF Kenya which runs HAKI, a legal aid project that offers free legal advice to poor families and runs training and capacity development programmes for a variety of groups on children's rights in Kenya. Members of HAKI also serve on the Boards of various legal committees and give a voice to children's rights at these committees.

We are continuing to work with a group of Massai from the Kajiado area of Kenya, making sure a water system we helped them install in 2011 is kept in good repair.

Tanzania

In Tanzania we work with Mfuku wa Watoto, a registered Tanzanian NGO. In Dar es Salaam, Mfuku wa Watoto supports a nursery school which caters for young children who would otherwise be left alone at home during the day while their parents are at work, or they would accompany their parents to work, sometimes in dangerous places such as the local quarry or going from car to car on busy roads trying to sell drinks or trinkets.

Mfuku Wa Watoto has a legal specialist who runs workshops for schools, churches and community centres, on children's rights and gives advice on legal issues to vulnerable children and families, supporting them through the legal system as appropriate. The Head teacher at the school ran the Kilimanjaro Half Marathon to raise funds to repair the kitchen which had been damaged by high winds and we were happy to match the amount he raised so the repairs could be finished.

We also work with School Girl Essentials who run a programme in Mateves providing sanitary protection for girls at secondary school. The programme includes a social and education awareness element as well as the provision of packs of re-usable sanitary towels, underwear and detergent to the girls.

Uganda

We are continuing to work with the Ugandan registered NGO, Strategic Action for the Eradication of Child Abuse (SAFE). SAFE works with abandoned and abused children. They run a rescue home on the outskirts of Kampala for 20 children which provides a temporary sanctuary for rescued children until they can safely go back to a family member or to a new foster family. They also run awareness campaigns on children's rights aimed at promoting good practices amongst parents, teachers and community leaders and at weekends they run a Safe Club with 52 children meeting for fun and mentorship.

Zimbabwe

Our partner in Zimbabwe was the Mwana Trust, which cares for the basic needs of orphaned children in the Mutare area. They liaise with primary schools to find places for 300 children and support them both practically and emotionally to facilitate the best possible outcomes. They also support the most vulnerable child-headed households with food and practicalities.

v. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE UK

We have an active website, and we continue to take advantage of the Google Ads in-kind grant to improve our placing on the google search engine, this year, this amounted to \$2381 worth of free google ads. Attracting an average of 231 visitors each week, the website gives information about all aspects of our work, both here and overseas. The news blog allows us to post news items regularly to ensure supporters are kept up to date. We produce a regular monthly e-newsletter for 713 subscribers which also ensures that volunteers, supporters, and those interested in our work are kept informed.

Our Social Network continues to grow, and our Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn Instagram and Threads sites are very active with 5697 Twitter followers, 1407 Facebook followers, 627 LinkedIn followers, 490 Instagram followers and 83 followers on Threads. Our social media presence has successfully expanded our reach, resulting in new contacts and supporters. However, follower numbers don't always equate to engagement, so we plan to review our activities to ensure maximum effectiveness.

We have three charity shops selling donated items, in Faringdon, Witney and Grove. Each of our shops has displays and leaflets about our work and the issues faced by those with whom we work in Africa. We have an online shop on Ebay which also helps to raise awareness of our work.

The Juice Networking Group in Witney has once again, extended our charity membership with them for yet another year. Membership of the group allows us to promote what we do to businesses in the area and to build positive relationships with several companies and individuals and we are extremely grateful for their continuing support.

We continue to campaign about the importance of education for girls. UNESCO states that only four in ten girls living in Sub-Saharan Africa complete their lower secondary education. One reason for this is the simple lack of sanitary protection that means girls miss a week of school each month and often fall so far behind they fall out of education altogether. Our work in this area with Watoto Kwanza in Kenya and School Girl Essentials in Tanzania provides evidence of the startling difference the provision of sanitary protection makes in the areas of school attendance, academic achievement, social awareness, self-esteem, confidence and health.

vi. FUTURE PLANS

We plan to continue to support all our current projects in the four African countries where we work. It is clear from both qualitative and quantitative research that supporting children to attend school regularly has a major effect, giving them increased confidence, skills and qualifications, which significantly improves their life chances. For the past two years we have been able to increase our support because of three generous legacies received three years ago. These funds have now been used, and next year we will need to revert to previous spending levels.

Our shops are benefitting from the increased recognition of the importance of re-use and re-cycling, and we plan to build on this as well as continuing to improve our online trading through Ebay. We hope to build on our Trusts fundraising, although we are aware that competition for the total grant pot is growing. We recognise that the decrease in the use of cash will continue to have a detrimental effect on static collection boxes and we continue to look for cashless alternatives.

Our 20th Anniversary falls in February 2026 and we are planning a year of activities and events to celebrate this.

vii. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation is a constant process. Our projects each send a detailed annual report and accounts which have been signed off externally. They also provide quarterly updates on their activities, and we have produced a Monitoring and Evaluation form to facilitate this. Monitoring visits are made approximately every two years by representatives of ACF and on a less formal basis we are in touch with all our partners on WhatsApp.

viii. MITIGATING RISK

We keep a Risk Register which identifies potential risks and records how they are mitigated. This register is reviewed and discussed at each Trustees meeting and anything of note reported to trustees between meetings by staff.

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Our principal sources of funding are grants from trusts, legacies, donations from individual members of the public (including direct debits and sponsored events), direct mail, income from our three charity shops, including online sales from Ebay, and proceeds from static collecting boxes. We also claim gift aid on eligible donations.

x. RESERVES POLICY

We have agreed a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not remitted or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should not be less than three months of salary and basic office costs. We currently have reserves of £23,066.

xi. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary donations from individuals remained high this year and we are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us in this way. We took part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge once more and were very pleased with the results. We also had good responses from our appeals to Charitable Trusts and we are very grateful for the grants awarded by: The Archer Trust, Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust, British Humane Society, Coles Medlock Foundation, Doris Field Charitable Trust, EA Foundation, Fulmer Trust, King Charles III Charitable Fund, Prince of Wales Charitable Fund, Souter Charitable Trust, St James Place Newbury Foundation Trust, Rathbone Charitable Trust and Rosie Pearson Foundation.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YR ENDING 31 MAR 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2024-25

2023-24

INCOME

Direct mail	8,852	14,627
Collecting boxes	7,999	8,106
Individual donations	130,979	121,368
Events		171
Trusts	44,045	44,268
Legacies	2,644	12,949
Shops	74,893	79,118
Gift Aid	13,608	13,893
TOTAL INCOME	283,020	294,500

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Kenya	124,229	110,546
Tanzania	20,148	26,698
Uganda	16,303	16,260
Zimbabwe	30,955	48,078
Programme Development	14,672	16,177
Education and Awareness	10,590	10,201
TOTAL	216,897	227,960

COSTS

Salaries and pension	72,105	68,780
Tax and National Insurance	13,652	10,637
Office expences, stationary etc	579	648
Bank Charges	274	257
Fundraising costs	4,457	3,411
Insurance	505	895
Travel and subsistence	313	300
Collecting Box expenses	1,100	1,239
Shop expenses	2,283	4,095
Utilities	2,160	2,160
TOTAL	97,428	92,422

TOTAL EXPENDITURE/COSTS

314,325

320,382

PROFIT/LOSS

-31,305

-25,882

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BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31/03/2025

	FYE 31/03/25	FYE 31/03/24
Current Assets		
Main Account	33070	62557
Shop Accounts	10742	12603
Programme Accounts	12324	12188
VAT Re-claimable	271	-120
Total	56407	87228
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures and Fittings		
Leasehold and buildings		
Total	0 0	
Total Assets	56407	87228
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Income taxes payable	1735	1251
Total	1735	1251
Long-term Liabilities		
Total		0
Total Liabilities	1735	1251
CHARITABLE FUNDS	54672	85977

The Directors have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 and acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with sect 386 of the Companies Act 2006. They acknowledge their responsibility for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the Company. For the financial year ending 31/03/25 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors Signature



Name RICHARD KENYON

Date 15/12/2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND

On accounts for the year ended

March 2025 Charity no (if any): 1114699

Set out on pages

6-7 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: P. Donbar

Date: 12/12/2025

Name: Paul Donbar

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CIMA

Address:

2 Rectory Lane, Longworth
Oxfordshire OX13 5DZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see GC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Blank area for disclosure details.

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Our Chief Executive visited Kenya and Tanzania in September and was extremely impressed to see the improvements made in the schools we have been working in for some time. In particular, she noted the improved morale amongst teachers and pupils who now believe they can achieve great results. The new schools Watoto Kwanza have begun working with have many needs but they have confidence these can be met.

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Our shops are benefitting from the increased recognition of the importance of re-use and re-cycling, and we plan to build on this as well as continuing to improve our online trading through Ebay. We are also prioritising funding from trusts and hope to build on relationships we have with them as well as with our increasing number of regular donors. We recognise that the decrease in the use of cash will continue to have a detrimental effect on static collection boxes and we continue to look for cashless alternatives. We are also looking to improve our fundraising from sponsored events and have signed up to two new platforms promoting this.

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xi. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary donations from individuals remained high this year and we are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us in this way. We took part in the Big Christmas Give for the second time and are very pleased to have raised our target and unlocked matched funding from both our own pledger and the Big Give champions. Trading was also good reflecting increased income from our charity shops and online sales. We also had good responses from our appeals to Charitable Trusts and we are very grateful for the grants awarded by: Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust, Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust, Coles Medlock Foundation, Doris Field Charitable Trust, EA Foundation, Fulmer Trust, Mulberry Trust, Oakdale Trust, R G Hills Charitable Trust, Sir John Sumner Trust, Souter Charitable Trust and Rosie Pearson Foundation.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2023-24

2022-23

INCOME

Direct mail	14,627	21,865
Collecting boxes	8,106	8,267
Individual donations	121,368	101,466
Events	171	16,848
Trusts	44,268	82,279
Legacies	12,949	
Shops	79,118	76,137
Gift Aid	13,893	19,333
TOTAL INCOME	294,500	326,195

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Kenya	110,546	131,050
Tanzania	26,698	24,611
Uganda	16,260	15,405
Zimbabwe	48,078	40,677
Programme Development	16,177	13,300
Education and Awareness	10,201	8,676
TOTAL	227,960	233,719

COSTS

Salaries and pension	68,780	63,151
Tax and National Insurance	10,637	8,384
Office expences, stationary etc	648	563
Bank Charges	257	251
Fundraising costs	3,411	3,083
Insurance	895	743
Travel and subsistence	300	300
Collecting Box expenses	1,239	1,200
Shop expenses	4,095	2,105
Utilities	2,160	2,160
TOTAL	92,422	81,940

TOTAL EXPENDITURE/COSTS

320,382

315,659

PROFIT/LOSS

-25,882

10,536

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BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31/03/2024

FYE 31/03/24 FYE 31/03/23

Current Assets

Main Account	82557	81125
Shop Accounts	12603	18487
Programme Accounts	12188	12128
VAT Re-claimable	-120	32
Total	87228	112782

Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings		
Leasehold and buildings		
Total	0 0	

Total Assets

87228 112782

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable		
Income taxes payable	1251	923
Total	1251	923

Long-term Liabilities

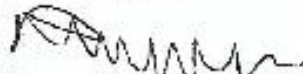
Total		0
Total Liabilities	1251	923

CHARITABLE FUNDS

85977 111859

The Directors have not required the Company to include an audit in accordance with section 176 of the Companies Act 2006 and acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006. They acknowledge their responsibility for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year, and of its profits and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the Company, for the financial year ending 31/03/24 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors Signature


Name RICHARD KEMSON
Date 28/9/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	African Children's Fund Ltd		
On accounts for the year ended	March 31 st 2024	Charity no (if any)	1114699
	Set out on pages		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: P. Dunbar **Date:** 12/11/2024

Name: Paul Ian Dunbar

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: The Helicon, One South Place, London, EC2M 2RH

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1114699

Accounts

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.



ANNUAL DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NO

1114699

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NO 05708741

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i. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	African Children's Fund Ltd.
Charity Registration No	1114699
Company Registration No	05708741
Registered and Operational Office	Silver Birch House Cow Lane Longworth Nr Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 5EJ
Tel	01865 820570
Web Site	www.africanchildrensfund.org
Directors	Debra Beazley Derek Bird Caroline Farrington (nee Blacker) Henry Chitsenga Richard Kenyon Sandra North Steve Brimley
Company Secretary	Dee Tyrer
Chief Executive Officer	Dee Tyrer
Bankers	Lloyds Bank
Solicitor	Crowdy and Rose, Faringdon

ii. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The African Children's Fund Ltd. is a company limited by guarantee. The governance of the organisation is laid out in **The Memorandum of Association** and **Articles of Association** for Company number 05708741, incorporated on 14th February 2006

The directors of the company are together the trustee of the Charity. They therefore have a duty to comply with the rules of Companies House and the Charity Commission. Being a company limited by guarantee there is no dividend.

Policies and Procedures which govern the day to day management of the organisation are set out in the **Policy and Procedures Manual** which is reviewed and updated regularly.

iii. OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a. The relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress in African children particularly orphans, street children, child mothers, widows, those with HIV/AIDS and their families - by providing culturally appropriate care and support services.
- b. To advance education and training of the public, both in the UK and overseas, on the issues facing people from Africa, particularly sub-Saharan Africa.

iv. OUR PROGRAMME IN AFRICA

We are currently working in four African countries, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. We support local projects run by local people and agree a Memorandum of Understanding with those groups who run the projects we fund.

Kenya

In Kenya we work with a local NGO, Watoto Kwanza which is based in Thika, Kiambu County providing support to the poorest children to increase their attendance at primary school. They have identified two main reasons for children dropping out of school:

- i. Children from poor families need to scavenge or work during the day to obtain food.
- ii. Girls can't afford sanitary protection and miss a week of schooling each month, often causing them to fall so far behind they drop out altogether.

Watoto Kwanza addresses these challenges by working closely with schools to provide school meals and sanitary towels to the poorest pupils. Their success rate is outstanding with both attendance and attainment rising steadily. Watoto Kwanza works with primary schools in Kiambu County, including two new schools which were brought into the programme this year.

They also work with the Joy Children's Centre which is home to 90 children and a school to a further 200. Over the year we were pleased to be able to help them build a new toilet block and a new classroom after one of theirs collapsed.

Our second partner in Kenya is ACF Kenya which runs HAKI, a legal aid project that offers free legal advice to poor families and runs training and capacity development programmes for a variety of groups on children's rights in Kenya. Members of HAKI also serve on the Boards of various legal committees and give a voice to children's rights at these committees.

Drought in the Horn of Africa has brought food shortages and hardship, and the Massai group with whom we have maintained contact since their visit here in 2010 were particularly hard hit. We raised extra funds to help the community and schools with food during the worst periods.

Tanzania

In Tanzania we work with Mfuku wa Watoto, a registered Tanzanian NGO. In Dar es Salaam, Mfuku wa Watoto supports a nursery school which caters for young children who would otherwise be left alone at home during the day while their parents are at work, or they would accompany their parents to work, sometimes in dangerous places such as the local quarry or going from car to car on busy roads trying to sell drinks or trinkets. This year we were able to help them install electricity at the school, which has improved security, cooking facilities and educational resources.

Mfuku Wa Watoto has a legal specialist who runs workshops for schools, churches and community centres, on children's rights and gives advice on legal issues to vulnerable children and families, supporting them through the legal system as appropriate.

We also work with School Girl Essentials who run a programme in Mateves providing sanitary protection for girls at school. The programme includes a social and education awareness element as well as the provision of packs of re-usable sanitary towels, underwear and detergent to the girls.

Uganda

We are continuing to work with the Ugandan registered NGO, Strategic Action for the Eradication of Child Abuse (SAFE). SAFE works with abandoned and abused children. They run a rescue home on the outskirts of Kampala for 20 children which provides a temporary sanctuary for rescued children until they can safely go back to a family member or to a new foster family. They also run awareness campaigns on children's rights aimed at promoting good practices amongst parents, teachers and community leaders.

Zimbabwe

Our partner in Zimbabwe is the Mwana Trust, which cares for the basic needs of orphaned children in the Mutare area. They liaise with primary schools to find places for 300 children and support them both

practically and emotionally to facilitate the best possible outcomes. They also support the most vulnerable child-headed households with food and practicalities.

Thanks to a grant from the EA Foundation a new library and computer hub is being built and fitted out at Rowa Primary School, one of the schools where children supported by Mwana Trust attend.

v. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE UK

We have an active website and we continue to take advantage of the Google Ads in-kind grant to improve our placing on the google search engine, this year, this amounted to \$4831's worth of free google ads. Attracting an average of 287 visitors each week, the website gives information about all aspects of our work, both here and overseas. The news blog allows us to post news items regularly to ensure supporters are kept up to date. We produce a regular monthly e-newsletter for 558 subscribers which also ensures that volunteers, supporters, and those interested in our work are kept informed.

Our Social Network continues to grow, and our Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn sites are very active with 5723 Twitter followers, 1339 Facebook followers, 426 LinkedIn followers and 250 Instagram followers. Our social media presence is important in ensuring our message reaches a wider audience and we are pleased that it has resulted in new contacts and supporters.

We have three charity shops selling donated items, in Faringdon, Witney and Grove. Each of our shops has displays and leaflets about our work and the issues faced by those with whom we work in Africa. We also have online shops on Ebay and Amazon, which also help to raise awareness of our work.

The Juice Networking Group in Witney has once again, extended our charity membership with them for yet another year. Membership of the group allows us to promote what we do to businesses in the area and to build positive relationships with several companies and individuals and we are extremely grateful for their continuing support.

We are continuing to campaign about the importance of education for girls. UNESCO estimates that almost 500,000 school-age girls in Kenya do not attend school while only 63% of girls in Sub-Saharan Africa complete their primary education. One reason for this is the simple lack of sanitary protection that means girls miss a week of school each month and often fall so far behind they fall out of education altogether. Our work in this area with Watoto Kwanza in Kenya and School Girl Essentials in Tanzania provides evidence of the startling difference the provision of sanitary protection makes in the areas of school attendance, academic achievement, social awareness, self-esteem, confidence and health.

In Africa, drought in the Horn of Africa and the dramatic increase in the cost of food and fuel, partly caused by the war in Ukraine has brought additional challenges this year. To counter this we have increased our regular payments to our school based projects so the children continue to receive nutritious food while at school.

vi. FUTURE PLANS

We plan to continue to support all our current projects in the four African countries where we work. It is clear from both qualitative and quantitative research that supporting children to attend school regularly has a major effect, giving them increased confidence, skills and qualifications, which significantly improve their life chances. Our partners have plans to expand and improve their work in this area and we will continue to support them in their efforts.

Our shops are benefitting from the increased recognition of the importance of re-use and re-cycling, and we plan to build on this as well as continuing to improve our online trading through Ebay and Amazon. We are also prioritising funding from trusts and hope to build on relationships we have with them as well as with our increasing number of regular donors. We recognise that the decrease in the use of cash will continue to have a detrimental effect on static collection boxes and we continue to look for cashless alternatives.

vii. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation is a constant process. Our projects each send a detailed annual report and accounts which have been signed off externally. They also provide quarterly updates on their activities, and we have produced a Monitoring and Evaluation form to facilitate this. Monitoring visits are made approximately every two years by representatives of ACF and on a less formal basis we are in touch with all our partners on WhatsApp.

viii. MITIGATING RISK

We keep a Risk Register which identifies potential risks and records how they are mitigated. This register is reviewed and discussed at each Trustees meeting and anything of note reported to trustees between meetings by staff.

ix. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our principal sources of funding are grants from trusts, legacies, donations from individual members of the public (including direct debits and sponsored events), direct mail, income from our three charity shops, including online sales from Ebay and Amazon, proceeds from static collecting boxes and events. We also claim gift aid on eligible donations.

x. RESERVES POLICY

We have agreed a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not remitted or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should not be less than three months of salary and basic office costs. We currently have reserves of £31,625.

xi. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary donations from individuals remained high this year and we are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us in this way. We took part in the Big Christmas Give for the first time and are very pleased to have raised our target and unlocked matched funding from both our own pledger and the Big Give champions. Trading was also good reflecting increased income from our charity shops and online sales. We also had an excellent response from our appeals to Charitable Trusts and we are very grateful for the grants awarded by: Doris Field Charitable Foundation, G&E Pollitzer Charitable Settlement, Fulmer Trust, Hudson Charitable Trust, Souter Foundation, Ashworth Trust, De La Rue Foundation, Schroder Charitable Trust, HD Wills Charitable Trust and the EA Foundation, Grace Trust, Rosie Pearson Foundation, Prince of Wales Charitable Fund and Pat Newman Memorial Trust.



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YR ENDING 31 MAR 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2022-23

2021-22

INCOME

Direct mail	21,800	30,280
Collecting boxes	8,207	10,140
Individual donations	101,400	100,287
Events	10,845	
Trusts/Legacies	82,275	49,108
Shops	70,137	67,032
Gift Aid	19,933	18,911
TOTAL INCOME	326,197	288,083

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Kenya	131,000	101,238
Tanzania	24,811	19,709
Uganda	15,400	16,170
Zimbabwe	40,877	20,161
Programme Development	13,300	12,000
Education and Awareness	8,670	9,679
TOTAL	233,719	182,087

COSTS

Salaries and pension	63,151	60,091
Tax and National Insurance	8,384	8,381
Office expenses - stationary etc	303	879
Bank Charges	251	400
Fundraising costs	3,083	3,480
insurance	743	323
Travel and subsistence	301	
Collecting Box expenses	1,300	1,000
Shop expenses	2,300	1,400
Utilities	2,300	1,614
TOTAL	81,940	78,489

TOTAL EXPENDITURE/COSTS

315,659

261,174

PROFIT/LOSS

10,538

26,909

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31/03/2023

FYE 31/03/23 FYE 31/03/22

Current Assets

Main Account	81125	83208
Shop Accounts	19497	22189
Programme Accounts	12128	12128
VAT Re-claimable	32	-98
Total	112782	117426

Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings		
Leasehold and buildings		
Total	0 0	

Total Assets

112782 117426

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable (Provision for events costs)		15000
Income taxes payable	923	1103
Total	923	16103

Long-term Liabilities


Total		0
Total Liabilities	923	16103

CHARITABLE FUNDS

111859 101323

The Directors have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 and acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with sect 386 of the Companies Act 2006. They acknowledge their responsibility for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the Company. For the financial year ending 31/03/23 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors Signature


Name RICHARD KENYON
Date 14/4/23



Report to the trustees

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND

On accounts for the year
ended

2022-23

Charity no
(if any)

1114699

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31-03-2023**.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

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

Independent examiner's
statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

P. Dunbar

Date:

24/11/23

Name:

Paul Ian Dunbar

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

The Helicon, One South Place, London, EC2M 2RB

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1114699

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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.



ANNUAL DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

REGISTERED CHARITY NO

1114699

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NO 05708741

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i. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity Registration No	1114699
Company Registration No	05708741
Registered and Operational Office	Silver Birch House Cow Lane Longworth Nr Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 5EJ
Tel	01865 820570
Web Site	www.africanchildrensfund.org
Directors	Debra Beazley Derek Bird Caroline Blacker Henry Chitsenga Richard Kenyon Sandra North
Company Secretary	Dee Tyrer
Chief Executive Officer	Dee Tyrer
Bankers	Lloyds Bank
Solicitor	Crowdy and Rose, Faringdon

ii. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

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- b. To advance education and training of the public, both in the UK and overseas, on the issues facing people from Africa, particularly sub-Saharan Africa.

iv. OUR PROGRAMME IN AFRICA

We are currently working in four African countries, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. We support local projects run by local people and agree a Memorandum of Understanding with those groups who run the projects we fund.

During this financial year our school based projects continued to be disrupted by the partial closure of schools due to Covid 19. As the schools re-opened, many reported cases of health deficiencies including malnutrition in returning children. This compounds the loss of up to a year's education and our partners are concentrating on giving children help to catch up.

Kenya

In Kenya we work with a local NGO, Watoto Kwanza which is based in Thika, Kiambu County providing support to the poorest children to increase their attendance at primary school. They have identified two main reasons for children dropping out of school:

- i. Children from poor families need to scavenge or work during the day to obtain food
- ii. Girls can't afford sanitary protection and miss a week of schooling each month, often causing them to fall so far behind they drop out altogether.

Watoto Kwanza addresses these challenges by working closely with schools to provide school meals and sanitary towels to the poorest pupils. Their success rate is outstanding with both attendance and attainment rising steadily. Watoto Kwanza works with ten schools, including two special needs schools. As schools re-open after Covid they are working with the staff to improve washing and cooking facilities and have fortified the porridge meals with added vitamins to improve the health of returning pupils.

Our second partner is ACF Kenya which runs HAKI, a legal aid project that offers free legal advice to poor families and runs training and capacity development programmes for a variety of groups on children's rights in Kenya. Members of HAKI also serve on the Boards of various legal committees and give a voice to children's rights at these committees.

Tanzania

In Tanzania we work with Mfuku wa Watoto, a registered Tanzanian NGO. Covid 19 restrictions in Tanzania were not as severe as elsewhere in East Africa and schools largely remained open.

In Dar es Salaam, Mfuku wa Watoto supports a nursery school which caters for young children who would otherwise be left alone at home during the day while their parents are at work, or they would accompany their parents to work, sometimes in dangerous places such as the local quarry or going from car to car on busy roads selling items.

They also run a programme in Mateves providing sanitary protection for girls at school. The programme includes a social and education awareness element as well as the provision of packs of re-usable sanitary towels, underwear and detergent to the girls.

Mfuku Wa Watoto has a legal specialist who runs workshops for schools, churches and community centres, on children's rights and gives advice on legal issues to vulnerable children and families, supporting them through the legal system as appropriate.

Uganda

We are continuing to work with the Ugandan registered NGO, Strategic Action for the Eradication of Child Abuse (SAFE). SAFE works with abandoned and abused children, They run a rescue home outside of the city for 20 children which provides a temporary sanctuary for rescued children until they can safely go back to a family member or to a new foster family. They also run awareness campaigns on children's rights and although these were curtailed during the height of Covid, they are beginning to run again.

Zimbabwe

Our partner in Zimbabwe is the Mwana Trust, which cares for the basic needs of orphaned children in the Mutare area. We fund their work with children effected by HIV/AIDS. They liaise with primary schools to find places for 300 children and support them both practically and emotionally to facilitate the best possible outcomes. They also support the most vulnerable child-headed households with food and practicalities. While schools were closed they provided poor households with solar powered lights so children could do school work in the evenings, thanks to a grant from the Scurrah Wainright Charity. These lights are helping children to catch up now the schools have re-openend.

v. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE UK

We have an active website and we continue to take advantage of the Google Ads in-kind grant to improve our placing on the google search engine, this amounted to \$1460's worth of free google ads. Attracting an average of 363 visitors each week, the website gives information about all aspects of our work, both here and overseas. The news blog allows us to post news items regularly to ensure supporters are kept up to date. We produce a regular monthly e-newsletter for 424 subscribers which also ensures that volunteers, supporters, and those interested in our work are kept informed.

Our Social Network continues to grow and our Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn sites are very active with 5671 Twitter followers, 1294 Facebook followers and 348 LinkedIn followers. We also set up an Instagram account in January 2022 which so far has 126 followers. Our social media presence is important in ensuring our message reaches a wider audience and we are pleased that it has resulted in new contacts and supporters.

We have three charity shops selling donated items, in Faringdon, Witney and Grove. Each of our shops has displays and leaflets about our work and the issues faced by those with whom we work in Africa. We are extremely pleased that the Juice Networking Group in Witney extended our charity membership with them for yet another year. Membership of the group allows us to promote what we do to businesses in the area and to build positive relationships with several companies and individuals.

We are continuing to campaign about the importance of education for girls. UNESCO estimates that almost 500,000 school-age girls in Kenya do not attend school while only 63% of girls in Sub-Saharan Africa complete their primary education. One reason for this is the simple lack of sanitary protection that means girls miss a week of school each month and often fall so far behind they fall out of education altogether. Our work in this area with Watoto Kwanza in Kenya and Mfuko Wa Watoto in Tanzania provides evidence of the startling difference the provision of sanitary protection makes in the areas of school attendance, academic achievement, social awareness, self-esteem, confidence and health.

vi. COVID 19

As Covid 19 restrictions eased during the year, our shops re-opened and trading has been good thanks to the way our staff and volunteers rose to the challenge and implemented safe ways of running them. During the year we have also established online sales, through both Ebay and Amazon. Other fundraising opportunities such as in person events and sponsored activities are also beginning to take place once more.

In Africa, the closure of schools has had an extremely detrimental effect. Many of the rural children supported by our partners had extremely limited access to online or at home learning and have effectively lost a whole year's education. Some children have not returned to school, with many being drawn into work or early marriage. Many of those who have returned are showing signs of malnutrition and associated health problems. Our partners are supplying extra fortified porridge to school children to improve nutrition.

vii. FUTURE PLANS

We plan to continue to support all our current projects in the four African countries where we work. We recognise that one of the effects of the Pandemic was to seriously curtail educational opportunities and are working with our partners to mitigate this as far as possible. Our partners all have plans to expand their work to make this happen and we are intent on raising more funds to support them

We plan to continue to develop online trading through Ebay and Amazon, building on the general increase in online shopping. We are also prioritising funding from trusts and developing a legacy strategy as well as continuing with our other current income streams.

vii. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation is a constant process. Our projects each send a detailed annual report and accounts which have been signed off externally. They also provide quarterly updates on their activities, and

we have produced a Monitoring and Evaluation form to facilitate this. Monitoring visits are made approximately every two years by representatives of ACF and while Covid restrictions make this difficult we are employing virtual technology to maintain personal contact.

viii. MITIGATING RISK

We keep a Risk Register which identifies potential risks and records how they are mitigated. This register is reviewed and discussed at each Trustees meeting and anything of note reported to trustees between meetings by staff.

ix. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our principal sources of funding are donations from individual members of the public (including direct debits and sponsored events), direct mail, grants from trusts, legacies, events, income from our three charity shops and proceeds from static collecting boxes. We also claim gift aid on eligible donations.

x. RESERVES POLICY

We have agreed a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not remitted or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should not be less than three months of salary and basic office costs. We currently have reserves of £34,317

xi. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary donations from individuals were high this year and once our charity shops could re-open after Covid restrictions they did well. We also had an excellent response from our appeals to Charitable Trusts and we are very grateful for the grants awarded by: Scurrah Wainwright, Souter Trust, Mirianog Trust, Fulmer Trust, When Lo Trust, Calpe Trust, Nora Smith Charitable Settlement, Brian Murtagh Trust, Rathbone Trust, Van Neste Foundation, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Prince of Wales Charitable Foundation and Rosie Pearson Foundation.



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YR ENDING 31 MAR 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2021-22

2020-21

INCOME

Direct mail	35,285	35,259
Collecting boxes	10,180	5,197
Individual donations	109,287	72,320
Events		276
Trusts/Legacies	49,198	22,889
Shops	67,622	81,020
Gift Aid	16,511	14,027
TOTAL INCOME	288,083	230,988

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Kenya	104,238	80,734
Tanzania	19,769	12,396
Uganda	16,170	13,639
Zimbabwe	20,161	19,125
Programme Development	12,665	12,665
Education and Awareness	9,679	8,766
TOTAL	182,683	147,325

COSTS

Salaries and pension	60,091	52,024
Tax and National Insurance	8,931	7,993
Office expences, stationary etc	879	564
Bank Charges	406	203
Fundraising costs	3,485	3,842
Insurance	529	539
Travel and subsistence		
Collecting Box expenses	1,659	1,250
Shop expenses	1,466	800
Utilities	1,044	599
TOTAL	78,491	67,814

TOTAL EXPENDITURE/COSTS

261,174

215,139

PROFIT/LOSS

26,909

15,849

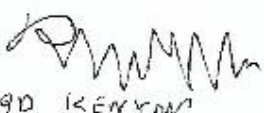
AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31/03/2022

	FY 31/03/22	FYE 31/03/21
Current Assets		
Main Account	53205	46135
Shop Accounts	22189	31992
Programme Accounts	12128	12128
VAT Re-claimable	58	182
Total	117426	90437
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures and Fittings		
Leasehold and buildings		
Total	0	
Total Assets	117426	90437
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable (Provision for events costs)	15000	15000
Income taxes payable	1103	1023
Total	16103	16023
Long-term Liabilities		
Total		0
Total Liabilities	16103	16023
CHARITABLE FUNDS	101323	74414

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Directors Signature


Name RICHARD KENYON
Date 15/11/22

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of "African Children's Fund Charitable Company"

I report on the Accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the Accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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have not been met; or

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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1114699

Accounts

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.



ANNUAL DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY NO

1114699

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NO 05708741

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i. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	African Children's Fund Ltd.
Charity Registration No	1114699
Company Registration No	05708741
Registered and Operational Office	Silver Birch House Cow Lane Longworth Nr Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 5EJ
Tel	01865 820570
Web Site	www.africanchildrensfund.org
Directors	Debra Beazley Derek Bird Caroline Blacker Henry Chitsenga Richard Kenyon Sandra North
Company Secretary	Dee Tyrer
Chief Executive Officer	Dee Tyrer
Bankers	Lloyds Bank
Solicitor	Crowdy and Rose, Faringdon

ii. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The African Children's Fund Ltd. is a company limited by guarantee. The governance of the organisation is laid out in **The Memorandum of Association** and **Articles of Association** for Company number 05708741, incorporated on 14th February 2006

The directors of the company are together the trustee of the Charity. They therefore have a duty to comply with the rules of Companies House and the Charity Commission. Being a company limited by guarantee there is no dividend.

Policies and Procedures which govern the day to day management of the organisation are set out in the **Policy and Procedures Manual** which is reviewed and updated regularly.

iii. OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a. The relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress in African children particularly orphans, street children, child mothers, widows, those with HIV/AIDS and their families - by providing culturally appropriate care and support services.
- b. To advance education and training of the public, both in the UK and overseas, on the issues facing people from Africa, particularly sub-Saharan Africa.

iv. OUR PROGRAMME IN AFRICA

We are currently working in four African countries, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. We support local projects run by local people and agree a Memorandum of Understanding with those groups who run the projects we fund.

During this financial year, our school based projects were severely disrupted by the closure of schools due to Covid 19. All our partners stepped up to the challenge however and found new ways to support the children and their families while they could not attend school.

Kenya

In Kenya we work with a local NGO, Watoto Kwanza which is based in Thika, Kiambu County and provides support to the poorest children aimed at increasing their attendance at primary school. Schools in Kenya closed for most of the year to reduce the spread of the virus, but the lockdown meant poor families lost their livelihoods and many children were forced onto the streets or into casual labour. Watoto Kwanza adapted the way they work to maintain contact and support families with essential food and sanitation supplies.

Work was also completed on the new toilet blocks in four schools (Mwitingiri, Thamburu, Ngate and Mukeo) that had been funded by Vado, a UK based bathroom company. This had come at a very appropriate time and helped the schools reopen in a more covid secure manner.

Our second partner is ACF Kenya which runs HAKI, a legal aid project that offers free legal advice to poor families and runs training and capacity development programmes for a variety of groups on children's rights in Kenya. Members of HAKI also serve on the Boards of various legal committees and give a voice to children's rights at these committees.

Tanzania

In Tanzania we work with Mfuku wa Watoto, a registered Tanzanian NGO. Covid 19 restrictions in Tanzania have not been as severe as elsewhere in East Africa and schools remained open for most of the year.

In Dar es Salaam, Mfuku wa Watoto supports a nursery school which caters for young children who would otherwise be left alone at home during the day while their parents are at work, or they would accompany their parents to work, sometimes in dangerous places such as the local quarry or going from car to car on busy roads selling items.

They also run a programme in Mateves providing sanitary protection for girls, through schools. The programme includes a social and education awareness programme as well as the provision of packs of re-usable sanitary towels, underwear and detergent to the girls.

Mfuku Wa Watoto has a legal specialist who runs workshops for schools, churches and community centres, on children's rights and gives advice on legal issues to vulnerable children and families, supporting them through the legal system as appropriate.

Uganda

We are continuing to work with the Ugandan registered NGO, Strategic Action for the Eradication of Child Abuse (SAFE). SAFE works with street children, many of whom have fled from the fighting in the north and are now abandoned and vulnerable on Kampala's streets. They run a rescue home outside of the city for 20 abused and neglected children. The home provides a temporary sanctuary for rescued children until they can safely go back to their families or to a new foster family. The home remained open throughout the Pandemic and lessons were provided in house for the children by qualified teachers, so they could continue their education while schools were closed.

Zimbabwe

Our partner in Zimbabwe is the Mwana Trust, which cares for the basic needs of orphaned children in the Mutare area. We fund their work with children effected by HIV/AIDS. They liaise with primary schools to find places for the children and support them both practically and emotionally to facilitate the best possible outcomes. They also support the most vulnerable child-headed households with food and practicalities. While schools were closed Mwana Trust continued to support the children with essential food and sanitation packs, as well as data bundles for some of the older children so they could access some online lessons.

v. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE UK

We have an active website and we continue to take advantage of the Google Ads in-kind grant to improve our placing on the google search engine, this amounted to \$3236's worth of free google ads. Attracting approximately 197 visitors each week, the website gives information about all aspects of our work, both here and overseas, and the news blog allows us to post news items regularly to ensure supporters are kept up to date. We produce a regular monthly e-newsletter for 244 subscribers which also ensures that volunteers, supporters, and those interested in our work are kept informed.

Our Social Network continues to grow and our Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn sites are very active with 5498 Twitter followers, 945 Facebook followers and 239 LinkedIn followers. This is an area of growing importance in ensuring our message reaches a wider audience and we are pleased that it has resulted in new contacts and supporters.

We have three charity shops selling donated items, in Faringdon, Witney and Grove. Each of our shops has displays and leaflets about our work and the issues faced by those with whom we work in Africa. We are very pleased that the Juice Networking Group in Witney extended our charity membership with them for a third year. Membership of the group allows us to promote what we do to businesses in the area and to build positive relationships with several companies and individuals.

We are continuing to campaign about the importance of education for girls. UNESCO estimates that almost 500,000 school-age girls in Kenya do not attend school while only 63% of girls in Sub-Saharan Africa complete their primary education. One reason for this is the simple lack of sanitary protection that means girls miss a week of school each month and often fall so far behind they fall out of education altogether. Our work in this area with Watoto Kwanza in Kenya and Mfuko Wa Watoto in Tanzania provides evidence of the startling difference the provision of sanitary protection makes in the areas of school attendance, academic achievement, social awareness, self-esteem, confidence and health.

vi. COVID 19

This year has been dominated by the Coronavirus Pandemic. In UK, our shops were forced to close for seven out of the twelve months because of government restrictions to control the spread. As well as effecting our shops, restrictions also reduced our income from collecting boxes and events.

The expected drop in overall income however did not materialise. Many loyal supporters recognised the devastating effect the Pandemic was wreaking on our partners in Africa and gave generously, increasing our income from individual donors and direct mail. Various virtual events organised, both locally and nationally also helped to boost the income streams and we were successful in obtaining several grants from Trusts, some specifically to combat the Pandemic.

The shop closures were mitigated by government grants for retail premises and the £80,821 grant received by our three shops was used to cover their rents and utility bills for the year and to purchase equipment and materials to make them Covid safe for re-opening. The Job Retention Scheme allowed us to furlough our three shop managers while the shops were closed so we did not have to face making staff redundant. We also worked hard to build up online sales, particularly through Ebay which boosted our retail operations.

In Africa, the Pandemic has caused hardship amongst many casual workers, whose ability to find work amongst the various curfews and restrictions has been seriously curtailed. For the children the closure of schools has had an extremely detrimental effect. Many of the rural children supported by our partners had extremely limited access to online or at home learning and have effectively lost a whole year's education. Furthermore, school is a safe place for many children and without it they are at risk and more likely to be drawn into gangs and unsafe working practises.

Our partners worked hard to adapt to the situation and maintain contact with the children they work with, providing appropriate support where possible. This included food and sanitation packs in Kenya and Zimbabwe, covid information sessions in Tanzania and Uganda and data bundles in Zimbabwe.

vii. FUTURE PLANS

We plan to continue to support all our current projects in the four African countries where we work. We recognise that one of the effects of the Pandemic was to seriously curtail educational opportunities and are working with our partners to mitigate this as far as possible. We plan to work closely with our project holders to refine our funding applications in order to facilitate this work.

We plan to continue to develop online trading through Ebay and Amazon, building on the general increase in online shopping. We are also prioritising funding from trusts and developing a legacy strategy as well as continuing with our other current income streams.

A grant of £5000 from Scurrah Wainwright Charitable Trust means our Zimbabwean partner, The Mwana Trust will supply solar lighting to 300 families, enabling children to do school homework in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

vii. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation is a constant process. Our projects each send a detailed annual report and accounts which have been signed off externally. They also provide quarterly updates on their activities and we have produced a Monitoring and Evaluation form to facilitate this. Monitoring visits are made approximately every two years by representatives of ACF and while Covid restrictions make this difficult we are employing virtual technology to maintain personal contact.

viii. MITIGATING RISK

We keep a Risk Register which identifies potential risks and records how they are mitigated. This register is reviewed and discussed at each Trustees meeting and anything of note reported to trustees between meetings by staff. While Covid-19 continues to pose a risk, this will remain as an item on the register.

ix. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our principal sources of funding are direct mail, donations from individual members of the public (including direct debits and sponsored events), trusts, legacies, corporate partners, events, income from our three charity shops and proceeds from static collecting boxes. We also claim gift aid on eligible donations.

x. RESERVES POLICY

We have agreed a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not remitted or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should not be less than three months of salary and basic office costs. We currently have reserves of £44,120.

xi. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary donations from individuals and from our Direct mail appeals were very well supported this year. We participated in the national 2.6 Challenge, organised to help mitigate the cancellation of the London Marathon and we also had supporters doing various sponsored virtual events during the year.

Our appeals to Charitable Trusts and bodies also did well this year and we are grateful to have been awarded grants from: Doris Field Charitable Trust, Ecclesiastical, Harbinson Charitable Trust, Oakdale Trust, RG Hills Charitable Trust, Scott Bader Commonwealth Ltd, Scurrah Wainwright Charity, St James Place Foundation, The Fore, The Pat Newman Memorial Trust, The SMB Trust, Webmart, and The Wescroft Trust.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YR ENDING 31 MAR 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2020-21

2019-20

INCOME

Direct mail	35,259	23,266
Collecting boxes	5,197	9,572
Individual donations	72,320	65,808
Events	276	1,558
Trusts/Legacies	22,889	8,561
Shops	81,020	50,906
Gift Aid	14,027	20,585
TOTAL INCOME	230,988	180,257

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Kenya	80,734	42,597
Tanzania	12,396	12,378
Uganda	13,639	12,995
Zimbabwe	19,125	15,170
Programme Development	12,665	12,665
Education and Awareness	8,766	7,835
TOTAL	147,325	103,639

COSTS

Salaries and pension	52,024	50,190
Tax and National Insurance	7,993	8,752
Office expences, stationary etc	564	543
Bank Charges	203	312
Fundraising costs	3,842	3,891
Insurance	539	1,747
Travel and subsistence		21
Collecting Box expenses	1,250	1,958
Shop expenses	800	378
Utilities	599	520
TOTAL	67,814	68,312

TOTAL EXPENDITURE/COSTS

215,139

171,952

PROFIT/LOSS

15,849

8,305

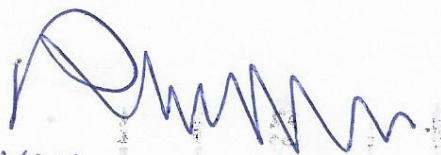
AFRICAN CHILDREN'S FUND LTD.

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31/03/2021

	FYE 31/03/21	FYE 31/03/20
Current Assets		
Main Account	46135	48926
Shop Accounts	31992	13123
Programme Accounts	12128	12128
VAT Re-claimable	182	367
Total	90437	74544.01
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures and Fittings		
Leasehold and buildings		
Total	0	
Total Assets	90437	74544
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable (Provision for events costs)	15000	15000
Income taxes payable	1023	979
Total	16023	15979
Long-term Liabilities		
Total		0
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CHARITABLE FUNDS	74414	58565

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Directors Signature



Name R KENYOW.

Date 4/9/21

Fixed assets are included at purchase cost. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets by equal installments over their estimated useful lives at the rate for fixtures and fittings of 20% per annum

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