



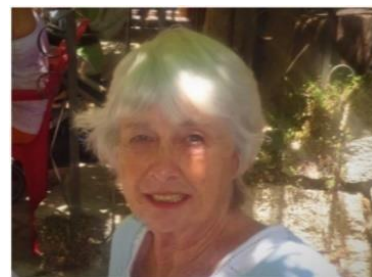
*Joshua Orphan and Community
Care Annual Report 2022*

*Registered Charity Number:
1114727*



Introduction from our founder, Sylvia Avgherinos

During the past year, Malawi has experienced many of the problems encountered by Developing Nations: increased cost of living and shortage of certain foods resulting from various global crisis, Covid and other issues related to poor health and limited funding from various donors because financial support has gone towards more critical situations in the world. Malawi also experienced a cyclone which affected food production in many rural communities. Fortunately, in spite of all these difficulties, Joshua has managed to continue with its programmes in Education, IT and Health that were created to assist young children in the villages where we work. Regrettably, our Secondary School Sponsorship Programme is gradually being run down, because of our financial position, but we have managed to support a few students in Tertiary Education. We received a grant awarded by BFSS and have expanded into a new community where Education is undervalued and where pre-school experience will be particularly important. Once again, we have linked with AMECA to provide special support for children with mobility problems, which is very pleasing.



Thanks to the hard work of our Team in Malawi led by Sue Cabon, the Trustees and the support of our donors, Joshua is continuing to achieve many of its original aims and objectives in assisting the young people and communities around Blantyre. We hope that the next year will bring even greater success.

Sylvia Avgherinos
CEO of Joshua

Our Mission

Joshua Orphan and Community Care (JOCC) is a UK based Charity working to fund JOCC Malawi. Joshua's Mission is to support community-driven sustainable development projects to assist orphans, vulnerable children, and their families in the rural and peri-urban Blantyre area.

Our Approach

We believe communities should have the resources, skills, knowledge and support to ensure that children can grow and develop free of hunger and with access to education and basic healthcare.

JOCC'S registered charitable Objectives are:

- a) Advancing the education of orphans and other vulnerable children in Malawi – in particular, but not exclusively, in the area of Blantyre and its surrounding villages -by the provision of schools and materials, funding teacher training and sponsorship programmes.
- b) The relief of poverty and hunger in Malawi – in particular, but not exclusively, in the villages surrounding Blantyre – by the provision of feeding centres and income-generating projects.
- c) The relief of sickness and the promotion of good health through education programmes.
- d) Assisting in the provision of safe water to the communities.

The Trustees are aware of and apply the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All JOCC's income is raised in the UK, the USA or Malawi and is used to achieve the Charity's objectives.

Our Strategic Objectives for 2022

- 1) Provide Early Childhood Development and Education along with critical nutrition to children under six years old through our community-based childcare centres.
- 2) Improve access to quality Education through development of educational facilities and provision of school sponsorship
- 3) Support communities with basic health services and improved access to safe water.



Achievements and Impact in 2022

- Approximately 1155 children regularly attending 17 early years centres
- 8 centres growing or producing fortified porridge
- Volunteer caregivers completed Certificates in Early Childhood Development
- Digital learning projects in Kachumbe and Chimwemwe working with Teach the World Foundation and in Solomoni with the Roger Federer Foundation

As in so many countries, the first few months of 2022 were challenging in Malawi. Covid-19 had taken its toll and this, coupled with the impact of the war in Ukraine, had seen huge price rises in Malawi – particularly in the price of fuel. Rising costs hit the families we work with hard. Alongside this, there was a much more competitive fundraising environment with greatly reduced opportunities for international aid and much narrower parameters for grants. However, our commitment to the Joshua communities remained the same and although we were unable to set up new initiatives in the first six months of the year, we continued to support those projects we were running. On average we had 1155 children attending the early years centres (known as community-based childcare centres in Malawi) who all depend on the vital nutrition support as well as being given the chance to thrive through the early years education provided at our centres. The education system in Malawi has been hugely disrupted since March 2020 due to COVID-19 closures. The tenacity and determination of young people to complete education has been severely tested so we were delighted that 18 students passed their MSCE exams and in 2022 we continued to support 128 young people to stay in secondary education.

Community Based Childcare Centres & Joshua's Early Childhood Development Programme (CBCCs & ECD programme)



Due to the diligence of both the UK and Malawi arms of Joshua, we were successfully awarded a substantial grant from British and Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) in June 2022 which was to run a project called Bridging the Gap over a three-year period. This grant concerned three Community based Care Centres CBCCs: Solomoni, Ching'amba and Kanchamba. Solomoni was identified as the hub for learning and provides some training to the other two communities, particularly Kanchamba. All three centres received funds for caregiving training,

CMC training and other relevant training such as inclusion and safeguarding. There was also a budget for resources and a single sum for the building of a kitchen at Kanchamba. The kitchen was completed in November 2022.

As a result of being awarded this grant, Joshua applied for matched funding and were awarded funds to support similar activities in two other centres for a one-year period. Manyowe CBCC and Nkanamwano CBCC will therefore receive funds in 2023 for essential renovations as well as funding for caregiver training and essential resources.

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme continues to be the main focus for Joshua and the CBCCs we support. During 2022 six caregivers received a week's training from an external trainer from the BFSS budget for caregiver training. We secured a second donation to support the running of Nchokera CBCC. The donations were used to support caregivers and centre management committees as well as providing funds for their feeding programmes. Nchokera supports the children by growing crops and using these to make likuni phala. Funds were therefore directed to support this project for garden rentals, seeds and fertilizer. Whilst Joshua funds were used to support the remaining CBCCs, the budget for this remained limited. We were able to renovate and repaint Tiyamike CBCC from our building and maintenance budget as well as provide funding for basic repairs

The centres are provided with basic resources such as stationery, story books and blocks. Caregivers are encouraged to make some of their own resources such as name cards and bottle top number games and also to make use of their local environment as a resource. For example, moulding clay and playing with sand, leaves and sticks.



In our centres, Joshua are fortunate to be able to offer digital learning projects through partnerships with organisations such as Teach the World Foundation and the OneBillion App. During 2022 we were able to continue with our partnership with the Teach the World Foundation. This partnership provided us with tablets for digital learning in one of the CBCCs at the beginning of 2019. The project continued to run during 2022 at Chimwemwe and Kachumbe. The CBCC runs in the morning, providing two one-hour shifts

using the tablets and other ECD activities continue throughout the morning. Children are also provided with likuni phala. We continued to run two shifts in the afternoon for children from the nearby Nancholi Primary. Many of these children were introduced to digital learning whilst attending the CBCC and now choose to come in the afternoon to continue with the digital learning programme.

During 2022, Joshua was also introduced to the Roger Federer Foundation who provide tablets integrated within our ECD curriculum. The first centre to use them was Solomoni. More centres will be trained in the use of this tablet and begin to use the app effectively.

Sponsorship Programme

Joshua has been forced to reduce its sponsorship programme because of lack of funds. Students who are already on our sponsorship programmes continue to be supported but the organisation is not offering sponsorship to new students. In October 2022 the remaining students were in Form 3 and Form 4. Several students at Lunzu are supported by individual donors from UK. In addition, a number of students with special needs are sponsored at two boarding schools catering for students with special needs. Joshua is currently supporting a student who was offered a scholarship at Chancellor College. In addition, we are delighted to have two of our sponsored secondary school students at University - demonstrating the long term impact sponsorship can have.

Mobile Clinic



Joshua runs a weekly Mobile Clinic which sets up at a different CBCC each week on a six-week rotation. Children and adults can be treated for small ailments at the clinic or are referred to a relevant clinic or hospital for more serious conditions. Health Surveillance Teams support termly BMI/MUAC nutrition testing for all CBCC children. In 2022 Joshua conducted a survey in the communities managed by Chilaweni CBO TA Machinjiri to identify community members with disabilities related to mobility.

Twenty one members were identified and interviewed. This information was shared with the DHO and AMECA clinic. As a result of this, a physiotherapy room was set up at AMECA and a physiotherapist runs a clinic every Thursday. This has been particularly beneficial for the families of children with mobility issues, for example children affected with cerebral palsy. Families are taught exercises to improve core strength, relax or strengthen muscles and provided with advice. The proximity of the clinic makes the physiotherapy more accessible and also provides links to other support agencies where relevant. The clinic can also provide a small number of useful resources such as walking /standing aids.



UK based changes

In August we launched our new website with increased functionality and improved visuals. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Trustee Mike Ellis for his work on this.

We also said a sad goodbye and heartfelt thank you to our fundraising manager Sarah Hammond Ward who went on to pastures new and welcomed Lorraine Dunk into the position.

We continue to be immensely grateful to all the individual supporters who continue to support our work. Whether this is through regular donations, participating in sporting challenges or organising fundraising events, our work could not continue without them.

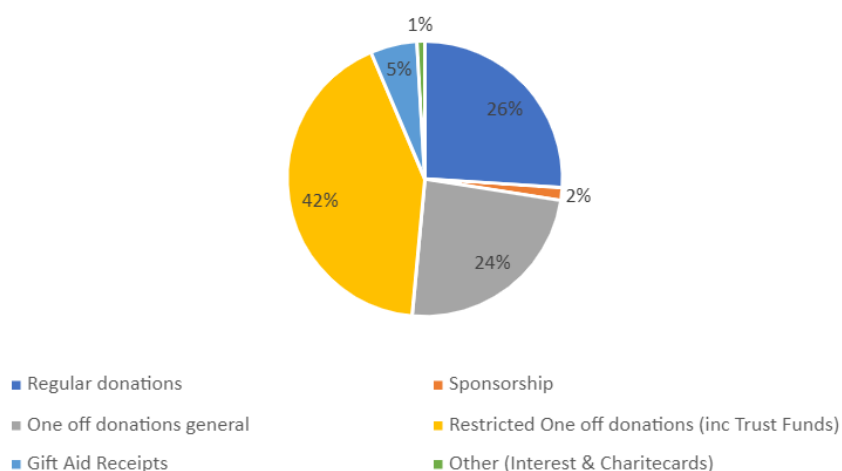
Resources & Financial Management

In 2022, JOCC raised £112,181; fundraising through Aid Agencies, Trusts and individuals. JOCC operated with the very lowest overheads ensuring that the majority of funding goes to projects in the community. We consistently evaluate all costs to identify areas for savings without compromising on the services we provide. The table and graph below show the breakdown by source of the £112,181 fundraised for JOCC in 2022.

JOCC 2022 Accounts - Receipts

	UKP
Regular donations	£29,201
Sponsorship	£1,653
One off donations general	£26,894
Restricted One off donations (inc Trust Funds)	£47,250
Gift Aid Receipts	£6,139
Other (Interest & Charitecards)	£1,044
Total	£112,181

JOCC 2022 Accounts 2022- Receipts



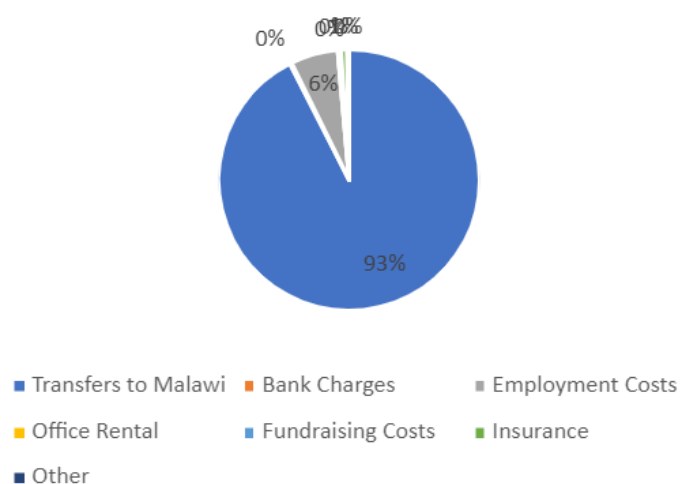
The next table and graph show the breakdown of how funds raised were spent in 2022 for JOCC 92.5% of funds were sent directly to Malawi with 5.9% going towards staff costs (including some Malawian staff) and the remainder on administrative costs.



JOCC 2022 Accounts - Payments

	UKP
Transfers to Malawi	£88,130
Bank Charges	£210
Employment Costs	£5,600
Office Rental	£0
Fundraising Costs	£387
Insurance	£717
Other	£230
Total	£95,273

JOCC 2022 Accounts - Payments



Legal and Administrative Details

Legal Status

Registered charity in the UK, charity no. 1114727. Registered NGO in Malawi with the Malawi NGO Board and the Council for NGOs in Malawi.

Principal Address

63 Adams Way, Norwood Junction, CR0 6XR

Trustees who served in the year

Beth Chapman (Chair)

Michael Ellis

Laura Hussell (Finance)

Berry Butler (Donations Secretary)

Sarah Charlton (Secretary)

Sylvia Avgherinos

Trustees that joined the board in 2022: Julie Smallwood, Janie Hargreaves and Andrew Brown

Independent Examiner

Marie Cottam, member of the Institute Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Charitable Objectives

- Advancing the education of orphans in Malawi, in particular but not exclusively, in the area of Blantyre and surrounding villages by the provision of schools, teachers, school materials and grants
- The relief of poverty in Malawi, in particular but not exclusively in the villages surrounding Blantyre by the provision of feeding centres.
- The relief of sickness and promotion and preservation of good health.

Public Benefit



The Charity has complied with the public benefit requirement in accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission in its Charities and Public Benefit Guidance requires that key principles be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit. Firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit, and secondly, the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Joshua Orphan and Community Care works with 17 communities in rural and peri-urban Malawi. To provide public benefit to these communities, projects are focused on communities where the majority of households are dependent on subsistence farming and live on less than \$2 per day. Our approach aims to ensure that projects reach vulnerable families and communities such as those affected by HIV and AIDS, female and child-headed households, and children and young people who have been orphaned.

Our Impact

The preceding pages outline the impact we were able to make in 2022 in relation to strategic objectives.

Statement about trustees

Joshua was registered as a charity in June 2006. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Regular trustee meetings take place throughout the year.

There is a separate independent board in Malawi.

Governance, organisational Structure and Staffing

There is no physical UK office as the trustees have chosen to focus all resources to work in Malawi. Joshua's UK fundraising is supported by a freelance fundraiser. There is a small office in Blantyre, Malawi with a small staff team. Sylvia Avgherinos is CEO of Joshua, providing guidance on strategy and project development. Susan Cabon has continued in post as Country Manager through 2022 supported by Joseph Chiundiza as Programmes Manager and local Field Officers. Specialist staff include Early Childhood Development teacher, and Digital Learning Officer.

Safeguarding

Joshua's work has a strong focus on working with vulnerable children and adults and there is a continued focus on safeguarding across the organisation. Staff training on the safeguarding policy is ongoing. At project level, safeguarding training and awareness work took place with CBCC caregivers and volunteers.

Some 2022 Highlights...



CBCC graduation – Chimwemwe where 60 students graduated to primary school. 150 children regularly attend this one centre.



Digital learning at Kachumbe CBCC. One of many projects possible through partnerships with organisations such as Teach the World Foundation App, OneBillion App and the Roger Federer Foundation.



Physiotherapist clinic assisting families



Tiyamike CBCC renovations courtesy of local artist Young.

Essential repair works carried out to ensure that Nkanamwano centre can keep operating



2022 Accounts

Receipts and Payments accounts

	£	£	£
Receipts			
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Sponsorship	1,653		
Group Project Donations	-		
One off donations general	26,894		
Restricted One off donations (inc Trust Funds)	47,250		
Gift Aid receipts	6,139		
Other (Interest and Charitecards)	1,044		
Total Receipts		112,181	
Payments			
Transfers to Malawi	(88,130)		
Bank charges	(210)		
Employment costs	(5,600)		
Office rental	0		
Fundraising costs	(387)		
Insurance	(717)		
Other	(230)		
Total Payments		(95,273)	
Net of Receipts/(Payments)			16,907
Cash funds last year end			82,135
Cash funds this year end			99,042

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31/12/22

Cash funds	£
Lloyds bank - current	67,429
Lloyds bank BB Inst Online	31,612
A&L	1
CAF	0
Total cash funds	99,042

NOTE: £

Reserves

2013	1,124
2014	(21,814)
2015	(21,036)
2016	38,004
2017	(27,488)
2018	(2,917)
2019	31,104
2020	(239)
2021	(9,446)
2022	16,907
	99,042



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

JOSHUA ORPHAN & COMMUNITY CARE

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/22

Charity no
(if any)

1114727

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

M Cottam

Date:

23/10/23

Name:

MARIE COTTAM

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

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

Address:

3 LYNTON PARK AVENUE

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RH14 3XA.

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

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