

THE GAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1115746

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-08-10

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 8 YEARS AND THE TEACHERS OF SUCH CHILDREN IN GAMBIA.

Activities: During the year the Charity continued to raise funds from various sources. The charity applied all of its resources to funding the development of Joyces International School in the Gambia.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GAMBIA
- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£35,142	£26,268	-	-
2024-06-30	£12,018	£14,392	-	-
2023-06-30	£19,047	£5,901	-	-
2022-06-30	£2,400	£2,400	-	-
2021-06-30	£2,600	£2,600	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Leo Neelands	Chair	2022-04-25
Chris Steel		2023-04-25
Damon Evans		2022-11-29
Dr Patricia Alexander		2025-08-25
Marlene Poole		2025-08-25
SHARON JERVIS		

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
2024/25

Roots for Growth



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2. Our Roots and Purpose

Our purpose is the advancement of education of children aged 3 to 8 years and the teachers of such children in Gambia.



4. Review of the Year: Key Achievements

Girl's Toilets



Over the past year, The Gambian Children's Fund has achieved:

- Development of a local management team, starting with our first Local Representative
- Began the process of establishing clear and easy-to-manage financial reporting systems for school budgets
- A programme of essential school repairs
- The purchase of locally made school furniture
- Provision of teacher training
- Construction of a new, environmentally friendly toilet block with flushing toilets and a "biodigester"
- Established partnerships with multinational brands such as Ancient & Brave and 1% for the Planet

5. Case Studies / School Highlights

Example stories:

- Teacher of the Year: Mariama Jallow, recognised for exceptional commitment to her students and leadership among staff.
- Provision of new desks and benches for all children, new office furniture for staff, new updated and culturally relevant infographic posters for the classrooms and a clean and modern new school logo and branding.
- Infrastructure improvement: 8 new, modern, flushing eco toilets , classroom painting, complete electrical rewiring of the school and new fans in every classroom.



6. Financial Summary

This year's finances reflect continued investment in education delivery, infrastructure improvements, and staff development.

Key figures:

Total income: £35,142

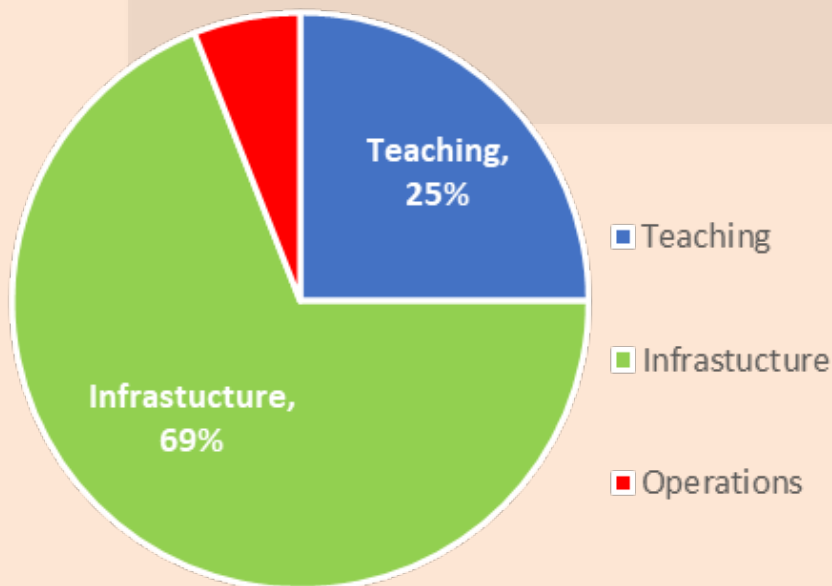
Total expenditure: £26,268

Funds carried forward: £20,146

92% of all expenditure allocated directly to Joyce International School.

Given the variability of donations the charity holds reserves to ensure the stability of the supported schools where the GCF supports teachers wages. Additionally, reserves are kept for future projects such as those discussed in this report.

Reserves are reviewed bi-annually by the Trustee's and are currently targetted at 3 times our projected monthly costs.





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Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	01/06/2024	To	30/06/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,370	-	-	8,370	11,998
Grants	26,772	-	-	26,772	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for	35,142	-	-	35,142	12,018
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,142	-	-	35,142	12,018
A3 Payments					
Donations paid	24,042	-	-	24,042	14,392
Bank Fees	10	-	-	10	-
Trustee expenses	2,053	-	-	2,053	-
IT Costs	163	-	-	163	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,268	-	-	26,268	14,392
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,268	-	-	26,268	14,392
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,874	-	-	8,874	2,374
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,272	-	-	11,272	13,646
Cash funds this year end	20,146	-	-	20,146	11,272

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		20,146	-	11,272
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,146	-	11,272
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on		Signature	Print Name	Date of
			Chris Steel	14/03/2026
			Leo Neelands	14/03/2026

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Gambian Children's Fund (Registered charity number 1115746)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Gambian Children's Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on the Receipts and Payments accounts.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I have identified a matter of concern in my report because I have concerns that there has been material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the Charity.

The accounts disclose payment of total donations given of £24,042 to Joyce's International School in The Gambia. Post year end the trustees became aware of fraudulent diversion of a proportion of these donations by an individual in The Gambia. The losses to the charity in the year totalled £1,247. The trustees explained that the matter has been reported to the police and the courts in The Gambia post year end.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are 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.

Michelle Westbury FCCA

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