



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.2024** Period start date To **31.12.2024** Period end date

Charity name: **Rainbows4children (UK) Trust**

Charity registration number: **1116387**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>(1) to relieve poverty and suffering in sub-Saharan Africa and particularly (but not exclusively) Ethiopia (the "Region") through the support and provision of aid for construction and development projects with particular emphasis on projects relating to healthcare (including the equipping of health facilities such as hospitals, clinics and health centres), and self-help projects supporting local communities (such as securing water supplies and the development of small agricultural projects), but excluding support for any commercial activities or projects which are of a purely political, religious or pacifist nature;</p> <p>(2) to promote and support the advancement of education in the Region in particular through projects supporting the establishment and support of schools, and the provision of teaching and education for children and young people;</p> <p>(3) to relieve poverty and financial hardship among beneficiaries in the Region, by providing or procuring, amongst other things, financial assistance and support for the welfare and health of beneficiaries, who by reason of their social and economic conditions are in need of such assistance.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Fund-raising takes place in the UK to raise money for the projects, which are currently in Ethiopia only. Most of the donations received from UK citizens are from individuals who sponsor a child to attend the Nicolas Robinson School in Mekele, Tigray, Ethiopia. The biggest donor in 2024 supported supplementary food due to the continuing food crisis after the Civil war. The project funds in 2024 have been used for 2 main purposes: to pay the school staff and to provide training materials, food and</p>

		<p>medical assistance for the staff and the school children.</p> <p>The Nicolas Robinson School continues to educate 1400 students from kindergarten (aged 3.5 years) to graduation at Grade 12, aged 18 years) On a temporary basis, it has extended this commitment, and 1,900 children are being educated. This is seen as a temporary situation until other schools are able to reopen.</p> <p>The building work of the essential buildings to run the school is now complete. Due to instability in Ethiopia, we will not make major capital investments in the short term. The cessation of hostilities was signed in November 2022 and school resumed in early March 2023. Since then, education has been running intensively with very short breaks between semesters. This has enabled 3 years of education to be completed in less than 2 years. As a result, 4 year-groups of grade 8 have passed their regional exams, with 100% pass rate. Three batches of grade 12 students took their exams in this period and we achieved a 98% university pass rate. (National average is about 5%.)</p> <p>The staff were trained in coping with their trauma and, also, to help the children recover from the stress and trauma of war and family bereavements.</p> <p>The school continues to grow vegetables and other crops to provide better nutrition. All monies raised go directly to further the aims of the Trust. No trustees receive any remuneration. There are no employees of the Trust.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have read and understood the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit are in compliance. The activity in the continuing education and care of children's health and well-being demonstrates this.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	All monies raised go directly to further the aims of the Trust. No trustees receive any remuneration. There are no employees of the Trust.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers travel to Ethiopia to help in the school either at their own expense or supported directly by the founders, Max and Kathryn Robinson. Exceptionally, in 2021-2023 there were no volunteers at the school due to the ongoing civil war in the region and consequent security issues for the volunteers. One volunteer from

		<p>Sweden visited in November 2024. Kathryn and Max Robinson visited twice in 2023 and twice in 2024 for 4 weeks each time.</p> <p>Normally, volunteers visit the school on a regular basis to help train the teachers and management staff. All volunteers are DBS checked (or equivalent from their country of residence) and must sign that they are in compliance with the school's child safety policy as well as sign a contract for their work.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Nicolas Robinson School continues to educate 1400 students from kindergarten (aged 3.5 years) to graduation at Grade 12, aged 18 years) On a temporary basis, it has extended this commitment, and 1,900 children are being educated. This is seen as a temporary situation until other schools are able to reopen.</p> <p>Since March 2023, education has been running intensively with very short breaks between semesters. This has enabled 3 years of education to be completed in less than 2 years. As a result, 4 year-groups of grade 8 have passed their regional exams, with 100% pass rate. Three batches of grade 12 students took their exams in this period and we achieved a 98% university pass rate. (National average is about 5%.)</p> <p>Rainbows4children, through sponsors, now helps the education of about 650 students at the school and a further 80 who have gone on to study at University.</p> <p>School graduates are continuing to achieve success overseas. Successes in 2024 included full scholarships to African Leadership Academy, African Science Academy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, US International University in Africa (Nairobi). Others have gone to Ethiopian Universities, including 8 to Addis Ababa.</p> <p>Plans were made to reopen the training college in January 2025.</p>

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>As a small charity, the policy agreed by the trustees is to keep the equivalent of a minimum of one years' running cost of the school available (in the bank accounts) at</p>
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		all times, so that if funds cannot be raised in a particular year due to unforeseen circumstances, the school can still function and the staff of the school can be paid their salaries.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Any cash reserves are invested in the deposit account at the bank, generating bank interest. No risk investments are made with the funds. As a small charity, the policy agreed by the trustees is to keep the equivalent of one years' running cost of the school available (in the bank accounts) at all times, so that if funds cannot be raised in a particular year due to unforeseen circumstances, the school can still function, and the staff of the school can be paid their salaries.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£536,259
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fundraising is mainly from private donations and regular giving. This is mainly to support the sponsorship of Ethiopian children's education and provide funds for building the school and providing the running costs of the School.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Trust document does not allow any investment of funds in high-risk investments, so funds are invested in a bank deposit account. No risk investments are made with the funds. As a small charity, the policy agreed by the trustees is to keep the equivalent of one years' running cost of the school available (in the bank accounts), at all times, so that if funds cannot be raised in a particular year due to unforeseen circumstances, the school can still function, and the staff of the school can be paid their salaries.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	If peace is not sustained in the region, there is a danger that donors lose confidence in the use of their funds, and it becomes difficult to fundraise and/or maintain the running of the school.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated by one of the other, existing trustees, their credentials presented, and they are invited to the board if all trustees are in agreement. Trustees are preferred who have already visited to the school in Mekele or have a strong interest/connection with the region.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Rainbows4children (UK) Trust works closely with Rainbows4children Stiftung, registered in Switzerland. Funds are raised for the same purpose and The Swiss Foundation makes transfers of funds to Ethiopia to the Nicolas Robinson School bank accounts for the running costs of the school and other related activities linked to the health and well-being of students, staff and their immediate families.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rainbows4Children (UK) Trust
Other name the charity uses	Rainbows4children, R4C
Registered charity number	1116387
Charity's principal address	16 Taunton Close Sutton Surrey SM3 9NG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Max Robinson	President		
2	Kathryn Robinson	Secretary		
3	George Potts			
4	Philip Stockbridge			
5	Alison Burgh			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address



Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Max Robinson	Kathryn Warburton Robinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President & co-founder	Secretary & co-founder
Date	13 April 2025	



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Rainbows4children (UK) Trust

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Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	01.01.2024	To	31.12.2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Private donations	-	130,915	-	130,915	156,103
Bank interest	9,582	-	-	9,582	6,255
Gift aid refund	9,528	-	-	9,528	9,730
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,110	130,915	-	150,025	172,088
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,110	130,915	-	150,025	172,088
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	61	-	-	61	62
Transfers to Rainbows4Children Foundation for Mekele School building	-	120,000	-	120,000	20,000
Membership fees	60	-	-	60	135
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	121	120,000	-	120,121	20,197
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	121	120,000	-	120,121	20,197
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,989	10,915	-	29,904	151,891
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,060	450,295	-	506,355	354,464
Cash funds this year end	75,049	461,210	-	536,259	506,355

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC A/C 41459759	73,607	461,210	-
	HSBC A/C 01459740	922	-	-
	Paypal	520	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,049	461,210	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Richard Max Robinson	13/01/2025	
		Kathryn Robinson	13/01/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Rainbows 4 Children UK Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1116387

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 31/12/2024.

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

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:

Date: 31 March 2025

Name:

Jake Jones

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

MAAT, ACA

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