

**2023 Annual Report of Sevenoak Kenya Education Trust
SKET Period 01.04.22 - 31.03.23 Charity ref no.
1118914**

Note : Each year in accordance with Charity Commission Rules, an Annual Report is provided. SKET's mission....to enable young Kenyans from poor rural families to complete secondary education.....remains the principle object. In the interest of brevity and where no changes to its modus operandi have been necessary, this AR only draws attention to any new prevailing factors or developments that occurred in this reporting year.

A Trustees David Debenham (Sec/Treasurer), Jane Debenham, William Palethorpe (deceased Feb.23)

B Structure , Governance and Management An AGM was held in Feb. 23 attended by the Trustees and by online connection with the two Kenyan Field Officers, John Maundu and Helen Munge. Shortly after it was learnt with great sadness the passing of our Trustee William. He will be missed and effort to find a replacement is ongoing. The Secretary has advised both the Charity Commission and the CAF Bank of this.

C Operation and Activities As the COVID situation eased much of Kenya continued to experience serious drought. Families particularly those in Kajiado were affected. Trustees met such families in distress having lost livestock and being reduced to having meagre diets. It was agreed by all to offer what emergency help we were able to four families in distress and within a few days, thanks to the proximity of our Trustees living partly in Kenya, help with foodstuffs was made promptly. For this such funds were the subject of an appeal to two Sevenoaks Churches who then responded generously. Otherwise our normal work continued based on linking sponsors to students in Kenya. Securing sponsorship involvement for the four years of secondary education works well. SKET will continue with its policy to only assist students attending Govt. Schools.

D Collaboration with Osiligi Charity Projects OCP

SKET has been assisting with enrolment and financial issues for students who completed their education at OCP's primary school and since moved on to various Secondary schools. For two years management help for this was provided using our own experience of dealing with a number of secondary schools. These functions have now been taken back into OCP hands with the advent of online accounting being adopted by schools. Collaboration with

OCP will continue only on an advisory basis from 2023 for which no funds will be involved. SKET did register some few students ex Osiligi who will be funded by us for their duration.

E Achievements and Performance As of March 23, student numbers, excluding 46 students managed for OCP within this accounting year, stood at:-

49 at Boarding and 31 at Day schools. Number completed secondary Dec '22 was 27

Covid followed by drought has impacted the rural poor more that ever before in the 15 years SKET has been in existence. Selection of who we help is correspondingly a critical step. We will continue to revisit our methods of selection attempting to help the most needy at the same time not favouring the brightest but offering chance to different abilities.

F Financial Review SKET accounts are attached to this report. School fees have not changed dramatically in this reporting year but the value of the Kenyan shilling did begin to slide towards the end of this report. It is predicted that temporarily this will enable UK funds to stretch further but inflationary forces, particularly affecting Kenya as a result of a weaker currency will soon nullify advantages.

We continue to be a "no overheads charity" . **Charity Links** who has supported education projects in East Africa has donated a number of times to SKET from its sponsored adventure holidays. Unfortunately it has had to cancel trips that were on the drawing board due to factors beyond its control. For the time being they have wound up and it is timely to record appreciation of their generous support to SKET.

David Debenham 31st July 2023

Sevenoak Kenya Education Trust - Receipts and Payments Account

To accompany Annual Report April '22 to March '23

Section A1 Receipts Previous year 21/22

Unrestricted Funds

Income from donors	36434	26240
Gift Aid		3541
3187		

Section A2 Assets/investment sales nil

nil

Total		39975
29427((

Section A3 Payments p

Spent in UK Bank charges	72	96
Misc. items (website etc)	nil	1029
Transferred to Kenya	48418	21000
Total		48490
22125		

Cash funds held last year end 14769

Cash funds held this year end 6326

Change on year - 8443

Other assets None **Liabilities** None

Signed by one Trustee

Print name

Position

Trustee

D F Debenham

Secretary and

Annex

Further detail on funds transferred to Kenya '23

April '22 to March

Transferred Amount	Rate of exchange	Kenya shillings*
£14000	148.5	2079000
8000	148	1184000
3000	140	420000
7500	140	1050000
2400	126	302400
2370	135	320000
6648	150.4	999859
4500	145.7	655650

*Deposited in SKET's Equity Bank in Nairobi

Spend in Kenya

total

£ 48418

Break down of spend:

SKET direct

30362

Famine relief in Kajiado	300
Received from OCP for their students	17756

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name SEVENHAK KENYA EDUCATION TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity No (if any)

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 41 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 41(7)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 recorded in the charity's books. It also includes consideration of any unusual items appearing in the accounts and, where appropriate, the examination of supporting documents. The procedures set out in the General Directions do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not prepared the accounts to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, 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 JS BASTEN Date 11.9.2023

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