

CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1121048

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2007-10-03

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, HUNGER, SICKNESS AND HARDSHIP OF STREET CHILDREN IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF SUCH YOUNG PEOPLE3) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE NATURE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF DISTRESS, HARDSHIP AND WANT OF AFORESAID4) TO ADVANCE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN CONNECTION WITH COMBATING POVERTY NEED AND DISTRESS5) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES SUCH OTHER ASSISTANCE AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY.

Activities: The Trust currently works in the city of Lubumbashi and the the three main activity areas are: To set-up and run "Centre Kimbilio" as a centre offering education, skills training and basic welfare for street children in association with the Anglican church.To create longer term residential accommodation for street children.To work with others to prevent children ending up on the streets.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Congo (Democratic Republic)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£247,728	£202,548	-	-
2024-03-31	£184,903	£169,107	-	-
2023-03-31	£232,752	£248,072	-	-
2022-03-31	£194,637	£179,872	-	-
2021-03-31	£188,390	£205,458	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Isabelle Kamalandwa Bryan	Chair	2021-02-11
Balagizi Maheshe		2021-02-11
Dr MARK EDWARD GANT		
Jocella Peck		2024-05-16
RUTH EDSON		
Victoria Sile Reynolds		2015-03-18

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Accounts



Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2024-25

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the year 2024-25, the trustees continued to focus on supporting fundraising by groups and individuals as well as applying for grant funding. A large number of churches and individuals continued to give generously and talks and presence at a range of events continued to raise awareness in the UK.

Congo Children Trust once again made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo and to related projects in DRC.



Income

In 2024-25 income grew by almost 25% in comparison with the previous year while expenditure also grew by almost 17%. Donations continued to be received towards the construction costs of the new Day Centre for the Kimbilio Project and this continues to be a key aim for fundraising from grants and donations.

The trustees continue to owe particular thanks to Ruth Allen for operating the Etsy shop and co-ordinating the volunteer sewers in the UK, along with Gill Venton. Jan McCarthy also crocheted 250 tiny turtles. As in previous years, a great deal of hard work by volunteers and Ian Harvey, the founding Director, went into maintaining personal contact with group and individual supporters as well as applying for grants from funders with the support of Joanne Peters. Jen Appleby is providing one day per week administrative support in the office.

The trustees are deeply grateful to the following trusts, companies, and funds for their generous support:

- Carne Global Finance, IX Metals, IX Metals (South Africa), The C & R Pignatelli Foundation, University of Strathclyde University Muslim Student Association, Wolverhampton Rotary Club, Rotary Charity Auctions, Brian Mercer Trust, Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society, Carpe Crystals Ltd, Souter Trust

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders, ensuring that regular income is maintained and that funds are available when required for grants for costs of food and utilities and the trustees are deeply grateful to them for their generous commitment.

In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches:

- The congregations and church councils of Horwich Evangelical Church, St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; Wesley Methodist Centre, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael, Helston; St Helen, Wheathampstead; The Church of the

Good Shepherd, Romford; St Andrew, Lowestoft; St James, Woodley; St Margaret, Whalley Range; St Helen, Etwell; All Hallows, Allerton; Holy Trinity, Warrington; Christ Church, Harpurhey; Glenbrook Christian Fellowship; St Mary, Ellenbrook; St Michael, Mytholmroyd; Hillheads Christian Fellowship, Whitley Bay; St Mary, Long Stratton.

Other funding sources of note:

- Once again, various volunteers took part in various fairs and fundraising events in Manchester, Essex, London and Greenbelt Festival, adding to trading income.
- Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year, with significant match funding provided, including £28,000 in December 2024.
- Kumi Foundation has been instrumental in linking CCT with some key corporate donors and their support is very much appreciated by the trustees.



Expenditure

Operational expenditure increased once again with pressure from inflation, but funds were again able to cover this and donations continued to be received for the new Day Centre. The bulk of Congo Children's Trust's financial support continues to provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio; a day centre for street children as well as associated accommodation and support provision for former street children. The Kimbilio/Mapendo school also received funding for month-to-month expenses.

In the course of the financial year, 6679 meals were provided at the KImbilio Day Centre providing street children with the opportunity to receive medical care, food, entertainment, counselling, and many other activities. The girls undertake sewing training, and the boys play football once a month. 337 children, who would otherwise not be able to attend school, were registered across the KImbilio/Mapendo primary and secondary school and the school also plays a role in helping to integrate the former street children into their local community. A perimeter wall was constructed around the school precinct in the course of the year. 72 children were provided with accommodation in one of the Maison Kimbilio homes, receiving basic education in literacy, mathematics, dance and art. 60 children were reunited with their families by the social work team; 11 of these reunited children were provided with bursaries to attend school in their home towns and villages; 44 mothers of reunited children have graduated from the sewing training project; 6 young mothers have graduated from the young mums hairdressing and beauty training and 6 young people were provided with University education



Through the year 2024-25 the Trust once again continued to have very low UK running costs at under 10% of our income and we continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity of the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge. The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked more than a day per week on a voluntary basis, with some support donated funds specifically for his expenses. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters and online meetings and a programme of visits to supporter churches. He also

maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff in DRC and led a visit to Lubumbashi including representatives of donor partner Kumi Consulting in July 2024, which included an exploratory visit to meet with potential funders and partners in Kolwesi.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Congo Children Trust

No (if any)
1121048

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	4/1/2024	To	3/31/2025
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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					
Donations	73,437			73,437	98,372
Unrestricted Grants	76,827			76,827	40,741
Sewing project		11,304		11,304	
Trading	1,033			1,033	1,683
Bank Account interest	653			653	289
Donation (food costs)				-	2,000
Rotary (English teacher and football)		1,600		1,600	
Church Donations	21,250.24			21,250	12,762
Church Donations (director salary)		1,022		1,022	321
Donations (day centre)				-	20,610
Visits to DRC				-	1,250
Mireille				-	140
Church Donation (young Mums)				-	750
Lily for the Congo				-	2,580
Church Donation Daniella university		1,485.35		1,485	1,195
Grants (sewing workshop and kitchen extension)				-	2,000
Emergency operation				-	210
Global Giving		59,117		59,117	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	173,200	74,528	-	247,728	184,903
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	173,200	74,528	-	247,728	184,903
A3 Payments					
Publicity and fundraising	4,653			4,653	4,077
Subscriptions/Memberships	448			448	399
Grants to DR Congo	118,162			118,162	141,729
Insurance	781			781	722
Staff and Office Expenses	4,980			4,980	10,069
Bank fees	435			435	435
Visits to DRC				-	2,435
Transfer to reserve account				-	
Young Mums				-	750
Teacher Salaries				-	
School Building and furnishing				-	
Sewing Project				-	1,000
Global Giving		59,117		59,117	-
Trading expenses	518			518	46
Rotary (English teacher and football)		1,600		1,600	
Girls House				-	1,000
Lilly for the Congo				-	2,580
Food Costs				-	2,000
Director salary		1,022		1,022	321
Mireille				-	140
Emergency operation				-	210
Daniella University fees		1,485		1,485	1,195
CRM Cost	9,346			9,346	-
Sub total	139,324	63,224	-	202,548	169,107
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	139,324	63,224	-	202,548	169,107
Net of receipts/(payments)	33,876	11,304	-	45,180	15,796
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,739	28,188		60,927	45,131
Cash funds this year end	66,615	39,492		106,107	60,927

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	Current Account	66,615	39,492	-
	Reserve Account			-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	66,615	39,492	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

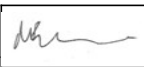
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Gant	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Congo Children Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1121048

Set out on pages

(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 / 03 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

24 November 2025

Name:

Euan Menzies

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

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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).

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

N/A

CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1121048

Accounts



Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2023-24

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the year 2023-24 the trustees continued to focus on supporting fundraising by groups and individuals as well as applying for grant funding. A large number of churches and individuals continued to give generously and talks and presence at a range of events continued to raise awareness in the UK.

Congo Children Trust made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo and to related projects in DRC.

Income

In 2022-23 income declined somewhat in comparison with the previous year and expenditure also fell, now that the school project is complete. Donations continued to be received towards the construction costs of the new Day Centre for the Kimbilio Project and this continues to be a key aim for fundraising from grants and donations.

Trading income fell in comparison to the previous year but the trustees continue to owe particular thanks to Ruth Allen for operating the Etsy shop and co-ordinating the volunteer sewers in the UK, along with Gill Venton. As in previous years, a great deal of hard work by volunteers and Ian Harvey, the founding Director, went into maintaining personal contact with group and individual supporters as well as applying for grants from funders.

The trustees are deeply grateful to the following trusts, companies, and funds for their generous support:

- The Morel Trust, Souter Charitable Trust, Wolverhampton Rotary Club, Rotary Charity Auctions, the Rozelle Trust., The Crazy Crystal Charity, Ideal Networks, Oakdale Trust, Carpe Crystals Ltd, RAF Church Collections.

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders, ensuring that regular income is maintained and that funds are available when required for grants for costs of food and utilities and the trustees are deeply grateful to them for their generous commitment.

In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches:

- The congregations and church councils of Horwich Evangelical Church, St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; Wesley Methodist Centre, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael, Helston; St Helen, Wheathampstead; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Romford; St Andrew, Lowestoft; St James, Woodley; St Margaret, Whalley Range; Christ Church, West Didsbury and St Christopher, Withington; St Helen, Etwall; All Hallows, Allerton; Holy Trinity, Warrington; St Paul, Oldham; Hillheads Community Church; St Mary, Long Stratton.

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Other funding sources of note:

- Once again, various volunteers took part in various fairs and fundraising events in Manchester, London and Greenbelt Festival, adding to trading income.
- Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year, particularly for the Kimbilio Day Centre project, with significant match funding provided.

Expenditure

Operational expenditure increased once again but funds were again able to this and funds were also received for the new Day Centre. The bulk of Congo Children Trust's financial support continues to provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio; a day centre for street children as well as associated accommodation and support provision for former street children. The Kimbilio/Mapendo school also received funding for month-to-month expenses.

The Kimbilio Day Centre welcomes between 77 and 108 children, depending on the day and month. Between 21 and 26 children live in each of the boys' and girls' transit houses and the long-term

houses are home to 17 and 12 children respectively. Children coming to the Day Centre, had the opportunity to get medical care, food, entertainment, counselling and many other activities. The girls undertake sewing training and the boys play football once a month. Kimbilio has two vocational programmes which are working with young mothers in a sewing training project and a hairdressing training project. The children from the two transit houses just receive basic education in literacy, mathematics, dance and art. The children from the two long terms houses are attending school at the Kimbilio/Mapendo primary and secondary school, which children from the area surrounding the school also attend, helping to integrate the former street children into their local community. 2023-2024 was the second year of learning at the school with the following numbers enrolled: Nursery: 16 students, Primary: 229 students, Secondary: 71 students. Among the young people formerly cared for by the project, 5 boys and 1 girl are undertaking their studies at the university, and Kimbilio is providing their fees.

Through most of the year 2023-24 the Trust continued to have very low UK running costs at under 5% of our income and we are extremely grateful once again for the generosity of the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge. The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked two days a week on a voluntary basis, with some support donated funds specifically for his expenses. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters and online meetings and a programme of visits to supporter churches. He also maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff in DRC and led a visit to Lubumbashi including representatives of donor partner Kumi Consulting in July 2023. The Congo Children Trust/Kimbilio website was relaunched in January 2024 with the support of Elliot Allan. Trustees are also grateful for the support and collaboration of Ellen Wolaner who launched a sister charity in the U.S.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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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					
Donations	98,372	-	-	98,372	132,490
Grants	40,741	-	-	40,741	53,999
Grants (school)	-	-	-	-	1,000
Trading	1,683	-	-	1,683	4,303
Bank Account interest	289	-	-	289	27
Donation (food costs)	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,075
Church Donations	12,762	-	-	12,762	20,708
Church Donations (teacher salaries)	-	-	-	-	17,000
Church Donations (director salary)	-	321	-	321	-
Donations (day centre)	-	20,610	-	20,610	-
Visits to DRC	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Jean Bosco Funeral and Family	-	-	-	-	50
Mireille	-	140	-	140	-
Church Donation (young Mums)	-	750	-	750	100
Lily for the Congo	-	2,580	-	2,580	-
Daniella university fees	-	1,195	-	1,195	-
Grants (sewing workshop and kitchen extension)	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Emergency operation	-	210	-	210	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	155,097	29,806	-	184,903	232,752
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	155,097	29,806	-	184,903	232,752
A3 Payments					
Publicity	4,077	-	-	4,077	1,175
Subscriptions/Memberships	399	-	-	399	536
Grants to DR Congo	141,729	-	-	141,729	210,631
Insurance	722	-	-	722	712
Staff and Office Expenses	10,069	-	-	10,069	2,252
Bank fees	435	-	-	435	580
Strategic plan facilitation	-	-	-	-	365
Visits to DRC	2,435	-	-	2,435	8,235
Transfer to reserve account	-	-	-	-	5,000
Young Mums	-	750	-	750	100
Teacher Salaries	-	-	-	-	17,000
School Building and furnishing	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sewing Project	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Girls House	-	-	-	-	-
Jean Bosco Funeral and Family	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expenses	46	-	-	46	436
Day Centre	-	-	-	-	50
Payment to Mary Ratter	-	-	-	-	-
Girls House	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Lilly for the Congo	-	2,580	-	2,580	-
Food Costs	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Director salary	-	321	-	321	-
Mireille	-	140	-	140	-
Emergency operation	-	210	-	210	-
Daniella University fees	-	1,195	-	1,195	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	159,911	9,196	-	169,107	248,073

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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	159,911	9,196	-	169,107	248,073
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 4,814	20,610	-	15,796	- 15,320
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,553	7,578	-	45,131	60,451
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	32,739	28,188	-	60,927	45,131

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	Current Account	14,396	1,000	-
	Reserve Account	18,343.27	27,188	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,739	28,188	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Gant	1/28/2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

28 January 2025

Name:

Euan Menzies

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

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24 Balcombe Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex

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Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2022-23

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Congo Children Trust made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo and to related projects in Lubumbashi.

Income

In 2022-23 income rose substantially in comparison with the previous year and expenditure was rose even further. Income grew in donations from individuals, gifts from churches and grants from a range of funders. Ongoing fundraising for buying the land for the new Day Centre for the Kimbilio Project formed a major part of this increase as did a significant donation from one church towards the cost of teachers' salaries in the Kimbilio Primary School, which are not covered by the state.

Trading income also grew in comparison to the previous year. The trustees owe particular thanks to Ruth Allen for operating the Etsy shop and co-ordinating the volunteer sewers in the UK, along with Gill Venton. As in previous years, a great deal of hard work by volunteers and Ian Harvey, the founding Director, went into maintaining personal contact with group and individual supporters as well as applying for grants from funders.

The trustees are deeply grateful to the following trusts, companies, and funds for their generous support:

- The Morel Trust, Flow Control Systems, The Ann and Christopher Fielden Trust, Souter Charitable Trust, First Steps Enterprise, The Link Foundation, Wolverhampton Rotary, Rotary Charity Auctions and the Rozelle Trust.
- Kumi Consulting provided a significant grant.
- Substantial grants from Saidiana funded the Sewing Project and the Young Mums' Hair Salon.

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders, ensuring that regular income is maintained and that funds are available when required for grants for costs of food and utilities and the trustees are deeply grateful to them for their generous commitment.

In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches:

- The congregations and church councils of St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; Wesley Methodist Church, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael, Helston; St Helen, Wheathampstead; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Romford; St Margaret, Lowestoft; St Andrew, Lowestoft; St Francis, Heartsease, Norwich; St James, Woodley; St Margaret, Whalley Range; Christ Church, West Didsbury and St Christopher, Withington; St Helen, Etwall; All Hallows, Allerton; Holy Trinity, Warrington; St Mary, Long Stratton. The Scottish Episcopal Church also provided a substantial grant.

Other funding sources of note:

- Various volunteers took part in various fairs and fundraising events in Manchester and Greenbelt Festival, adding to trading income.
- Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year, particularly for the Kimbilio Day Centre project, with significant match funding provided.

Expenditure

A significant proportion of expenditure, facilitated by generous donations from some of the funders listed above, was once again dedicated to the purchase of the land for the new Kimbilio Day Centre which took place in the course of the year, along with the building of a perimeter wall. Some funding continued to be received for the final stages of equipping the School.

Operational expenditure increased once again but funds were again able to absorb both this and the capital expenditure on the school project. The bulk of Congo Children Trust's financial support continues to provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio; a day centre for street children as well as associated accommodation and support provision for former street children. The Kimbilio/Mapendo school also received funding for month-to-month expenses. Taking the final month of the financial year as an example, in March 2023, the Kimbilio Day Centre received 532 individual visits, many of them regular visits by the same children with an average of 48 children welcomed each day. 20 children made their first contact with the Centre, and it was possible to reunite 8 with their extended family. 29 children received medical attention. In the same month, the Kimbilio/Mapendo School recorded a total of 256 children on the roll: 15 in the infant section, 1 of whom is was living in the Kimbilio Project; 218 in the primary section 19 of whom were living in the Kimbilio Project and 36 secondary pupils of whom 8 were from the Project.

Through most of the year 2022-23 the Trust continued to have very low UK running costs at under 5% of our income and we are extremely grateful once again for the generosity of the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge. The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked two days a week on a voluntary basis, with some support donated funds specifically for his expenses. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters and online meetings and he also resumed a programme of visits to supporter churches. He also maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff in DRC and led a visit to Lubumbashi by a group of trustees and UK based volunteers in July 2022.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2022	To	Period end date 3/31/2023
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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					
Donations	132,490			132,490	119,721
Grants	53,999			53,999	11,598
Grants (school)		1,000		1,000	
Trading	4,303			4,303	2,689
Bank Account interest	27			27	6
Sewing Project				-	3,577
Gift Aid	3,075			3,075	6,651
Church Donations	20,708			20,708	19,387
Church Donation (teacher salaries)		17,000		17,000	
School Building				-	24,000
Girls House					300
Girls Work				-	5,000
Jean Bosco Funeral and Family				-	935
Day Centre		50		50	
Donations from schools					778
Church Donation (Young Mums)		100		100	
	214,602	18,150	-	232,752	194,642
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	214,602	18,150	-	232,752	194,642
A3 Payments					
Publicity	1,175			1,175	409
Subscriptions/memberships	536			536	1,927
Grants to DR Congo	210,631			210,631	137,771
Insurance	712			712	349
Staff and office expenses	2,251			2,251	4,097
Bank Fees	580			580	386
Strategic plan facilitation	365			365	
Visits to DRC	8,235			8,235	
Transfer to reserve account	5,000			5,000	
Young Mums		100		100	
Teacher salaries		17,000		17,000	
School Building and furnishing		1,000		1,000	24,000
Sewing Project				-	3,577
Girls House				-	300
Jean Bosco Funeral and Family				-	935
Trading expenses	436			436	407
Day Centre		50		50	-
Payment to Mary Ratter				-	250
Girls Work				-	5,000
Sub total	229,922	18,150	-	248,072	179,408
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	229,922	18,150	-	248,072	179,408
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,320	-	-	- 15,320	15,234

A5 Transfers between funds	-	5,000		5,000		-		
A6 Cash funds last year end		57,873		2,578			60,451	45,218
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>		37,553		7,578		-	45,131	60,452

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	Main Account	19,499		-
	Reserve account	18,055	7,578	-
				-
	Total cash funds	37,553	7,578	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

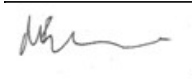
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Gant	1/24/2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity
no (if
any)

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

24 January 2024

Name:

Euan Menzies

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1121048

Accounts



Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2020-21

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the year 2020-21 the trustees continued to focus on supporting fundraising by groups and individuals although the usual range of events where we have a presence or which are organised to raise money were limited due to the restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic, although St Margaret's, Whalley Range did manage to hold an online auction. However, trading increased significantly due to the launch of an online Etsy shop and a large number of churches and individuals continued to give generously.

Congo Children Trust made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo and to related projects in Lubumbashi and a particular focus was the funding of construction the Kimbilio School.

Income

In 2020-21 income fell a little in comparison with the previous year and expenditure was almost exactly the same. In both cases a significant proportion of both income and expenditure was due to fundraising focussed on the continuation of the new school building on the Maison Kimbilio site, to be run by the Anglican Church of Congo and which will provide education for the street children in the project and their integration with children in the wider community. While grant funding fell back due to a reduction in investment income experienced by many trusts and school and some church donations were affected by suspension of activities during the pandemic, general donations rose and trading income also made a significant contribution thanks to the work of Ruth Edson who launched and operated an online Etsy shop during the first Covid-19 lockdown, supported by a number of highly committed sewing volunteers in various parts of the UK including Gill Venton, Elizabeth Allen, Eileen Knibb and Denise Kingsnorth to whom the trustees owe especial thanks. As in previous years, a great deal of hard work by volunteers and Ian Harvey, the founding Director went into maintaining personal contact with group and individual supporters.

The trustees are deeply grateful to the following trusts and companies for their generous support:

- The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation, The British Human Association, The Morel Trust, Flow Control Systems.

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders ensures that funds are available for grants for costs of food and utilities. In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches and organisations:

- The congregations and church councils of St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; Horwich Evangelical Church; Wesley Methodist Church, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael Helston; St Helen, Wheathampstead; Nursling and Rownams Parish; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Romford; St Margaret, Lowestoft; St Andrew, Lowestoft; St

Francis, Heartsease, Norwich; St Michael, Kingsteignton; St James, Woodley; St Margaret, Whalley Range; Christ Church, West Didsbury, St Columba by the Castle, Edinburgh; St Helen, Etwall; Hillheads Community Church; St Michael, Mytholmroyd; Wheathampstead Churches Together; All Hallows, Allerton, Holy Trinity, Warrington.

- Rev Steve Johnson, one of our trustees, and his family walked a marathon during lockdown and raised £2,325
- A legacy of £15,000 was received from the late Stuart Menzies and will be set aside to fund a new project in due course.
- Donations were also given in memory of the Rev. Graham Cansdale, dedicated supporter of the work of Congo Children Trust.
- Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year with significant match funding provided.

Expenditure

A significant proportion of expenditure was dedicated to the construction of the Kimbilio School including shipping costs for chairs, desks, computers and generators donated from the UK as well as the payment of builders and purchase of raw materials. The school building made very substantial progress in the course of the financial year with the external structure being completed. Capital grants were also made for the maintenance of the existing residential houses. Operational expenditure increased somewhat but funds were able to absorb both this and the capital expenditure on the school project. The bulk of Congo Children Trust's financial support continues to provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio, a day centre for street children and accommodation and support provision for former street children. Taking the month of December 2020 as an example, 396 visits were made to the Kimbilio Day Centre, 46 children were in residential care and 1 child was reintegrated with their family. Alongside this work, substantial grants from Saidiana via CCT funded the Sewing Project and the Young Mums' Hair Salon.

Through most of the year 2020-21 the Trust continued to have very low UK running costs and we are extremely grateful once again to the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge.

The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked two days a week on a mainly voluntary basis with some support donated to restricted funds specifically for his expenses. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters and online meetings and he was also able to visit some churches outside lockdown periods. He also maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff at the Kimbilio Project. We are deeply grateful to Eva Walters for her years of volunteering working on funding applications. Eva has stepped down as she is now in paid employment. We warmly welcome Andrew Mullens, who has joined the office volunteers to work on accounts and financial management and planning. We were also pleased to welcome two new trustees at our February trustee meeting, Isabelle Bryan and Balagizi Maheshe.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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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					
Donations	118,350			118,350	102,705
Grants	15,500			15,500	25,790
Trading	12,040			12,040	1,515
Bank Account interest	36			36	43
Sewing Project		130		130	7,396
Gift Aid				-	9,843
Church Donations	23,428			23,428	27,911
Reintegration				-	1,000
School Building		6,250		6,250	21,846
Water project				-	750
Metal Cabinets				-	800
Shipping costs	11,068			11,068	
St Margaret roof		1,400		1,400	
Joel Robbery appeal		190		190	
				-	252
	180,420	7,970	-	188,390	199,851
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	180,420	7,970	-	188,390	199,851
A3 Payments					
Publicity	1,759			1,759	320
Subscriptions/memberships	288			288	306
Grants to DR Congo	180,457			180,457	168,649
Insurance	346			346	346
Staff Expenses	2,343			2,343	-
Bank Fees	365			365	362
Publicity Events				-	333
Visits to DRC				-	3,497
Transfer to reserve account	10,000			10,000	-
UK volunteer, office and shipping expenses				-	1,709
Reintegration				-	1,000
School Building and furnishing		6,250		6,250	21,855
Sewing Project		130		130	7,396
St Margaret roof		1,400		1,400	
Joel robbery appeal		190		190	
Trading expenses	1,931			1,931	-
				-	-
Payment to Mary Ratter				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	197,488	7,970	-	205,458	205,773
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	197,488	7,970	-	205,458	205,773

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	17,068	-	-	-	17,068	-	5,922
A5 Transfers between funds		10,000	-	-		10,000	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		50,172	2,114	-		52,286		58,208
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>		43,104	2,114	-		45,218		52,286



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

On accounts for the
year ended

31 March 2021

Charity
no (if
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Signed:

Date: 17 January 2022

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Section B

Disclosure

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