



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, Etwell; 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.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2020

To

Period end date
31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

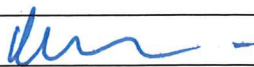
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	118,350			118,350	102,705
Grants	15,500			15,500	25,790
Trading	12,040			12,040	1,515
Bank Account interest	36			36	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

Net of receipts/(payments)	-	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
Cash funds this year end		43,104	2,114	-		45,218		52,286

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	25,082		-
	Reserve account	18,022	2,114	-
				-
	Total cash funds	43,104	2,114	-
	(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
	MARU GAWI	28/1/22



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
any)**

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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 *)

1. 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

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:

Date: 17 January 2022

Name:

Euan Menzies

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACA
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	West Sussex, RH16 1PF

Section B	Disclosure
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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.

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