

VILLAGE AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1122410

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06086681
Registered	2008-01-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE TANGA REGION OF TANZANIA AND(B) FOR SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE BOARD SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Village Africa activities are aimed at the relief of poverty, sickness and distress and the advancement of education in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TANGA REGION OF TANZANIA
- Tanzania

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£97,759	£52,550	-	-
2025-02-28	£81,313	£59,761	-	-
2024-02-29	£88,505	£90,715	-	-
2023-02-28	£83,337	£107,950	-	-
2022-02-28	£82,018	£96,292	-	-
2021-02-28	£92,494	£72,767	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SARAH LOUISE MAYNE	Chair	
ALLISON JANE SHAW		
Bethany Jayne Taylor		2015-05-24
CAROLINE PATRICIA JOHNSTON BA		
Dr MARK JEREMY MATFIELD		2012-01-14
Emma Louise Southcombe		2015-05-24

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Accounts

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Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25

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Village Africa

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 28 February 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

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Registered and principal office address: 138 Belgrave Road, London E11 3QR.

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Caroline Johnston: Project Liaison Director
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Chair's Report

This annual report outlines the work of Village Africa during the financial year 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025.

The charity had another effective and successful year, with our finances regaining a healthy situation after two years of large and unpredictable expenditure demands. In great part, this stabilisation has been the result of the restructuring of our activities by setting up a local Non-Governmental Organisation in Tanzania (Vyaadahikana Village Africa Tanzania), responsible for delivering services on the ground, whilst Village Africa remained responsible for providing the funding to support these services. This enabled us to set annual budgets for the NGO to work with, which gave us a clear picture of our predicted expenditure.

Our achievements included taking 52 emergency patients to a healthcare facility, as well as 3 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist when passing those facilities. The ambulance service remains a life-saving service and highly appreciated by the community.

With a grant from Kids Helping Kids, we were able to build toilets and water tanks at Malomboi Primary School.

The student sponsorship scheme continued to thrive during the year, with 107 students supported by the scheme, composed of 44 at primary school, 35 at secondary school, 2 doing A-levels and 26 at tertiary level, including vocational courses, college and university.

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Aims and Objectives

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3. Funding a building programme to support health and education work. Six school toilets and three water tanks were completed at Malomboi Primary School.

4. Encouraging local enterprise and sustainability. School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano for the student sponsorship scheme, with shoes being made in Tanga.



Achievements and Performance

Figures below are for the calendar year 2024.

Health

The ambulance service was used in emergencies to transport 52 patients to hospital (63 in 2023, 79 in 2022 and 55 in 2021). The ambulance took 3 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist (13 in 2023, 34 in 2022 and 32 in 2021) when passing those facilities. Sadly, 3 of these patients died in 2024 (2 patients died in 2023, 8 in 2022 and 2 in 2021). The ambulance returned the deceased to the village for burial.

Ambulance patients were mostly women from Yamba, Kwembalazi and Milingano having complications in labour. Other reasons for emergency trips included malaria, heart problems, injured limbs and broken bones.

The ambulance initially takes patients to Milingano Health Centre which sometimes immediately refers to Magoma Health Centre (for pregnant women) or Bombo Referral Hospital in Tanga (the most serious cases). In the case of an emergency, the ambulance will then take the patient on to the relevant medical facility.

There are now other modes of transport for non-urgent patients, including a daily bus service from Milingano to Tanga and a Milingano to Dar es Salaam service every 2 days. Motorbike taxis from Yamba are also available in good weather. However, these modes of transport are unsuitable for many patients and are not available 24/7, 365 days of the year, so the ambulance remains a much needed service.

Education

As at 31 December 2024, the child sponsorship scheme (called Simba Club) covered 107 students (108 in 2023, 125 in 2022 and 115 in 2021). The 2024 figure consists of 44 primary school pupils, 35 secondary school students, 2 Form 5&6 (A level) students and 26 students on vocational, college or university courses. The above included courses in human resources and management, business administration, banking and finance, transport and logistics management, information and communication technology, secretarial and computer application, electricals, livestock, masonry and bricklaying, driving, law, teaching, sociology, nursing and technician in clinical medicine.

Simba Club students gained the following qualifications:

BA Education – 1 student

BSc Education – 1 student

BA Sociology – 1 student

Form 6 (A level) – 2 students



Certificate in Information and Communication Technology – 1 student
VETA Masonry and Bricklaying (2 years post-Form4) – 1 student.

Simba Club students started new courses including:

BA or BSc Education – 5 students

Bachelor of Transport and Logistics Management – 1 student

Human Resources and Management – 1 student

Business Administration – 1 student

Banking and Finance – 1 student

Form 5 (A levels) – 2 students.

A number of new Simba Club sponsors signed up to the scheme. In addition, some existing sponsors increased their sponsorship, especially to assist with university sponsorship. Enabling students to go to university is very popular with donors.

Simba Club primary pupils (in Yamba, Kwembalazi and Milingano) received the following resources: two school uniforms, shoes, school and non-school sweaters, school bags, two sets of exercise books and school stationery, buckets, hygiene kits and watches.

Building

Village Africa funded the following construction work:

- Six school toilets and three water tanks for Malomboi Primary School (This was the 26th school where VA had received funding from Kids Helping Kids for school toilets and water tanks).
- Repair to pathways shoring up foundations of a Vyaadahikana staff house used by one of the ambulance drivers.

Visitors

There were 27 overseas visitors to the project in Yamba. Two were Simba Club sponsors from the UK and 25 were student nurses from Austria and Italy doing internships in Tanga. This was a significant increase in visitors compared to previous years and they were warmly received by the community. (There were three overseas visitors in 2023, 11 in 2022 and no overseas visitors in 2021 or 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.)

Distribution of items

Village Africa funded three custom-made wheelchairs for disabled young people in Yamba, Kwembalazi and Kwemikame (just outside Milingano), including transportation.



Second hand clothing was distributed to local volunteers.

Knitted sweaters and matching hats were given to newborn babies in Yamba.

Exercise books and pens were donated by visitors for all Yamba Primary School pupils.

Crafts

School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano and shoes in Tanga for the Child Sponsorship Scheme (Simba Club).

Environment

There were no environmental projects due to lack of dedicated funding.

Employment

Providing funding for Vyaadahikana created employment in Tanzania, including:

- permanent, temporary and casual labour
- staff employed by Vyaadahikana staff (eg house girls/nannies and farmers)
- tailors, knitters, house girls/nannies, porters and farmers used by villagers who have obtained cash working for Vyaadahikana.

Community involvement

The Government of Tanzania granted a timber permit for the building of school toilets and water tanks at Malomboi Primary School.

Yamba villagers (assisted by Vyaadahikana staff) continued to maintain the 4.7 km road to Yamba, especially after heavy rain.

Support

Support was given by the following:

- Directors
- UK volunteers
- Past volunteers and visitors
- Regular givers including student sponsorship
- Individual and group donors
- Corporate donors
- Tanzanian government officials
- Catholic Church in Tanzania
- Support in kind in Tanzania and the UK.



Fundraising

Village Africa is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is committed to following its fundraising best practice. Several of the trustees assisted with applying for grants from grant-making bodies. All fundraising is undertaken in-house. We do not use any external fundraisers.

We take our responsibilities seriously and no complaints have been received regarding our fundraising methods. The charity fundraises primarily through email newsletters to existing supporters (who have agreed to receive correspondence) and by using social media. We do not carry out telephone campaigns or door-to-door collections.

Many of our supporters are regular givers (e.g. by participating in the student sponsorship scheme). The charity also approaches third party organisations for grants. It does not hold its own events, but encourages supporters to do so (e.g. cake sales) or to participate in events organised by others (e.g. charity runs).

The mountain ambulance service uses two robust four-wheel drive vehicles. The newest of these is now over ten years old, and the increasing age of the vehicles makes breakdowns more likely, coupled with increased maintenance costs. In Easter 2023, Village Africa launched an appeal to raise funds for the purchase of a new ambulance. As at the end of February 2025, we had raised £23,964, which amounts to approximately 28.2% of the vehicle's original projected cost.

Further details on the fundraising activities carried out in 2024 are set out below:

- One World Charity Challenge – students from the Castle Rushen High School in the Isle of Man chose Village Africa as their charity and came first in the Advocacy category and second overall in this Isle of Man challenge, winning £2,000 for Village Africa, the most money awarded in the contest.
- Two supporters participated in sponsored walks and runs in aid of Village Africa.

Village Africa retained its Sponsor the Ambulance and Match a Job (in Tanzania) schemes. As described above, its student sponsorship scheme (Simba club) remains very popular with supporters.

Future Developments and Challenges

The charity continues to face a number of challenges due to the ongoing global instability and cost of living crisis. This is likely to continue and affect both the charity's income and expenditure. Inflation in Tanzania has reduced in recent years, but we are aware that this situation may not continue.



However, the establishment of Vyaadahikana, our Tanzanian partner NGO, has provided greater stability to our expenditure, giving us more confidence in future financial planning.

Financial Review

Village Africa received a total income of £81,313 during its financial year ended 28 February 2025, including £7,542 for the new ambulance fund, which stood at £23,964 on 28 February 2025. The charity's main income sources were donations and grants (£79,017).

Village Africa's overall expenditure in its financial year ended 28 February 2025 was £59,761 made up of UK expenditure of £1,379 and Tanzanian expenditure of £58,382, all of which was funding granted to Vyaadahikana to be spent by them in Tanzania. This year saw a significant surplus of income over expenditure, which helped towards restoring our reserves, which had been depleted by several years of high demands on our funding.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report. Signed on 8 December 2025 on their behalf by: :

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<u>Chair:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Secretary:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mark Matfield
<u>Other Directors for the period:</u>	Caroline Johnston Allison Shaw Christina Francis Emma Southcombe Bethany Taylor
<u>Registered Office:</u>	138 Belgrave Road London E11 3QR
<u>Company Limited by Guarantee</u>	Number: 06086681



VILLAGE AFRICA

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees who for the sake of company law are also known as Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees/Directors should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees/Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees/Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Village Africa

Year ended 28 February 2025

Charity Commission Reference 1122420

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charity.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met,

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sangaranathan Ravishangar
FCMA, CGMA



VILLAGE AFRICA
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2025. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and comply with applicable law.

1. Objects and Constitution

The principal objects of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

2. Organisational Structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the directors.

3. Risk Management

The Board of Directors has examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirms that systems have been established to endeavour to lessen these risks.

4. Related Parties and Connected Charities

Vyaadahikana Village Africa Tanzania is a non-profit, Tanzanian NGO responsible for the delivery of our services and employment of staff in Tanzania. There is a formal funding contract between Village Africa and Vyaadahikana, under which Village Africa provides the funding for, and defines the services provided by, Vyaadahikana.

5. New Ambulance Fund

The charity has been raising capital funds to purchase a new ambulance for Tanzania. As at 28 Feb 2025, the sum of £23,964 has been raised and is included in the assets given in these accounts.

6. Financial Year End

Following a decision by Board of Directors, the next financial year will end on 31 Dec 2025.

Approved by the directors on 23 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>2025</u> <u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	41,335	37,682	79,017	87,437
Bank Interest	306	558	864	300
Other Income	<u>1,432</u>	-	<u>1,432</u>	<u>768</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>43,073</u>	<u>38,240</u>	<u>81,313</u>	<u>88,505</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure:				
Cost of Activities to Further Charity's Objectives	28,417	30,129	58,546	83,904
Management and Administration	<u>1,215</u>	-	<u>1,215</u>	<u>6,811</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>29,632</u>	<u>30,129</u>	<u>59,761</u>	<u>90,715</u>
NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	13,441	8,111	21,552	(2,210)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	13,441	8,111	21,552	(2,210)
Total Funds at 29 th February 2024	<u>40,407</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>40,370</u>	<u>42,580</u>
Total Funds at 28 th February 2025	<u>53,848</u>	<u>8,074</u>	<u>61,922</u>	<u>40,370</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS	2				
Motor vehicles			-		-
IT Equipment			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
			-		-
 CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank		61,922		40,406	
Debtors		<u>-</u>		<u>36</u>	
 NET CURRENT ASSETS			61,922		40,370
NET ASSETS			<u>61,922</u>		<u>40,370</u>
 FUNDS					
Restricted			8,074		(37)
General Funds			<u>53,848</u>		<u>40,407</u>
Total Funds			<u>61,922</u>		<u>40,370</u>



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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

For the year ending 28th February 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 23 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the relevant Financial Reporting Standards.

Donations, Fees and Similar Incoming Resource

Donations, fees and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Motor vehicles	25% straight line
IT equipment	25% straight line

2. RESERVES

Reserves at 28 February 2025 stand at £61,922.



VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 29 th February 2024	62,297
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 28 th February 2025	<u>62,297</u>
Depreciation	
At 29 th February 2024	62,297
Charge for the year	-
At 28 th February 2025	<u>62,297</u>
Net book value	
At 29 th February 2024	<u>-</u>
At 28 th February 2025	<u>-</u>

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The most notable aspect of this year was the restructuring of our activities by setting up a local Non-Governmental Organisation in Tanzania, which took over responsibility for delivering services on the ground, whilst Village Africa remained responsible for providing the funding to support these services. This is in line with our long-term goal of devolving the work of Village Africa to the local level. The new structure is described in greater detail below.

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3. Running a building programme to support health and education work. School toilets and water tanks were completed at Makanya Primary School and a Library (with a local history room, water tanks and toilets) in Yamba.

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Achievements and Performance

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Health



The ambulance service was used in emergencies to transport 63 patients to hospital (79 in 2022, 55 in 2021, and 24 in 2020). The ambulance took 13 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist (34 in 2022, 32 in 2021 and 7 in 2020) when passing those facilities.

Sadly, 2 of these patients died in 2023. Eight patients died in 2022, 2 patients died in 2021 and no patients died in 2020. The ambulance returned the deceased to the village for burial.

Twenty-four health seminars were held for pupils at Yamba Primary School. DVDs on health topics were shown to individuals or small groups.

Education

The child sponsorship scheme, called the Simba Club, covered 108 students (125 in 2022, 115 in 2021 and 113 in 2020). The 2023 figure consists of 43 primary school pupils, 44 secondary school students and 21 advanced level students.

The above included courses in accountancy and finance in the public sector, computing, electricals, law, livestock, masonry, nursing, secretarial and computer application, teaching and technician in clinical medicine.

Simba Club students gained the following qualifications:

BA Education – 3 students

Degree in Accountancy and Finance in the Public Sector – 1 student

Form 6 (A levels) – 2 students.

Farming seminars and farm visits were held in Milingano for one week in March and one week in May.

The Yamba Community Library was open four times per week and the Saturday Club for Girls was held during term time (excluding public holidays).

Village Africa continued links with the following UK schools: Queen's Inclosure Primary School and Wickford Church of England School.

Building

Village Africa funded the following construction work:

- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Makanya Primary School
- Completed construction of a library for Yamba. This includes a local history room, toilets and water tanks.
- Started construction of office space.



Visitors

There were 3 overseas visitors to the project in Yamba. They were student nurses from Italy doing internships in Tanzania. (There were 11 overseas visitors in 2022 and no overseas visitors in 2021 or 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.)

Distribution of items

Second hand clothing was distributed to local volunteers.

Crafts

School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano and shoes in Tanga for the Child Sponsorship Scheme (Simba Club).

Environment

Tree saplings planted in the previous year were tended.

Publicity

Village Africa continued to use its website and social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram) to promote its activities and give feedback. It also sent eShots to those who had opted-in to the mailing list.

Employment

The project created a lot of employment in Tanzania, including

- permanent, temporary and casual labour
- staff employed by local staff (eg housegirls/nannies and farmers)
- tailors, knitters, carpenters, housegirls/nannies, porters and farmers used by villagers who have obtained cash working for the project.

Community involvement

The Government of Tanzania granted timber permits for the building of school toilets and water tanks at Makanya Primary School.

Yamba villagers (assisted by local staff) continued to maintain the 4.7 km road to Yamba, especially after heavy rain.



Two babies were named after Village Africa supporters.

Support

Support was given by the following:

- Directors
- UK volunteers
- Past volunteers and visitors
- Regular givers including student sponsorship
- Individual and group donors
- Corporate donors
- Other charities
- Tanzanian government officials
- Catholic Church in Tanzania
- Support in kind in Tanzania and the UK.

Fundraising

Village Africa is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is committed to following its fundraising best practice. During the period covered by the report, one of the trustees worked as the charity's main fundraiser on a part-time basis, supported by the other trustees who assisted with applying for grants from grant-making trusts. This means that all fund-raising is undertaken in-house. We do not use any external fundraisers.

We take our responsibilities seriously and no complaints have been received regarding our fundraising methods. The charity fundraises primarily through email newsletters to existing supporters (who have agreed to receive such correspondence) and by using social media. We do not carry out telephone campaigns or door to door collections.

Many of our supporters are regular givers (e.g. by participating in the student sponsorship scheme). The charity also approaches third party organisations for grants. It does not hold its own events, but it encourages supporters to hold events (e.g. cake sales) or to participate in events organised by others (e.g. charity runs).

The mountain ambulance service uses two robust four-wheel drive vehicles. The newest of these is now over ten years old. As the vehicles get older the risk of a breakdown increases, as does the cost of maintenance. Accordingly, we launched an appeal to raise funds for the purchase of a new ambulance at Easter 2023. We are pleased to report that, by the end of February 2024, we had raised £16,403, which amounts to 19.5% of the projected cost of the vehicle.

Further details of the fundraising activities carried out in 2023 are set out below:



- Three students from Castle Rushen High School, Isle of Man entered the One World Charity Challenge to promote and fundraise for Village Africa. The competition finished in March 2024.
- Two past volunteers participated in small fundraising events in aid of Village Africa.
- Village Africa advertised the following fundraising (including recycling) schemes:
 - Zazzle – Village Africa branded gifts
 - Bandcamp – Village Africa music (CDs and downloads)
 - greetingscards.co.uk – cards, wrapping paper and small gifts
 - Ziffit – selling second-hand books, CDs, games
 - The Recycling Factory – selling second-hand printer cartridges

The charity continued to receive donations when supporters shopped online at Easyfundraising, Amazon and Humble or when they bought or sold on eBay.

Village Africa retained its Sponsor the Ambulance and its Match a Job (in Tanzania) schemes.

Vyaadahikana Village Africa Tanzania

Changes to the way that tax is collected in Tanzania made it necessary to have a local Non-Governmental Organisation as the local employer and provider of the services in Tanzania. Accordingly, we worked closely with the staff in Tanzania to set up and register Vyaadahikana Village Africa Tanzania (“Vyaadahikana”). It was formally registered as a Tanzanian Non-Governmental Organisation on 2 May 2023, held its inaugural Annual General Meeting on 14th July 2023 and took over responsibility for employing the staff and delivering the services on 1st September 2023. However, Village Africa continued to fund the employment of the staff and delivery of the services.

A formal funding contract was agreed between Village Africa and Vyaadahikana defining the projects that Village Africa would fund, setting out procedures for monitoring and reporting, financial oversight, standards and policies. The funding contract was written to ensure that, as far as possible, there was no change in the activities, except for the name of the organisation delivering them.

This Annual Report covers the period before and after Vyaadahikana took over delivering services and employing staff.

Meeting the challenges

The challenging global financial environment continued to have an adverse effect both on the costs of operating in Tanzania and on our fundraising in the UK. Accordingly, we reviewed the projects we had been supporting and, reluctantly, decided that we would no longer be able to fund the on-going building programme. This does not necessarily mean an end to any building



work carried out by Vyaadahikana. Rather, they have ceased to directly employ a building team and, should further building grants become available, they will retain the services of the building team on a temporary basis. It was also necessary to slim down the central staff by making a few other redundancies.

We are confident that, with this reduced level of expenditure, we will be able to raise sufficient funds to continue supporting all the core activities.

Financial Review

Village Africa received a total income of £88,505 during its financial year ended 29 February 2024, including £16,403 for the new ambulance fund. The charity's main income source was from donations and grants (£82,286), with Kids Helping Kids being our principal grant giver, particularly for building projects.

Village Africa's overall expenditure in its financial year ended 28 February 2024 was £90,715 made up of UK expenditure of £4,527 and Tanzanian expenditure of £86,188. This includes both funds directly spent by Village Africa and funding given to Vyaadahikana to be spent by them in Tanzania.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report. Signed on 18 December 2024 on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<u>Chair:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Secretary:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mark Matfield
<u>Other Directors for the period:</u>	Caroline Johnston Allison Shaw Christina Francis Emma Southcombe Bethany Taylor
<u>Registered Office:</u>	138 Belgrave Road London E11 3QR
<u>Company Limited by Guarantee</u>	Number: 06086681



VILLAGE AFRICA

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees who for the sake of company law are also known as Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees/Directors should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees/Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees/Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Village Africa

Year ended 29 February 2024

Charity Commission Reference 1122420

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charity.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met,

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sangaranathan Ravishangar
FCMA, CGMA



VILLAGE AFRICA
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29th February 2024. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and comply with applicable law.

1. Objects and Constitution

The principal objects of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

2. Organisational Structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the directors.

3. Risk Management

The Board of Directors has examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirms that systems have been established to endeavour to lessen these risks.

4. Related Parties and Connected Charities

Vyaadahikana Village Africa Tanzania (Vyaadahikana) was founded as a non-profit, Tanzanian Non-Governmental Organisation on 2 May 2023. From 1 September 2023, Vyaadahikana took over responsibility for the delivery of services and employment of staff in Tanzania. A formal funding contract was established between Village Africa and Vyaadahikana, under which Village Africa provides the funding for the activities of, and services provided by, Vyaadahikana.

Approved by the directors on 18/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	40,759	46,678	87,437	82,288
Bank Interest	116	184	300	377
Other Income	<u>768</u>	-	<u>768</u>	<u>712</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>41,643</u>	<u>46,862</u>	<u>88,505</u>	<u>83,337</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure:				
Cost of Activities to Further Charity's Objectives	40,595	43,309	83,904	102,492
Management and Administration	<u>6,811</u>	-	<u>6,811</u>	<u>5,458</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>47,406</u>	<u>43,309</u>	<u>90,715</u>	<u>107,950</u>
NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	(5,763)	3,553	(2,210)	(24,613)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	(5,763)	3,553	(2,210)	(24,613)
Total Funds at 28 th February 2023	<u>46,170</u>	<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>42,580</u>	<u>67,193</u>
Total Funds at 29 th February 2024	<u>40,407</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>40,370</u>	<u>42,580</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS	2				
Motor vehicles			-		-
IT Equipment			<u>-</u>		<u>55</u>
			-		55
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank		40,406		42,525	
Debtors		<u>36</u>		<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			40,370		42,525
NET ASSETS			<u>40,370</u>		<u>42,580</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			(37)		(3,590)
General Funds			<u>40,407</u>		<u>46,170</u>
Total Funds			<u>40,370</u>		<u>42,580</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

For the year ending 29th February 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 18/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

Donations, Fees and Similar Incoming Resource

Donations, fees and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Motor vehicles	25% straight line
IT equipment	25% straight line

Foreign currencies

Transactions, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Tanzanian shillings are translated to sterling at the average bank rate for actual currency transfers for the financial year (2668 shillings to the pound for 2023/24).

2. RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE

To meet unforeseen over-expenditure on restricted items, an appropriate amount of general funds has been designated to cover restricted expenditure.

3. RESERVES

Reserves at 29 February 2024 stand at £40,370.



VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 28 th February 2023	62,297
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 29 th February 2024	<u>62,297</u>
Depreciation	
At 28 th February 2023	62,242
Charge for the year	55
At 29 th February 2024	<u>62,297</u>
Net book value	
At 28 th February 2023	<u>55</u>
At 29 th February 2024	<u>-</u>

VILLAGE AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1122410

Accounts

Village Africa

Company Number: 06086681

Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

Charity Number 1122410



Village Africa

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 28 February 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Village Africa is a company limited by guarantee, company number: 06086681. It is registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1122410.

Registered and principal office address: 138 Belgrave Road, London E11 3QR.

Trustees/directors serving during the financial year:

Caroline Johnston: Project Manager, Tanzania
Sarah Mayne: Chair
Mark Matfield: Finance Director
Allison Shaw: Education Director
Emma Southcombe (nee Southey): Fundraising Director
Bethany Taylor: Fundraising Director
Christina Francis: Health Director

Village Africa is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, hence its trustees are directors. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 17 December 2006 and incorporated on 6 February 2007 (and amended on 9 January 2022).

Directors are appointed by a majority vote of directors and/or members. When considering appointments, the Board will make reference to the skills held by existing members and will look to fill any skills gaps identified. Proposed new directors receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charity Commission's guidance publication "The Essential Trustee. What You Need to Know". Their appointment becomes effective (and the requisite form is filed with Companies House) once a satisfactory DBS certificate has been received.

The Articles of Association provide that the directors of the charity resign after their first year in office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election. At every subsequent Annual General Meeting, one third of the directors (the longest standing) is required to retire from office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election if they so choose.



There may be no less than three directors at any one time and there is no maximum. We currently have seven directors, the majority of whom have visited or volunteered with the charity in Tanzania, and hence have first-hand knowledge of its work and challenges.

The quorum for decision making at general meetings is three. At bi-annual meetings the directors agree the broad strategy (including with respect to fundraising) and areas of focus for the charity. They approve the budget and future building projects subject to available funds.

The day-to-day running and administration of the charity is delegated to the Project Manager in Tanzania, supported by local Tanzanian staff and UK volunteers.

The Trustees review the major risks facing the charity on a regular basis, monitoring reserves and reviewing key financial systems to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet the Charity's obligations in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to manage the significant ones.



Chair's Report

This annual report outlines the work of Village Africa during the financial year 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023.

The charity had another effective and successful year. The Covid-19 pandemic fortunately eased which meant that, as well as operating the core services, such as the ambulance service, we were able resume other services in January 2022, including the operation of the community library.

I am saddened to share the news that Monsignor Baruti (Co-Founder of Village Africa) unexpectedly died on 13 June 2022. We will greatly miss the tremendous support and guidance he gave the charity over the years.

As anticipated, the cost of living crisis (partly caused by the Ukraine War which commenced during the period) adversely impacted the Charity's core expenditure in both Tanzania and the UK during 2022, with food and fuel costs in particular increasing. [Although fundraising was impacted, long-term supporters continued to remain loyal, including with the educational sponsorship of children, regular giving of unrestricted funding and one-off donations.]

Notwithstanding some financial challenges, the charity had a very successful year. Our achievements included taking 79 emergency patients to a healthcare facility, as well as 34 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist when passing those facilities. The ambulance service remains a life-saving service and highly appreciated by the community.

The student sponsorship scheme continued to thrive during the year, with the number of students receiving support increasing to 125 students, the highest ever number. This included 15 at university level, once again an increase on the previous year.

The support of our core donors enabled us to complete a large number of building projects including 18 school toilets and 9 water tanks. We also started work on the construction of a library for Yamba, to include a local history room and toilets.

We remain extremely grateful to our core supporters and volunteers for their continued support.

Sarah Mayne



Aims and Objectives

The principal objectives of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania, East Africa. The charity is currently working in and around the villages of Yamba and Milingano in the West Usambara Mountains.

Overview of the Charity's Main Activities

The trustee directors have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities of the charity during 2022-23 were:

1. Improving healthcare by providing emergency trips to hospital. This ambulance service benefitted the community living in the area in and around Yamba, Milingano and Makanya (population of approximately 7,000). It resulted in villagers receiving healthcare and it led to a continued reduction in the death rate in the area.
2. Improving education by building school toilets and running a student sponsorship scheme covering kindergarten, primary, secondary, vocational and higher education students. Our work in this area has resulted in an increase in the exam pass rates in the schools the Charity supports, with many students reaching secondary, vocational and higher education.
3. Running a building programme to support health and education work. School toilets and water tanks were completed at Kwetonge, Tuliani and Mgwashi primary schools.
4. Providing a student sponsorship scheme. The primary school scheme provides the sponsored child with essentials such as a school uniform, blanket and hygiene kit. The secondary scheme provides rent, uniform and an allowance for books and stationery. The higher education scheme pays towards tuition fees, accommodation, meals and other costs. 125 students were covered by the scheme in 2022. Students in greatest need (ie orphans and single parent children) were prioritised to ensure that money was used where it was most needed.
5. Encouraging local enterprise and sustainability. School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano for the student sponsorship scheme, with shoes being made in Tanga.
6. Distributing donated items. Items donated to the charity (including clothing) were distributed to the community, including those with physical and mental disabilities, to assist with their general well-being and health. In addition, flour and beans, toys, books and sporting equipment were distributed.



Achievements and Performance

Progress Report 2022 - 2023

Figures below are for the calendar year 2022.

Health

The ambulance was used in emergencies to transport 79 patients to hospital (55 in 2021, 24 in 2020 and 52 in 2019). 27 of the patients were taken to Milingano Dispensary and 52 to Tanga.

Village Africa's ambulance took 34 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist (32 in 2021, 7 in 2020 and 46 in 2019) when passing those facilities. Eight of the patients were taken to Milingano Dispensary and 26 to Tanga.

Sadly, 8 of these patients died in 2022. Two patients died in 2021, no patients died in 2020 and 4 patients died in 2019. Village Africa returned the deceased to the village for burial.

Twelve health seminars were held for the community in Makanya and 24 for pupils at Yamba Primary School. DVDs on health topics were shown to individuals or small groups. There were 145 viewings by girls in Saturday Club in Yamba, 30 by adults in Yamba and 46 by Village Africa staff.

Village Africa assisted with medical costs and subsistence when permanent staff needed treatment from hospitals in Tanga and Dar es Salaam. One member of staff had an eye operation.

Education

The Village Africa child sponsorship scheme called Simba Club covered 125 students (115 in 2021, 113 in 2020 and 118 in 2019).

The 2022 figure consists of 60 primary school, 37 secondary school, 3 A level, 7 vocational training, 3 professional college and 15 university students.

The above included courses in accountancy, computing, electricals, food hygiene and technology, law, livestock, masonry, nursing, sociology and social work and teaching.

One student completed a Law School course (following a Law degree).

Simba Club students gained the following qualifications:

- BSc Food Science and Technology – 1 student



- BA Sociology and Social Work – 1 student
- BA Education – 1 student
- Diploma in Education – 1 student
- Form 6 (A levels) – 2 students.

Six women (4 from Kwembalazi and 2 from Milingano) attended a 5-day Organic Agriculture Basic course in Morogoro, the next region. The Village Africa sponsor also provided capital for them to implement new ideas they had learnt.

Tuition was given to secondary school girls in Yamba two days per month.

The charity's Yamba Community Library was open four times per week throughout the year and the Saturday Club for Girls was held during term time (excluding public holidays).

Village Africa continued links with the following UK schools: Chapel Allerton Primary School; Kingfisher Primary School; Queen's Inclosure Primary School; St Breward Primary School and Wickford Church of England School.

Building

Village Africa did the following construction work:

- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Kwetonge Primary School
- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Tuliani Primary School
- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Mgwashi Primary School
- Started construction of a library for Yamba. This includes a local history room and toilets.

Visitors

There were 11 overseas visitors to the charity. They were student nurses from Austria and Italy doing internships in Tanzania. (There were no overseas visitors in 2021 or 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.)

Distribution of items

Following two crop failures in a row, a UK businesswoman donated flour and beans for all villagers in Mweni-Yamba village for the second time. Village Africa organised the purchase and distribution of these. She also purchased two water tanks for the charity which were transported in the same lorries.

Knitted sweaters and hats were given to the youngest babies in Yamba and wool to Yamba Knitting Group.



Second hand clothing and bags and new knitted garments were distributed to local volunteers.

New children's story books in English were received from a donor and put in Yamba Community Library.

Three footballs were purchased (2 for Yamba Primary School and 1 for Village Africa's visitor area where children play after school twice a week).

Second hand toys were placed at Mzizma visitor area.

Crafts

School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano and shoes in Tanga for the Child Sponsorship Scheme (Simba Club).

Environment

Village Africa planted 35 avocado trees and 26 more teak trees in Yamba. The avocado tree variety takes 3 years to mature and the teak trees 16-18 years.

Publicity

Village Africa continued to use its website and social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram) to promote its activities and give feedback. It also sent eShots to those who had opted-in to the mailing list.

Employment

The project created a lot of employment in Tanzania, including

- permanent, temporary and casual labour employed by VA
- staff employed by VA staff (eg housegirls/nannies and farmers)
- tailors, knitters, carpenters, housegirls/nannies, porters and farmers used by villagers who have obtained cash working for VA.

Community involvement

The Government of Tanzania granted timber permits for Village Africa to build school toilets and water tanks at Tuliani Primary School and Mgwashi Primary School and to build a library and office space (with furniture for both) in Yamba.

Yamba villagers (assisted by Village Africa staff) continued to maintain the 4.7 km road to Yamba, especially after heavy rain.



Five babies were named after Village Africa volunteers, visitors or supporters.

Support was given by the following:

- Directors
- UK volunteers
- Past volunteers and visitors
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- Corporate donors
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- Local volunteers in Tanzania
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- Support in kind in Tanzania and the UK.

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Village Africa is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is committed to following its fundraising best practice. One of the trustees works as the charity's main fundraiser on a part-time basis, supported by the other trustees who assist with applying for grants from grant-making trusts. This means that all fund-raising is undertaken in-house. We do not use any external fundraisers.

We take our responsibilities seriously and no complaints have been received regarding our fundraising methods. The charity fundraises primarily through email newsletters to existing supporters (who have agreed to receive such correspondence) and by using social media. We do not carry out telephone campaigns or door to door collections. We have done street collections occasionally and we always apply for the necessary licence for the date in question.

Many of our supporters are regular givers (e.g. by participating in the student sponsorship scheme). The charity also approaches third party organisations for grants. It does not hold its own events, but it encourages supporters to hold events (e.g. cake sales) or to participate in events organised by others (e.g. charity runs).

Further details of the fundraising activities carried out in 2022 are set out below:

- Grants were received from Kids Helping Kids, a US based charity.
- Two past volunteers participated in fundraising events in aid of Village Africa.
- Village Africa advertised the following fundraising (including recycling) schemes:
 - Zazzle – Village Africa branded gifts
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Village Africa retained its Sponsor the Ambulance and its Match a Job (in Tanzania) schemes.

Future developments and challenges

The charity faces a number of challenges in the year ahead due to the ongoing global instability and cost of living crisis. This is likely to continue and adversely affect both the charity's income and expenditure. Adjustments may be required (e.g. to the building programme) to account for reduced funding. Village Africa is committed to providing its core services, such as the ambulance service, and these activities will remain our focus. As part of this, the charity will need to fundraise sufficient funds in the coming years to replace the existing vehicle, which will be a significant undertaking.

Financial Review

It is Village Africa's policy to hold a contingency fund of at least £12,000 to cover key staff salaries in the event of a significant fall in the charity's income. As of 28 February 2023 the reserve fund stands at £12,557. A majority vote of the directors is required to release the reserve funds.

Income

Village Africa received a total income of £83,337 during its financial year ended 28 February 2023. The charity's main income source was from donations and grants (£82,286), with Kids Helping Kids and the Lloyd's Market Charity Awards being our principal grant givers, particularly for building projects.

Expenditure

Village Africa's overall expenditure in its financial year ended 28 February 2023 was £107,950 made up of UK expenditure of £5,830 and Tanzanian expenditure of £102,120.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<u>Company limited by Guarantee</u>	Number: 06086681



VILLAGE AFRICA

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees/Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees/Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Village Africa
Year ended 28 February 2023**

Charity Commission Reference 1122420

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charity.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Sangaranathan Ravishangar
ACMA, CGMA



VILLAGE AFRICA
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2023. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and comply with applicable law.

1. Objects and Constitution

The principal objects of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

2. Organisational Structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the directors.

3. Review of Activities

This is the sixteenth full year of operation of the charity.

4. Reserves Policy

Village Africa designates £12,000 of the reserves to cover one year's annual salary for core staff.

5. Risk Management

The Board of Directors has examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirms that systems have been established to endeavour to lessen these risks.

6. Related Parties and Connected Charities

There are no related parties or connected charities.

Approved by the directors on [date] and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

	<u>2023</u> <u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Volunteer & Visitor Fees	300	201	501	-
Donations	40,911	41,377	82,288	81,255
Bank Interest	337	-	337	300
Other Income	<u>211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>463</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>41,759</u>	<u>41,578</u>	<u>83,337</u>	<u>82,018</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure:				
Cost of Activities to Further Charity's Objectives	50,732	51,760	102,492	92,052
Management and Administration	<u>5,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,458</u>	<u>4,240</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>56,190</u>	<u>51,760</u>	<u>107,950</u>	<u>96,292</u>
NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	(14,431)	(10,182)	(24,613)	(14,274)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	(14,431)	(10,182)	(24,613)	(14,274)
Total Funds at 28 th February 2022	<u>60,601</u>	<u>6,592</u>	<u>67,193</u>	<u>81,467</u>
Total Funds at 28 th February 2023	<u>46,170</u>	<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>42,580</u>	<u>67,193</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS	2				
Motor vehicles			-		-
IT Equipment			<u>55</u>		<u>316</u>
			55		316
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank		42,525		64,459	
Creditors		<u>-</u>		<u>2,418</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			42,525		66,877
NET ASSETS			<u>42,580</u>		<u>67,193</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			(3,590)		6,592
General Funds			<u>46,170</u>		<u>60,601</u>
Total Funds			<u>42,580</u>		<u>67,193</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

For the year ending 28th February 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

The financial statements were approved by the directors on [date] and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

Donations, Fees and Similar Incoming Resource

Donations, fees and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Motor vehicles	25% straight line
IT equipment	25% straight line

Foreign currencies

Transactions, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Tanzanian shillings are translated to sterling at the average bank rate for actual currency transfers for the financial year (2668 shillings to the pound for 2022/23).

2. RESERVES

Reserves at 28 February 2023 stand at £42,580. It is the policy of the charity to designate £12,000 of this to cover one year's annual salary for core staff.

3. GENERAL FUNDS

The amount of £3,644 due to admin and bookkeeping differences in the accounts has been adjusted in the General Funds expenditure.



VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 28 th February 2022	62,297
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 28 th February 2023	<u>62,297</u>
 Depreciation	
At 28 th February 2022	61,981
Charge for the year	261
At 28 th February 2023	<u>62,242</u>
 Net book value	
At 28 th February 2022	<u>316</u>
At 28 th February 2023	<u>55</u>

VILLAGE AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1122410

Accounts

Village Africa

Charity Commission Number 1122410

Company Number: 06086681

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ending 28 February 2022

Charity Number 1122410



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Village Africa

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 28 February 2022

Village Africa is a company limited by guarantee, company number: 06086681. It is registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1122410.

Registered and principal office address: 138 Belgrave Road, London E11 3QR.

Trustees/directors serving during the financial year:

Caroline Johnston: Project Manager, Tanzania

Sarah Mayne: Chair

Mark Matfield: Finance Director

Allison Shaw: Education Director

Emma Southey: Fundraising Director

Bethany Taylor: Fundraising Director

Christina Francis: Health Director

Chair's Report

This annual report outlines the work of Village Africa during the financial year 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022.

The charity had another effective and successful year, despite the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, which continued to be felt throughout the period.

Village Africa continued to run its core activities in Tanzania (eg ambulance service, student sponsorship and building) with Covid-secure measures in place. Less essential services, such as the community library, remained suspended due to concerns about Covid-19 transmission.

The ambulance service operated throughout 2021, taking 55 emergency patients to a healthcare facility, as well as 32 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist when passing those facilities.



The student sponsorship scheme continued to thrive, with a total of 115 students receiving support during 2021. This included 14 university students, with three obtaining a BA degree, a fantastic achievement.

Notwithstanding the pandemic, we were able to continue with building projects and completed a total of 12 school toilets, 8 water tanks and 2 classrooms.

The community is still very supportive of the charity's work and grateful for the services which Village Africa provides, as evidenced by the warm reception the project leader received on her return to Tanzania after an extended absence, both from staff, the community and local leaders.

Village Africa continues to follow a fundraising strategy focused on two main income streams: individual donations and grants from grant-making bodies. The majority of individual donations come from our long-term supporters, including educational sponsorship of children, regular giving of unrestricted funding and one-off donations. Many of the latter are the result of participation in sponsored events. Unfortunately, many events were cancelled yet again in 2021 due to the pandemic and this led to some loss of anticipated income, but individual donations and sponsorship from other sources remained stable. We are extremely grateful to our core supporters and donors for their strong loyalty and generosity.

Sarah Mayne

Structure, Governance and Management

Village Africa is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, hence its trustees are directors. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 17 December 2006 and incorporated on 6 February 2007.

Directors are appointed by a majority vote of directors and/or members. When considering appointments, the Board will make reference to the skills held by existing members and will look to fill any skills gaps identified. Proposed new directors receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charity Commission's guidance publication "The Essential Trustee. What You Need to Know". Their appointment becomes effective (and the requisite form is filed with Companies House) once a satisfactory DBS certificate has been received.



The Articles of Association provide that the directors of the charity resign after their first year in office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election. At every subsequent Annual General Meeting, one third of the directors (the longest standing) is required to retire from office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election if they so choose.

There may be no less than three directors at any one time and there is no maximum. We currently have seven directors, the majority of whom have visited or volunteered with the charity in Tanzania, and hence have first-hand knowledge of its work and challenges.

The quorum for decision making at general meetings is three. At bi-annual meetings the directors agree the broad strategy (including with respect to fundraising) and areas of focus for the charity. They approve the budget and future building projects subject to available funds.

The day-to-day running and administration of the charity is delegated to the Project Manager in Tanzania, supported by local Tanzanian staff and UK volunteers.

The Trustees review the major risks facing the charity on a regular basis, monitoring reserves and reviewing key financial systems to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet the Charity's obligations in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to manage the significant ones.

Aims and Objectives

The principal objectives of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania, East Africa. The charity is currently working in and around the villages of Yamba and Milingano in the West Usambara Mountains.

Overview of the Charity's Main Activities

The trustee directors have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities of the charity during 2021-22 were:



1. Improving healthcare by providing emergency trips to hospital. This ambulance service benefitted the community living in the area in and around Yamba, Milingano and Makanya (population of approximately 7,000). It resulted in villagers receiving healthcare and it led to a continued reduction in the death rate in the area.
2. Improving education by building classrooms and school toilets and running a student sponsorship scheme covering kindergarten, primary, secondary, vocational and higher education students. Our work in this area has resulted in an increase in the exam pass rates in the schools the Charity supports, with many students reaching secondary, vocational and higher education.
3. Running a building programme to support health and education work. School toilets and water tanks were completed at Mashewa, Kishimai and Sagara Primary Schools with construction commencing on water tanks and school toilets for Kwetonge Primary School.
4. Providing a student sponsorship scheme. The primary school scheme provides the sponsored child with essentials such as a school uniform, blanket and hygiene kit. The secondary scheme provides rent, uniform and an allowance for books and stationery. The higher education scheme pays towards tuition fees, accommodation, meals and other costs. 115 students were covered by the scheme in 2021. Students in greatest need (ie orphans and single parent children) were prioritised to ensure that money was used where it was most needed.
5. Encouraging local enterprise and sustainability. School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano for the student sponsorship scheme, with shoes being made in Tanga. Facemasks for the charity staff (to protect against Covid 19) were made in Yamba.
6. Distributing donated items. Items donated to the charity (including clothing) were distributed to the community, including those with physical and mental disabilities, to assist with their general well-being and health. In addition, seeds for planting, as well as flour and beans were distributed.

Covid-19

Covid-19 continued to impact the charity during 2021. Fortunately, there did not appear to be any Covid-19 cases in the Yamba and Milingano area during the period, but the



services provided by the charity were restricted and the pandemic also reduced the revenue expected from fundraising events.

The Charity continued to practise Covid-secure measures in Tanzania and only operated its essential services. Visits to the project from overseas visitors remained suspended. The Project Leader did not return to Tanzania until late 2021, but virtual communication with the local staff remained very effective and there was no impact on the provision of services.

The Directors regularly assessed the risks posed by the pandemic and took action to mitigate them. The Project Leader provided the Directors with regular Covid-19 updates by email and the topic was discussed in detail at every Directors' meeting.

In the UK, Directors' meetings continued to be held online through video conferencing. Fundraising meetings in the UK involving travel on public transport were suspended and local fundraising activities (when permitted) were conducted in a Covid-secure way.

Achievements and Performance

Progress Report 2021 - 2022

Figures below are for the calendar year 2021.

Health

- The ambulance was used in emergencies to transport 55 patients to hospital (24 in 2020, 52 in 2019 and 55 in 2018).
- Village Africa's ambulance took 32 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist (7 in 2020, 46 in 2019 and 57 in 2018) when passing those facilities.
- Sadly, two of these patients died in 2021. No patients died in 2020, 4 patients died in 2019 and 2 in 2018. Village Africa returned the deceased to the village for burial.
- Health seminars for schools and the community were suspended due to the pandemic.
- Village Africa assisted with medical costs and subsistence when permanent staff needed treatment from hospitals in Tanga and Dar es Salaam. Two staff needed operations



Education

- The Village Africa child sponsorship scheme called Simba Club covered 115 students (113 in 2020, 118 in 2019 and 116 in 2018).

The 2021 figure consists of 55 primary school, 39 secondary school, 7 vocational training and 14 at university.

The above vocational courses were in farming, tailoring, masonry and teacher training.

Simba Club students gained the following qualifications:

- BA Law – 1 student
- BA Education – 1 student
- BA Social Sciences – 1 student
- Diploma in Education (science subjects) – 1 student
- Form 6 (A levels) – 3 students
- VETA Certificate, Masonry, 2 years – 1 student
- VETA Certificate, Livestock, 3 years – 2 students.

Village Africa organised two weeks of farming seminars and farm visits at Kwemikame, Milingano Ward. The two students who passed their Livestock certificate shared their new knowledge and skills with the community. The work was kindly funded by Kids Helping Kids and supervised by Peter Shemweta who has experience in this sector.

- The charity's Yamba Community Library and Saturday Club for Girls were suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Links with the following UK schools continued: Chapel Allerton Primary School; Kingfisher Primary School; Queen's Inclosure Primary School and Wickford Church of England School. A new link was started with St Breward Primary School.

Building

Village Africa did the following construction work

- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Mashewa Primary School
- Completed 2 classrooms and 2 water tanks for Kishimai Primary School
- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Sagara Primary School



- Started construction of 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Kwetonge Primary School.

Visitors

There were no overseas visitors to the charity due to the pandemic (26 visitors in 2019).

A Tanzanian came to Village Africa in Yamba to tutor some Simba Club secondary school girls and their fellow students during school holidays.

Six Tanzanian visitors, attending a development meeting organised by Simba Club university students, slept at Village Africa's accommodation for 2 nights.

Distribution of items

Following two crop failures in a row, a UK businesswoman donated seeds for planting, and flour and beans for all villagers in Mweni-Yamba village. Village Africa organised the purchase and distribution of these.

New and second-hand bedding was distributed to the most needy in the community (ie mentally and physically disabled adults and children and the elderly).

Knitted sweaters and hats were given to the youngest babies in Yamba and wool to Yamba Knitting Group.

Second hand clothing was distributed to local volunteers.

Second hand children's story books in English were put in Yamba Community Library and Village Africa's accommodation for when the children come to play/read with visitors or staff.

Crafts

School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano and shoes in Tanga for the Child Sponsorship Scheme.

Face masks to protect against Covid-19 were made in Yamba for Village Africa staff.



Fund raising

Grants were received from Kids Helping Kids.

The second tranche of the Lloyd's Market Charity Award was received.

Village Africa's Chairman (Sarah Mayne) participated in the ASICS London 10K in aid of the charity. A supporter took part in the 2021 Dixons Carphone Race to the Stones (100km) to raise money for Village Africa and two other charities. Other events were affected by Covid-19 – one fundraiser had to self-isolate so could not run and many events were cancelled.

Village Africa took part in Giving Tuesday (a global day supporting good causes in November) for the second time.

Village Africa held another Christmas auction on Facebook. Successful bids were made by people who have not donated to the charity before, as well as many loyal supporters.

Village Africa advertised the following fundraising (including recycling) schemes:

Zazzle – VA branded gifts

Bandcamp – VA music (CDs and downloads)

greetingscard.co.uk – cards, wrapping paper and small gifts

Ziffit – selling second-hand books, CDs, games

The Recycling Factory – selling second-hand printer cartridges

eBay Big Charity Sell – selling second-hand goods (this attracted five-fold match funding).

The charity continued to receive donations when supporters shopped online at Easyfundraising, SmileAmazon and Humble or when they bought or sold on eBay.

Village Africa retained its Sponsor the Ambulance and its Match a Job (in Tanzania) schemes.

When Virgin Money Giving closed on 30 Nov 2021, Village Africa opened an account with JustGiving to hold fundraisers' event pages and to receive credit/debit card donations.



Communications

Village Africa continued to use its website plus social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram) to promote its activities and give feedback.

Employment

The project continued to create employment in Tanzania, including

- permanent, temporary and casual labour employed by VA
- staff employed by VA staff (eg housegirls/nannies and farmers)
- tailors, knitters, carpenters, housegirls/nannies, porters and farmers used by villagers who have obtained cash working for VA.

Community involvement

Co-operation remained very good.

Village Africa's Director/Project Leader (Caroline Johnston) was welcomed back to Tanzania in Nov 2021 (after an extended stay in the UK due to the pandemic) by the new District Commissioner of Lushoto. The following week, she met the new Regional Commissioner when he visited Milingano Ward.

A WhatsApp group has been created by past and current Simba Club university students. They have invited other educated people from Milingano Ward (ie Yamba, Milingano and Bumba) and beyond to join. The aim is to work together to develop the Ward.

Village Africa's Director was the Guest of Honour at a two-day development meeting held in Yamba in Dec 2021 organised by the above group. Experts working in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Saudi Arabia and local leaders attended. Topics included Education, Roads and bridges, Farming, Climate change and conservation and Local history.

The Government of Tanzania granted timber permits for Village Africa to build school toilets and water tanks at Sagara and Kwetonge primary schools.

The government started to widen the Yamba road using dynamite and a machine. Yamba villagers continued to maintain this 4.7km road, especially after heavy rain.



Twin babies were named after two Village Africa volunteers and another baby after a volunteer's wife.

Support was given by the following:

- Directors
- UK volunteers
- Past volunteers and visitors
- Regular givers including student sponsorship
- Individual and group donors
- Corporate donors
- Other charities
- Staff in Tanzania
- Local volunteers in Tanzania
- Tanzanian government officials
- Catholic Church in Tanzania
- Support in kind in Tanzania and the UK.

Future developments and challenges

Just before the end of the financial year, Russia invaded Ukraine leading to fears of a global energy crisis, global recession, high inflation and food shortages, all of which could adversely impact both the local community (with increased levels of poverty) and the charity's funding. This is being factored into our planning and financial decision making and some adjustments may be required (e.g. to the building programme) to account for reduced funding. Village Africa is committed to providing its core services, such as the ambulance service, and these activities will remain our focus, but we intend to restart other services (such as the community library) during 2022, once the Covid-19 pandemic has eased.

Within the next ten years, the current ambulance will need to be replaced and this will be the centre of future fundraising efforts. It will be a significant challenge to raise such a large amount of money and we will be exploring various different fundraising sources.

Financial Review

It is Village Africa's policy to build up a contingency of £12,000 to cover key staff salaries in the event of a significant fall in the charity's income. As of 28 February 2022



the reserve fund stands at £12,522. A majority vote of the directors is required to release the reserve funds.

Income

Village Africa received a total income of £82,018 during its financial year ended 28 February 2022. The charity's main income source was from donations (£81,255), with Kids Helping Kids and the Lloyd's Market Charity Awards being our principal donors, particularly for building projects.

Expenditure

Village Africa's overall expenditure in its financial year ended 28 February 2022 was £96,292 made up of UK expenditure of £3,927 and Tanzanian expenditure of £92,365.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA

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VILLAGE AFRICA

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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Village Africa

Year ended 28 February 2022

Charity Commission Reference 1122410

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Sangaranathan Ravishangar
ACMA, CGMA



VILLAGE AFRICA REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2022. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and comply with applicable law.

1. Objects and Constitution

The principal objects of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

2. Organisational Structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the directors.

3. Review of Activities

This is the fifteenth full year of operation of the charity.

4. Reserves Policy

As at 28th February 2022 the reserve stands at £67,193. Village Africa retains a designated fund of £12,000 to cover one year's annual salary for core staff.

5. Risk Management

The Board of Directors has examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirms that systems have been established to endeavour to lessen these risks.

6. Related Parties and Connected Charities

There are no related parties or connected charities.

Approved by the directors on 12 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Volunteer & Visitor Fees	-	-	-	-
Donations	49,798	31,457	81,255	91,398
Bank Interest	300	-	300	970
Other Income	<u>463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>126</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>50,561</u>	<u>31,457</u>	<u>82,018</u>	<u>92,494</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure:				
Cost of Activities to Further Charity's Objectives	29,405	62,647	92,052	66,904
Management and Administration	<u>4,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,240</u>	<u>3,974</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>33,645</u>	<u>62,647</u>	<u>96,292</u>	<u>70,878</u>
NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	16,916	(31,190)	(14,274)	21,616
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	16,916	(31,190)	(14,274)	21,616
Total Funds at 28 th February 2021	<u>43,685</u>	<u>37,782</u>	<u>81,467</u>	<u>59,851</u>
Total Funds at 28 th February 2022	<u>60,601</u>	<u>6,592</u>	<u>67,193</u>	<u>81,467</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS	2				
Motor vehicles			-		-
IT Equipment			<u>316</u>		<u>577</u>
			316		577
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank		64,459		79,001	
Other Creditors		<u>2,418</u>		<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			66,877		80,890
NET ASSETS			<u>67,193</u>		<u>81,467</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			6,592		35,893
General Funds			<u>60,601</u>		<u>43,685</u>
Total Funds			<u>67,193</u>		<u>79,578</u>



VILLAGE AFRICA
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The financial statements were approved by the directors on 12 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

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VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 28 th February 2021	62,297
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 28 th February 2022	<u>62,297</u>
Depreciation	
At 28 th February 2021	61,720
Charge for the year	261
At 28 th February 2022	<u>61,981</u>
Net book value	
At 28 th February 2021	<u>577</u>
At 28 th February 2022	<u>316</u>

3. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Expenditure on activities to further the charities objectives was overstated in the previous year by £1,889. The amended figure for restricted expenditure is given in the Statement of Financial Activities above.

VILLAGE AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1122410

Accounts

Village Africa

Charity Commission Number 1122410

Company Number: 06086681

Report and Financial Statements 2020-21

Charity Number 1122410



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Village Africa

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 28 February 2021

Village Africa is a company limited by guarantee, company number: 06086681. It is registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1122410.

Registered and principal office address: 138 Belgrave Road, London E11 3QR.

Trustees/directors serving during the financial year:

Caroline Johnston: Project Manager, Tanzania
Sarah Mayne: Chair
Mark Matfield: Finance Director
Allison Shaw: Education Director
Emma Southey: Fundraising Director
Bethany Taylor: Fundraising Director
Christina Francis: Health Director

Chair's Report

This annual report outlines the work of Village Africa during the financial year 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021.

The charity had another effective and successful year, despite the flooding in Tanga region continuing until April 2020 and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic (which were felt throughout this financial year).

Village Africa continued its core activities in Tanzania (eg ambulance service, student sponsorship and building) with Covid-secure measures in place.

However, Village Africa decided to suspend its non-core activities in Tanzania from mid-March 2020 due to the pandemic. These included the community library, Saturday Club for girls and health seminars as they were not considered essential services and would have involved gatherings where social distancing could have been difficult.



The emergency ambulance service operated throughout the year, taking 31 patients to a healthcare facility (NB figure for the calendar year 2020). Due to flooding, from January to April 2020, it was only possible to transport patients as far as Milingano Dispensary. This resulted in a decrease in emergency trip requests compared to previous years (usually approximately 50 trips per year) as patients knew they could not reach a big hospital. When the floods subsided in April 2020, patients were taken to Milingano Dispensary and then to a big hospital in Tanga where necessary.

Our student sponsorship scheme continued to thrive. In 2020 113 students were sponsored, with seven students achieving post-secondary school qualifications. In addition, four students passed Form 6 (A level equivalent) and started university in October 2020.

On the building side, we completed six school toilets and three water tanks for Mibukwe Secondary School and two classrooms, a head teacher's office and two water tanks for Yamba Primary School.

The community is still very supportive of the charity's work and grateful for the services which Village Africa provides.

Village Africa continues to follow a fundraising strategy focused on two main income streams: individual donations and grants from grant-making bodies.

The majority of individual donations come from our long-term supporters, including educational sponsorship of children, regular giving of unrestricted funding and one-off donations. Many of the latter are the result of participation in sponsored events. Unfortunately, events were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic and this led to some loss of anticipated income. We hope the fundraisers will participate in future events instead.

We continue to seek and receive grants for specific projects and activities that are in line with our objectives from a limited number of grant-making bodies. We continually look for ways to diversify our fundraising sources and to expand our supporter base but this remains challenging, particularly in the economic climate resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

To date there appears to be little negative effect from the pandemic on our individual donations and sponsorship (other than from events). We are extremely grateful to our



core supporters and donors for their strong loyalty and generosity and for enabling us to continue our services in what, sadly, remains a very deprived part of Tanzania.

Sarah Mayne

Structure, Governance and Management

Village Africa is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, hence its trustees are directors. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 17 December 2006 and incorporated on 6 February 2007.

Directors are appointed by a majority vote of directors and/or members. When considering appointments, the Board will make reference to the skills held by existing members and will look to fill any skills gaps identified. Proposed new directors receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charity Commission's guidance publication "The Essential Trustee. What You Need to Know". Their appointment becomes effective (and the requisite form is filed with Companies House) once a satisfactory DBS certificate has been received.

The Articles of Association provide that the directors of the charity resign after their first year in office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election. At every subsequent Annual General Meeting, one third of the directors (the longest standing) is required to retire from office, although they are able to offer themselves for re-election if they so choose.

There may be no less than three directors at any one time and there is no maximum. We currently have seven directors, the majority of whom have visited or volunteered with the charity in Tanzania, and hence have first-hand knowledge of its work and challenges.

The quorum for decision making at general meetings is three. At bi-annual meetings the directors agree the broad strategy (including with respect to fundraising) and areas of focus for the charity. They approve the budget and future building projects subject to available funds.

The day-to-day running and administration of the charity is delegated to the Project Manager in Tanzania, supported by local Tanzanian staff and UK volunteers.

The Trustees review the major risks facing the charity on a regular basis, monitoring reserves and reviewing key financial systems to ensure sufficient resources are available



to meet our obligations in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to manage the significant ones.

Aims and Objectives

The principal objectives of the charity are to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress and to advance education in the Tanga region of Tanzania, East Africa. The charity is currently working in and around the villages of Yamba and Milingano in the West Usambara Mountains.

Overview of the Charity's Main Activities

The trustee directors have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities of the charity during 2020-21 were:

1. Improving healthcare by providing emergency trips to hospital. This ambulance service benefitted the community living in the area in and around Yamba, Milingano and Makanya (population of approximately 7,000). It resulted in villagers receiving healthcare and it led to a continued reduction in the death rate in the area.
2. Improving education by building classrooms and school toilets and running a student sponsorship scheme covering kindergarten, primary, secondary, vocational and higher education students. Our work in this area has resulted in an increase in the exam pass rates in the schools we support, with many students reaching secondary, vocational and higher education.
3. Running a building programme to support health and education work. School toilets and water tanks were completed at Mibukwe Secondary School and water tanks, classrooms and an office were completed at Yamba Primary School. Construction was started on schools toilets and water tanks for Mashewa Primary School.
4. Providing a student sponsorship scheme. The primary school scheme provides the sponsored child with essentials such as a school uniform, blanket and hygiene kit. The secondary scheme provides rent, uniform and an allowance for books and stationery. The higher education scheme pays towards tuition fees, accommodation, meals and other



costs. 113 students were covered by the scheme in 2020. Students in greatest need (ie orphans and single parent children) were prioritised to ensure that money was used where it was most needed.

5. Encouraging local enterprise and sustainability. School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano for the student sponsorship scheme.

6. Distributing donated items. Items donated to the charity (including clothing, shoes, toiletries and toys) were distributed to the community, including those with physical and mental disabilities, to assist with their general well-being and health.

Covid-19

During the period this report covers, Covid-19 spread around the world and was reported in Tanzania on 16 March 2020. Schools were closed from 17 March – 29 June 2020 (A level and university courses till 1 June 2020). As far as we know there were no Covid-19 cases in the Yamba and Milingano region during this year.

The pandemic impacted on how Village Africa was run. Covid-secure measures were put in place in both Tanzania and the UK.

The Directors regularly assessed the risks posed by the pandemic and took action to mitigate them. The Project Leader provided the Directors with regular Covid-19 updates by email. Information was gathered from as many sources as possible (eg WHO, international media including Tanzania newspapers online and social media and from the Assistant Director and team in Tanzania). Covid-19 issues were also discussed in detail at every Directors' meeting, with an extra meeting being held to monitor the situation.

In Tanzania, Village Africa only operated its essential services and visits to the project were suspended. Shields were installed in the ambulance and other vehicle to provide a protective layer between the patients/passengers and the drivers. Staff members were trained on the importance of handwashing, face masks, social distancing, ventilating rooms and vehicles and cleaning vehicles thoroughly after use. Hygiene equipment was provided.

The Project Leader did not return to Tanzania as planned due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. Instead she communicated with the Assistant Director in Tanzania by email and face-to-face conversations on Messenger. This was a new style of communication for them and became possible due to an improved internet signal in Yamba village. It proved very effective.



In the UK, in person Directors' meetings were suspended and held online through Zoom Conferencing. Fundraising meetings in the UK involving travel on public transport were suspended and local fundraising activities (when permitted) were conducted in a Covid-secure way.

Achievements and Performance

Progress Report 2020-21

Village Africa's primary activities have been in the fields of health and education.

Health

*Figures until 31 December 2020

The Village Africa ambulance was used in emergencies to transport 24 patients to hospital (52 in 2019, 55 in 2018 and 46 in 2017).

In addition, the ambulance took 7 non-emergency patients to hospital or a dentist (46 in 2019, 57 in 2018 and 58 in 2017) when passing those facilities.

None of these patients died. 4 patients died in 2019, 2 in 2018 and 5 in 2017 and Village Africa returned the deceased to the village for burial.

Health seminars were delivered to pupils at Yamba Primary School from January – March 2020. These were suspended due to the pandemic.

Village Africa assisted with medical costs when permanent staff needed treatment from hospitals in Tanga.

Education

The Village Africa child sponsorship scheme called Simba Club covered 113 students (118 in 2019, 116 in 2018 and 107 in 2017).



The 2020 figure consists of 55 primary school, 41 secondary school, 7 vocational training and 10 university students. The vocational courses are in farming, tailoring, building and teacher training.

In 2020 Simba Club students gained the following post-secondary school qualifications:
Diploma in Agriculture and Livestock – 1 student
VETA farming course (Certificate and Diploma) – 2 students
Kindergarten Teacher Training (Certificate and Diploma) – 3 students
Basic Hotel and Housekeeping – 1 student.

Two of these students did Kindergarten teaching practice at Yamba Primary School in their home village.

Four students passed Form 6 (A levels) and started university.

The charity opened the Yamba Community Library four times per week from 2 January – 16 March 2020. Educational posters were displayed. It was closed temporarily from 17 March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Village Africa ran a weekly Saturday Club in term time for girls aged 9-14. It covered life skills such as hygiene, plus fun activities like singing, sport and drawing. It was also closed temporarily from 17 March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Links with the following UK schools continued - Chapel Allerton Primary School, Kingfisher Primary School, Queen's Inclosure Primary School and Wickford Church of England School

Building

Village Africa did the following building work

- Completed 6 school toilets and 3 water tanks for Mibukwe Secondary School
- Completed 2 classrooms, a head teacher's office and 2 water tanks for Yamba Primary School
- Started construction of 6 toilets and 3 water tanks for Mashewa Primary School.

Visitors

There were no overseas visitors to the charity due to the pandemic (compared with 26 visitors in 2019).



Distribution of gifts

New toys and toiletries, funded by Waterlooville Baptist Church's 2019 appeal, were given to younger children at Yamba Primary School.

Second-hand items were distributed to local volunteers. The gifts, including clothing and sports equipment, came from Germany.

Crafts

School uniforms and sweaters were made in Yamba and Milingano for the student sponsorship scheme.

Fundraising

Grants were received from:

Kids Helping Kids

Lloyd's Market Charity Awards – These awards were larger than usual to help with the anticipated financial impact of Covid-19 on the charity sector.

Fundraisers took part in virtual events, including the 2.6 Challenge (cycling, running and walking). Unfortunately, most actual events (eg ASICS London 10K and Action Challenge Thames Bridges Trek) were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Village Africa took part in GivingTuesday (a global day supporting good causes) for the first time.

The Village Africa Library Appeal launch, to construct a small facility in Yamba, was delayed due to the pandemic.

The charity continued to receive donations when supporters shopped online at Easyfundraising, SmileAmazon and Humble or when they bought or sold on eBay. Village Africa signed up for and advertised the Action Challenge Ultra Challenge Series 2020 and the ASICS London 10K in July 2020.

Village Africa works hard to thank its supporters and keep them well informed of its activities and the impact of their donations and support. The charity uses its website, email mailings and social media to share news.



Employment

The project created a lot of employment in Tanzania, including

- permanent, temporary and casual labour employed by VA
- staff employed by VA staff (eg housegirls/nannies and farmers)
- tailors, knitters, carpenters, housegirls/nannies, porters and farmers used by villagers who have obtained cash working for VA.

Community involvement

Co-operation remained very good.

The District Commissioner of Lushoto agreed a timber permit for Village Africa to build 2 classrooms and 2 water tanks at Kishimai Primary School.

Yamba villagers maintained and continued to widen the road to Yamba (over a length of approximately 7 km).

One baby was named after a Village Africa volunteer and one after a Village Africa visitor.

Support was given by the following:

- Directors
- UK volunteers
- Past volunteers and visitors (especially fundraising)
- Regular givers including student sponsorship
- Individual and group donors
- Corporate donors
- Other charities
- Staff in Tanzania
- Local volunteers in Tanzania
- Tanzanian government officials
- Catholic Church in Tanzania
- Support in kind in Tanzania and the UK.



Future developments and challenges

Village Africa intends to continue to focus its resources on its core services with the aim of making these services sustainable through donations and other sources. As in previous years, the main challenge for the charity remains raising sufficient funds to maintain its current programmes and services. The charity will continue to focus on grant applications and raising funds through specific appeals, but we recognise alternative sources may be difficult to find and we are planning accordingly. Our building projects are particularly dependent on grants from our two main donors, which we anticipate diminishing in the near future, so some adjustment to the building programme may be required.

The greatest need in the community is the ambulance service and our key aim is to maintain the provision of this service for both the short and long-term. Within the next ten years, the current vehicle will need to be replaced and this will increasingly become a focus of the charity's fundraising efforts.

Village Africa is mindful of the impact of the pandemic on economies around the world and how this could impact on fundraising and donations in 2021, 2022 and beyond. The charity has acknowledged this risk and is building it into its planning and financial decision making.

Financial Review

It is Village Africa's policy to build up a contingency of £12,000 to cover key staff salaries in the event of a significant fall in the charity's income. As of 28th February 2021 the reserve fund stands at £12,521. A majority vote of the directors is required to release the reserve funds.

Income

Village Africa received a total income of £92,494 during its financial year ended 28 February 2021. The charity's main income source was from donations (£91,398), with Kids Helping Kids and the Lloyd's Market Charity Awards being our principal donors, particularly for building projects.



Expenditure

Village Africa's overall expenditure in its financial year ended 29 February 2020 was £79,495 made up of UK expenditure of £6,891 and Tanzanian expenditure of £72,604.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<u>Chair:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Secretary:</u>	Sarah Mayne
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mark Matfield
<u>Other Directors for the period:</u>	Caroline Johnston Allison Shaw Christina Francis Emma Southey Bethany Taylor
<u>Registered Office:</u> London E11 3R	138 Belgrave Road
<u>Company limited by Guarantee</u>	Number: 06086681



VILLAGE AFRICA

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees who for the sake of company law are also known as Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees/Directors should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees/Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees/Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Village Africa
Year ended 28 February 2021**

Charity Commission Reference 1122420

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charity.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met,
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sangaranathan Ravishangar
ACMA, CGMA

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VILLAGE AFRICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Volunteer & Visitor Fees	-	-	-	1,037
Donations	45,440	45,958	91,398	97,886
Bank Interest	970	-	970	142
Other Income	<u>126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>383</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>46,536</u>	<u>45,958</u>	<u>92,494</u>	<u>99,448</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure:				
Cost of Activities to Further Charity's Objectives	28,245	40,548	68,793	74,085
Management and Administration	<u>3,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,974</u>	<u>5,410</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>32,219</u>	<u>40,548</u>	<u>72,767</u>	<u>79,495</u>
NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	14,317	5,410	19,727	19,953
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	14,317	5,410	19,727	19,953
Total Funds at 29 th February 2020	<u>29,368</u>	<u>30,483</u>	<u>59,851</u>	<u>39,898</u>
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Motor vehicles			-		-
IT Equipment			<u>577</u>		<u>838</u>
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CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank		79,001		59,627	
Other debtors		<u>0</u>		<u>615</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			79,001		59,013
NET ASSETS			<u>79,578</u>		<u>59,851</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			35,893		30,483
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The financial statements were approved by the directors on 25 August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Mayne, Chair

Mark Matfield, Treasurer



VILLAGE AFRICA
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VILLAGE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 29 th February 2020	62,297
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 28 th February 2021	<u>62,297</u>
Depreciation	
At 29 th February 2020	61,459
Charge for the year	261
At 28 th February 2021	<u>61,720</u>
Net book value	
At 29 th February 2020	<u>838</u>
At 28 th February 2021	<u>577</u>