

Charity Registration No. 1122809

Company Registration No. 05717237 (England and Wales)

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice as amended for bulletin 1 & 2 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Pearl of Africa Child Care Ltd (PoACC) is a registered charity whose purpose is to improve access to education, health and welfare for children suffering through disease, war and poverty in Uganda.

We work towards this purpose by supporting our beneficiaries the Molly and Paul Child Care Foundation (MPCCF), a registered Ugandan non-governmental organization (NGO) and charity (registered number (Uganda) S.5914/481 NGO), with whom we have a close working relationship. This relationship is governed by a Memorandum of Understanding. With origins over 30 years old, today MPCCF's team runs 6 schools, a kindergarten, 11 children's homes, a farm school, and one clinic in southern Uganda. They provide education, food, accommodation and basic healthcare for over 2,000 children, many of whom are orphans or otherwise destitute.

Our main areas of activity are these:

- Ensuring greater access to education for children at risk of not attending school.
- Improving the nutrition of children in MPCCF schools through better access to food and clean water.
- Providing shelter and care to children in need.
- Improving access to basic healthcare for children in MPCCF schools, and families living in nearby villages.
- Promoting and encouraging sustainable projects.

We continue to rely on the generosity of volunteers across the country who gift their time, money and enthusiasm to the work of the charity. Many of our volunteers have shown extraordinary commitment and we are indebted to them all.

It is confirmed that, in carrying out the charity's activities, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Safeguarding

The Trustees of Pearl of Africa Child Care (PoACC) recognise the importance of its work with children, young people and adults in need of protection and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.

PoACC is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people, adult choir members, accompanying adults and vulnerable adults and ensuring their wellbeing and we respect the rights of children as described in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect. Beyond the statutory categories of children and vulnerable adults, PoACC also recognises the potential vulnerability of the adult Ugandans we work with, both here in the UK and in Uganda.

PoACC has long had a designated Safeguarding Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Officer and has adopted the procedures set out in the PoACC Safeguarding Policy in accordance with statutory guidance and the ten safeguarding standards developed by Thirtyone Eight (formally known as CCPAS) – an independent Christian charity of which PoACC is a member. This policy is subject to regular review by the Officers and Board, with recent attention being particularly directed to the growing problems of exploitation through the internet and social media.

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PoACC strives to ensure no child or adult will be disadvantaged should they make a disclosure or allegation of abuse and aims to empower choir members and accompanying adults to tell us if they are suffering harm, whether here in the UK or in Uganda.

During the MPCCF's fund-raising choir tours in the UK, all relevant host families are subject to enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks, and in accordance with best practice we have a policy of renewing DBS checks every 3 years.

PoACC has worked closely with MPCCF's Board to draft and implement a Child Protection Policy for use in the Foundation and all of the units. This has included ongoing training for all members of staff within MPCCF.

We are proud to support an organisation that is one of very few NGOs in Uganda with both a Child Protection Policy and Child Protection Officers. (At the time of writing, the post of Chief C.P.O. is temporarily vacant.) We have shared the Ugandan Child Protection Policy with other interested charities and NGOs, to help protect other vulnerable children.

Covid-19 pandemic

The charity was at the planning stage for a Choir Tour in autumn 2020, when news of the Covid pandemic first broke. Due to the continued lockdowns and restrictions imposed, sadly it was not possible to arrange a tour for autumn 2021 or even to begin planning a tour for the autumn of 2022.

The lockdown in Uganda started on the 19th March 2020 with closure of schools across all of the units in Kampala and Kamuzinda. Although some of the country's restrictions were lifted between November 2020 and June 2021, on 18th June 2021 Uganda was subjected to a full 42-day lockdown. Even after this elapsed on 30th July 2021, further restrictions were imposed including schools to remain closed until all students and teachers were vaccinated, alongside strict guidelines for public transport. Covid management inspections took place in the MPCCF schools in August 2021, recommending that single desks were installed to help with social distancing before students returned.

On 10th January 2022, after almost 2 years, schools were allowed to re-open though were instructed by the Ministry of Education to hold 'return to school workshops' for teaching staff from 3rd January 2022. Schools were required to meet specific academic standards, especially for students due to take their national examinations (P6, S4, S6 and Farm School) and consequently, they were inspected 2-3 days after re-opening.

During the pandemic, many families faced a financial crisis and when schools re-opened in January 2022, a large proportion of students who had previously paid some or all of their school fees were no longer able to continue doing so. Combined with the reduced funding available from POACC, this has meant the MPCCF schools have faced some of their toughest challenges yet.

The effect of Covid-19 on charities across the world has been devastating, and the damage to PoACC's work is no exception. We have continued to look at ways to maintain our support to MPCCF over this period of uncertainty, in terms of both finances and advice, and also creativity in fundraising efforts here, despite the varying restrictions on gatherings/public life and the UK's cost of living crisis.

Achievements and performance

As a consequence of the cancellation of the Choir Tours and other fundraising opportunities, PoACC has had to scale back its financial support of MPCCF. In consultation with MPCCF, the Trustees of PoACC decided that the regular transfers to MPCCF would be reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$ in order to extend our funds further during this time of reduced income to the Charity. This measure was taken reluctantly, as we were well aware of the impact this decision would have on lives in Uganda. In 2021, the transfers to MPCCF (with that $\frac{1}{3}$ reduction) had been running at approximately the rate at which revenue (chiefly, regular giving) was received by us, and was therefore at a sustainable level.

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During the pandemic, Trustees were mindful of the financial climate and the challenges facing our supporters. As a grassroots organisation, we were also conscious that our volunteers were likely to be involved with other local projects, such as delivering medication, food and providing other care and support to more vulnerable people within their own communities.

PoACC piloted drumming workshops (hosted via Zoom) by two members of the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir with a view to inviting schools and other young people to pay a small fee to attend. Although the feedback from the children who attended was positive, unfortunately, many of the schools we contacted had other priorities to focus on and a decision was made to postpone rolling out these workshops.

Trustees have continued to look for other fundraising opportunities, and were delighted to receive considerable donations from Ormskirk Clocktower Rotary Club and individual supporters based in the North West and North East of England alongside our regular giving donors located across the country. We thank each and every one of our supporters for their loyalty during these very difficult and challenging times, it simply would not have been possible to continue to support MPCCF without this.

Since schools have re-opened, increased costs have been incurred in Uganda in terms of standard operating procedures (such as handwashing facilities), food supply/production and provision of resources (including curriculum textbooks, etc). These additional expenses have increased the pressure on MPCCF while our transfers to them have had to remain at the reduced rate of 70% of the norm.

We continue to fund the audit of MPCCF accounts by reputable auditors in Uganda with expertise in the field of NGOs. Alongside other volunteer organisations, charities and individuals, we continue to provide professional support and advice to MPCCF, especially in the fields of teaching, management and accounting, agriculture, and safeguarding.

Through our close working relationship, we are confident that MPCCF deliver the financial accountability and transparency to a level that eludes similar organizations in many countries, and we continue to monitor the Foundation's accounts on a monthly basis to check they appropriately apply the funds entrusted to them, working through any issues raised by auditors.

In normal times, Trustees carry out regular visits to MPCCF in Uganda: the last visit was in February 2020, just before restrictions began, by several POACC Trustees and supporters (reported in the 2020-2021 Annual Report). Since then, of course, no visit has been possible, although Trustees (with supporters) are planning to travel in February 2023 subject to travel advice regarding the recent Ebola outbreak.

Richard Lander School continues to develop its links with the Molly and Paul schools in Uganda, particularly with Nazarene Vocational High School. Steve Mulcahy, the Headteacher of Richard Lander School (and PoACC Trustee) is in regular contact with Annet Kaigwa (Headteacher of Nazarene Vocational High School). Fundraising at Richard Lander School has ensured that through the whole period of the Covid pandemic, twelve acres of land have been cultivated with maize and beans on the Molly and Paul Kamuzinda site. When schools have been open, this has provided a meal each day for all students and staff. When schools have been closed, food parcels have been delivered to families in need of it.

Additionally, Richard Lander School has provided monies raised through fundraising, for the cultivation of 2 acres of eucalyptus tree plantation, as well as planting over 100 fruit trees on the Kamuzinda site, in accordance with a survey report from a local agronomist. The eucalyptus plantation is partly intended to be an eco-sustainable project as so many trees in the area have been cut down to provide for local firewood. After 10 years' growth (and carbon capture) the plan is to cut down and sell the trees for timber and then re-start the programme, such that these acres of land are permanently given over to the growing of trees. The monies raised through this will contribute to the running cost of the Kamuzinda schools. This pilot scheme is being closely monitored, and if the signs are promising consideration will be given to expanding the plantation, so that there is a rolling programme of planting, cultivating and harvesting, so as to provide a constant source of income.

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Richard Lander School children have been visiting the Molly and Paul Schools since 2010 and, in doing so, have raised monies for projects to support the schools. Due to the pandemic, this annual trip did not run in 2020, 2021 or 2022. Richard Lander School is thrilled that it has been able to restart its Lander 4 Uganda project in support of Molly & Paul schools. Thirty three Year 10 students have signed up to visit Molly & Paul schools in July 2023 and have already begun fundraising towards helping school rebuild post-Covid. The school will shortly host its first school sleepover with all funds raised going towards supporting their partner schools in Uganda. When students visit they will focus on improving living and learning conditions for Ugandan students, repairing and maintaining buildings and sanitation and providing learning resources. Richard Lander continues to support the food production of 12 acres by a further year at Kamuzinda school and their students are looking forward to checking on crops, helping harvest and replanting whilst in Uganda.

Uganda has seen a prolonged closure of schools and universities as part of the country's response to the pandemic. Universities and tertiary institutions re-opened on 1st November 2021, with primary and secondary schools opening in January 2022.

For MPCCF, the closures meant a loss of fee income, and some reduction of running costs, though naturally fixed costs remained. In Uganda, there was no Government-funded furlough scheme. With re-opening, the MPCCF schools have incurred additional expenses, in order to comply with new requirements (as to security, hygiene, posters, distancing, etc.) introduced by the Government as practical precautions against the spread of Covid. Official inspections have taken place and recommendations made. For example, for social distancing reasons, the long desks used have to be replaced with new single seat desks. PoACC has recently made a special grant to the Farm School to allow it to carry out the changes needed to comply with the new rules, without which it would have been unable to re-open.

Uganda is in the course of rolling out a new curriculum; so, as well as the precautions against Covid, there have been additional expenses for essentials such as new text books for this curriculum. PoACC set up a fundraising campaign specifically for a "Back-to-School" fund to help with these additional expenses and also used some of the significant donations mentioned earlier in this report to fund this project.

To prepare for examinations, the primary school at Kamuzinda and the Farm School needed to complete the registration process and obtain certification as an examination centre, while the other schools in the Molly and Paul Foundation that have examination centres needed to have the recommended facilities as per the most recent recommendation, like more single seats for candidates, completion of examination halls, stocking the library and labs. Being fit to have exams at the schools and maintaining this status continues to be the desire of both the staff and students.

The investment in agricultural projects has paid off: food production for 2021-2022 has proceeded well and has made a measurable improvement, especially at the children's village. It has also put the Foundation in a better position as it prepared for the return of the children.

The Kamuzinda Clinic offers invaluable services to the Molly and Paul Foundation schoolchildren and staff, and also the local community. It is the only clinic offering services to the local population within a 7-mile radius (8 villages). Its licence has been renewed as a 'level 3' clinic overseen by a Clinical Officer, who visits weekly.

Abubakar, the senior lab technician who runs the Clinic, is completing training funded by a UK volunteer to become a Clinical Officer, thereby reducing the need to employ a visiting C.O. Abubakar continues to do well in his course and is enjoying gaining more skills which he will be able to implement at the clinic, particularly in the field of contraception. His research topic is 'Factors affecting the utilisation of family planning methods in women of reproductive age in Kyanamukaaka sub county Masaka District'.

The Clinic continues to health-screen all MPCCF school children. General hygiene has improved significantly over recent years, due to greater awareness and a clean-up promotion in villages. Treatment is free to all MPCCF staff and students. The local population contributes very little to their treatment costs because of penury.

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Most admissions are of those with malaria during the two rainy seasons. The clinic reports having had 250 cases of malaria per month since June 2022, with 30 of those resulting in admissions each month. Staff have had to resort to using both first and second lines of treatment compared to only using first line treatment in the past. The provision of mosquito nets to the MPCCF homes always fluctuates. One of this Charity's priorities is to improve provision of protection against malaria.

30% of the Clinic's budget goes on drugs. The supply of drugs is precarious because of funding pressures. When adequate funding has ensured a good supply of drugs, the Clinic has been busy, diagnosing and treating malaria and other conditions, offering in-patient treatment and referrals when necessary to Masaka Hospital. Approximately two-thirds of the Clinic's costs are met by contributions from the UK; PoACC is seeking to reduce the shortfall.

Unfortunately, due to lack of engagement on the part of the Ugandan Rotary, the coffee growing project has been aborted.

Financial review

Of the various English bodies contributing to MPCCF's operations, PoACC makes the biggest contribution.

At present, the cost of MPCCF's operations exceeds the funds available to it and so, with some advisory input from us and others, MPCCF has changed its policy objectives and reviewed, and continues to review, the scale and nature of its operations: MPCCF is now moving towards the objective of self-sustainability, by developing schemes that generate more income locally.

Our incoming resources for the year amounted to £73,260, compared with £108,188 the previous year. As a result of the pandemic, the Charity, as explained above, has been forced to scale back its financial support to MPCCF.

We recognize that dependency on fund-raising tours needs to be reduced by attracting funding from a greater variety of sources, and initiatives are being taken in this direction.

The net funds raised are allocated in proportion to the MPCCF's budget for the relevant calendar year and we make transfers by instalments, normally on a bi-monthly basis.

PoACC governance costs and expenses are kept to a minimum. Apart from the cost of running the tour, insurance and bank charges for the transfers to Uganda, all our income is transferred to benefit the children we support. Some funding we send is restricted for particular purposes, such as specific projects for food or building work as per donor requests.

Reserves

Ordinarily our reserves would be kept at a level that allows us both to spread our budgeted funding over the financial year and, monitoring our beneficiaries' needs, to meet occasional emergencies should they arise. The loss of income caused by the pandemic represents a prolonged emergency and, accordingly, we have been forced to draw on those reserves. Our budgets are discussed in advance with MPCCF and they are aware of our current financial situation.

PoACC does not generally incur liabilities (such as rent or salaries) and uses, directly or indirectly, virtually all its funds for its beneficiaries in Uganda. The level of unrestricted (designated) reserves is kept to a minimum consistent with a fairly even distribution throughout the year.

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Risk management

The Trustees have regularly reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed and focusing on the Charity Commission's Risk Assessment Cycle, have implemented a risk management strategy that comprises:

- Identify, assess and prioritize risk and gain an understanding of how risks might present themselves. For each risk identified, there are actions agreed by the Trustees to manage or mitigate its effects.
- Robust governance and financial reporting to remove or reduce the risks of corruption or irregularities, as known risks of operating in Africa.
- Design systems and procedures to mitigate or manage the identified risk
- Implement procedures, seek and take advantage of training to support the Charity. Offer guidance to MPCCF in Uganda to manage the risks.
- Monitor and review performance, taking on board lessons learned.

Certain risks are inevitable because of the nature of the activities we engage in and their location in Uganda. We actively manage these risks.

Certain risks relate to the size and structure of the beneficiary organisation and its need to become more self-sufficient. To help manage the available resources, and to mitigate such risks, we seek to recruit a Chief Operating Officer to MPCCF to strengthen its management, and help oversee development. This plan has been agreed in principle by the Boards of both PoACC and MPCCF.

We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MPCCF. This governs our working relationship, and provides for accounting, reporting, and other essential matters. The MoU codified and built on the 'TAP' principles that have applied since the start of the relationship: that is, the principles of Transparency, Accountability, and Participation (i.e. active participation by all parts of MPCCF, not just senior management). Pursuant to the MoU, the Charity's relationship with MPCCF is itself subject to regular review.

In normal times, Trustees aim to visit the Ugandan Foundation we support at least every 2 years for the purpose of monitoring their activities; between these visits, trustees of PoACC are in frequent contact with MPCCF by email or phone (including media such as WhatsApp) to obtain additional information and explanation as required, supplementing the regular reports. Clearly, since the start of the pandemic, we have had to rely entirely on these methods of communication. We hope to revert to minimum 2 yearly visits from 2023.

PoACC intends to continue supporting MPCCF because, benefiting from a close working relationship over many years, PoACC can have greater confidence in relation to assessing particular needs in Uganda and monitoring how funds are applied, in order to maximise the effectiveness of our work.

As mentioned above, choir tours - the principal method of new fund-raising - have been impossible since autumn 2019, and our financial support for MPCCF has had to be scaled back to a level matching the regular giving from a body of loyal supporters built up over the years. We will continue to seek alternative sources of income but, given the severe challenges in the current economic climate, this situation (of scaled-back grants) is likely to continue in the near future at least. Like much of Uganda, MPCCF is facing increased hardship, as a result of the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and increased prices of foodstuffs and staple goods. At the time of writing this report, the Trustees are discussing with the management of MPCCF their needs and budget for the coming year (calendar year 2023) against the fact of reduced levels of funding available from POACC, and we keep the position under regular review.

Structure, governance and management

Pearl of Africa Child Care Limited has charitable status: registered charity (England & Wales) number 1122809.

PoACC is controlled by its Memorandum & Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company (registration (England and Wales) number 05717237), limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

R G Whaite, Chairman

R Brocken

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

D Tonge
E Tonge
R Byass
L Bell
S Mulcahy
J Griffiths

(Resigned 6 September 2022)

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Membership of PoACC.
2. Commitment to the aims and the objectives of PoACC.
3. A specific set of skills and experience needed by the Charity and complementary to that of the other trustees.
4. The ability and preparedness to give time regularly to the running of the Charity.

The minimum number of Trustees is three with a maximum of nine. Each year one-third of Trustees (or the nearest number to one-third) are required to retire and may stand for re-election. Potential new trustees are identified by the board for the particular skills, knowledge or experience they can bring to enhance its skill set. The induction of new Trustees normally involves: attendance at one or more meetings as an observer prior to co-option, provision of recent minutes, financial reports and other relevant materials, and close liaison with other Trustees.

The Trustees are guided in their responsibilities by the Company's Memorandum of Association and the Charity Commission's publication "Good Governance – A code for the Voluntary and Community Sector". The Trustees embrace the Code's six key principles which describe how an effective board provides good governance and leadership.

- Identify their role.
- Ensuring delivery of organisational purpose.
- Working effectively both as Individuals and a team.
- Exercising effective control.
- Behaving with integrity.
- Being open and accountable.
- The Trustees meet regularly (either face-to-face or 'virtually', by telephone/video conference) and hold additional ad hoc phone conferences as required. A countrywide community of volunteers provided technological support as well as PR, marketing, and financial advice.

None of the Trustees or volunteers supporting PoACC, received remuneration for their work. The Charity has mechanisms in place to allow for claiming reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, though frequently our Trustees and supporters forgo such claims.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



R G Whalley, Chairman

Trustee

Dated: 14th December 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Pearl Of Africa Child Care Limited (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: *21 December 2022*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	64,812	-	8,443	73,255	108,188
Other income	4	5	-	-	5	-
Total Income		64,817	-	8,443	73,260	108,188
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds	5	-	743	-	743	254
Charitable activities	6	4,548	102,961	9,540	117,049	118,150
Other	10	-	-	-	-	71
Total resources expended		4,548	103,704	9,540	117,792	118,475
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		60,269	(103,704)	(1,097)	(44,532)	(10,287)
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Gross transfers between funds		(60,269)	60,269	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		-	(43,435)	(1,097)	(44,532)	(10,287)
Fund balances at 1 March 2021		38	95,543	11,693	107,274	117,561
Fund balances at 28 February 2022		38	52,108	10,596	62,742	107,274

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	-	96,501	11,687	108,188
Total income		-	96,501	11,687	108,188
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	5	-	254	-	254
Charitable activities	6	-	107,465	10,685	118,150
Other	10	-	71	-	71
Total resources expended		-	107,790	10,685	118,475
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-	(11,289)	1,002	(10,287)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		-	(11,289)	1,002	(10,287)
Fund balances at 29 February 2020		38	106,832	10,691	117,561
Fund balances at 28 February 2021		38	95,543	11,693	107,274

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	6,815		10,651	
Cash at bank and in hand		59,827		98,623	
		<u>66,642</u>		<u>107,274</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,900)		-	
Net current assets			<u>62,742</u>		<u>107,274</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		10,598		11,693
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	13	52,108		95,543	
General unrestricted funds		<u>38</u>		<u>38</u>	
			<u>52,146</u>		<u>95,581</u>
			<u>62,742</u>		<u>107,274</u>


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14th December 2022.


 R G Whalley, Chairman
 Trustee

Company Registration No. 05717237

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charlty Information

Pearl Of Africa Child Care Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 40 St Dunstons Road, London, W7 2HB.

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from fundraising activities represents income raised from appeals and are recognised on receipt.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities and all expenses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.6 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	58,676	3,936	62,612	85,910	7,912	93,822
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	6,136	-	6,136	10,571	-	10,571
Appeals and Donations	-	4,507	4,507	20	3,775	3,795
	<u>64,812</u>	<u>8,443</u>	<u>73,255</u>	<u>96,501</u>	<u>11,687</u>	<u>108,188</u>

4 Other Income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other income	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £
<u>Raising Funds</u>		
Advertising	129	129
Other fundraising costs	614	125
	<u>743</u>	<u>254</u>
Raising Funds	<u>743</u>	<u>254</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

6 Charitable activities

	Water treatment 2022 £	Uganda 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wheeling water treat	-	-	-	6,795
Kamuzinda	-	9,540	9,540	3,370
MPCCF	-	102,961	102,961	107,464
	-	112,501	112,501	117,629
Share of support costs (see note 7)	-	648	648	521
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	-	3,900	3,900	-
	-	117,049	117,049	118,150
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	4,548	4,548	-
Unrestricted funds - designated	-	102,961	102,961	107,465
Restricted funds	-	9,540	9,540	10,685
	-	117,049	117,049	118,150
For the year ended 28 February 2021				
Unrestricted funds - designated	6,795	100,670		107,465
Restricted funds	-	10,685		10,685
	6,795	111,355		118,150

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7	Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2022 Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
	613	-	613	521	-	521	Support
	35	-	35	-	-	-	Support
	-	3,900	3,900	-	-	-	Governance
	648	3,900	4,548	521	-	521	
	648	3,900	4,548	521	-	521	

Legal and professional costs includes payments of £3,900 (2021- £nil) for independent examiner fees.

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.
No trustees' expenses occurred during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

10 Other

	Total £ 2022	Unrestricted funds designated 2021
Other expenditure	-	71

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	6,136	10,651
Prepayments and accrued income	679	-
	<u>6,815</u>	<u>10,651</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,900	-

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

13 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds						Balance at 28 February 2022
	Balance at 1 March 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 March 2021	Resources expended	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kamuzinda Fund	106,832	96,501	(107,790)	95,543	(103,704)	60,269	52,108
	<u>106,832</u>	<u>96,501</u>	<u>(107,790)</u>	<u>95,543</u>	<u>(103,704)</u>	<u>60,269</u>	<u>52,108</u>

The Kamuzinda Fund has been designated for the support of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation. Support is provided in the Kamuzinda area in Central Uganda.

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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 March 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Project	-	-	-	-	738	(738)	-
Kamuzinda Clinic	3,829	4,712	(6,235)	2,306	3,198	(5,393)	111
Kamuzinda Feeding	1,135	3,775	(3,370)	1,540	4,507	(3,409)	2,638
Afripads	3,750	-	-	3,750	-	-	3,750
Kibuye feeding	1,977	-	-	1,977	-	-	1,977
Wheeling School	-	500	(500)	-	-	-	-
BackSch	-	2,200	(80)	2,120	-	-	2,120
FoodProdGn	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
FoodProdRL	-	11,590	(11,590)	-	-	-	-
KazumCow	-	500	(500)	-	-	-	-
	<u>10,691</u>	<u>25,277</u>	<u>(24,275)</u>	<u>11,693</u>	<u>8,443</u>	<u>(9,540)</u>	<u>10,596</u>

Kamuzinda Clinic: The funds are restricted to be spent on projects to improve access to basic healthcare for children and families in Kamuzinda

Kamuzinda Feeding: The funds are restricted to be spent on projects to support improving the nutrition of children in schools in Kamuzinda

Afripads: The funds are restricted to be spent on projects to improve health, nutrition and care

Kibuye Feeding: The funds are restricted to be spent on projects nutrition of children in schools in Kibuye.

BackSch: The funds are restricted to be spent on projects to ensure greater access to education for children at risk of not attending school.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

15 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2022 are represented by:																
Current assets/(liabilities)																
	38		52,108		10,596		62,742		38		95,543		11,693		107,274	
	38		52,108		10,596		62,742		38		95,543		11,693		107,274	