

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 06 Month 04 Year 2023 To Day 05 Month 04 Year 2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

An African Dream

Other names charity is known by

AAD

Registered charity number (if any)

1123231

Charity's principal address

27 Lower Lodge Lane

Hazlemere

High Wycombe

Postcode

HP15 7AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Dennis Preston	Secretary		Trustees
2	Ms Sam Pink	Chair		Trustees
3	Mrs Sophie Campbell-Wynter			Trustees
4	Mr Trevor Cook			Trustees
5	Hannah Joy Littler	Treasurer		Trustees
6	Shirley Ann Higham		Appointed 23 rd September 2023	Trustees
7				
8	Mrs Elizabeth Edmondson-Smith		Left Trustee role on 15 th July 2023	Trustees
9	Mr Robert Smith		Left Trustee role on 15 th July 2023	Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	A Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	A Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The following is the list of policies that are in place

- Financial Policy and Guidance
- GDPR
- Anti-Corruption Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Microenterprise

Minor amendments were made to the GDPR and Safeguarding policies
The remaining policies continued unamended.

The charity carries out DBS checks for everyone going on trips to Uganda.

In November 2021 Trustees adopted a set of Charity Values,

- A heart for the vulnerable
- partnership with the local community
- empowering people to create sustainable futures.
- to uphold and proclaim the Christian message.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty, sickness, and distress, primarily but not exclusively in the East Kasese District of Western Uganda

Education of Children

Training of Pastors

Development of microenterprise activities

Support of Widows

Provision of Healthcare at St Marks

Support of Christian Youth work

Visits from Trustees and supporters to further the aims and objectives.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In February 2024 two Trustees made a trip to Kampala as it was deemed unsafe to visit the work in the West around the Kyanya region due to aggression and violence in the area. It was deemed that Westerners could be a target. Our colleagues from Kyanya came to Kampala for meetings. The charity also used this opportunity to introduce two Ugandan colleagues based in Kampala to assist with the proposal to set up a CBO, (Community Based Organisation).

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Education

- St Marks re-opened the new school year in January 2024 with about 417 pupils of whom 168 were classified as orphans, numbers were largely the same in the 2023 school year with 152 orphans starting in February 2023.

Pastors Training/Youth work

- Pastor training and youthwork continued in 2023/24
- The Teens Development Ministry continued its work with its regular Christmas conference but was no longer financially supported by AAD.

Micro-enterprise

- The Sani-pads continued to be produced under the direction of Wilson, the Teens' leader, and is now considered to be self-supporting.
- Pastor Lumika's son Jesse has started up a pig project largely under his own steam with some initial support from the charity. Further support is still to be agreed.
- The girls' tailoring project has taken off well and several girls continue to be sent out with their own equipment funded by the charity following a period of training.

Buildings

- The Trustees have decided to no longer support the finance for

Section D

Achievements and performance

the building of church roofs, as it is not considered a priority

Health Work

- A two day health visit was held in August 2023 with a follow up in September specifically for dental treatments

Trustee Visits

- A Trustee visit took place between 6th to 22nd February 2024, but only to Kampala where staff from Kyanya came for meetings

Community Relief

- The Charity has kept some small funds available for ongoing Community relief, but has decided it is appropriate to use some of the funds for community related activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AAD operates with minimal overheads and is a natural conduit of donations flowing through to Uganda from the UK. As such there is no requirement other than the temporary targeting of specific project requirements and for obtaining short term interest on deposit accounts with instant access to build reserves.

Notwithstanding the above the Trustees agreed in September 2010 to keep in reserve a sum to cover 50% of one year's wages for teachers at St Marks. This is currently about £5,000.00

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

AAD's principal source of funding is from individuals, schools, and churches.

There have been several significant fundraising events held by trustees and supporters, typically raising between £500.00 and £1,500.00.

The donor who had been providing funding for a church roofs each year, sadly passed away unexpectedly which has meant that this source of funding is no longer available.

The charity receives a substantial regular annual donation specifically to fund travel for Trustees visits, in order to enable them to visit regularly and carry out tasks on behalf of the Charity, and to be able to afford the more expensive but safer private transfers.


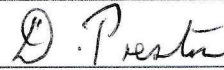
Section F Other optional information

It came to the attention that during 2022 some of our colleagues in Uganda who were receiving support for projects were also receiving additional support from a church group based in Denver, USA. Trustees contacted their leaders in early 2023 to agree areas of work such that we did not duplicate effort and funding.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sam Pink	DENNIS PRESTON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TRUSTEE
Date	16/11/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
An African Dream

No (if any)
1123231

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06/04/2023	To	05/04/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	21,643	30,714	-	52,357	43,907
Interest	326	-	-	326	77
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	5,550
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,969	30,714	-	52,684	49,534
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,969	30,714	-	52,684	49,534
A3 Payments					
Teacher support	-	10,287	-	10,287	10,438
Support for Orphan's at Primary School	-	19,099	-	19,099	15,715
Support for Orphan's at Secondary School	-	5,962	-	5,962	4,812
St Mark's Primary School Building costs	5,651	-	-	5,651	8,240
Support for widow's	2,489	-	-	2,489	2,075
Community Microenterprise support	-	2,864	-	2,864	1,720
Pastor conferences	-	2,898	-	2,898	3,001
Teen & children's conferences	2,102	-	-	2,102	3,681
Other community support	574	-	-	574	3,100
Support for trip to Uganda	425	2,664	-	3,089	5,419
Fundraising	600	-	-	600	-
Charity admin	861	-	-	861	516
Church Roofs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,702	43,773	-	56,475	58,717
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,702	43,773	-	56,475	58,717
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,268	13,059	-	3,791	9,133
A5 Transfers between funds	-	5,313	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,293	18,254	-	22,547	31,730
Cash funds this year end	8,248	10,508	-	18,756	22,547

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	CAF Cash account	2,809	-	-
	CAF Gold account	5,438	10,508	-

Total cash funds	8,248	10,508	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

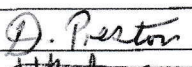

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dennis Preston	28/01/2025
	Hannah Littler	28/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
An African Dream

On accounts for the year ended

5th April 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1123231

Set out on pages

1 to 3 of the Annual Report

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J. Aubin

Date: 20/12/2024

Name: Mrs D J H Aubin

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Address: 4 Old Barn Close
Christchurch

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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