

## **Christian Restoration Ministries International**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Director	Sarah Haynes (Interim Director) December 2023- May 2024, Stephanie Higgins-Mwebaze (Director) August 2024- December 2024,  Joanne Carver (Director) February 2025-
Chair of Trustees	Nick Johnstone Feb 2024- Feb 2025  Michael Fasipe Feb 2025-
Trustees	Paul Booth  Rev John Bunjo  Andy Hart Resigned due to ill health December 2024  Nick Johnstone resigned Feb 2025  Rebecca Aladiran Nov 2024
Charity Registration Number	1125132
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## **Christian Restoration Ministries International**

### **Trustee's Report**

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

#### **Chairman's Report**

On behalf of the Trustees, we are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Nick Johnstone served as Chair of Trustees from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025, with Michael Fasipe taking over from February 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### *Objectives and aims*

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the education of children in Uganda, particularly those who are poor, orphaned or sick.
- To relieve sickness and promote and protect good health for children and adults in Uganda, particularly by the provision of health clinic.
- To advance the Christian Faith in Uganda and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees shall think fit.

##### *Our Mission Statement and Vision Statement*

Our vision and mission remain unchanged and are as follows:

#### **Vision**

Our vision is to break the cycle of poverty and transform lives in vulnerable communities in Uganda.

#### **Mission**

Our mission is to empower, in a sustainable way, the next generation in our Ugandan communities through education, healthcare, vocational training, and rural development.

#### **Background**

CRMI Children of Hope grew out of Christian Restoration Ministries (CRM) Uganda. CRMI Children of Hope is a UK registered charity and was founded in 2008, and the name Children of Hope was added in 2010 to emphasise that the UK charity was entirely focused on the child sponsorship programme, and not the many other ministries undertaken by CRM Uganda.

Over the following years a holistic approach was taken to the children we were sponsoring, and this included vocational training, healthcare, and social enterprises.

CRMI Children of Hope is based in the UK. Our current Director lives in Shropshire, but a number of the trustees are based in South Manchester.

### **The Ugandan Context**

The Development Initiative Factsheet for Uganda (Oct 2020) notes the 'Uganda remains among the poorest countries in the world', and 'that while the proportion of people defined as 'poor' has fallen the proportion of people who live above the poverty line but remain vulnerable to falling below it has increased'.

Additionally, the Situation Analysis of Children in Uganda (2019) reports that 56 percent of children in Uganda live in 'multi-dimensional' poverty where they are deprived of six or more basic services and necessities of life.

The 2021 Unicef Annual Report for Uganda states that the Covid-19 pandemic drove a further 2million Ugandans into poverty.

The 2022 Unicef report notes that 'the continuous unchecked population growth, and a vast young population that lacks economic and job opportunities further contributed to (Uganda's) slowed development. Many young people earn their income in precarious conditions outside the formal economy and the high population growth makes poverty reduction more difficult. In 2022, the economy's structure remained highly informal, with 73.1% of employed people in the informal economy dominated by youth-run petty trade' ....'Children in Uganda continue to be at heightened risk of online child sexual exploitation and abuse due to low awareness and prevention efforts'

It is in this context that we work, aiming to provide a first-class education, opportunities for vocational development and employment, together with support for medical work and our disability group.

### *Public benefit*

The charity undertakes child sponsorship to ensure vulnerable children receive a quality education. In the past we have undertaken school building projects in our two schools in Uganda in Bombo and Nakaseke, supported medically vulnerable and disabled patients, as well investing in rural development projects.

Over the last 2 years we have carefully reviewed our programmes. A number of programmes, including much of the medical work, and also the rural developments programmes were time limited and had reached completion. Currently our main aim is to consolidate the child sponsorship programme to provide quality education for people from impoverished background, and so help break the cycle of poverty.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Commission Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidelines published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## **Our activities and achievements**

Our activities are divided between the UK and Uganda. The UK operation is primarily focussed on fundraising, and on monitoring and evaluating the programme, in so far as to ensure effective use of funds. We work with local partners who design, deliver and manage the projects on the ground.

Our programme in Bombo is delivered by CRMI Uganda, and our programme in Nakaseke is run by Restoration Healing Power.

### *Education*

Education via our sponsorship programme is the central function of the charity.

We are proud that both of the schools we have been involved in in Bombo and Nakaseke provide quality education to children who would otherwise receive only very basic state education. Both schools are headed up by inspirational Head Teachers.

Our two schools in Uganda are administered separately. WoSPS in Bombo is led by Apostle John Bunjo (the founder of CRM and one of our Trustees), and his team. The school in Nakaseke is led by Pastor Sam Ssesanga and his team.

The teams on the ground in Uganda work hard to help us monitor and evaluate the programme. They often visit the schools, collect and scan letters for our sponsors, and liaise with the school.

Attendance at the Way of Salvation Primary School in Bombo has been 96% which emphasises the value children and their families place on the school.

We continue to have weekly online meetings with the Ugandan team. During these we obtain updates about the operation and performance of the school. We also discuss any safeguarding issues which have arisen.

## **Financial Review**

### *Policy on reserves*

The reserve policy is to protect the charity against drops in income so that its main aims can still be fulfilled. The trustees agree that the UK bank balance will be kept above a minimum of £4000.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### *Nature of the governing document.*

The charity was registered on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 as an unincorporated charitable trust. The founding document states that when a decision can't be reached by consensus, the a vote should take place, with each trustee having a single vote, and the Chair of Trustees having a casting vote if necessary.

The board meets around every three to four months. However, the Director has an online operational meeting each week with the Ugandan team.

### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

CRMI Children of Hope is very fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled team of Trustees. We actively seek Trustees with experience and skills which align with the activities of the charity, eg education, as well as business, marketing and financial skills.

Trustees have come to serve the charity in a variety of ways including being associated with the work in Uganda or having a heart for the work alongside practical skills.

## **Financial Instruments**

### *Objectives and policies*

The charities activities expose it to a number of financial risks, including credit risk, cash flow risk, and liquidity risk. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments.

### *Cash flow risk*

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of the changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity receives most of its income in sterling and does not hold foreign currency.

### *Credit risk*

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and Gift Aid receivable.

### *Liquidity risk*

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity aims to maintain more than £4000 in the charity bank accounts.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees on ..... and is signed on its behalf by

N A Johnstone

Chair from Feb 24



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No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

6-Apr-24

To

5-Apr-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Child Sponsorship Fund-Bombo		68,834	-	68,834	-
Medical Killimanjaro Funds		672	-	672	-
Social & Disability Fund	-	1,663	-	1,663	-
Vocational & Enterprise Fund	-	112	-	112	-
Partners and Team	-	596	-	596	-
General Fundraising-Nakaseke School	-	9,116	-	9,116	-
Overhead Fund	78,095	-	-	78,095	-
Gift Aid claimed	19,031	-	-	19,031	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	97,126	80,993	-	178,119	269,510
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	97,126	80,993	-	178,119	269,510
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Child Sponsorship Fund-Bombo	-	106,283	-	106,283	-
Medical Killimanjaro Funds	-	3,995	-	3,995	-
Social & Disability Fund	-	1,277	-	1,277	-
Vocational & Enterprise Fund	-	9,466	-	9,466	-
Partners and Team	-	11,696	-	11,696	-
General Fundraising-Nakaseke School	-	11,833	-	11,833	-
Overhead Fund	34,725	-	-	34,725	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	34,725	144,550	-	179,275	246,063
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	34,725	144,550	-	179,275	246,063
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	62,401	63,557	-	1,156	23,447
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 63,557	63,557	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	60,056		-	60,056	36,609
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	58,900	0	-	58,900	60,056

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	58,900		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	58,900	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift aid debtor	6,949		-
	Donations	-	340	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accrued expenses	Unrestricted	1,740	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Christian Restoration Ministries International.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

**Helen Holmes BSc FCA**  
**ICAEW**

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