

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2022 Period start date

To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: St Nicholas World Development Group

Charity registration number: 1125836

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in under developed countries by working with local charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can :</p> <p>1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>2] Develop the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.</p> <p>3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for, items, services and facilities.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In planning the following activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance.</p> <p>1] <u>Feed My Lamb Community School in Uganda</u></p> <p>The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, 50 of whom were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from Nuguru slum in Kampala five years ago; and the remainder are from local child-headed families who would not otherwise receive any education.</p> <p>The staffing of the school comprises of 7 fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular</p>

		<p>aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities, for example, Head Teacher and Director of Studies. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning.</p> <p>The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher and one other teacher.</p> <p>We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus, Founder and Administrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community.</p> <p>We provide medical insurance so that children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive the care they need. This year it has been especially helpful during the Covid pandemic, providing regular testing and hospital isolation and care.</p> <p>Other items of provision include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees, clothing and toiletries.</p> <p>We have also continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment. Pupils who have left the school and members of the local community are gaining experience and working towards the aim of being, at least, partially self sufficient.</p> <p><u>2. Support for Trafficked Adults and Children in Albania -</u></p> <p>We support the urgent need for shelter, food and education for these people. Their plight has been more extreme during the effects of the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine. The new STEPS Project has provided new approaches of Advice and Referral; Economic Empowerment and Civic Education This work is co-ordinated by Sr Imelda of the Loreto Order.</p> <p><u>3] Support for Trafficked Women and Children in</u></p>
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		<u>Romania and Refugees from the War in Ukraine</u>  This year much of our support has been for 20 Ukrainians from the Odessa area who have been given accomodation, food, clothing and education for the children, Some of the adults have been given work. The work is coordinated by Sr Kathleen.

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<u>Policy on Grantmaking</u>  The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by the members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum.  Each project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria : a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. b] There should be close links to the Project Manager in the field. c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost. e] Funds should go directly to the Project.
Policyb on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities although due to Covid these have been very much restricted.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Many schools in Uganda have closed permanently due to lack of finance as a result of the pandemic. It is a great achievement that Feed My Lamb School has managed to survive.</p> <p>After a further six month closure by the Ugandan Government, lasting until January 2022, schools had to re-register to offer clarity about educational provision in the country. We covered the cost of this as well as providing resources to support the new curriculum which the Government introduced at the beginning of the school year in January. Other extra funding was supplied for new uniforms made by their own tailoring project; the repair of desks and painting of classrooms.</p> <p>Replacement of teachers became a big issue as over half of Feed My Lamb staff did not return for the re-opening and in addition some of the new teachers required extra support and training in the needs of our disadvantaged children. This has been done throughout the year by the Administrator of the school.</p> <p>Due to the war in Ukraine, the provision of maize was much depleted, the pound fell against the dollar and costs rocketed. What little grain Feed My Lamb grew was ruined in the torrential rains. We sent extra funding to cover this shortfall and this, along with their own efforts in producing eggs and milk, ensured the children were fed and healthy and able to learn.</p> <p>The country also became vulnerable to Ebola but fortunately, although the transport of goods was affected, the schools did not close until December after P7s examinations.</p>

		<p>We met the rising cost of medical insurance which continues to be a lifesaver for the children especially as Covid, malaria and influenza cases have been prevalent during the year.</p> <p>We were able to buy the land for Feed My Lamb when a dispute arose over the ownership of the area used for Vocational Education. If we had not done so the tailoring, hairdressing, carpentry and future projects would have been closed and unable to operate in the future.</p> <p>NGO status has been renewed and paid for.</p> <p>We shipped several boxes of books, shoes, clothes and toiletries for the children</p> <p>In Albania we have helped support new initiatives developed for trafficked and vulnerable children and adults.</p> <p>These include - counselling and therapy for at least 100 potential victims. 300 trafficked people intergrated into society. 20 women employed full time with fair wages. 200 young adults trained, employed with a regular income. Youth migration target areas reduced by 40%. At least 1,500 have participated in the programme and their economic situation has improved.</p> <p>In 2022 Mary Ward Loreto Albania has impacted and worked with 8,325 Beneficiaries in all programmes and direct services offered to trafficked, exploited and abused people.</p> <p>In Rumania we have supported the refugees from Ukraine with food and clothing.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Despite the financial problems in the world, and in Uganda in particular, St Nicholas World Development Group have help sustain the three Projects we are committed to throughout 2022.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Our usual fundraising activities were curtailed throughout the year due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>We appealed for funding through communicating with the Parish, friends, relations, social media and other regular donors and their support was incredibly generous. we therefore met our predicted financial targets.</p> <p>In September we held a Thank You Event which gave us the opportunity to show our appreciation of our donors' continued support. We brought them up to date with the work of all three projects and discussed together future possible fund raising opportunities.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite being unable to raise a percentage of our funding through events, our appeals to donors and others resulted in us being able to meet all our funding commitments to our three Projects and allowed us to hold some extra reserve funds for 2023 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity aims to maintain a small working reserve to ensure the Charity account does not fall into deficit. The Charity produces regular financial plans.</p> <p>The Charity aims to avoid building up large reserves. Wherever possible funding will be allocated to projects for planned or immediate donations.</p> <p>However, due to the ongoing pandemic and uncertain future which may prevent our usual opportunities for fundraising and donations, we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at</p>

		this time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,921
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Trust Funding, Appeals
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The Charity trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.</p> <p>1] The risk of third- party claim for loss arising from one of the Charity's fundraising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. In 2022 the Charity purchased one-off insurance for the single event held and deferred purchasing the usual insurance whilst it is still unable to run events. Any event will be held in line with government and Charity Commission guidelines and are risk- assessed.</p> <p>2] The risk of reduced governance due to disruption in Uganda</p> <p>The Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic; the 2022 Ebola outbreak and other restrictions mean that it will not be possible to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2023. The Charity accepts the risk arising from the inability to</p>

		<p>perform on-site inspections in 2023 and notes that this element of risk increases year on year while inspections are not possible.</p> <p>3] The risk of failing to reach quorum for scheduled meetings.</p> <p>As the Charity operates with a small management team, there may be times when the Group are unable to achieve quorum for a scheduled governance meeting. If this were to occur, the available trustees will decide whether to proceed or defer the meeting depending on the urgency of the scheduled business. All meetings and decisions are minuted to ensure transparency.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
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	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee of Trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All potential Trustees are initially members of the Management Committee for a period of at least two years in order that they become familiar with the ethos, the work of the projects and the management of the Charity. Potential
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		Trustees with specific skills and experience may be appointed earlier. All Trustees are also requested to read the support and training materials provided by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Management Committee comprised of 7 Trustees and 3 Members who all meet regularly throughout the year. Working parties may be set up to deal with particular issues, for example, planning events, drawing up policies or applying for funding. Up to 24 volunteers may help with fundraising events.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work closely with members of St Nicholas Parish, families, friends and the local community; Sisters of the Loreto Order and Sisters of St Paul.
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	70 STATION ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD WEST MIDLANDS B73 5LA

	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	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Stephanie Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Publicity Officer		
5	Peter Middlemass			
6	Julie Bleasedale			
7	Di Hitchcock			

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB

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

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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Signature(s)		
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<b>Full name(s)</b>		Maureen Hickey	Stephanie Prestage
<b>sition (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>			
<b>Date</b> <b>January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023</b>	Maureen Hickey		Chair

## St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2022 End of Year Accounts

	<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>£ 29,042.90</b>				
		<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Standing orders</b>	<b>£ 12,490.20</b>		<b>Feed My Lamb School (FML)</b>	<b>£ 37,500.00</b>	
	<b>Donations from Trust funds</b>	<b>£ 7,700.00</b>		<b>FML extra resources</b>	<b>£ 12,200.00</b>	
	<b>Donations</b>	<b>£ 16,061.00</b>		<b>FML Medical Insurance</b>	<b>£ 2,700.00</b>	
	<b>JustGiving ( donations + gift aid)</b>	<b>£ 981.92</b>		<b>Albania</b>	<b>£ 1,500.00</b>	
	<b>Easy Fundraising</b>	<b>£ 100.90</b>		<b>Romania</b>	<b>£ 1,500.00</b>	
	<b>Amazon Smile</b>	<b>£ 104.07</b>		<b>Shipping costs</b>	<b>£ 510.94</b>	
	<b>Events</b>	<b>£ 1,298.77</b>		<b>Banking Charges</b>	<b>£ 28.00</b>	
	<b>Church Porch Box</b>	<b>£ 148.75</b>		<b>Insurance</b>	<b>£ 66.00</b>	
	<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>£ 20.00</b>				
	<b>HMRC Gift Aid for 2021</b>	<b>£ 5,977.07</b>				
	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£ 44,882.68</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 56,004.94</b>	
				<b>FINAL BALANCE</b>	<b>£ 17,920.64</b>	
	<b><i>OPENING BALANCE + INCOME</i></b>	<b>£ 73,925.58</b>		<b><i>EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE</i></b>	<b>£ 73,925.58</b>	

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023