



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2021 To 31 March 2022

Charity name: Serenje Orphans Appeal

Charity registration number: 1127234

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote health and advance education of orphans and other vulnerable school-age children in the Serenje district of Zambia.
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	To support the relief of poverty, sickness and distress by working with local institutions in the Serenje District that care for orphans and other vulnerable children.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have acted in accordance with this.

Achievements and Performance

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The year 2021/22 ended well with a number of success stories. It is however obvious that a year would not pass without going through challenges. More importantly, successes surpassed challenges and thus the joy of SOCH today.</p> <p>Education - Education of orphans is highly valued by SOCH. This year all 28 Primary School children will attend the local private primary school, Jemamu Christian Academy. We are also supporting 4 children at boarding secondary schools, 5 children at local secondary schools and 3 college students. The photo above is of Gift Lungu who completed his teaching diploma in Computer Science. Two others, a nurse and a teacher are presently awaiting their final college results. Our annual education costs are now met completely</p>
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	<p>through a recent legacy and through the ongoing generosity of individual families in Germany and Geneva.</p> <p>Campus - SOCH campus is in good shape and well maintained. Its now green as it is now rainy season. Children are also happy at SOCH.</p> <p>Guesthouse - The guesthouse is still doing fine and really helping in fundraising towards the support contributions of SOCH. Here are some of the staff members at SOCH happy to be part of the charity work. This is an established financial raising base whose profits meets SOCH budget target.</p> <p>Hammer Mill - Whilst serving the community in production of corn flour for local staple food, the hammer mill also generates funds to support SOCH.</p> <p>Water Project - The mono pump above has provided some water security as alternative even though there were four further drilling holes that could not find water. It was very disappointing that the drilling has been unsuccessful since an independent water supply remains a critical need for the orphanage.</p> <p>Disability and Physiotherapy - Our two orphans, Santi (the bilateral amputee) and Pauline (Disabled due to stroke) are going through physiotherapy three times a week. A physiotherapist is hired to be helping these orphans. We may need some Gym equipment to enhance their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>MATRON Now that we have the disabled children and that we may have more of such as we try to help the most vulnerable, a matron will be of great importance to help with critical clinical and social care of these.</p> <p>Hot Water Geysers - The solar geysers that are installed at SOCH are very effective and help reduce significantly electricity bills. The weak part of this is that the lighting is not very effective because the battery and inverter seem to be small and always reads overloaded when lights are switched on. Expanding the project would save a lot.</p> <p>School Shoes - The annual school shoes purchase is a very helpful program. Children are helped with new shoes each time we start a new year. Where there are no ZOA/SOA trips, the only alternative is to receive a fund transfer for such and that is helpful.</p> <p>Laptop Computers - Due to high demand of learning online, typing assignments, and downloading books and information, mobile computers have been of great demand and our orphans really struggle in colleges. Extra computers to be lent on cycle to college orphans would be of great help.</p> <p>Carpentry Skills Project - Currently former SOCH orphans are being trained in carpentry.</p>
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		<p>One of these is Billyson. The trainer gets paid from profits of sales of products.</p> <p>The Garden - The fruit trees and maize plantation are looking fresh and green. Soon we will be having Avocados, guavas and lemons ready to pick.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fundraising activities have been considerably boosted following a legacy of £110,000 left to the charity by the aunt of one of the charity's founders.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity does not undertake any investment strategy as all funds are held on deposit with HSBC and the Cooperative Bank, although the trustees will consider the purchase of fixed interest/fixed term deposit bonds with a proportion of the legacy funds.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our funds on deposit increased from £2,974 at the start of the financial period to £101,428 at the end of the reporting period. In the main this was due to receipt of a £110,000 legacy left the Serenje Orphans Appeal.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	£50,000 was transferred to a separate account at the Cooperative Bank, to be held for future expenditure in c5 years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,000
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

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed of 12 October 2008.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Non-company charity
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	By vote of existing Trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Serenje Orphans Appeal
Other name the charity uses	SOA (UK)
Registered charity number	1127234
Charity's principal address	86 Augustus Gate Stevenage SG2 7QY

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	Mary Rose Shearer	Chair		
2	James Callaghan	Treasurer		
3	Teresa Lynn Callaghan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Jim Callaghan</i>	<i>M R Shearer</i>
Full name(s)	James Callaghan	Mary Rose Shearer
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14/01/2023	