

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

#### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Keith Wright, Chairman  
Lesley Wright, Secretary  
Michael Pettman, Treasurer  
David Miller

#### **Charity's principal address**

2 Brownlow Crescent, ELLESMERE, Shropshire, SY12 0DA.

#### **Description of the charity's trusts**

The governing document is a trust deed. The trustees administer the charitable trust; new trustees are selected and appointed by the existing trustees.

#### **Additional governance issues**

One or more of the committee members of the Trust will give training to newly appointed Trustees which will include familiarity with the Trust, how the Trust supports the Centre, copies of recent minutes of meetings and accounts and responsibilities of trustees (from the Charity Commission website).

The Charity is managed by the trustee committee which meets at least 3 times per year to conduct the formal business and to pass resolutions to carefully consider the needs of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre, how fund raising should meet these needs and other matters which may be required for the good governance of the Trust.

The Trust's main direction is to support the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in the Tanga province of Tanzania in East Africa. Staff salaries, equipment, the needs of the children resident at the Centre, further education and special projects and buildings' maintenance and improvement and special projects are financially supported by the Trust and by the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania, together with revenue the Centre is able to earn. The Charity works closely with Polio and Children in Need (UK charity registration number 1096394) which has similar objectives and which donates funds for the Centre's work through the Trust..

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

To provide grants of equipment and funds to support the charitable work of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in Tanzania (the 'Centre') as the trustees shall select.

The income of the Trust must be applied for the furtherance of these objects.

#### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

The Trust supports the charitable work of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in Tanzania by providing grants for equipment and funding so the Centre can offer rehabilitation, education and training to physically disabled young people, enabling them to live independently when they leave.

All the children go to the local schools for primary and secondary education. The Tanzanian Government pays for the fees for secondary school education but additional costs such as uniforms, meals and other extras are paid for by the Trust for the students. A small number may also benefit from a college place, the cost being provided by the Trust and its other charitable supporters.

The Trust offers help on an as needed basis to all secondary students going forward for training for employment such as tailoring, carpentry and computing.

All the residents help with the poultry project and vegetable growing at the Centre to provide both food and income for the hostel.

Treatment and operations are provided when required at St Francis Hospital (adjacent to the Centre) and orthopaedic work and rehabilitation at St Augustine's Hospital at Muheza and other medical treatment centres in the region as appropriate.

The Centre owns a farm field ('Shamba') and tractor for cultivating the Shamba. The Centre staff grows crops, such as maize, for food for the Centre's children and staff, and for the local community when the harvest is sufficient. The Centre grows its own vegetables using rainwater and grey water collected at the Centre's site for the benefit of the resident children and staff.

The trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe that the foregoing and the summary of achievements in the year, below, show their commitment to provide a public benefit.

### **Policies on grant making and related investments**

Grants are made to the Centre on a quarterly basis to contribute to the Centre's running costs, medical treatment and further education. Other grants are made for projects at the Centre. Requests for grants for students that would benefit from private or secondary school education or vocational training, are submitted to the Centre. At the discretion of the Committee of the Trust and the Centre staff, grants are made to individuals for further secondary education and training and may include books, tools and other necessities. Education and training will be supervised by Centre personnel and monitored by the Trust.

The Trust does not hold any investments.

### **Contribution made by volunteers**

The Trust's committee voluntarily give their time and other resources to the Trust. The committee and other volunteers do all fund raising.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During the year the number of children being cared for by the Centre increased to 68 (28 girls and 40 boys) of varying degrees of disability. Children receiving higher education are cared for outside the centre.

The following projects, repairs and improvements were made to the Centre during the period covered by this report:

- 1) The installation of the new water tower has now been finished with a pump to supply water to the showers, flushing toilets and kitchen. Prior to the installation of the water tower, staff spent a lot of time carrying water around the Centre.
- 2) The inspection by the local authority reported that the 4 dormitories used by the children, (2 girls' and 2 boys') required larger windows to increase ventilation and ceilings boards fitted

to reduce the heat that builds up due to the metal roofs. These are expensive projects, but the Trust has managed to fund one of the girls dormitories at a cost of £3,520 allowing the first dormitory to be completed during the year. The next dormitory to be refurbished will be one of the boys', but unfortunately materials and labour costs have escalated since the first estimate, the work is now estimated at £6,100. The Trustees will be able to fund this, and the work will start early in the next financial period. However the Trustees would be grateful for funds to complete the other 2 dormitories, allowing more comfortable sleeping conditions for all the children.

- 3) The Boy's laundry has been refurbished with funds remitted to the Trust by the Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Passion.
- 4) Renovation of the office and computer block has now been completed with funds remitted to the Trust by the Sisters of the CSP.
- 5) Repairs have been made to the tractor trailer. This is used at harvest time at the shamba and for other uses around the Centre.

Polio and Children send funds to support secondary education for pupils at the Centre, as higher education in Tanzania is not free. Presently the Centre has one pupil at 6<sup>th</sup> form college, a further 7 at secondary school and one at Health Training College. Outside term time these pupils return to the Centre.

Children's health insurance has been set up with funds from the CSP remitted to the Trust.

International Disabled Day was again observed in December with the children from the centre and Fr John, the administrator, acting as hosts to local dignitaries, businessmen and others. Pledges of food and money were made to the Centre.

Two more hectares of the Shamba have been cleared. The December planting was with maize, cassava, and peas.

Renovations have been made to the Sister Magdalena rest house which is used for paying visitors. The income has exceeded the budget, with a few visitors making return stays.

The poultry has been moved to the shamba (farm field) where it can be guarded by the occupier of the shamba house. Surplus eggs are sold for income.

### **Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is the aim of the Trust to keep in reserve sufficient funds equivalent to 6 months of normal, recurring, payments made to the Centre. In addition, the Trust will accumulate funds for identified projects, supplemented by fundraising..

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

The Trust has no funds in deficit.

### **Trust Financial review**

For the second year the Trust's ability to raise funds has been affected by the pandemic. The cash funds at year end of £6,888 (2021: £12,936) were much lower but donations from our supporters by direct debits and bank transfers have held up. By these means we have been able to support the Centre with regular funds and funds for special projects to improve living conditions. The Centre itself is also managing to improve its income streams.

Donations and grants for the year held up at £23,599 (2021: £27,867). Fund raising and sales were nil for the year (2021: £288), reflecting the difficulties stated above. Receipts for projects were £5,700

(2021: £17,750) as the appeal to donors for projects was reduced because of the smaller value of projects undertaken. Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid donations was of £1,395 (2021: £962). A tax reclaim on GA donations in the year of £1,353 (2021: £1,395) was made just after the financial year and shown as an asset to be carried forward to the next year. Total receipts amounted to £30,694 (£46,867).

Payments to the Centre for running costs were lower at £17,049 (2021: £20,751) as the Centre was able to pay more for its upkeep. Medical treatment was £1,373 (2021: £1,555). The children now have medical insurance covering much of their medical needs. Secondary education costs were £2,837 (2021: £3,866) which covered all the pupils receiving education in the year. Projects costs amounted to £15,393 (2021: £22,130). Refer to the section of this report '**main achievements during the year**' for a summary of these projects. The Bank charges this year amounted to £90 (2021: £150). These charges are made by Barclays Bank for making transfers in pounds sterling to the Foreign Exchange (FX) Company who make the payments to Tanzania in local currency. However, the FX company reimburses the bank charges to the trust by reducing the total sum required for the transfer by an equivalent amount.

In the year the Trust has been supported financially by Polio and Children in Need, the Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Passion, donations made through Virgin Giving, and other generous donors. This giving helps with education costs, projects and contributions to the Centre's running. The Centre is also supported directly by grants from United Society Partners in the Gospel. The Trust is grateful for all the support it receives.

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Keith Wright, Chairman.

**Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust****Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 March**

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations and grants	23,599	27,867
Fundraising and sales	-	288
Projects	5,700	17,750
GA claims	<u>1,395</u>	<u>962</u>
Total Receipts	<u>30,694</u>	<u>46,867</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Running costs to Centre	17,049	20,751
Medical treatment	1,373	1,555
Secondary education	2,837	3,866
Projects	15,393	22,130
Bank charges	<u>90</u>	<u>150</u>
Total Payments	<u>36,742</u>	<u>48,451</u>
<b>RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS</b>	(6,048)	(1,585)
Cash funds at last year end	<u>12,936</u>	<u>14,521</u>
<b>CASH FUNDS AT THIS YEAR END</b>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>12,936</u>

**Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year****CASH FUNDS**

Cash at Bank	6,851	12,926
Cash in hand	<u>37</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>6,888</u>	<u>12,936</u>

**OTHER ASSETS**

Gift Aid claim	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,395</u>
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Dated:

**Report to the Trustees of Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust (charity no 1130249),  
on the accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (set out on page 5)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed.....Date.....

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