

Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust
Registered Charity Number 1130429

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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, SY12 0DA. U.K.

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

When a new Trustee is appointed, one or more of the committee members of the Trust will give training, 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 committee meets 4 times per year, usually meeting by video conferencing, to conduct the formal business and to pass resolutions to carefully consider the needs of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre, (the '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 Centre in the Tanga province of Tanzania in East Africa. Staff salaries, equipment, the needs of the children resident at the Centre, further education, special projects, buildings' maintenance and improvement, are financially supported by the Trust. The Anglican Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania, together with revenue the Centre is able to earn also contribute funds for the Centre. The Charity receives funds from the Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Passion, (UK charity number 800080), an Anglican order of nuns who in 1960's founded the Polio hostel, now the Centre, in Kwa Mkono to care for children with polio and now take children with physical disabilities. Polio and Children in Need (UK charity number 1096394) support the Trust with fees for older children who go on to further education and with contributions for running costs.

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 Centre in Tanzania by supplying grants and funding for equipment so the Centre can offer rehabilitation, education, and training for physically disabled children and young people, enabling them to live independently. The Tanzanian Government

provide basic primary and secondary school education only. Additional costs such as uniforms, meals and other extras are paid for by the Centre.

The Trust offers grants on an as needed basis to all secondary students who go forward to 6th form schools or vocational college for training in tailoring, carpentry, and IT.

The more academic students who could benefit from a residential University or college education are funded by the Trust and other charitable organisations.

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

Treatment is provided when needed at St Francis Hospital (next to the Centre) and orthopaedic work and rehabilitation at St Augustine's Hospital at Muheza or other medical centres in the region as appropriate.

The Centre owns a farm field ('Shamba') and tractor for cultivating the Shamba. It grows crops, such as maize and beans for food for the Centre's children and any excess sold to the local community. In the garden at the Centre they grow vegetables, using rainwater and grey water, for the benefit of the resident children.

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 by the Trust to the Centre on a quarterly basis to contribute to the Centre's running costs, medical treatment, and further education. The Centre staff administers grants to individuals for further secondary and university education and which may include books, tools, and other necessities. Grants for vocational training are offered, which will be supervised by Centre personnel.

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

The total number of the children at the Centre at the end of the report year is 59, 30 girls and 29 boys. Funds mainly provided by The Polio and Children in Need Charity enable students with good grades at the end of Secondary School to receive further education. Presently Adam is taking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at University of Dodoma. John, Upendo and Lengonko are studying for 'O' level subjects at Hegongo Secondary School. Ismail is taking 'A' levels in Chemistry, Biology, Geography at Usangara 6th form School. Theresia is studying O' level subjects at Mlengano and Sauda is studying for a Diploma in social work at Elijar College. Outside term time these pupils return to the Centre. All students are encouraged to visit their families during school holidays.

The local government inspector has asked for the refurbishment of the 2 girls' and 2 boys' dormitories, to reduce the heat coming from the metal roofs and improve ventilation.

This will be done by enlarging windows, raising the roof and fitting ceiling boards. The first girls' dormitory was refurbished during July/August 2021 at a cost of £ 3,520. The first boys' was refurbished in April/May 2022 at a cost of £6,080. The second boys' dormitory is to be refurbished

at a cost of £3,910, and started in February 2023. The second girls' dormitory is due to be refurbished in April 2023 and will cost £4,440. These refurbishment projects have been funded by the Community of the Sacred Passion.

A new water bowser is being used to collect water from the Sunguru valley bore hole and is pulled up from the valley by the Centre's tractor to supply water to the Centre and the adjacent St. Francis Hospital as required. Local villagers can purchase water from the Centre for a small price to cover costs. There has been drought in the area during which time the bore hole has proved to be invaluable.

The recently renovated Sister Magdalena rest house is well use by paying visitors who say the rest house to be the best in the village for smartness and cleanliness. The rest house is a modest source of income for the Centre.

The Centre's Garden supplies vegetables, some of which are sold when there is a surplus.

Early in the report year the Shamba (farm field) suffered from lack of rainfall, but the rains have returned, and a better harvest is expected in 2023. Sisal, a very spikey plant has been planted on the boundary of the shamba as a barrier/fence to protect the crops from damage by people and animals.

Looking to the future, plans are being made to open a new café, serving drinks from the verge between the Centre and the Sisters house to serve Hospital staff, patients and villagers. Tables and chairs are being funded by the Community of the Sacred Passion. The café will be another income stream for the Centre.

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 projects, supplemented by fundraising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Trust has no funds in deficit.

Trust Financial review.

Donations and grants from regular givers amounted to £39,437 (previous year £23,599), showing healthy increase. Fund raising and sales were £212 (nil) and come from the sale of calendars. Money given for projects was £10,200 (£5,700) mainly from our charity donors, CSP and Polio and Children. Gift Aid claims at £1,353 (£1,395) were virtually the same. Total receipts for the year amounted to £51,202 (£30,694)

Payments to the Centre for running costs were comparable at £16,710 (£17,049). It is hoped that the Trust's payment is reduced in future years as the Centre is able to increase its income from its local endeavours. Medical treatment was £5,004 (£1,373) for insurance and prosthetics. The children now have medical insurance covering most of their medical needs. Secondary and higher education costs were £8,588 (£2,837), a larger amount due to the increased number of pupils receiving such education. Projects costs amounted to £13,260 (£15,393), for computers, play equipment and a new water bowser and dormitory refurbishment. When all the four dormitories are finished, in 2023, the work required by the local authority will have been carried out and will give an increased standard of

comfort for the children. The Bank charges this year amounted to £36 (£90). 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 back to the trust.

The cash funds at year end of £14,492 (£6,888) were higher due mainly to increased donations especially towards the end of the financial year which now puts the Trust on a firmer financial footing.

In the year, the Trust has been supported financially by Polio and Children in Need, the Sisters and Trustees of the Community of the Sacred Passion Trust, 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 for the Centre.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'KW', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Keith Wright, Chairman.

Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
RECEIPTS		
Donations and grants	39,437	23,599
Fundraising and sales	212	0
Projects	10,200	5,700
GA claims	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,395</u>
Total Receipts	<u>51,202</u>	<u>30,694</u>
PAYMENTS		
Centre Running costs	16,710	17,049
Medical treatment	5,004	1,373
Secondary education	8,588	2,837
Projects	13,260	15,393
Bank charges	<u>36</u>	<u>90</u>
Total Payments	<u>43,598</u>	<u>36,742</u>
RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	7,604	(6,048)
Cash funds at last year end	<u>6,888</u>	<u>12,936</u>
CASH FUNDS AT THIS YEAR END	<u>14,492</u>	<u>6,888</u>

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS

Cash at Bank	14,462	6,851
Cash in hand	<u>30</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>14,492</u>	<u>6,888</u>

OTHER ASSETS

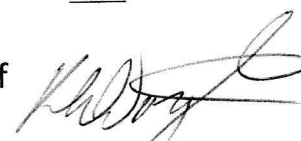
Gift Aid claim	<u>2,984</u>	<u>1,353</u>
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LIABILITIES

Independent examination (incl. VAT)	<u>540</u>
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Dated 11 January 2024


K. W. WRIGHT
CHAIRMAN

**Report to the Trustees of Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust (charity no 1130249),
on the accounts year ending 31st March 2023 (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 31st March 2023

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 23 January 2024

Address