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African Women's Aid Network (AWAN)

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the year ended 30th June 2024**

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ETHOS, ETHICS & MISSION STATEMENT

Brice Burgum and the late Joni Bather created AWAN in 2009. We operate in the UK with one trustee and two volunteers. There is only one trustee in Uganda who is paid a nominal salary. We have the same in Kenya.

We decided to deal with women and children because we believed that they were in a very precarious position in East Africa, where we would be operating. At the same time, if given the chance, they were very capable of improving their circumstances.

We decided right away to build up our organisation to reduce all wages and administrative expenses. We want the largest amount of money made to directly affect the people it is meant to help.

We don't have any particular religion. We do not preach, but we do honour and support our members and recipients in their chosen faith. We also don't discriminate or pass judgement. in any manner

Our goal is to help those in the most dire circumstances—such as child soldiers, rape victims, war victims, disabled people, and street children—by empowering them to support themselves instead of living a life of dependency on aid. This includes women, frequently with children, lone children, orphans, and street children. We accomplish this by first offering them immediate assistance, then helping them start a small business (microfinance), or finding them a job that suits them, and if necessary, arranging for their own or their children's education.

Our focus has been on giving Kampala's orphaned street children loving homes and shelter since 2017.

Our children's village, Eden Children's Village, in Kampala, has 74 children as of 2024. The ages range from 18 years to 24 months. Everyone is enrolled in school, and many of them have bursaries. Because it's a more cost-effective choice, some secondary school students attend boarding schools.

Trustees Report for July 2023 - June 2024

Fundraising & Expenditure

This post covid year has been more difficult for us. Whilst internet sales of our goods slumped, cost have become much higher. Thus our income is down on last year and our costs higher.

Our phone costs increases considerably due to a need for more regular communication and problems with whats App that meant we had to use direct phone calls. Our fundraising involves a heavy use of the postal service and prices have rocketed causing an increase in this area. This means it is no longer viable to use the service for many items

UGANDA PROJECTS

During this period we have been able to sustain our key projects though funding is a constant source of concern for us.

1. **The Eden Childrens Village.** This project is advancing, we have around 74 children now. Run by one of our trustees and her family. We provided the seed funding for this and also obtained several direct donors, one of our trustees in the UK and several donors in Kampala. A little more land was acquired this year for accommodation and there are around 74 children ranging in age from around 36 months to 19yrs, 70% female. There are also some boys beyond school age who work in a small fruit farm that we started. They farm passion fruit that is sold wholesale into the local market. We have now discontinued active pig farming. Whilst we still have around 30 young animals, all the adults have been sold off raising 21 million UGS. This money has been invested in machinery for a posho (flour) mill. When the 30 young pigs have been raised they together with the land should fetch about 20 million UGS and this will complete the Posho project. Posho flour will bring a daily income.

The 'Swamp Farm' is constantly providing food and income for the project. However when we came to sell the years fish the buyer failed to pay and whilst in the end we recouped some of the owed money there was a loss

At the children's village we have 400 laying hens in a barn setup where they are free to roam. The children look after them. They provide a good source of protein for the children and the remainder are sold on. When the hens come to the end of their lives they provide meat . This enterprise continues to flourish

The concrete block manufacturing enterprise has stalled due to Ann's illness. It will start up again soon but for the moment we are selling stock and not making new

We have a number of properties that are rented out at affordable rents, this bringing in much needed local income. A small block of apartments was purchased early in 2022 with tenants in. The cost was approx £20,000 and this was paid for by a trustee. earnings from the rentals will be used locally

Any income generated locally in Uganda is independent of the UK operation

Kenya

We are still helping about four families, totaling twenty persons. Two women have HIV, and antiretroviral medication is frequently not free. In the upcoming years, we expect to be able to get them to the point where they can sustain themselves completely. After that, we will focus on other areas.

FUTURE PROJECTS

We hope to increase the fish farming project as there is a demand for catfish and tilapia locally. We have some land (again bought by a trustee), it has increased considerably in value and it is up for sale. If and when it sells it will provide funds for training our older children / young adults

Any comments and help with the work we are doing would be most welcome. We are a small charity with at the moment very limited funds – but we ensure that every penny is effective.

We will be happy to send a DVD with video, photo's and documents connected with our work to anyone who feels they may like to help or know more.

African Women's Aid Network Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 30th June 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the Independent examiner

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider the audit requirement of s.43 (2) of the Charities act 1993 does not apply. It is my responsibility to state , on the basis of procedures specified in the general directions given by the charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in Accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would require audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to:
 - keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the act and
 - prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met: or
- (ii) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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African Women's Aid Network
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th June 2024

Incoming resources.	£
Sale of Donated Items & Value added items	41323
Misc Income	10
Bank	55
Donations	300
Total Incoming resources	41688
Resources Expended	
Project Costs expended in East Africa (Kenya £18,000,Uganda £22,299) Approx.	26411
Transport & Fuel costs	660
Office (Inc Admin & Phones) & other materials	4432
Carriage & Postage	2021
Purchase of materials for adding value	6827
eBay fees (inc ebay postage labels)	3685
Misc	386
Bank	525
Total Resources Expended	44947
(Deficit (owed to Trustee)	3259)

Balance B/fwd 1st July 2020 1264

Balance C/fwd 30th June 2021 133

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 30th June 2024

	Funds
	£
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	133

Net Current assets	133

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Income funds	133

Total Charity Funds	133

This financial statement was approved by the trustees of African Women's Aid Network

On.....15th June...2025

And signed on their behalf by:

Brice Burgum

B.F. Burgum
 Trustee

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African Women's Aid Network
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements are prepared on an ongoing basis, under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended practice, "Accounting & Reporting by Charities" and any applicable legislation.

Incoming resources.

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been included under expenses categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Administrative expenditure relates to costs incurred in running and managing the charity.

Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for specific purposes.

Status

African Women's Aid Network is a registered charity (with charitable aims & objectives) with the Charity Commission Reg No. 1133118