

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

UGANDA CONCERN UK

On accounts for the year ended

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**Respective responsibilities of trustees
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed



Date

10/11/21

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the
examiner wishes to disclose



UGANDA CONCERN UK

Registered Charity No: 1133440

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2021

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing Document: Trust Deed, adopted 4th January 2010

Objects: 'The prevention or relief of poverty in Uganda, in particular by supporting the charitable work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry'

Bank: Lloyds TSB, Clevedon, North Somerset

Trustees: Mrs Bridget Withell (Chair) Mr Stephen Withell
Mr Terry Game (Treasurer) Mrs Terry Game
Mr Keith Ketchum

Registered address: 1 Birch Avenue, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7JT

Uganda Concern UK primarily supports the work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry (UWCM) in the Mbale region of Uganda. UWCM is an indigenous Christian charity, established in 1991, to assist and empower people living in poverty, particularly those affected by AIDS. They focus on rural communities and in addition to creating self-help groups, skills training and small-scale saving schemes, UWCM identifies those in greatest need and offers hope through individualised practical, emotional and spiritual support. The combination of these interventions is very effective in equipping and enabling people to lift themselves out of poverty in a sustainable way. Many of the communities are in the remote foothills of Mount Elgon where there is little or no access to any other support.

Funding: As stated in last year's Report & Accounts, monthly transfers were made to Uganda Women Concern Ministry commencing with the transfer in April 2020. Going forward transfers will continue to be made on a monthly basis and this will be reviewed by the Trustees at the Trustee meetings held twice yearly.

The total amount raised by UCUK during this financial year was £37,995.66 a decrease of £10,913.46 from last year. Gift Aid of £4,680.87 was reclaimed during the year.

The main ways in which UCUK generate funds are as follows:

1. We have a small, but growing, base of regular supporters and also a number of supporters and churches who kindly make ad-hoc donations. We are also extremely grateful to individual supporters who choose to make a donation in lieu of special birthdays/anniversaries; bequeath gifts to Uganda Concern UK or who make a donation in memory of a loved one.
2. Fundraising events were greatly curtailed this year due to the Covid Pandemic, resulting in a reduced total of £1,135 for the year.
3. £2,680 was donated to 'Sarah's Shelters' which is a special fund used to buy land and build shelters for needy families.
4. £505 was donated for Educational Fees for various young people during the year. It is expected that this will increase during the next year once the sponsored children return to school/college after the Pandemic.
5. £1,640 was donated to various sewing projects producing re-usable sanitary pads.
6. The 'collection box' scheme has raised £91 in this last financial year.
7. Trustees are always pleased to be invited to speak at churches or groups about the work of UWCM and this often results in a financial donation.
8. We are registered with Everyclick.com and this has continued to generate funding - £143 was raised by the 'give as you live' scheme simply by shopping on line.
9. We have now registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk which also raises funds by shopping on line.

Use of funds by UWCM:

The work with Women's Groups in rural communities continues to progress well. UWCM offers support and training to these groups at various levels in a number of activities which help to bring about sustainable development and transformation in the lives of individuals and communities. They help communities and groups to identify ways to generate funds using local skills and resources. Group members also identify and assist the poorest in their community in various practical ways but with the aim of promoting income-generation and increasing the family's financial independence. CMMF (Community Managed Micro Finance) projects are also growing in popularity and success.

Some of the funds are used for specific projects eg Lwangoli Prayer & Porridge and Sarah's Shelters plus a contribution towards staff salaries and admin. We continue to cover education fees for young people identified to us by UWCM to allow them to continue their schooling and/or further education. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the majority of schools have been closed but as soon as they re-open we will continue to fund these young people.

We also respond to ad hoc requests and this year we have been asked to cover the medical fees for several individuals who required specific medical intervention. The sewing machine project continues to do well and groups are trained on how to make reusable sanitary pads which they give to girls and young women who cannot afford to buy them, but also sell them whenever possible. They have also been making face masks and other items to sell. There is a constant demand for sewing machines as groups are able to use these to earn some money.

Due to Covid restrictions, UWCM had to re-think the way they ran the Children's Conferences which we have funded for many years. It was not possible to hold it in its usual format (ie 5 day residential for up to 70 young people) and so they ran 2-day events (non-residential) for 25 young people in 4 different communities. The target group included teenagers in senior 1, 2 and 3 and each event was followed by a one-day's training for 30 x parents/guardians in each of the 4 communities where they shared skills of knowing how to handle teenagers at home, church and in society.

They covered the following topics: Children's rights and responsibilities; Life skills and decision making criteria; Abstinence for teenagers; Self esteem; Parenting teenagers and roles of parents. These trainings proved extremely popular and we are committed to funding future events.

We have continued to provide funding for rainwater harvesting tanks for individuals identified by communities in consultation with UWCM. However, following discussions between UWCM and community leaders, it was decided that as from January 2021 we would no longer send out money for individual tanks but that we would fund a 'revolving fund' which would allow group members to borrow money to buy a tank which they then have to repay and that money would then be available to lend to another family. Although families will have to wait longer to have a tank it means that this project is sustainable and more people, eventually, will own one of their own. UWCM have chosen to work with a cluster of groups who already have a good record of running savings schemes and will continue to monitor progress.

Details of all the main projects we support can be seen on our website www.ugandaconcernuk.org. We also produce a twice-yearly newsletter which is sent to all our supporters plus latest news is posted on the blog on our website.

Copyright: During this year we had inadvertently used two images on our website for which we did not own the copyright and we received a demand from the owners of these pictures for fees relating to their use. With the help of solicitors we managed to negotiate and reduce the amount due and subsequently settled the claim. The costs of the solicitors and the copyright fees were all covered by the Trustees of UCUK. Going forward we are ensuring that this situation does not occur again.

Visits to UWCM: Due to the Covid Pandemic we were unable to visit UWCM during the year. We are, as always, continuing to work closely with UWCM to offer support and guidance and also to try and secure additional funding.

"Working To Support Uganda Women Concern Ministry"
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6th April 2020 - 5th April 2021 BREAKDOWN OF INCOME
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Opening Balance	23,138.43
Regular Giving	10,364.00
Donations	20,982.29
Fundraising activities	1,877.89
Gift Aid Recovery	4,680.87
Collection Boxes	90.61
Total Income for 2020 - 2021	37,995.66
TOTAL	£ 61,134.09

6th April 2020 - 5th April 2021 BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE

As stated in the previous years accounts, monthly transfers were made to Uganda Women Concern Ministry commencing with the transfer in April 2020. Going forward transfers will continue to be made on a monthly basis and this will be reviewed by the Trustees at the Trustee meetings held twice yearly.

Children's Conference / Training Days	1,240.00
Shelter Construction - Sarah's Shelters	2,680.00
Sakiya Prayer & Porridge Programme	0.00
Lwangoli Prayer & Porridge Programme	1,393.00
Women's Groups & Community Groups	5,186.00
Sewing Machines / Sanitary Pad Project	1,640.00
Rainwater Harvesting Project	3,900.00
Repairs to UWCM Vehicles	220.00
Contribution to UWCM Salaries	12,529.00
UWCM Administration	3,076.00
Bank Charges for Money Transfers to Uganda	195.00
Education Fees & Associated costs	505.00
Sundries & Ad Hoc donations in response to requests from UWCM	2,494.00
Total Expenditure for 2020 - 2021	35,058.00
Closing Balance	26,076.09
TOTAL	£ 61,134.09

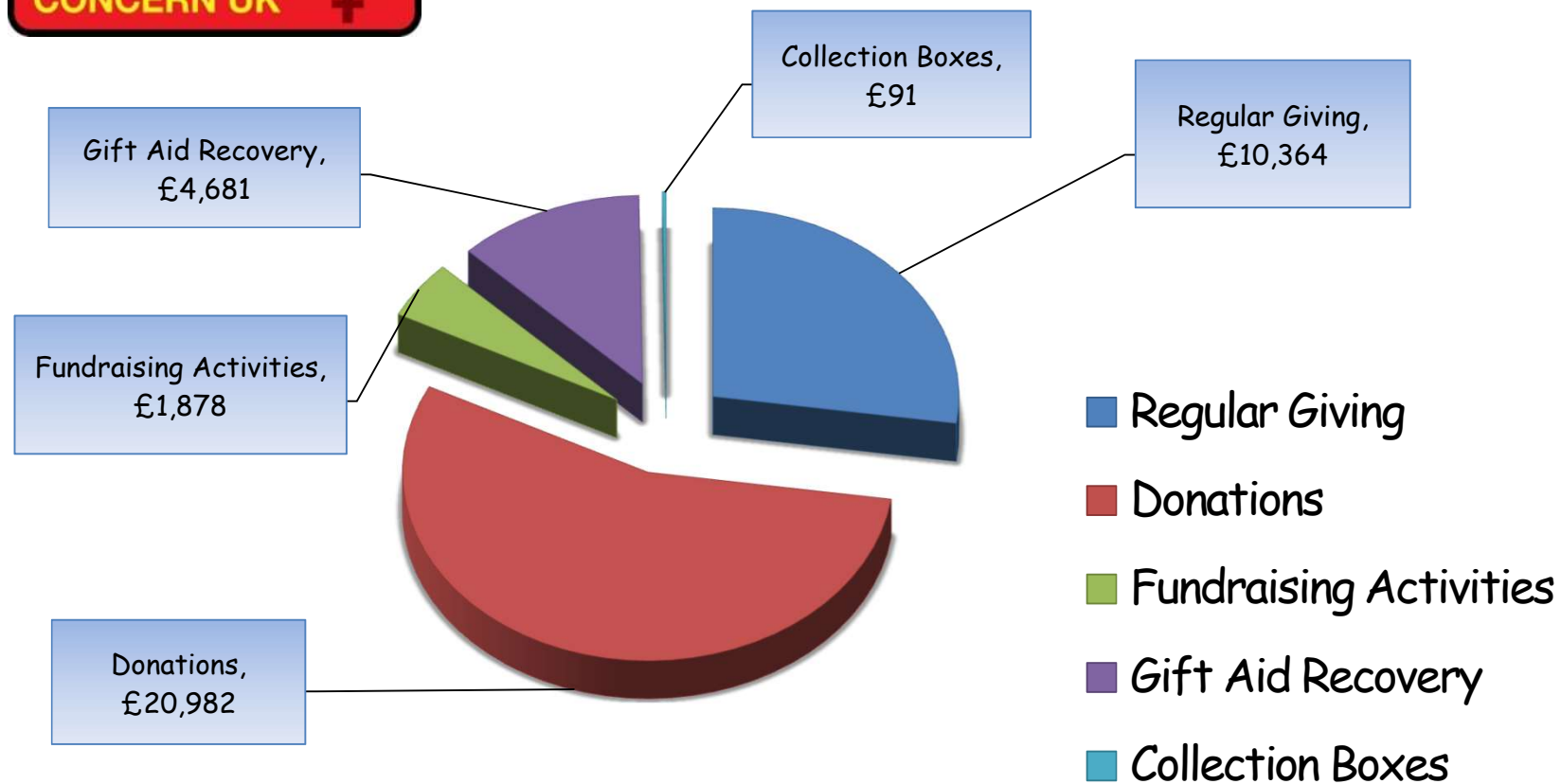
Signed:



Terry Game - Trustee / Treasurer



Total Income for 2020 - 2021





Total Outgoings for 2020 - 2021

