

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

050422

Charity no (if any)

1133440

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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

21/9/22

Name

STUART STABLES

 Relevant professional qualification(s)
or body (if any)

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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 2022

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 NGO, established in 1991 to assist and empower people living in poverty in hard to reach communities in the remote foothills of Mount Elgon where there is little or no access to any other support. 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.

Funding:

The total amount raised by UCUK during this financial year was £41,473.34 an increase of £3,477.68 from last year. Gift Aid of £6,291.22 was reclaimed during the year. Transfers are made to Uganda Women Concern Ministry on a monthly basis and this frequency will continue to be reviewed by the Trustees.

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 extremely grateful for the continued generosity of our supporters, particularly during this last year when we have been unable to carry out many fund raising events. We are also 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 have been greatly curtailed for the past two years due to the Covid Pandemic, resulting in a reduced total of £2,449.77 for the year.

3. The 'collection box' scheme has raised £127.11 in this last financial year.
4. 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.
5. We are registered with Everyclick.com and this has continued to generate funding by the 'give as you live' scheme simply by shopping on line.
6. We have now also 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 and forms the major part of our funding. There is currently a waiting list of groups who wish to receive training as they have seen the impact that other groups are having within their communities. 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 including CMMF (Community Managed Micro Finance) training. 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. We continue to provide funds to buy sewing machines and materials which enable groups to earn an income as well as making and distributing re-usable sanitary pads to young women who would otherwise not be able to afford them. The Rainwater Tanks revolving fund project has also been successful in enabling the groups to provide tanks to members of their communities.

Some of the funds are used for the following specific projects:

Prayer & Porridge projects at Lwangoli and Sakiya: We have been supporting the P&P project at Lwangoli since 2019 and, in April 2022, we were delighted to recommence our funding for the P&P project at Sakiya. We had been funding Sakiya since 2002 but passed it to a Canadian charity in 2019 to allow us to set up Lwangoli. The aim of each Prayer & Porridge project is to provide support, counselling, prayer, Bible study, a nutritional meal, games & activities, plus assistance with school fees and scholastic materials whenever possible to very vulnerable children. They give the children a real sense of belonging and increases their feelings of self-worth and confidence and parents confirm that it has a very positive impact on their children. Both projects are run by volunteers from local churches and overseen by UWCM with approximately 150 children registered at each project but there is an increasing need for more funding for school fees and medical fees.

Sarah's Shelters: This fund enables Women's Groups to assist vulnerable families (often a mother with children) to buy a small plot of land (if necessary) and construct a traditional home. Members of the communities donate the wooden poles and work together to build the new shelters. Our funding buys materials such as the iron sheets for the roof, wooden door and window frames, land (if necessary) and also provide a small IGA eg a pair of goats and also mattresses, bedding, cooking pots etc as often these families have nothing. The money we send out is usually sufficient to build 2 or 3 new shelters each quarter but there is always a list of families waiting for new shelters.

Education Fund: Schools re-opened in January 2022 and demand for fees has increased and we currently support several young people through school and apprenticeships.

Contribution towards staff salaries and admin costs: We currently contribute towards 8 members of UWCM staff salaries and also provide funds to assist UWCM with various administrative costs and the repair and maintenance of their vehicle which is essential to their work.

Mini-conferences for young people and parents/guardians: As a result of pandemic restrictions, it was not possible to hold the usual residential style conference for approx. 70 young people and therefore UWCM held smaller, non-residential conferences in 4 different communities with the additional benefit of more people being involved. These 'mini conferences' proved to be a huge success and are now the model for all future conferences.

Each mini conference is for 3 days with 50 young people attending each day. Topics covered are: children's rights and responsibilities; life skills and decision making criteria; self-esteem; abstinence for teenagers. This is followed by a 1-day training in each community for 25 parents/guardians when UWCM staff share skills on how to handle teenagers at home, in church and in society. This means that a total of 200 young people and 100 adults benefit from this training.

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.

Visits to UWCM: Due to the Covid Pandemic we were unable to visit UWCM during the year but we continued to work closely with UWCM to offer support and guidance and also to try and secure additional funding. It is anticipated that the next visit to UWCM will take place in January 2023.

"Working To Support Uganda Women Concern Ministry"
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6th April 2021 - 5th April 2022 BREAKDOWN OF INCOME
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Opening Balance	26,076.09
Regular Giving	11,067.00
Donations	21,538.24
Fundraising activities	2,449.77
Gift Aid Recovery	6,291.22
Collection Boxes	127.11
Total Income for 2021 - 2022	41,473.34
TOTAL	£ 67,549.43

6th April 2021 - 5th April 2022 BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE

As in previous years, transfers continue to be made to Uganda Women Concern Ministry on a monthly basis and this frequency will continue to be reviewed by the Trustees at the Trustee meetings held twice yearly.

Children's Conference / Training Days	2,325.00
Shelter Construction - Sarah's Shelters	1,800.00
Sakiya Prayer & Porridge Programme	448.00
Lwangoli Prayer & Porridge Programme	1,792.00
Women's Groups & Community Groups	7,712.00
Sewing Machines / Sanitary Pad Project	200.00
Rainwater Harvesting Project	1,333.00
Repairs to UWCM Vehicles	1,526.36
Contribution to UWCM Salaries	11,784.00
UWCM Administration	4,886.00
Bank Charges for Money Transfers to Uganda	180.00
Education Fees & Associated costs	547.00
Sundries & Ad Hoc donations in response to requests from UWCM	2,009.00
Total Expenditure for 2021 - 2022	36,542.36
Closing Balance	31,007.07
TOTAL	£ 67,549.43

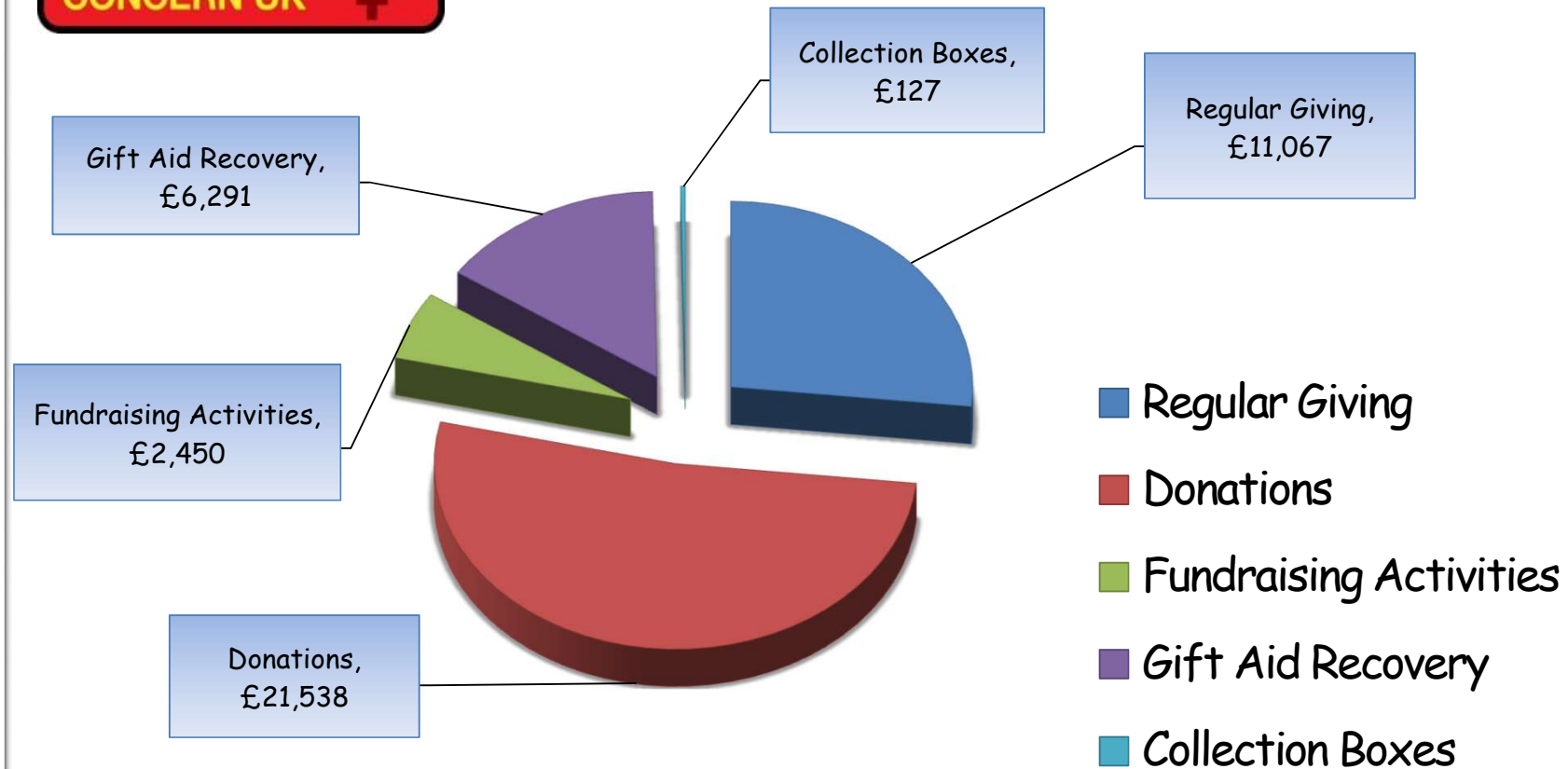
Signed:



Terry Game - Trustee / Treasurer



Total Income for 2021 - 2022





Total Outgoings for 2021 - 2022

