



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

UGANDA CONCERN UK

On accounts for the year
ended

05/04/24

Charity no
(if any)

1133440

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/24.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

John Crosby

Date:

6/12/24

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JOHN CROSBY

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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 2024

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 £91,483.24 an increase of £39,280.70 (75%) from last year. Gift Aid of £8,387.72 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 increase in monies raised was due to an extremely generous one-off donation from Faversham Gospel Mission to purchase a new 4WD vehicle for UWCM to enable them to continue to carry out the incredible work which they do in Uganda.

It should be noted that **all donations are sent, without deduction, to UWCM.**

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 individuals and churches who kindly make ad-hoc donations. Some supporters choose to make a donation in lieu of special birthdays/anniversaries; bequeath gifts to Uganda Concern UK or make a donation in memory of a loved one and we are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of everyone who chooses to support UCUK.
2. Fundraising events: various fundraising events are held throughout the year and 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.
3. 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.
4. We are also registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk which also raises funds by shopping on line.

Use of funds by UWCM:

UWCM Vehicle: In recent years, UWCM's old Landcruiser had become increasingly unreliable and it was clear that, unless a new 4WD vehicle was purchased, their work in the remote and mountainous regions of Mount Elgon would not be able to continue for much longer. We were, therefore, extremely grateful to the members of Faversham Gospel Mission when we received their donation in May 2023 which allowed us to buy a brand new Toyota Landcruiser, plus various 'extras' including a new set of deep-tread tyres which are essential for the driving conditions during the rainy seasons. The vehicle was purchased through WEM Hamburg GmbH and UWCM took delivery of it in January 2024. Staff were completely overwhelmed by this gift and have frequently reported how much safer and more comfortable they are in the new vehicle and that it is the first time in many years that they have not had to cancel any of their monitoring visits due to heavy rains making roads very difficult to navigate.

Women's Groups: The work with Women's Groups in rural communities continues to progress well and forms the major part of our funding. There is always 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.

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. 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: In addition to providing basic scholastic materials to some of the most vulnerable children in various communities, we also fund individuals identified to us by UWCM through primary and secondary education or through an apprenticeship program.

Contribution towards staff salaries and admin costs: We currently contribute towards 8 members of UWCM staff salaries. We also provide funds to assist UWCM with various administrative costs

Mini-conferences for young people and parents/guardians: In late December/early January UWCM hold non-residential conferences in 4 different communities with approximately 50 young people attending each day. Each mini conference takes place over 3 days and topics covered include: children's rights and responsibilities; life skills and decision making criteria; self-esteem; drug and alcohol awareness; people trafficking. This is followed by a 1-day training in each community for up to 25 parents/guardians when UWCM staff share skills on how to handle teenagers at home, in church and in society. UWCM staff are the lead facilitators but each community is involved with the planning and running of these events by contributing a venue; firewood, preparation of meals and ensuring the safety and security of the young people. Staff and those who attend the conferences, confirm that they are extremely beneficial and have a lasting impact on the young people and their parents/guardians. There is always a huge demand from communities to host the conferences.

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: We work closely with UWCM throughout the year to offer support and guidance and also to try and secure additional funding. Three UCUK Trustees visited in January 2024 to monitor the projects we fund and also to support and encourage the staff.

"Working To Support Uganda Women Concern Ministry"

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6th April 2023 - 5th April 2024
BREAKDOWN OF INCOME

Opening Balance	39,922.63
Regular Giving	12,255.00
Donations	66,298.75
Fundraising activities	4,416.43
Gift Aid Recovery	8,387.72
Collection Boxes	125.34
Total Income for 2023 - 2024	91,483.24
TOTAL	£ 131,405.87

6th April 2023 - 5th April 2024
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.

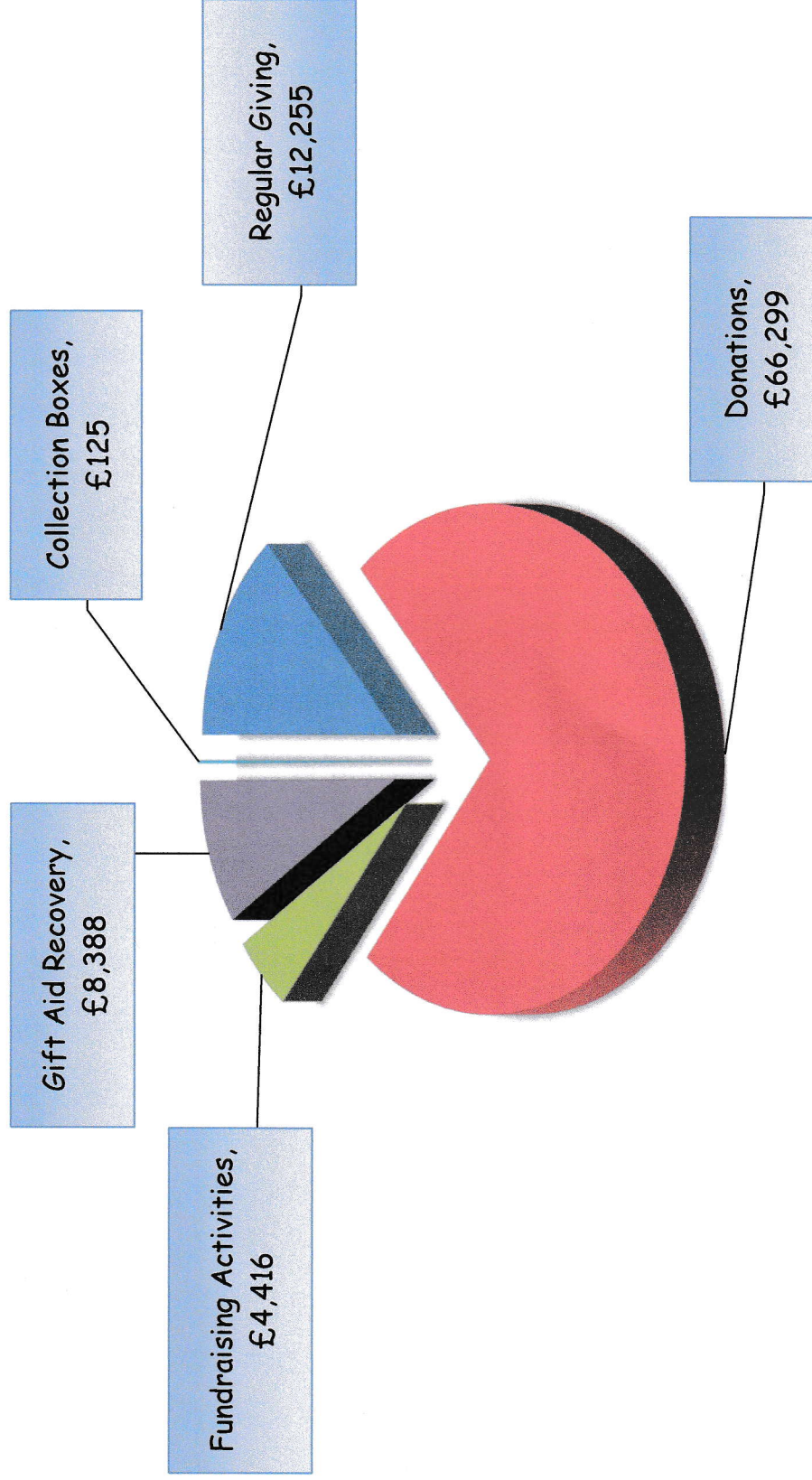
Children's Conference / Training Days	3,000.00
Shelter Construction - Sarah's Shelters	2,600.00
Sakiya & Lwangoli Prayer & Porridge Programmes	5,000.00
Purchase of new Toyota Landcruiser for UWCM (incorporates final costs refund)	44,274.22
Women's Groups & Community Groups	9,840.00
Sewing Machines / Sanitary Pad Project	610.00
Contribution to UWCM Salaries	13,587.00
UWCM Administration	6,640.00
Bank Charges for Money Transfers to Uganda	195.00
Education Fees & Associated costs	3,799.00
Sundries & Ad Hoc donations in response to requests from UWCM	4,934.62
Total Expenditure for 2023 - 2024	94,479.84
Closing Balance	36,926.03
TOTAL	£ 131,405.87

Signed:

Terry Game - Trustee / Treasurer



Total Income for 2023 - 2024





Total Outgoings for 2023 - 2024

