

THE RAHELI TRUST

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

From 1 December 2023 to Year ended: 30 November 2024

Charity no: 1135046



Reference and administration details

Charity Name: The Raheli Trust

Registered charity number: 1135046

Trustees:

Lynda Helen Addison (resigned 7 October 2024)

Gillien Carter

Frances Mary Jones - Treasurer

Kathryn Alyson Liston

Susan Mary Elizabeth Percy - Chair

Thomas James Perry

Catherine Moyra Tuke - Secretary

Drucilla Joy Vesty

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Structure and governance

The Trust is a registered charity and is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 28 October 2009.

The deed states that there must be least three Trustees and, after the initial staged appointments of the first set of Trustees, it provided for every Trustee to be appointed (or re-appointed) by resolution at a special meeting of the Trustees for a term of 4 years.

If at any time there are fewer than three Trustees, none of the powers or discretions conferred by the deed or by law on the Trustees are exercisable by the remaining Trustees except the power to appoint new ones.

The deed states that the Trustees must hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. At each meeting the date, time and place of the next meeting is fixed, unless already arranged. Further ordinary meetings may be called at any time by the person elected each year to chair the meetings or by any two Trustees, in which case at least 10 days' clear notice must be given.

Special meetings require 21 days' clear notice if the agenda is to include the appointment of a Trustee and may take place immediately after or before an ordinary meeting.

New Trustees are provided as a minimum with:

- (a) A copy of the Trust Deed
- (b) Regulations made under the Trust Deed
- (c) The Annual Return made to the Charity Commission for the preceding year
- (d) The Annual Report for the preceding year
- (e) Receipts and Payments Accounts
- (f) Trustees' Report on the latest of the bi-annual visits to Tanzania
- (g) A set of 'Frequently Asked Questions' and a leaflet on the Trust's work in Tanzania produced for sponsors

- (h) A list of students being sponsored at the time of appointment
- (i) Meeting papers and Minutes for the previous meeting of the Trustees

Prospective trustees are also referred to the Charity Commission website with guidance on how charities should operate and what is expected of a Trustee.

The Trust held three Board Meetings in 2023/2024 and one special meeting to reappoint three Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

1. The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in Western Tanzania by assisting in the provision of education and training and support designed to enable individuals to generate a future income and be self-sufficient.
2. For the public benefit to provide for the education and/or training of children and young people in Western Tanzania in poverty or suffering financial hardship by:
 - (i) Awarding to such persons and/or providing funds for the educational establishments responsible for advancing their education, to cover fees, scholarships, maintenance allowances and/or grants for travel, uniforms, books and stationery and bedding and personal needs; and/or
 - (ii) In providing for their education and/ or training, funding for them to undertake travel in furtherance of that education and/or to prepare for entry into any occupation, trade or profession.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

In 2020/21 the Trustees took a longer term look at all its activities and prepared a Strategic Plan, so as to ensure it can remain an effective organisation to fulfil its objectives. The plan sets out the Trusts mission as:

“To support girls from deprived backgrounds through education to realise their potential and provide a way out of poverty.”

The plan then sets out the Trust’s vision as:

“To enable the girls we sponsor to stay in school, progress through secondary education and further education and eventually become self-reliant adults.”

The plan also sets out our five strategic priorities as:

- (i) To have modest and sustainable growth in the number of students we support
- (ii) To support students through their whole education life cycle
- (iii) To encourage students to support the Trust once they have completed their education and to become role models
- (iv) To develop a more sustainable financial model for the Trust, based on a variety of methods of fundraising and sponsorship
- (v) To focus our efforts predominately on supporting girls

Risk Management

The major risk is an inability to pay fees and costs for the individual young people taken on for set periods for each stage of their education. This is not a legal commitment, but Trustees would not want to disappoint a student doing well.

The risk for secondary school students has been mitigated by forward calculations of potential commitments and income for each new academic year, made in October/ December before the start of the main school year each January. Forward cash flow figures are presented to the autumn meeting of the Trust and sponsor payments are checked at the end of December.

Requests for secondary school students to continue into high schools, colleges and universities are sent from Tanzania when allocations are made by the government. The number of such students has grown. Trust capability to make up any shortfall in sponsors funds is dealt with by in-year finance update reports to Board members.

Measures for risk mitigation would have been identified and actioned by the Trust should these have proved necessary. In the last 15 years of operation, however, a loyal and committed set of sponsors have always paid in accordance with their original offers. The forward cash flows did not include any assumptions about the likelihood or otherwise of 'one off' donations during the year.

Funds from any donations and from HMRC tax relief are used to provide general school assistance, with items needed usually identified during the Trustee visits to Tanzania. No money is ever sent without adequate cover in the bank account. The Trust currently has reserve funds to cover any shortfall in donations for 2023/24.

The Trust has an agreed Reserves Policy, which is reviewed annually, as follows:
The Raheli Trust maintains reserves to enable the Trust to fulfil its objectives and to implement the Action Plan as well as ensuring provision of liquid resources representing a minimum three months operating expenditure. In addition, contingencies may arise due to the long-term nature of the Trust's activities which may need funding out of reserves in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Exchange rate risk is dealt with by close attention to fluctuating rates. In 2024 the rates of the £UK against the Tanzanian Shilling/\$USD did not differ to the extent that the Trust needed to ask its sponsors to add to their agreed donations. Accumulated reserves will cover any likely shortfall.

Operational risk in the U.K. is minimal. All activities are carried out by volunteers, mainly the Trustees of the charity. There are no paid advisers and UK expenses in the year ended 30 November 2024 were £190.00 plus bank charges.

Achievements and Performance during the year to November 2024

We see our main role as supporting individual pupils for whom we can find sponsors. But we also seek to improve some of the facilities at the school they attend so as to benefit all the pupils, support the dedicated staff and local community.

The main activities undertaken in the year ended 30 November 2024 for the public benefit were:

1. The first in person visit to Tanzania since February 2019, primarily due to Covid, happened in January 2024. Two trustees and a sponsor visited the school and met with key individuals and students.

2. Overall, the visit was highly successful, as all the key people who support the Trust in Tanzania were seen, as well as 41 of the students.
3. One outcome of the visit was the setting up of the Raheli Trust A Hope for Life. This has enabled our donations to be used for community benefit under local law, in particular to support pupils who currently are at and those who leave Bishop Mpango Secondary School.
4. Continued communication with local partners in Kigoma following the earlier establishment of the Raheli Education and Livelihood Support Development Group continued. This has enabled our donations to be used for community benefit under local law, in particular to support pupils who were at the Archbishop Kahurananga Secondary School and those now pursuing post-secondary school education.
5. Fund raising for the provision of fees and support for 41 students, specifically:
 - 16 students attending Bishop Mpango Secondary School in Kibondo,
 - 18 students attending High School or Vocational Colleges
 - 7 students at University

For those at Bishop Mpango Secondary School costs included school fees and contributions; uniforms, transport; pocket money; books and stationery; and accommodation for those in the school hostels.

Costs for those undertaking post-secondary studies included fees; food and accommodation; transport; and pocket money.

Students at high schools and colleges are based in locations across Tanzania and college students are studying a variety of courses including Mining Engineering, Clinical Medicine, Procurement and Teaching.

This support could not be given without the generous help of our sponsors.

6. The Trust continues with the provision of information for sponsors on the progress of individual students and arrangements for communication from students to the sponsors and vice versa. A sponsors' evening event took place in March 2024.
7. The Trust has considered the need to improve the marketing of its work. To assist it has a Facebook page which is regularly updated and has proved a useful mechanism for publicity to individual sponsors and others.
8. The Trust has also identified the need to secure funding from sources other than individual sponsors. It has produced a corporate funding fund-raising leaflet in 2023.
9. The Trust has also now developed its own website that provides information about our work, and provides contact details for anyone interested in supporting the Trust: <https://therahelitrust.com/>
10. The Trust has established an Alumni Network of students who have been supported by the Trust and have finished their studies. It is hoped that the members of the Network will be able to be role models for current students, and provide mentoring as appropriate.
11. The Trust has identified a former teacher from Archbishop Kahurananga School to support the Trust, particularly by making personal contact with all those young people

being supported. It has been particularly useful to have additional support in the country.

Financial Review

The Charity operates on a Payments and Receipts basis, in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

In the year ended 30 November 2024 the Trust received a total of £22,842 from sponsors and in donations. There was no gift aid income claimed, and £4453 in restricted funds. Total income was £27,295. It sent £35,860 to Tanzania during the year in staged payments and incurred £490 in bank transfer fees. There were £191 other UK expenses.

The balance in the bank account on 30 November 2024 was £10,104. There are no other liabilities.

They were also subject to inspection by an Independent Examiner, whose report is attached.



Financial Statement for the year ended 30 November 2024 (2023/2024)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £	Last year 2022/2023 £
Receipts				
Sponsorships	22193.86	4453.33	26647.19	25964
Individual donations	648.72	0	648.72	465
HMRC tax relief	0	0	0	10090
Total Receipts	22842.58	4453.33	27295.91	36519
Payments				
Sent to Tanzania	35860.05		35860.05	43826
Expenses in the UK	190.93		190.93	0
Bank Charges	490		490	330
Total	36540		36540	44156
Excess of receipts over payments				
Excess of payments over receipts			9245.07	7637
Cash funds last year end			19348.57	19349
Cash funds this year end			10103.50	26986
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Cash Funds	10103.50		10103.50	
Other assets	0	0	0	0
Legal Liabilities	0	0	0	0

Expenses - UK	£
Bank Charges	490
Other expenses	190.93

Summary Financial position (£)

Bank at 1.12.23	Income from sponsors Includes individuals	HMRC Gift Aid refund	Total Income	Bank + income	Payments to Tanzania Includes bank charges (excludes UK payments)	Expenses in UK	Total expenditure	Bank at 30.11.23
19348	27295	0	27295	46644	36350	191	36540	10104

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	S.Percy	26/08/25
	C. Tuke	26/08/25



Charity Name Raheli Trust	No (if any) 1135046
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.12.23	To	Period end date 30.11.24
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Section A Receipts and payments



	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	22,842	4,453	-	27,295	36,519
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,842	4,453	-	27,295	36,519
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,842	4,453	-	27,295	36,519
A3 Payments					
	36,540	-	-	36,540	44,156
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,540	-	-	36,540	44,156
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,540	-	-	36,540	44,156
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,698	4,453	-	- 9,245	- 7,637
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,349	5,000	-	19,349	-
Cash funds this year end	651	9,453	-	10,104	- 7,637

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		652	9,453	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	652	9,453	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		S.Percy	02/06/2025
		C.Tuke	02/06/2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Raheli Trust

On accounts for the year ended

December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1135046

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 DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

P.M. Vandome

Date:

22/02/25

Name:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.