

THE MESERANI PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135670

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-04-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: * TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF TANZANIA AND KENYA BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND RESOURCES NOT CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES* TO RELIEVE THE POVERTY AND SUFFERING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF TANZANIA AND KENYA BY THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES THAT THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO DEVELOP PHYSIOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY* TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF TANZANIA AND KENYA BY PROVIDING NECESSARY FEES AND COSTS TO ATTEND SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS* TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL AND LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF TANZANIA AND KENYA, WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS

Activities: The Meserani Project is a unique home-grown charity with a primary focus on providing secondary, further and higher education for young people in an area of Tanzania where such opportunities are not accessible to them due to poverty and family circumstances. We are a relatively small-scale project, but we currently support 142 young people through secondary, further and higher education.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TANZANIA AND KENYA
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Middlesbrough
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£47,262	£127,010	-	-
2024-04-06	£44,120	£40,043	-	-
2023-04-06	£49,351	£95,600	-	-
2022-04-06	£54,014	£40,335	-	-
2021-04-06	£43,694	£27,999	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER SWAN M Ed	Chair	
DIANE SWAN M SC		
ELAINE LEE		
LAURA WHALEY		
Lisa Connor		2024-11-21
NICOLA FERGUSON B A HONS		
RUTH DELANY		

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Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report for 2024/2025

The past year has undoubtedly been the most challenging year yet for The Meserani Project, but it has also been the most exciting and rewarding year. The new Meserani Secondary School opened back in January 2023, but over the past year the school has developed an identity and an enviable reputation in the area, due to the quality of the buildings and infrastructure that have been provided by The Meserani Project, and the technology that has been provided and installed by the group of Virgin Media/O2 employees and their supporters, who spent two weeks at the school in January.

The charity continues to make a significant impact in terms of its aims and objectives, and has continued to expand its impact on the Meserani community through the number of students progressing to further and higher education. By the end of 2025 there will have been 308 young people who have been supported throughout various stages of their education.

We are particularly proud that three of our university students are actually on a five year course at medical school training to be doctors, and one student is on a five year course at medical school training to be a radiologist.

Work on compiling a data base on which of our previously sponsored students were actually in employment began in July this year. Although this is a time consuming process, and much work has yet to be done, initial findings are very positive and reassuring.

It is pleasing to report that the charity is still able to function successfully without taking any expenses at all out of money raised, generated or donated, meaning that the charity continues to give true value for money. All decisions made regarding spending the money are still only done following consultation with, and approval of, our indigenous advisors in Tanzania (our 'committee'), meaning that all funding goes exactly where it is needed most. Throughout the past year there were a number of issues for which the advice of the committee in Tanzania was invaluable.

The arrangements for sending money to Tanzania, from the charity bank account in the U.K., via a Revolut Bank account, to the account in Tanzania held by the Meserani Ward Councillor Loth Naparana, is now well established, and monitoring of this continues to be extremely

rigorous. The charity has made significant savings by using the Revolut bank to send money to Tanzania – the bank charges per transaction are fixed at about \$3.30 and their foreign exchange rates were significantly better than those used by Barclays Bank – in the financial year 2024/2025 the charity saved in the region of £75.00 using this method.

The Meserani Project has completed the building and furnishing of the two dormitories at the new Meserani Secondary School, and has started on the building of two more dormitories, due to be completed by the end of 2025, ready for the third intake of pupils in January 2026. A toilet block for the two dormitories is also being funded, and is also due to be completed by the end of 2025.

An impressive dining/assembly hall for the school, which includes a kitchen and food storage rooms, was finally completed this year. The Meserani Project funded the building, and also the resourcing and furnishing of the building. We have also funded the building of a storage building for firewood, with changing rooms and toilets for the kitchen staff.

The 'sponsorship bundles' initiative to support the new Meserani Secondary School has proved very successful, providing books, trees, bunk beds and feminine hygiene packs. There are also options for supporters to fund individual pupil sponsorships.

Group trips to Tanzania to support the charity continue to be organised, with the support offered by the Chairman of the charity. Another group of employees from Virgin Media/O2, with supporters from allied companies, are due to spend two weeks supporting the charity in January next year, focussing on developing technology facilities at the Meserani Secondary School.

Statistics

We have supported 308 young people throughout various stages of their education.

286 pupils have attended one of seven secondary schools that we have links with.

105 students have started their two years of A' Level studies.

65 students have started Certificate and Diploma Courses at College or University.

69 students have started their three year Degree courses at university.

Fourteen classrooms have now been built and furnished for four primary schools.

Further to ensuring that these young people have an education, we have also:

Built and furnished 14 classrooms in four primary schools.

Provided 41 water tanks for 6 schools and a clinic.

Provided a dormitory for a girls' boarding school.

Provided solar power for two schools and a clinic.

Provided water harvesting systems for a primary school, a secondary school and a clinic.

Renovated four teachers' homes at a primary school.

Provided beds for 116 pupils at two secondary boarding schools.

Provided 80 desks and chairs for a boys' secondary school.

Provided 70 desks and chairs for a primary school.

Provided laptops and projectors for a Vocational Training Centre.

Provided laptops and projectors for an Adult Learning Centre.

Provided whiteboards for three secondary schools and a Vocational Training Centre.

Planted 1,460 trees in two primary schools and two secondary schools.

Provided a photocopier, printer, generator and TV/Video player for three schools.

Provided and furnished all four dormitories at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided and furnished a dining/assembly hall & kitchens at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided a third toilet block at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided extensive water harvesting systems at the Meserani Secondary School.

Installed laptop/projector/screen systems for teachers in every classroom at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided solar power at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided full office and reprographic equipment at the Meserani Secondary School.

Resourced the ICT classroom at the Meserani Secondary School.

Provided external security lighting at the Meserani Secondary School.

Financial situation

There was an income of £47,262.55 over the financial year 2024/2025 and expenditure of £127,010.49 There was a balance of £130,947.38 from the previous financial year. The balance at the end of the year 2024/2025 was £51,199.44

The balance on 6/11/25 was £24,841.50 – the difference between this and the balance at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year is because of

the ongoing building costs for the dining/assembly hall and dormitories at the new Meserani Secondary School.

We have £2,640 in reserve, which is money paid in advance for sponsorship bundles (bunk beds, trees and period pants).

This leaves an amount of £22,201.50

The relatively healthy balance of £22,201.50 will be used before the end of 2025 to fulfil our commitment to complete the building of the final two dormitories at the Meserani Secondary School (£10,723 needed) and the building of the toilet block for these dormitories (£3,058 needed). A further £9,091 will also be needed by the end of 2025 if we are to pay for the bunk beds for the two dormitories, although we are currently seeking sponsorship for as many of these as possible.

By the end of 2025 the charity will have no funds available to further support the Meserani Secondary School, apart from the money raised at two events - on 8 and 15 November. Future fundraising events and donations will be vital to fund our ongoing support of the school.

P.G. Swan
6/11/25

**The Meserani Project
Account Summary 2024-25**

Balance 5 April 2024 130,947.38

Deposits 5 April 2024 - 4 April 2025

Funds Raised	3,954.20
Book Bundles	1,865.00
Pupil Sponsorship (Annual)	4,197.00
Tree Planting	2,155.00
Bed Bundles	1,125.00
Period Pants Bundles	3,497.00
Secondary School	5,355.91
Sponsor money paid in advance	5,124.24
School Sponsorship	12,425.60
Random Donations	497.00
Gift Aid	5,197.00
Book Sales	1,869.50
Total	47,262.55

Withdrawals

Period Pants	6192.2
New School Build	109,338.98
Ebay purchases	21.69
Money exchange – funds to take to Tanzania	11,329.35
Watering cans	74.92
Computer Leads	53.35
Total	127,010.49

Summary

Balance 5 April 2024	130,947.39
Deposits 2024-25	47,262.55
Withdrawals 2024-25	127,010.49
Balance 4 April 2025	51,199.44

**Diane Swan
Treasurer
21/10/2025**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE MESERANI PROJECT

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/25

Charity no
(if any)

1136570

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2025.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date: 23/12/25

Name:

Stuart Fallowfield

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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.

There are no matters of concern that I wish to disclose.

THE MESERANI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135670

Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report for 2023/2024

The charity continues to make a significant impact in terms of its aims and objectives, and has continued to expand its impact on the Meserani community through the number of students progressing to further and higher education. By the end of 2024 there will have been 293 young people who have been supported throughout various stages of their education. The major and most significant achievement to date is the opening of the new Meserani Secondary School in January this year.

We are currently sponsoring:

12 pupils at secondary school.

4 students are in their first or second year of A' Level studies.

4 students are studying certificate and diploma courses at higher education establishments.

14 students are studying degree courses at university.

We are particularly proud that three of our university students are actually on a five year course at medical school training to be doctors, and one student is on a five year course at medical school training to be a radiologist.

Work on compiling a data base on which of our previously sponsored students were actually in employment is ongoing, although this is a time consuming process, and much work has yet to be done. However, initial findings are very positive and reassuring.

It is pleasing to report that the charity is still able to function successfully without taking any expenses at all out of money raised, generated or donated, meaning that the charity continues to give true value for money. All decisions made regarding spending the money are still only done following consultation with, and approval of, our indigenous advisors in Tanzania (our 'committee'), meaning that all funding goes exactly where it is needed most. Throughout the past year there were a number of issues for which the advice of the committee in Tanzania was invaluable.

The new arrangements for sending money to Tanzania, from the charity bank account in the U.K., via a Revolut Bank account, to the account in Tanzania held by the Meserani Ward Councillor Loth Naparana, has been very successful, and monitoring of this continues to be extremely rigorous. The charity has made significant savings by using the Revolut bank to send money to Tanzania – the bank charges per transaction are

fixed at about \$3.30 and their foreign exchange rates were significantly better than those used by Barclays Bank.

The Meserani Project has completed the building and furnishing of the two dormitories at the new Meserani Secondary School, and in January this year a group from Virgin Media/O2 provided and installed a comprehensive water harvesting system to both buildings.

The Meserani Project is also funding the building of a large dining/assembly hall for the school, which includes a kitchen and food storage rooms. We are also funding the building of a storage building for firewood, with changing rooms and toilets for the kitchen staff. These two buildings are due to be completed by the end of the year.

A new initiative is the setting up of 'sponsorship bundles' to support the new Meserani Secondary School. There are options for supporters to choose from text book sets, sanitary protection packages, trees and individual pupil sponsorships.

Group trips to Tanzania to support the charity continue to be organised, with the support offered by the Chairman of the charity. A group of 16 employees from Virgin Media are due to spend ten days supporting the charity in January next year, focussing on providing ICT facilities at the Meserani Secondary School. They have already committed to the provision of a photocopier and printer. A group of 16 from a secondary school in the U.K. spent almost three weeks in July this year engaging with the work of the charity.

Statistics

We have supported 293 young people throughout various stages of their education.

286 pupils have attended one of seven secondary schools that we have links with.

92 students have started their two years of A' Level studies.

13 students have started their two year Vocational Training Courses.

28 students have started Certificate and Diploma Courses at College or University.

65 students have started their three year Degree courses at university.

Fourteen classrooms have now been built and furnished for four primary schools.

Two dormitories have been built and furnished at the Meserani Secondary School.

A dining/assembly hall and storage buildings are being built and furnished at the Meserani Secondary School.

Thirty-one 5,000 litre water tanks have now been provided across four schools.

Funding was provided for completing the building of a new dormitory at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School, and the provision of 60 beds. Eighty desks and chairs have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Bunk beds for 58 pupils have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been provided for four teachers' homes, all dormitories, the school office, the staffroom and a new classroom at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been installed in the staff accommodation block at the Meserani Chini Medical Clinic.

Four teachers' homes at Meserani Chini School have been renovated and furnished, and water harvesting systems and full solar power systems have been installed.

A photocopier, printer, generator and TV/Video player have been provided for three schools.

Laptops and projectors have been provided for an Adult Learning Centre and a Vocational Training Centre.

Four whiteboards have been installed at three secondary schools and one Vocational Training Centre.

More than eight hundred trees have been planted in five schools.

Financial situation

There was an income of £44,120.13 over the financial year 2023/2024 and expenditure of £40,043.40 There was a balance of £126,878.00 from the previous financial year. The balance at the end of the year 2023/2024 was £130,954.73

The balance on 14/11/24 was £88,628.18 – the difference between this and the balance at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year is because of the ongoing building costs for the dining/assembly hall at the new Meserani Secondary School.

A significant amount of this relatively healthy balance are funds raised specifically for the building project of the new Meserani Secondary School – we currently have a commitment to complete the building of a dining/assembly hall and kitchen, and provide tables and chairs for this building. We also need a contingency for any unexpected costs that may

arise – this has been a common feature regarding our sponsorship of students, and needs of the three secondary schools and four primary schools that we support. Approximately £2,500.00 is currently in restricted funds to fulfil specific ongoing commitments regarding the sponsorship of secondary school pupils, further education students and higher education students.

P.G. Swan
21/11/24

The Meserani Project 2023-24

Balance 5 April 2023 **£126,878**

Deposits 5 April 2023 – 4 April 2024

Secondary School	10,251.28
Reserve/overpayment of School Fees	1,893.33
Student Sponsorship	19,692.11
Video Sales	460.00
Period Pant Donations	179.00
Fund Raising Events	4,431.21
Donations	476
Gift Aid	5,624.36
Sale of Books	1,112.84
Total	44,120.13

Withdrawals 5 April 2023 – 4 April 2024

New Secondary School Build	25,276.57
Period Pants	736.00
Book Purchase	35.98
Students Fees	1,590.44
Bunk Beds	4,015.86
Funds to buy Equipment etc. in Tanzania	8,264.98
Yarm School Fair Stall Fees	51.48
USB Pens	72.18
Total	40,043.40

Summary

Balance 5 April 2023	126,878.00
Deposits 2023-24	44,120.13
Withdrawals 2023-24	40,043.40
Balance 4 April 2021	130,954.73

Diane Swan Treasurer
September 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Meserani Project

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2024

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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.

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date: 13/12/2024

[Date box]

Name:

Stuart A.Fallowfield

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Section B

Disclosure

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THE MESERANI PROJECT

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Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/2023

Now that travel to Tanzania is back to normal following the Pandemic, trustees can be confident that the work of the charity in Tanzania is functioning without any restrictions. The charity continues to make a significant impact in terms of its aims and objectives, and has continued to expand its impact on the Meserani community through the number of students progressing to further and higher education. By the end of 2023 there will have been 272 young people who have been supported throughout various stages of their education.

We are currently sponsoring:

12 pupils at secondary school.

6 students are in their second year of A' Level studies.

8 students are studying certificate and diploma courses at higher education establishments.

26 students are studying degree courses at university.

We are particularly proud that three of our university students are actually on a five year course at medical school training to be doctors, and one student is on a five year course at medical school training to be a radiologist.

Of particular note this year has been the ongoing news on the development of the new Meserani Secondary School, now due to open in January 2024.

Work on compiling information a data base on which of our previously sponsored students were actually in employment is ongoing, although this is a time consuming process, and much work has yet to be done. However, initial findings are very positive and reassuring.

It is pleasing to report that the charity is still able to function successfully without taking any expenses at all out of money raised, generated or donated, meaning that the charity continues to give true value for money. All decisions made regarding spending the money are still only done following consultation with, and approval of, our indigenous advisors in Tanzania (our 'committee'), meaning that all funding goes exactly where it is needed most. Throughout the past year there were a number of issues for which the advice of the committee in Tanzania was invaluable.

The new arrangements for sending money to Tanzania, from the charity bank account in the U.K., via a Revolut Bank account, to the account in Tanzania held by the Meserani Ward Councillor Loth Naparana, has been very successful, and monitoring of this continues to be extremely rigorous. The charity has made significant savings by using the Revolut bank to send money to Tanzania – the bank charges per transaction are fixed at about \$3.30 and their foreign exchange rates were significantly better than those used by Barclays Bank.

The challenge of building the new Meserani Secondary School continues to be a major source of frustration for all those involved in the charity. Many deadlines for completion of the school have passed, and although The Meserani Project has met all its deadlines, the authorities in Tanzania have failed to meet any of theirs. This year the school was due to be open in January, and then again in July, and the latest promise we have been given is that it will open in January next year. We are actually confident that this latest deadline will be met because the government building work has almost been completed, and six teachers and a head teacher have now been appointed.

The Meserani Project has completed the building and furnishing of the two dormitories, as we promised, and has the funding ready to build and equip the dining/assembly hall and kitchen – but we are reluctant to provide funds to start the building work until we know that the school is open to pupils, and pupils are being educated there. Two trustees are due to visit Tanzania in January next year, and will be able to assess the situation at that time.

Group trips to Tanzania to support the charity continue to be organised, with the support offered by the Chairman of the charity. A group of 16 employees from Virgin Media spent ten days supporting the charity in January this year, focussing on providing solar power at a primary school and water harvesting for the Meserani Secondary School. A group of 26 from a secondary school in the U.K. spent almost three weeks in July engaging with the work of the charity, and they funded the purchase of bunk beds and stoves for the new Meserani Secondary School. A group of 20 from another secondary school on the U.K. are spending almost three weeks in July next year engaging with the work of the charity, and they have committed to raise funds for furnishing the dining/assembly hall at the new Meserani Secondary School

Statistics

We have supported 279 young people throughout various stages of their education.

272 pupils have attended one of seven secondary schools that we have links with.

92 students have started their two years of A' Level studies.

13 students have started their two year Vocational Training Courses.

28 students have started Certificate and Diploma Courses at College or University.

65 students have started their three year Degree courses at university.

Fourteen classrooms have now been built and furnished for four primary schools.

Thirty-one 5,000 litre water tanks have now been provided across four schools.

Funding was provided for completing the building of a new dormitory at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School, and the provision of 60 beds.

Eighty desks and chairs have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Bunk beds for 58 pupils have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been provided for four teachers' homes, all dormitories, the school office, the staffroom and a new classroom at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been installed in the staff accommodation block at the Meserani Chini Medical Clinic.

Four teachers' homes at Meserani Chini School have been renovated and furnished, and water harvesting systems and full solar power systems have been installed.

A photocopier, printer, generator and TV/Video player have been provided for three schools.

Laptops and projectors have been provided for an Adult Learning Centre and a Vocational Training Centre.

Four whiteboards have been installed at three secondary schools and one Vocational Training Centre.

More than five hundred trees have been planted in five schools.

Financial situation

There was an income of £49,351.04 over the financial year 2022/2023 and expenditure of £95,599.59 There was a balance of £173,122.32 from the previous financial year. The balance at the end of the year 2022/2023 was £126,874.77

A significant amount of this relatively healthy balance are funds raised specifically for the building project of the new Meserani Secondary

School – we currently have a commitment to pay for the building of a dining/assembly hall and kitchen, along with the stoves for the kitchen and tables and chairs for the dining/assembly hall. We also need a contingency for any unexpected costs that may arise – this has been a common feature regarding our sponsorship of students, and needs of the three secondary schools and four primary schools that we support. Approximately £2,500.00 is currently in restricted funds to fulfil specific ongoing commitments regarding the sponsorship of secondary school pupils, further education students and higher education students.

P.G. Swan
20/11/23

The Meserani Project Treasurer's Report 2022-2023

Balance 5 April 2022 - £173,123.32

Deposits 5 April 2022 – 4 April 2023

Secondary School	9582.32
Reserve/overpayment of School Fees	800.00
Student Sponsorship	28,621.39
Donations	1,859.57
Gift Aid	7,248.79
Sale of Books	1133.97
Yarm School	105.00
Total	49,351.04

Withdrawals 5 April 2022 – 4 April 2023

Loth Naparana Bank Charges	266.10
Student Fees/New Secondary School Dormitories	72,480.48
PG & Swan School Fees/New Secondary School Dormitories	10,040.18
Revolut/New Secondary School Dormitories	11,319.86
Yarm Christmas Craft Fair	50.00
Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary Club, Foundation Grant.	1420.35
Press Studs	22.62
Total	95,599.59

Summary

Balance 5 April 2022	173,123.32
Deposits 2022-23	49,351.04
Withdrawals 2022-23	95,599.59
Balance 4 April 2023	126,874.77

**Diane Swan
Treasurer
July 2023**

THE MESERANI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135670

Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report for 2021/2022

It is pleasing to report that travel to Tanzania is now allowed, meaning that Trustees can be more confident in their monitoring of the work of the charity in Tanzania. Throughout the latter stages of the Pandemic the charity has been able to continue making a significant impact in terms of its aims and objectives, and has continued to expand its impact on the Meserani community through the number of students progressing to further and higher education. By the end of 2022 there will have been 272 young people who have been supported throughout various stages of their education.

We are currently sponsoring:

17 pupils at secondary school.

7 students are in their second year of A' Level studies.

8 students are studying certificate and diploma courses at higher education establishments.

37 students are studying degree courses at university.

We were delighted to hear that two of our new university students have actually been selected to study a five year course at medical school, training to be doctors.

During a visit to Tanzania in July this year, two trustees started compiling information on which of our previously sponsored students were actually in employment. This is a time consuming process, and much work has yet to be done, but the initial findings were very positive and reassuring.

It is pleasing to report that the charity is still able to function successfully without taking any expenses at all out of money raised, generated or donated, meaning that the charity continues to give true value for money. All decisions made regarding spending the money are still only done following consultation with, and approval of, our indigenous advisors in Tanzania (our 'committee'), meaning that all funding goes exactly where it is needed most. Throughout the past year there were a number of issues for which the advice of the committee in Tanzania was invaluable.

The arrangements for sending money to Tanzania, from the charity bank account in the U.K. to the account in Tanzania held by the Meserani Ward Councillor Loth Naparana, has been very successful, and monitoring of this has been extremely rigorous. However, it is

disappointing to note that the Barclays bank charges for each transaction has ranged from £35 to £75 and recently waiting time to be dealt with by someone in the bank has been in excess of one hour. We have had approval from our auditor to look into using the Revolut bank to send money to Tanzania – the bank charges per transaction are fixed at about \$3.30 and their foreign exchange rates were significantly better than traditional banks. A trial transfer of \$50 has already been successfully made, and it is expected that this method will be used increasingly in the future.

The major challenge of building the new Meserani Secondary School made a significant step forward in January this year when the building work funded by the government actually started. Later in the year the charity committed to funding two dormitories and a dining/assembly hall and kitchen, so that the school would be able to be a boarding school. This was with the full approval of the government officials, and they committed to fund the ongoing costs of food, staffing and maintenance. In July this year two trustees were able to see the building work for themselves, and were very impressed with what they saw. Unfortunately, since then there has been little progress with the building work being funded by the government, and our disappointment was expressed to the government officials. We suggested that no further funding could come from the charity until building work accelerated, and reassurances are given. These reassurances have been given, and we are monitoring the situation carefully. The government still promises that the school will be open to pupils in January next year. Two trustees are due to visit Tanzania in January, and will be able to assess the situation.

Group trips to Tanzania to support the charity are now being organised following the restrictions of the Pandemic. A group of 16 employees from Virgin Media are spending ten days supporting the charity in January next year, focussing on providing solar power, water harvesting and shelving for the Meserani Secondary School. A group of 26 from a secondary school in the U.K. are spending almost three weeks in July next year engaging with the work of the charity.

Statistics

We have supported 272 young people throughout various stages of their education.

265 pupils have attended one of seven secondary schools that we have links with.

92 students have started their two years of A' Level studies.

13 students have started their two year Vocational Training Courses.

27 students have started Certificate and Diploma Courses at College or University.

61 students have started their three year Degree courses at university. Fourteen classrooms have now been built and furnished for four primary schools.

Thirty-one 5,000 litre water tanks have now been provided across four schools.

Funding was provided for completing the building of a new dormitory at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School, and the provision of 60 beds. Eighty desks and chairs have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Bunk beds for 58 pupils have been provided for Moita Boys' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been provided for four teachers' homes, all dormitories, the school office, the staffroom and a new classroom at Kipok Girls' Secondary Boarding School.

Solar power has been installed in the staff accommodation block at the Meserani Chini Medical Clinic.

Four teachers' homes at Meserani Chini School have been renovated and furnished, and water harvesting systems and full solar power systems have been installed.

A photocopier, printer, generator and TV/Video player have been provided for three schools.

Laptops and projectors have been provided for an Adult Learning Centre and a Vocational Training Centre.

Four whiteboards have been installed at three secondary schools and one Vocational Training Centre.

Three hundred trees have been planted in five schools.

Financial situation

There was an income of £54,014.31 over the financial year 2021/2022 and expenditure of £40,335 There was a balance of £159,444.14 from the previous financial year. The balance at the end of the year 2021/2022 was £173,123.36

A significant amount of this relatively healthy balance is funds raised specifically for the building project of the new Meserani Secondary School. We also need a contingency for any unexpected costs that may arise – this has been a common feature regarding our sponsorship of students, and needs of the three secondary schools and four primary schools that we support. Approximately £3,751.00 is currently in

restricted funds to fulfil specific ongoing commitments regarding the sponsorship of secondary school pupils, further education students and higher education students.

P.G. Swan
11/10/22

The Meserani Project 2021-22

Balance 5 April 2021 £159,443.14

Deposits 5 April 2021 – 4 April 2022

Secondary School	8192.80
Reserve/overpayment of School Fees	320.00
Student Sponsorship	30,718.30
Donations	5,350.86
Cor.Don	3,053.50
Gift Aid	5,951.00
Paypal	104.90
Sale of Books	322.95
Total	54,014.31

Withdrawals 5 April 2021 – 4 April 2022

Reimburse overpayment of school fees	160.00
Ebay Fraud repayment	7.56
University/High School/secondary school fees	39,763.60
Lottie Bank Charges	378.97
Reimburse Yarm School	25.00
Total	40,335.13

Summary

Balance 5 April 2021	159,444.14
Deposits 2021-22	54,014.31
Withdrawals 2021-22	40,335.13
Balance 4 April 2022	173,123.32

**Diane Swan Treasurer
July 2022**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE MESARANI PROJECT

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/22

Charity no
(if any)

1136570

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2022.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date: 18/12/22

Name:

Stuart Fallowfield

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

(if any):

Address: 36 Green Leas, Carlton, Stockton-on-tees, TS21 1EJ

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.

There are no matters that I wish to disclose.

THE MESERANI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135670

Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report for 2020/2021

It is again pleasing to report that despite the current worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic lasting longer than had been expected, and travel from the U.K. to Tanzania still not allowed, the charity has been able to continue making a significant impact in terms of its aims and objectives, and has continued to expand its impact on the Meserani community through the number of students progressing to further and higher education. By the end of 2021 there will have been 272 young people who have been supported throughout various stages of their education.

We are currently sponsoring:

17 pupils at secondary school.

7 students are in their first year of A' Level studies.

16 students are in their second year of A' Level studies.

6 students are studying certificate and diploma courses at higher education establishments.

23 students are studying degree courses at university.

10 students are expected to start degree courses at university by the end of 2021.

Although we are continuing to carefully monitor how easy it is for our university graduates to secure employment, unfortunately this has proved challenging whilst we have not been able to travel to Tanzania. However, it was pleasing to note that two of our graduates secured employment in August this year. The level of success of all our graduates will have a major impact on future decisions regarding sponsoring students to attend university.

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Since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic, in February last year, all money spent has been used directly in Tanzania, mainly for the sponsorship of students, but also to provide food for the families of the

workers at Meserani Snakepark, (this money has come from donors who have specifically requested this). Because of the logistical challenge of getting money to Tanzania, we have had to focus on these priorities, meaning that we have not been able to fund any other projects. As reported previously, the normal procedure of money being taken to Tanzania by Diane and Peter, has been replaced by money being transferred from the Barclays Bank Charity Account directly to an account at the NMB Bank, Monduli, Tanzania. This account is held by Loth Naparana, who arranges for its distribution to the relevant recipients. Further to the documents and evidence that Loth had to provide us with, we have this year also asked for official documents showing that each student had completed their previous year of study before money was handed over for their next year of study. At the request of the Trustees, Loth also had to provide us with details of security measures taken whilst the money was in transit from the bank to Meserani Snakepark.

The major challenge of building the new Meserani Secondary School appeared to make a significant step forward when in August officials from the Tanzania Government officially approved the sum of 700 million Tanzania Shillings, (approximately £233,000), to build the new school, with the school due to be 'operational' in June next year. However, work has still not started, which continues to be a disappointment to us all.

There have been no group trips to Tanzania to support the charity, since January last year - the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic has been significant in this respect. There are no school trips planned for 2022, although Virgin Media have indicated that they would like to send another group over as soon as travel is allowed.

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Financial situation

There was an income of £43,694.02 over the financial year 2020/2021 and expenditure of £27,998.67 There was a balance of £143,748.02 from the previous financial year. The balance at the end of the year 2020/2021 was £159,444.14

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AGM End of Year Accounts 2020-21
The Meserani Project 2020-21

Balance 5 April 2020 £143,748.02

Deposits 5 April 2020 – 4 April 2021

Secondary School	1768.61
Reserve/overpayment of School Fees	740.00
Student Sponsorship	30515.53
Donations	5192.74
Gift Aid	5350.00
Sale of Books	128.14
Total	43,695.02

Withdrawals 5 April 2020 – 4 April 2021

YPS Book Distribution	120.00
Lottie Bank Charges	270.21
Students College/Uni Fees	27608.46
Total	27,998.67

Summary

Balance 5 April 2020	143,748.02
Deposits 2020-21	43695.02
Withdrawals 2020-21	27998.67
Balance 4 April 2021	159,444.14

Diane Swan Treasurer
July 2020