



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2020		Day 31	Month March	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Adonai UK
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1136724
Charity's principal address	11 Roselands
	Totland Bay
	Isle of Wight
Postcode	PO39 0DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Britton	Chair		
2	Hazel Britton	Vice-Chair and Administrative Officer		
3	Sue Boardman	Finance Officer		
4	Christine Allwright	Child Sponsorship Coordinator		
5	Dina Haywood			
6	Dave Haywood			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing board of trustees in line with our trust deed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

An annual meeting is held at the end of the financial year at which policies and procedures (including financial controls) are reviewed, annual accounts presented, projects in Uganda evaluated and plans formulated for the coming financial year. As part of this meeting, trustees' roles and responsibilities are also evaluated and commitments made for the coming year.

During the year, the trustees are in regular contact with each other via email, telephone and video links. The Child Sponsorship Coordinator, Administrative Officer and Finance Officer are also in regular contact with Adonai Family Uganda. This is mainly by email but urgent messages requiring an immediate response are sent and received via WhatsApp.

All decisions re projects to be supported by Adonai UK are made jointly with the Director of Adonai Family Uganda, Pastor Aloysious Luswata.

Adonai Family Uganda (AFU) has a sister organisation Ruach Life (RL). RL is a registered Ugandan NGO. It has no official status in the UK but does have an informal support base. AFU, RL and Adonai UK have an agreement that funds from the UK for RL will be sent via the Adonai UK bank account to the AFU account and that AFU will take responsibility for the onward transfer to RL. Adonai UK keeps accurate records of money sent, the donors and the intended recipients. These details are sent to AFU when bank transfers are made. Details can be seen in a separate section of our annual accounts. Adonai UK sends these funds with a statement of intended use. The UK Ruach Life committee takes responsibility for monitoring that they are used in the intended way. This arrangement is set out clearly in our document 'Financial Procedures and Statement of Risk'.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The prevention or relief of poverty in Africa, particularly Uganda, by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in Africa, particularly Uganda, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

BACKGROUND

Adonai UK was formed primarily to support the work of Adonai Family Uganda (AFU), a Ugandan NGO based in the Wakiso District of Uganda. AFU was initially supported informally by individuals in the UK who knew the Director of AFU (Aloysius Luswata) personally. As the scope of the work in Uganda expanded, Aloysius asked if the UK support could be formalised and so Adonai UK was founded. It was registered as a UK charity in July 2010.

Adonai Family Uganda operates a Child Development Centre (The Adonai Centre) which comprises a primary school, a medical centre, and two children's homes for those with nowhere else to live. These are all situated on the same plot of land with the medical centre being open to the wider community and having a separate access road. The whole plot is surrounded by a perimeter fence. A staff accommodation block is situated nearby and a home for vulnerable teenage girls has been built on the site of the Director's home – his wife keeps a watchful eye on the girls whilst also encouraging independence. Adonai UK has contributed to all buildings and many of the projects connected to the work of Adonai Family Uganda – see 'specific projects' below.

Friends of Adonai in the U.S. have funded a safe water system which benefits not only the centre but also those living nearby.

AFU also operates micro-finance schemes in the local community giving opportunity for those in need to generate a sustainable income.

THE WORK OF ADONAI UK

Child Sponsorship Scheme

Our principal activity is long-term support through the running of a child sponsorship scheme. Details of children and young people in need are sent to our Child Sponsorship Coordinator, Christine, by the team at AFU (Adonai Family Uganda). The entire trustee board is responsible for promoting the scheme and finding potential sponsors. Christine links sponsor and sponsee, acting as the conduit for communications between them.

Sponsorship is paid monthly by standing order to the Adonai UK bank account and is then transferred bi-monthly to the Adonai Family Uganda bank account. Many sponsors also choose to send a monetary gift for their nominated child's birthday or at Christmas and this is itemised on the record of the bank transfer.

On rare occasions, sponsors are asked if they would like to contribute towards other expenses such as medical needs or specific equipment for college courses. Some sponsors elect to support their sponsee in their first steps of work by helping with initial costs.

Our Finance Officer keeps accurate records of all monies received and sends this, in spreadsheet format, to AFU when the bank transfer is made. A copy is also sent in advance to the admin officer for checking and approval.

All funds sent by Adonai UK are administered by the team at Adonai Family Uganda who ensure that individuals' needs are met as far as the finance will allow. Whilst some of the sponsored children live in the homes at The Adonai Centre, others live with extended family. In the case of the latter, the whole family is supported pastorally and immediate daily needs such as food and essential items met.

Our Child Sponsorship Scheme ensures that we meet the charitable objectives set out above with the public benefit being to the sponsored children and their families or carers.

Our activities are all dedicated to meeting our charitable objectives with the main public benefit being to the children and young people sponsored along with their immediate families/carers. Young people are given the opportunities,

support and tools to become independent adults with the capability to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient. Each year we see some of our older 'children' graduate and enter the world of work thus breaking free of the cycle of poverty although lockdowns due to Covid have been a barrier this year. The relief and prevention of poverty is the cornerstone of all we do.

Over the years, we have funded, or helped fund, the building of children's homes for those with no family to care for them, the purchase of agricultural land to help self-sufficiency and sustainability of the homes, a perimeter fence for security, and ongoing maintenance including regular replenishing of mosquito nets and mattresses. We also fund a Christmas project each year which gives widows and needy families fresh beef and sacks of rice whilst the sponsored children also receive a useful gift and enjoy a party.

Whilst most benefit is to the children and young people associated with Adonai Child Development Centre, it also extends to the wider community through the Christmas Food project, the work of the medical centre, and employment opportunities at The Adonai Centre.

COVID RESPONSE

This year has been one like no other. While we continued to run our child sponsorship scheme, our main area of concern has been support through the Covid pandemic. We ended last year's annual report by mentioning the pandemic and stating that there would be more to say this year. We had no idea at that point that it would dominate the year!

Covid reached Uganda in March 2020. Travel restrictions and a ban on social gatherings was instigated on March 18th. During the next couple of weeks, restrictions were tightened including the closing of schools and the imposition of a dusk to dawn curfew. The Adonai Schools and Children's Homes were closed and 'temporary homes' were found for the residents of the latter with trusted families.... no-one realised at this stage just how long these temporary measures would stay in place.

Lockdown restrictions were gradually eased from May 5th but schools remained closed. The struggle to feed all the children and their temporary hosts was taking a huge toll on the Adonai Family Uganda team - emotionally, physically and financially. We launched an appeal and funds rolled in from our supporters giving a much-needed boost to Aloysious and his team. Knowing that so many were thinking of them and going out of their way to help despite our own lockdown struggles in the UK, made a world of difference.

As well as supporting the Adonai families, Aloysious joined the local Covid response team which involved being on call and driving sick people to hospital; he was very tired but the benefit of being able to use his vehicle to deliver supplies was immeasurable. He and the Adonai Family members still on site (basically camping down in his and Abbi's home) used lockdown to establish new vegetable gardens and these proved invaluable when a second lockdown followed hot on the heels of the first. They also used the time to pave large areas of the school compound which otherwise turned to mud in the rain. Abbi produced home schooling materials which were distributed as far as funds and practicalities would allow. They all worked tirelessly.

Candidate classes returned to school in October 2020, 7 months after closing, but only after a £6k spend to pass an inspection on the new stringent Covid-safe operating procedures. Adonai UK was pleased to foot that bill.

Whilst impossible to have the usual Christmas party, we were determined that we would do something special. Our amazing sponsors and supporters dug deep again and we were able to fund a gift for each sponsored child chosen by the AFU team according to individual need. Most were clothes or warm blankets. Those who were able made their way to the Adonai Centre to collect their gifts whilst others were delivered by the team. We were also able to fund the Christmas bull which meant that many families had a treat of fresh beef and sacks of rice which again were either collected or delivered. What a privilege to share some Christmas cheer in this way and how wonderful our supporters are, especially given the lockdown Christmas that we endured here too.

A presidential election in January 2021 led to more challenges with violent protests and fears of food shortages. Aloysious and Abbi found themselves caught up in the protests on a routine trip to Kampala and feared for their lives. Thankfully, they both made it home safely and life returned to normal once the election was over.

A national phased return to school was instigated in January 2021. By June, all the Junior children had returned to Adonai and children were back in the safety of the residential homes. However, not all returned. Due to the long absence and the difficulties faced by the AFU team in keeping a pastoral eye on them all, lives changed for ever for some of our sponsored children. Some of the girls became parents themselves, some youngsters entered the world of work prematurely without the enhanced prospects that a good education would bring, some simply didn't return. Their sponsors were all informed.

As we end this financial year, Uganda is in the grip of a second lockdown so next year's report will take up the story. We certainly didn't expect our closing paragraph of the 2019 report to be a prelude to the next 2!

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Individuals or groups of supporters sometimes choose to raise funds for Adonai UK via coffee mornings, suppers, giving talks, selling items at tabletop sales etc. Occasionally someone will undertake a sponsored event.

Our PLI covers all such activities if undertaken in our name.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- 87 children currently being sponsored through their education
- The Christmas appeal enabled all sponsored children to receive a useful gift of clothes or blankets.
- Fresh beef was distributed to widows and the needy in the local community at Christmas with those in most need also receiving a sack of rice.
- Ongoing maintenance of the three children's homes
- £1900 sent to cover business set up costs sent for pupils who have now graduated.
- £21k sent for Covid support: essential food and medical supplies, PPE, home schooling materials.
- £6k sent to make the Adonai school Covid compliant and thus allow reopening.
- Paving slabs funded to make the compound more useable in all weathers.

Monitoring of the projects at AFU takes place via:

- Visit to AFU by trustees and other supporters (not possible during the pandemic)
- Written and photographic reports from the Director of AFU along with video calls when possible.

News and achievements are reported to Adonai UK supporters and sponsors via email updates and our Facebook page. News of individual sponsored children is given directly to the sponsor by email or occasionally in person or by telephone if an 'urgent' situation arises e.g. illness.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

N/A

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

The bulk of our funds are from the Child Sponsorship programme (see section C) and are directed towards specific children for daily needs such as education, food, medical needs. N.B. Children and families do not receive the funds directly but are included in the educational, feeding and medical care programmes administered by Adonai Family Uganda who ensure that all their needs are met. Individuals or groups of supporters sometimes choose to raise funds for Adonai UK via coffee mornings, suppers, giving talks, selling items at tabletop sales etc. See Section C. In this financial year, we also registered with Amazon Smile and Give as You Live so that funds can be raised when supporters shop online.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is kept to a minimum and comprises 2 items:

- Bank charges for the two-monthly transfer to Uganda
- Public Liability Insurance

All expenditure is from general funds NOT from child sponsorship money or events held to support a specific project. All funds given by sponsors support 'their' child and all funds raised go to the project they were raised for.

All sponsors and supporters are invited to Gift Aid their contributions and this gives a large boost to funds available.

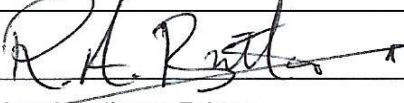
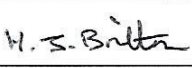
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
Full name(s)	
Richard Anthony Britton	Hazel Jean Britton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	
Chair	Secretary

Date

06/08/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

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					
Adonai-Sponsorship & Donations	1,994	30,472		32,466	31,259
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Gifts		20,955		20,955	14,658
Fund-raising-Rotations Shop				0	3,884
Fundraising-Ugandan Supper		600		600	2,140
Gift Aid Receipts	13,547	729		14,276	9,611
Covid Appeal		9,323		9,323	-
Maintenance Fund		400		400	450
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,541	62,479		78,020	62,002
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,541	62,479	-	78,020	62,002
A3 Payments					
Adonai-Sponsorship & Donations		30,716		30,716	30,056
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Donations		20,955		20,955	16,112
Building Projects				-	12,010
Medical Treatment Costs				-	1,735
Training and Tuition Fees		300		300	100
Covid Appeal	11,781	9,323		21,104	-
Maintenance Fund		400		400	450
Bank Trf Costs- UK to Uganda	150	15		165	120
Insurance	506			506	347
Shop Rent				-	525
Sub total	12,437	61,709	-	74,146	61,455
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,437	61,709	-	74,146	61,455
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,104	770	-	3,874	547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,054	2,670	-	6,724	6,177
Cash funds this year end	7,158	3,440	-	10,598	6,724

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	Cash at Bank	7,158	3,440	-
				-
				-
	Total cash funds	7,158	3,440	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

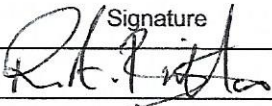
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Claim for Six months to 31.03.21	5,644	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	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
	R.A. BRITTON	06/08/21
M.S. Britton	M.S. BRITTON	06/08/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Adonai UK

On accounts for the year
ended

2020/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1136724

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

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:

Date:

9.9.21

Name:

Helen Williams

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Fairlawn House

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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.