



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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		
3	Christine Allwright	Child Sponsorship Coordinator		
4	Sue Boardman	Finance Officer		
5	Dina Haywood			
6	Dave Haywood			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees) **N/A**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information) **N/A**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information) **N/A**

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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 face to face meetings, 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. We also use video calls when possible and appropriate.

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

Adonai Family Uganda (AFU) has a sister organisation Ruach Life (RL). 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. This project is called 'Give Her A Chance'. Adonai UK has contributed to all buildings and many of the projects connected to the work of Adonai Family Uganda – see 'specific projects' below.

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 individual 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. 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, the second stage of the safe water project, 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 receive a useful gift and enjoy a party or attend a motivational camp.

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.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT: APRIL 2022 – END OF MARCH 2023

We finished our last annual report by saying that schools had finally reopened in January 2022 after almost 2 years of closure due to Covid. We had just received the class lists and were delighted to see that most of our sponsored children had returned to school. Sadly, this was not the case more widely in the school; Covid has left a sad legacy of children being thrust into the adult world prematurely without the gift of a good education to help them find a way out of poverty. We are incredibly grateful to our child sponsors for continuing their support during the long two years – many more children may have found their education and childhood ended abruptly without this support.

DROUGHT AND FOOD SHORTAGES

The amazing support of our sponsors and supporters during the Covid years ensured that Aloysious and team could feed the families associated with Adonai. As well as buying food, they purchased seeds to plant more crops and make Adonai even more self-sufficient. The farm at Mubende and the 'Lockdown Gardens' at Adonai produced a good harvest earlier in 2022 and not only were the families fed but excess food was sold to raise more funds.

Alas, just as things were starting to feel settled a severe drought across East Africa in late spring/early summer of 2022 made it impossible to plant new crops as early as hoped following the harvest and so food had to be bought for longer than expected. Prices already inflated by Covid rose even more due to the War in Ukraine and shortages caused by the drought. Things got really tough... thankfully, we were able to send £5000 in August to purchase more supplies and get things back on an even keel (although not before Aloysious had traded in his phone for beans after going without them for 3 days).

Planting began in earnest once the rains started and the team looked forward to

another good harvest in the Autumn but once again they were beset by difficulties. Ebola hit. The initial outbreak was in the district of Mubende... and that is where the farm is. Schools closed early (but thankfully after the P6 Leaving exams) and travel was restricted so access to the farm was near impossible. However, as with Covid there was exemption for trucks so we were able to fund the hire of one to fetch the bountiful harvest. A huge relief all round.

The Ebola outbreak was declared officially over on January 11th. All restrictions were removed so travel to the farm at Mubende became much easier and a bountiful harvest was collected and taken to Adonai for distribution. The harvest was collected on January 26th and comprised 30 sacks of maize 🌽 and 8.5 sacks of Irish potatoes 🥔. Each sack weighed about 12kg.

THEN CAME THE RAIN

The drought was followed by a period of very heavy rain which although welcome in many ways also caused its own problems. The 'new' Give Her A Chance home for older girls was a casualty. With only one storey currently constructed, the flat roof was no match for the rain and significant water damage occurred.

Christine, our child sponsorship coordinator, visited the Adonai Centre in October and saw the water damage for herself. Her report confirmed that this building should be our main project for the start of 2023 and we are delighted to report that following an appeal for funds, a second storey is under construction and the current one has been made water-tight. Approx. £11,000 was raised and sent via this appeal.

Unlike the other homes, this one is on the site of Aloysious and Abbi's family home rather than at the main Adonai Centre. The 'Give Her A Chance' project is intended to provide food, shelter, safe water, and a loving home to young girls aged 13 to 19 who are in need of a safe refuge. They have the opportunity to further their education and to receive technical, spiritual, and mental support, and to gain skills of self-reliance.

WATER PROJECT

Phase 2 of the water project that we reported on last year also encountered delays and problems. Covid, the sudden death of a key worker of the contractor, vandalism.... however, work did recommence, and we are delighted to report that phase 2, safe water for Buddo and the surrounding district, is complete. Again, Christine was able to see the system in action and reported her delight in seeing children able to fill a cup with clean water from a tap, rather than trekking to a bore hole.

CHRISTMAS 2022 AT ADONAI

This year it was Ebola rather than Covid threatening the Christmas celebrations. However, we are pleased to report that with all appropriate permissions granted, Aloysious and team were able to host a camp to which all sponsored children were invited. There was much fun and feasting but also counselling, learning, and thanksgiving. As usual, Adonai UK footed the major part of the bill for this.

BETTER THINGS FOR 2023!

We sincerely hope that the coming year will be one of moving forward rather than fire-fighting emergency situations such as Covid, Ebola and Drought -- although we are aware that nothing can be taken for granted.

We were delighted that Christine, our child sponsorship coordinator was able to visit Adonai in Autumn 2022, just prior to the Ebola outbreak. As well as the school and children's homes, she was able to visit the new Skill Centre funded by one of our sponsors where young adults can learn tailoring – vocational training to allow them to access the world of work and become independent. The report also includes updates on other projects at Adonai that we don't directly support but are delighted to see going well.

As we write this report, we eagerly await a visit to the UK by Pastor Aloysious Luswata in May 2023 when we will be able to meet with him in person to ascertain progress and priorities for the coming year. We will report on that visit next year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

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 such as bike rides, runs, or abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower. Our PI covers all such activities if undertaken in our name.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- 68 children are currently being sponsored.
- 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.
- A motivational camp was funded with the knock-on effect that all children who attended made the decision to return to school in January.
- Ongoing maintenance of the three children's homes.
- £11,400 sent for the Give Her A Chance Project to protect and equip older girls to enable them to be self-sufficient.
- £5200 for food help following the Ebola lockdown and high food prices.

Monitoring of the projects at AFU takes place via:

- Visits to AFU by trustees and other supporters – a trustee visited in Autumn 2022
- 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, our website adonaiuk.org, 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, food 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.

We run appeals for specific projects e.g. food when the Ebola lockdown and world economies resulted in restricted access to the Adonai farm and high prices in local stores. Our latest appeal is for the 'Give Her A Chance' project. Appeals are via email, Facebook, website and word of mouth.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is kept to a minimum and comprises 2 items:

- Bank charges for the two-monthly transfer to Uganda (£15 per transfer during the time of this report)
- Public Liability Insurance

All expenditure is covered 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. Some supporters donate regularly to general funds.

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



N/A

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)	CHRISTINE MARGARET AWWRIGHT	RICHARD ANTHONY BRITTON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHILD SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR	CHAIR
Date	10/6/23	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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	2,747	29,470		32,217	30,431
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Gifts		7,976		7,976	6,595
Training and Tuition Fees		2,050		2,050	2,150
Building Projects		1,500		1,500	4,000
Amazon Smile/Give as you Live	48			48	47
Gift Aid Receipts	8,268			8,268	9,986
Covid/Food Help		2,200		2,200	13,068
Maintenance Fund		240		240	400
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,063	43,436		54,499	66,677
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,063	43,436	-	54,499	66,677
A3 Payments					
Adonai-Sponsorship & Donations		29,765		29,765	27,457
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Donations		7,976		7,976	6,595
Training and Tuition Fees		2,050		2,050	2,150
Building Project	10,700	705		11,405	9,500
Covid/ Food Help	4,000	1,200		5,200	23,076
Maintenance Fund		240		240	400
Bank Trf Costs- UK to Uganda	195			195	135
Insurance	243			243	505
Sub total	15,138	41,936		57,074	69,818
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,138	41,936	-	57,074	69,818
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,075	1,500	-	2,575	3,141
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,217	3,240		7,457	10,598
Cash funds this year end	142	4,740		4,882	7,457

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	142	4,740	-
				-
				-
				-
	Total cash funds	142	4,740	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

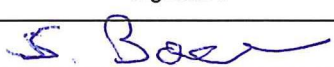
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Claim for Six months to 31.03.23	4,252	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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
	S. BOARDMAN	10.9.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ADDONAI UK

On accounts for the year
ended

MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1136724

Set out on pages

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

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:

22.8.2023

Name:

GRAHAM SHORWOOD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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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.