



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023	<b>To</b>	Day 31	Month 03	Year 2024

### 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		
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 Aloysious 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. At the time of writing, 70 children are sponsored through Adonai UK.

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.

### **Public Benefit**

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 2023 – END OF MARCH 2024**

We ended our last report with a section entitled 'BETTER THINGS FOR 2023!' with the hope that another year of 'firefighting' crises such as Covid, Ebola and drought would be replaced with one of moving forward – and it certainly was! We also stated that we were eagerly awaiting a visit to the UK by Pastor Aloysious Luswata in May 2023 and that we would report on that visit in this report.... read on!

Aloysious attended a church conference in the UK in May, a trip funded by his group of churches in Uganda. He was able to extend the stay to visit the Adonai UK trustees and supporters and much fruitful discussion ensued. He was accompanied by Phiona Nassiwa, one of the leaders at Adonai Family Uganda. Unfortunately visa delays meant she was unable to make the conference but she did manage her visit to Adonai UK.

Meet and Greet days were organised in 2 locations so that child sponsors and supporters could hear updates on the work in Uganda from the people on the ground and have the opportunity to ask any questions. It was encouraging to hear stories of young adults who had been sponsored as children now holding down responsible jobs and giving back to the community that supported them. The Adonai UK trustees were able to meet with Aloysious and Phiona informally and individually as well as at a more formal meeting with all in attendance. All meetings were fruitful and fed into some strategic discussion. Two major actions were to fund the next phase of construction at the Give Her a Chance home for older girls and to increase the monthly suggested donations for child sponsorship. We also agreed to fund a new laptop for Aloysious but in the event, one was donated by an attendee at one of the sessions. That individual has now become an important member of the Adonai team, using his extensive



experience of working with businesses and non-profit organisations to offer strategic planning advice to Aloysious. He also liaises with Adonai UK.

In October, we had a very pleasant surprise with a brief but incredibly welcome second visit from Aloysious. He had been to Northern Ireland and Canada re-establishing connections lost after Covid. A meeting with all trustees, the Patron and the advisor previously mentioned was even more fruitful than that earlier in the year. We were informed that AFU had taken quite a financial hit after Covid with U.S. support virtually drying up – hence this overseas trip to try and rekindle it. We all agreed a strategic approach whereby no new major projects would be undertaken but current ones would be optimised. It was also made clear that the Adonai UK child sponsorship scheme was the backbone of overseas support as it arrived regularly. We agreed to expand this as much as was practically manageable.

However, we were also told that AFU was in danger of losing the ‘Lockdown Gardens’ – the plot of land leased during Covid when travel to the main farmland was restricted. We agreed to fundraise to try to buy this but before even starting, the funds came in from one of our own. After a tense few weeks of a bidding war, the land was secured for AFU.

Another issue raised during the October meeting was that of a reliable internet connection. Not only was this needed for internal AFU affairs but also to improve communication with us. It was agreed that research would be done by both parties and as a result, a new supporter was found who now funds the monthly payments for a new, more stable internet connection at AFU.

In November, a team from the UK headed up by our patron, visited Uganda spending most of their time at Adonai. A report on this visit can be found on our website at <https://www.adonaiuk.org/jajja-penny-in-uganda/>. The team undertook practical tasks such as painting and decorating as well as teaching in the school and meeting sponsored children. They also visited the lockdown gardens and saw for themselves the new water system detailed in previous reports and the progress on the Give Her A Chance Home.

As usual, we funded Christmas celebrations for both the Adonai sponsored children and those in need in the community. Gifts and a camp for the sponsored children, fresh beef and sacks of rice for families, all accompanied by joy and hope.

In February 2024 we launched an appeal for beds – both the Give Her A Chance home and the newly constructed boys home, funded by supporters in the U.S., were in need of more. The appeal was successful and new beds arrived in the nick of time for the start of term.

As part of the strategic planning, it was agreed that AFU would work towards restarting the microfinance projects (revolving loans) and pig breeding projects that all collapsed during Covid. Adonai UK agreed to help kick start these with finance. A parents meeting was held at Adonai in March. Our next annual report should include the outcome of this meeting with a timeline for implementation.

Exciting times!

#### **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.

When members of the Adonai Family Uganda team paid us a visit in May 2023, craft sales were held at the various events they attended.

Occasionally someone will undertake a sponsored event such as bike rides, runs, or abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower. Our PLI 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**

- 70 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 including £6600 for beds and mattresses
- £17,000 sent for purchase of agricultural land
- £8500 for the next stage of building on the Give Her A Chance home

Monitoring of the projects at AFU takes place via:

- Visits to AFU by trustees and other supporters – a team visited in November 2023
- 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](https://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. beds and mattresses as mentioned in sections C and D.

#### 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

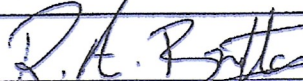
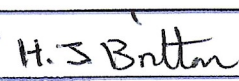
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

	
RICHARD BRITTON	HAZEL JEAN BRITTON
CHAIR	VICE - CHAIR

Date

10/11/24





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Adonai UK

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2023

To

Period end date  
31/03/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Adonai-Sponsorship & Donations	4,289	28,336	-	32,625	32,217
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Gifts		7,101	-	7,101	7,976
Training and Tuition Fees		1,075	-	1,075	2,050
Uganda Trip		3,485		3,485	0
Building Works		44,443	-	44,443	1,500
Amazon Smile/Give as you Live	135	-	-	135	48
Gift Aid Receipts	11,873	-	-	11,873	8,268
Food Help		140	-	140	2,200
Maintenance Fund		240	-	240	240
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,297</b>	<b>84,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,117</b>	<b>54,499</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,297</b>	<b>84,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,117</b>	<b>54,499</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Adonai-Sponsorship & Donations	2,435	28,336	-	30,771	29,765
Ruach Life-Sponsorship & Donations		7,101	-	7,101	7,976
Training and Tuition Fees		1,075	-	1,075	2,050
Uganda Trip		6,225		6,225	-
Building Works	11,447	45,933	-	57,380	11,405
Food Help		140	-	140	5,200
Maintenance Fund		240	-	240	240
Bank Trf Costs- UK to Uganda	180		-	180	195
Insurance	247	-	-	247	243
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,309</b>	<b>89,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,359</b>	<b>57,074</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>14,309</b>	<b>89,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,359</b>	<b>57,074</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>- 4,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,242</b>	<b>- 2,575</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,882</b>	<b>7,457</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>4,882</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	2,130	510	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,130	510	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid Claim for Six months to 31.03.24	5,653	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	H. S. Butler	HAZEL JEAN BRITTON	10/11/26	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Adonai UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31.3.24

Charity no  
(if any)

1136724

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.03.2024.

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: M. Thompson

Date: 30/11/24

Name: MARGARET THOMPSON

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body