

Report of the Trustees for Spirit of Africa charity (1141351) Year ending August 12th 2023

The Charity's work

The charity operates in the Valley of a Thousand Hills in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa. Our current project is called Ithembalihle, which means; "place of hope." We have a dormitory building and a Pre-school at our project. Accommodation for the NGO supervisor and her family.

The pre-school was built by the charity, along with the aid of volunteers from another South African, UK based, charity. We funded the running of the pre-school from 2013, but now it has been registered by the local authority and is now totally run and funded by the South African government.

We currently have 14 children staying on the project. Thandiwe Sibya who operates the project, under a South African registered NGO lives permanently on the property. Until this year we have had a permanent, live in House mother. Now that several of our children are 17 years of age, we no longer have a live in Housemother. We have house help and a cook who help out with washing and general cleaning several times a week.

In order to create independence in the children they are encouraged to do their own washing, help with the cooking and cleaning. Because they are still at school, they require help from the house help.

Some of our children stay with us permanently and are orphaned, other children, On occasions, do visit a family member during the school holidays.

We send our children to two different schools. Most of the children attend Sankontshe primary. One child attends Marion Hill Primary in PZB.

We have a 9-seater vehicle, which we bought in 2019 to transport the children back and forth to school.

The charity pays for all uniforms and school fees, where required.

The charity pays for all the staff that works on site at Ithembalihle. All money is sent via Torfx into Thandiwe Sibya's NGO account.

Everything at the project: education, food, children's clothing, and general Maintenance, gas, electricity, vehicle repairs etc. is paid for by the charity. We believe all children have the right to have a home, a safe place to live, and Good health care, access to education and to be loved. The charity enables all of The mentioned to be provided.

Where our money comes from

A local church has committed to sponsor us for 3 years. We are now into the 3rd year of that agreement. The donation is approximately £1000 per annum

A UK based South African, children's charity does gift us £500- £1000 when we are involved in fund raising campaigns to improve the facilities at Ithemabalihle. We organize online and events raffles and a bonus ball game to raise money. We sell African goods at craft fairs. We have dinner and live band events, an annual garden party, accessory parties etc.

We have regular individual sponsors, which now account for a third of our income. We have people who make a one off donation through out the year.

How we have spent our money

A monthly payment is made to the project to cover all of the regular expenses that is incurred at Ithembalihle. The monthly payment varies between £800 and £1,500 depending on the rate of exchange and any extra expenditure, incurred, in that month. Extra expenditure may include extra payments for school uniform, repairs to the buildings, vehicle repairs or general maintenance.

We send monthly contributions to Ithembalihle, via Torfx money, to Thandiwe who is the Registered representative of the NGO in S. Africa.

Thandiwe then pays the:

House help, cook and any contractor carrying out repairs. The rest of the monthly payment is used for:

Gas, electricity, food, petrol, medical expenses and cleaning materials.

School fees, uniforms, graduation, Christmas parties, gifts, vehicle insurance and car Tax. Repairs are paid at the same time as the general budget or in separate payments.

Since our last report a kitchen for the Pre-school was built by local personnel and paid for by SOA

2022-23 we financed an extension of the existing dormitory, which now has two floors. The boys occupy upstairs the girls downstairs.

The £500 per month for an interest free loan for our vehicle, ended May 2023

We have had several bouts of flooding since our last report. In response to climate changes and increased danger of flooding we have also managed to build flood defenses since our last report. The defenses were walls and drainage.

We have annual charity insurance and licenses to pay.

A new electricity box system has been updated.

A Trustee visit to the project is financed by the charity.

Aims met since our last report

1) To generate sufficient funds to commence a new dormitory building for the Girls only. **Extension complete**

2) The Pre-school has now been registered for three years but, we are yet to receive any funding from government. The local authority will be pursued for a regular Income for our Preschool children. **Funding now met by S. African government**

3) To install a wall behind the pre-school to prevent further flooding. To install field Drains to prevent further flooding. **Completed**

4) Lay carpet in the Pre-school and flooring in the new kitchen. **Completed**

5) Supply and fit tanks for the storage of water. **Completed**

Future Aims

1) To concentrate on saving funds to replace our ageing vehicle

2) To encourage further independence in our older children.

3) To enhance the education of our children. Education has been lost due to Covid. Teacher's strikes and this year school closures because of having no water supply in the whole of the valley for months at a time.

Currently sourcing Saturday schooling.

4) To consolidate funds after two years of building expenses.

5) To continue to support the project while looking towards a future exit strategy as our children gain their independence.

Financial position

The aim of the charity is to always have a 9-12 months charity spending in the bank.

Report compiled by Carol Tree (Chair Trustee) and witnessed by Clive Barr Trustees.

Date April 2024



Statement of Income & Expenditure to 14th August 2023

	£	£	£
Donations			
Donations Gift Aided			12860.00
Donations Non Gift Aided			6094.63
HMRC Gift Aid Repayment			4765.75
Amazon Smile			7.37
Fund Raising			
Garden Party			659.97
Sponsored Runs			3165.81
Bonus Ball			1955.18
May Event			288.06
Café 19			285.85
Raffle			2857.60
Christmas Cards			10.00
Sale of African Goods			
Sales		2511.32	
Opening Stock	416.00		
Add Purchases	760.08		
Less Closing Stock	300.00		
Cost of goods sold		876.08	
Profit on sale of African Goods			1635.24
Gross Interest Savings Account			
Total Income			<u>34585.46</u>
Expenditure			
iThembalhle Core Costs		8314.09	
Education		2208.38	
Pre School		0.00	
Car Insurance & Licence		1162.81	
Car Repairs & Service		3821.01	
Petrol		1449.80	
Taxi		541.36	
Travel & Accommodation		1481.22	
Building Repairs & Improvements		7744.12	
Great North Run		581.00	
Charity Insurance		320.27	
Web Site		85.04	
Depreciation of car		1964.78	
			<u>29673.88</u>
Net Income (Loss)			<u><u>4911.58</u></u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

SPIRIT OF AFRICA

On accounts for the year
ended

14/08/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1141351

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

M. J. Bottomley

Date:

22/4/24

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qualification(s) or body

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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.

N/A