



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2020
Period end date

Period start date To 31 December 2020

Charity name: Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund

Charity registration number: 1145569

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Trust are to provide humanitarian and material assistance to relieve suffering in Zimbabwe amongst the poor, the dispossessed and victims of political violence and their families, to assist with the rebuilding of communities through projects that enable them to become self-supporting and to support those who are working in that country to the same ends.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trust's charitable purpose is contained in its objectives and activities and public benefit is realised primarily through the provision of feeding schemes and local agricultural training projects in Zimbabwe.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 in that they have had regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund and its Purposes</p> <p>During 2020, the ZVSF Trustees in the UK, working with our partners and colleagues in Zimbabwe, have continued to supply food aid to the people of Matabeleland. The 2020 maize harvest was over 1,000,000 tonnes short of the accepted minimum annual requirement. Many Zimbabweans were therefore in a crisis situation without sufficient food to meet their daily needs. The situation was exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic which hit people living in urban areas particularly severely as it deprived them of opportunities to participate in the cash economy. There was little evidence of the major relief agencies working in Matabeleland and the privations of the region were intensified by the corruption which is endemic within the Zimbabwean economy. The Zimbabwean dollar continued to lose value against the American dollar and maize stocks within Zimbabwe were exhausted by the end of the year. This necessitated the import of maize from South Africa at considerably inflated prices.</p> <p>A nearly new pick up truck had to be purchased in November 2020 so that the mealie meal distribution programme could be sustained. We were also asked to support the emergency feeding of very young children by importing a product called ePap from South Africa. Otherwise, we remitted sufficient funds to the team in Bulawayo to purchase 406 tonnes of mealie meal – 46% more than in 2019, which was already a record year. Pastor Albert Chatindo is responsible for the vast bulk of the food distributed, supplying 10 kg of food per family per month to people in Gwanda, Plumtree South, Beit Bridge, Masvingo,</p>

		<p>Mazwi, Killarney, Spring Farm and Heaney Junction. We also supplied primary schools in Lupane with mealie meal when they were not closed because of Covid. As in previous years, 20 tonnes went to Hillside Methodist Church for onward distribution to the needy of Bulawayo, including the Island Hospice, Bulawayo Shelter and a hospice run by Youth for Christ.</p> <p>Research and Consultation The Trustees remain in close contact with the partners and colleagues in Bulawayo so that they are aware of local developments. They also monitor Zimbabwean on-line publications and take into account such research as is published by FEWS Net (Famine Early Warning Systems Network – funded by US Aid) – which substantiate the reports of our colleagues. From time to time, one of our Trustees has visited Zimbabwe with a view to ensuring that ZVSF's modus operandi is in line with the needs of the people of Matabeleland. The last such visit took place in September 2018.</p> <p>Advocacy and Information The Trustees have continued to post relevant information on the ZVSF website in order to communicate with those British people interested in and concerned about the plight of Zimbabweans. They have also opened a Facebook page which focuses on the work of ZVSF in Zimbabwe. They distribute to past and present donors bi-annual reports on the activities of ZVSF, and they promote the work of the Charity whenever and wherever possible by presentations, conversations and digital communications.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust ended the year in a strong financial position despite having funded the purchase of a pick up truck in Zimbabwe..
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees review the adequacy of its reserves on an ongoing basis to enable them to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to make the necessary transfers to Zimbabwe. The trust employs no staff and the administration costs are low so the trustees do not consider it necessary to withhold funds for these purposes.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At 31 December 2020 the reserves amounted to £37,117 – this sum was represented by funds in the Trust's bank account.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Prospective trustees are invited to attend a meeting of the trustees to familiarise themselves with the work of ZVSF. They are given a copy of the Trust Deed and a copy of the latest report and statement of accounts.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund works with a team of colleagues and volunteers in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (referred to as ZSF) for the purpose of managing the monies transferred to Zimbabwe. They agree the allocation of these monies to different projects and ensure that the monies are spent for the specified purposes.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund
Other name the charity uses	ZVSF
Registered charity number	1145569
Charity's principal address	Hazel Farm Main Street Preston Oakham Rutland LE15 9NJ

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	Graham Shaw	Chair		ZVSF Trustees
2	Graham Matthews	Treasurer		ZVSF Trustees
3	Christopher Sworn	Secretary		ZVSF Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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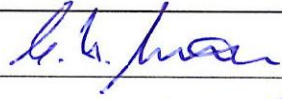
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CHRISTOPHER HOWARD SWORN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	2 August 2021	

Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year to 31 December 2020

2019 £		2020 £
	RECEIPTS	
97,693	Donations & Fundraising	123,459
11	Interest received	9
<u>7,234</u>	Gift aid refund	<u>9,419</u>
104,933		132,887
	PAYMENTS	
75,036	Distributions to Zimbabwe – general	137,674
551	Finance Costs	570
<u>133</u>	Administration & Support UK	<u>282</u>
75,720		138,526
<u>29,218</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(5,639)</u>
13,533	FUNDS brought forward	42,756
<u>42,756</u>	FUNDS carried forward	<u>37,117</u>

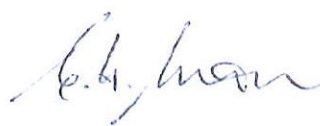
The funds carried forward at 31 December 2020 (and 31 December 2019) are represented by cash at bank.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Hon Treasurer

Date 10 July 2021



Trustee

Date 10 July 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund ("ZVSF")

I report on the accounts of ZVSF for the year to 31 December 2020, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8 July 2021