

NAKURU CHILDREN'S PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1145739

Details

Other names NCP

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2012-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Bristol
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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PREVENT AND RELIEVE POVERTY AND DESTITUTION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN KENYA AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE.2. TO ADVANCE, PROMOTE AND ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION OF PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25 YEARS IN KENYA.3. THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25 IN KENYA BY THE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

Activities: We relieve poverty and improve education for children and young adults in Nakuru, Kenya. We work together with public primary schools to run three main projects. These are classroom construction, a food programme whereby the poorest children receive free school lunches, and a sponsorship programme providing the school fees for the poorest and most vulnerable children to attend to secondary school.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kenya

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£56,160	£59,728	-	-
2023-08-31	£37,647	£49,484	-	-
2022-08-31	£60,677	£52,056	-	-
2021-08-31	£61,875	£35,370	-	-
2020-08-31	£44,668	£78,684	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNEMARIEKE BLANKESTEIN		2012-02-02
REBECCA SIDDALL		2012-02-02
Zoe Kelland		2012-02-02

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Nakuru Children's Project
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1145739
Charity's principal address	36 Wellington Walk
	Henleaze
	Bristol
Postcode	BS10 5ET

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	Rebecca Siddall			
2	Zoe Kelland			
3	Annemarieke Blanckstein			
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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
Financial	Percy Kelland	36 Wellington Walk, Henleaze, Bristol BS10 5ET

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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust deed.
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust.
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by existing trustees.

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>To prevent and relieve poverty and destitution for children and young adults and their families in Kenya as the trustees shall determine.</p> <p>To advance, promote and assist in the provision of education of people under the age of 25 years in Kenya.</p>
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The protection and promotion of good health of children and young people under the age of 25 in Kenya by the particular but not exclusively by the provision of medical services.

Our main activities taken in 2023-2024 were as follows:

- **Free school meals:** we provided 200 children with hot lunches at Nyathuna Primary School and 58 children with nutritious porridge at Muriundu Primary School on a daily basis — supporting health, attendance, social wellbeing and academic results.
- **Secondary sponsorship:** we supported 66 students in secondary education, paying school fees, buying uniforms, books, boarding items and school meals, and providing psychological support through our social worker.
- **Future scale:** we constructed a kitchen, hall, office, site house, and permanent toilet block, and installed water and solar powered electricity on our land in preparation to scale our activities in coming years.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

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.

N/A.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have been proud to continue providing free school meals to 200 children at Nyathuna Primary School — offering a hot, nutritious lunch to pupils who would otherwise go without. The newest intake of children to this programme included pupils who are orphaned or abandoned, from single-parent households, and where parents are jobless or reliant on casual labour.

“These are kids who have seen it rough and the feeding programme offered them the hope they desperately needed. The promise of a plate of food every day has been an inspiration for the kids to come to school on a daily basis.” — Ruth Wairimu, teacher and programme manager.

The cost of living in Kenya continued to rise during this period, with teachers observing the increasingly tough situations families are facing, often with limited or no food in their homes. In this context, we are ever more grateful to be able to support children with a reliable meal at school.

In addition, we continue to supply hot nutritious porridge to 58 nursery and special needs children at Muriundu Primary School. This porridge, delivered at morning breacktime, helps to boost health, school attendance, and social wellbeing.

“This has given hope, joy and gratitude to the pupils. This is evident when you see them happily rushing to the cook during porridge time.” — Teacher, Muriundu Primary School.

Over this financial year, we provided an estimated 37,000 meals and 10,000 cups of porridge in addition to supplying wages for four cooks, offering a fair wage with which to support their families.

Our secondary school sponsorship programme has grown from strength to strength, with 210 students supported in total by August 2024, including a new intake of 16 young people who joined Form 1 in January 2024.

“My son and I are very glad. We are so thankful. We are saying thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts” — Mama Derrick upon her son joining the sponsorship programme, January 2024.

In December 2023, we celebrated the graduation of 10 students completing their Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education. Since our sponsorship programme began in 2011, we have helped 130 young people to achieve this qualification.

“I am writing this letter to send my hearty gratitudes for standing with me through my four years in high school. Thank you so much for paying my school fees without any delays. My time in school has been smooth since not even once have I been sent home for school fees. You made my dream of continuing with my studies complete. I am so much grateful” — Ivy, KCSE graduate, January 2024.

We made significant steps towards our vision to launch a community kitchen from our own land — breaking ground on construction on 30 August 2023. In this financial year we have:

- Built a site office to act as a permanent residence for our project manager/security manager for the site;
- Constructed a food distribution centre including a kitchen, office, hall, septic tank and permanent toilet block;

Section D

Achievements and performance

- Installed solar-powered electricity and connected the site to mains water supply.

In addition, since purchasing the land in May 2020 we have grown 2000kg of maize to supply free school meals at Nyathuna Primary School.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We reviewed our financial reserves policy in September 2023 and maintained our reserve levels at £31,000. This is designed to cover nine months' of our free school meals programme at our partner schools, the wages of our social worker for four months, and the immediate cash flow needs of our sponsorship programme. Our reserves policy aims to safeguard the interests of our beneficiaries by minimising the risks associated with any unplanned reduction in income, or closure. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with our financial year.

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.

N/A.

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)	Zoe Kelland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	26 May 2025	



Nakuru Childrens Project		1145739		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-23	To	Period end date 31-Aug-24	

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	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					
Voluntary donations	15,825	21,541		37,366	37,647
Gift aid reclaim	18,794	-	-	18,794	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,619	21,541	-	56,160	37,647
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,619	21,541	-	56,160	37,647
A3 Payments					
Food programme	17,013	1,100	-	18,113	14,125
Child sponsorship- secondary education		30,887	-	30,887	22,458
School classroom construction costs	-	-	-	-	7
Other construction costs	-	-	-	-	-
Land development	573	7,501	-	8,074	10,869
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable costs	2,009	-	-	2,009	1,366
Bank fees and website costs	646	-	-	646	658
Sub total	20,240	39,488	-	59,728	49,484
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,240	39,488	-	59,728	49,484
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,379	- 17,947	-	- 3,568	- 11,837
A5 Transfers between funds	- 17,947	17,947	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,494	- 0	-	45,494	57,331
Cash funds this year end	41,927	- 0	-	41,927	45,494

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	Barclays Bank account	41,927	- 0	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	41,927	- 0	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-

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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

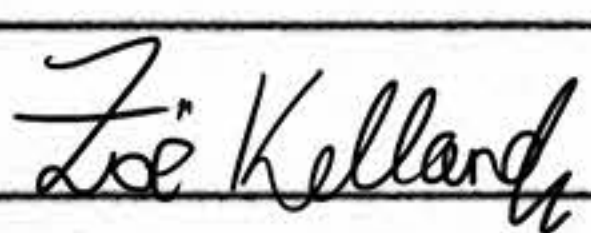
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities

Details	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
	ZOE KELLAND	26/06/2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nakuru Childrens Project

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out above.

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
- 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
- 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.


 Robert J Bromley FCA
 Chartered Accountant
 28 Dongola Road, Bristol BS7 9HP

Nakuru Childrens' Project- registered charity number 1145739

Receipts and payments accounts

Year number	16	15	14	13
Year ended	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary donations	2,869	37,366	37,647	53,929
Gift aid reclaim		18,794		6,749
Total income	2,869	56,160	37,647	60,677
PAYMENTS				
Classroom construction	0	0	7	452
Kitchen construction	0	0	0	0
Dining shelter construction	0	0	0	0
Land purchase	0	0	864	311
Land operating expenses	0	132		
Agriculture	0	441	261	98
Site house	0	0	0	2,574
Toilet	0	0	0	1,608
"New" kitchen construction	0	7,501	9,744	
Covid 19	0	0	0	0
Total construction costs	0	8,074	10,876	5,043
Food programme	0	18,113	14,125	16,369
Child sponsorship	1,321	30,887	22,458	27,911
Other charitable spend	18	2,009	1,366	2,006
Total charitable spend	1,339	59,082	48,826	51,330
Bank fees and website	36	646	658	727
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,374	59,728	49,484	52,056
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,495	-3,568	-11,837	8,621
OPENING BANK BALANCE	41,927	45,494	57,331	48,710
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	43,421	41,927	45,494	57,331
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR				
Bank balance	43,421	41,927	45,494	57,331
Representing Retained funds to date	43,421	41,927	45,494	57,331
Bank control check				
Balance per above	43,421	41,927	45,494	57,331
Balance per statement	43,421	41,927	45,494	57,331
Difference	0	0	0	0
Restricted funds re schooling sponsorship				
	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance	0	0	0	-864
Income	2,691	19,863	19,515	22,652
Expenditure	1,321	30,887	22,458	27,911
Movement for year before transfers	1,371	-11,024	-2,943	-5,259
Transfer from unrestricted funds		11,024	2,943	6,122
Transfer to Covid fund				
Closing balance	1,371	0	0	0
Restricted funds re construction projects				
	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance	0	0	7,641	10,000
Income	39	582	1,505	1,823
Expenditure	0	7,501	9,744	4,182
Movement for year before transfers	39	-6,918	-8,239	-2,359
Transfer from unrestricted funds		6,919	598	
Closing balance	39	0	0	7,641
Restricted food income				
	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
	100.00	1,100.00	600.00	1,876.63
Restricted Covid 19 funds				
Opening balance	0	0	0	1,408
Income	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Movement for year before transfers	0	0	0	0
Transfer from unrestricted funds				-1,408
Transfer from schooling sponsorship				
Closing balance	0	0	0	0
Total restricted funds	1,410	0	0	7,641
Income by country				
	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
The Netherlands		3,008	3,219	13,369
UK	2,869	53,152	34,428	47,309
Total	2,869	56,160	37,647	60,677
Total per above summary	2,869	56,160	37,647	60,677
Difference	0	0	0	0



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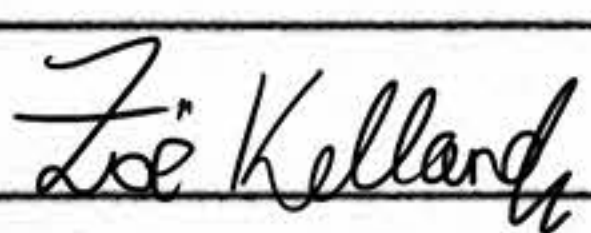
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Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Movement for year before transfers	0	0	0	0
Transfer from unrestricted funds				-1,408
Transfer from schooling sponsorship				
Closing balance	0	0	0	0
Total restricted funds	1,410	0	0	7,641
Income by country				
	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
The Netherlands		3,008	3,219	13,369
UK	2,869	53,152	34,428	47,309
Total	2,869	56,160	37,647	60,677
Total per above summary	2,869	56,160	37,647	60,677
Difference	0	0	0	0

NAKURU CHILDREN'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145739

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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The protection and promotion of good health of children and young people under the age of 25 in Kenya by the particular but not exclusively by the provision of medical services.

In the context of a rising cost-of-living crisis, we were proud to continue and expand our programmes — our main activities being as such:

- **Free school meals:** every school day, we provided a hot lunch to 200 pupils at Nyathuna Primary School, and a nutritious cup of porridge to 58 pupils at Muriundu Primary School. These programmes support children from low-income, special needs, and other vulnerable backgrounds, increasing school attendance, improve health and driving improved academic performance.
- **Secondary student sponsorship:** we helped 62 students to attend and excel in secondary education, by paying school fees, purchasing uniform, books, and other essentials, and providing guidance and emotional support through our social worker and holiday programme. As of August 2023, we had supported a total of 194 students to attend secondary education.
- **Future scale:** we continued to invest time and funding into our plans for a community kitchen, with the goal of providing 3,000 meals every week by 2025. This includes working with local and national authorities to secure the right permissions to proceed with our plans, and laying groundwork for construction to begin in August 2023.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

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.

N/A.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year, our free school meals programme at Nyathuna Primary School grew to provide hot lunch to 200 pupils every school day: a rise in demand driven by high inflation on food prices across the country.

“Before they started having meals at school, a good number of these pupils used to miss school frequently as a result of hunger and poverty in their homes. This can be attested by the way their condition looks when resuming school after long vacations...most of them suffer a lot during such time and their health looks deteriorated by the time they come back.” — Mr Maina, teacher at Nyathuna Primary School.

We are proud to have expanded the programme in the light of an increasingly difficult context for Kenyan families: by November 2022, food inflation stood at 15% — a huge uptick in the cost of living that placed unimaginable pressure on parents who were already struggling in the aftermath of the pandemic.

“Many kids are solely dependent on the feeding programme providing a meal that is heavy enough to last to the next day, since some miss out totally or get very little at home in the evening.” — Ruth Wairimu, teacher and programme manager.

This year also marked an important milestone: the pupils who were first supported by free school meals at Nyathuna — being in Class 1 when the programme launched in 2015 — reached their final year of primary education and were set to complete their KCPE exams at the end of 2023. For many pupils in this cohort, this means they have never known a school day hungry: their attendance, health, and academic results boosted by a nutritious hot lunch waiting for them at our kitchen.

“On academic matters, pupils who are beneficiaries of the programme have been improving. It is very encouraging to see a big number of our pupils working hard and achieving above average scores.” — Mr Maina, teacher at Nyathuna Primary School.

In addition, the dining hall constructed at the school continues to deliver benefits: enabling our 200 pupils to eat lunch without risk of rain, dust or other poor weather, and allowing the school to facilitate large meetings with teachers and parents without displacing pupils from classrooms, disrupting learning. Overall, Nyathuna Primary School achieved an average score of 261/500 in KCPE 2022, an increase from 256 in 2021 and supported by Nakuru Children’s Project programmes.

In addition, we also provided a cup of nutritious porridge to 58 pupils at Muriundu Primary School every day. Supporting nursery and special needs children, this food helps motivate the children to attend school, gives them the energy for work and play, and supports their healthy development.

2022 marked the final year of the condensed academic calendars, introduced to enable students to catch-up on the curriculum following the COVID-19 pandemic. We supported 9 students to complete their Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), with their final exams in late 2022. Our top performer was Joseph with an A-, scoring an offer to study a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Egerton University!

During this financial year we helped a total of 62 young people to attend and excel through secondary education, paying school fees, buying equipment and other essentials, and providing guidance and emotional

Section D

Achievements and performance

support through our social worker and holiday programme. Since 2011, Nakuru Children's Project has now supported 120 students to complete their KCSE.

Finally, we have continued groundwork to construct a community kitchen on our own plot of land, and to grow our own crops to supply free school meals for local schools. In February 2023 we secured approval from the relevant local and national authorities to go ahead with our plans, and in August 2023 the first stones arrived on the project site to begin construction! In addition, we planted a new crop of maize in early 2023, to be harvested later in the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We reviewed our financial reserves policy in September 2022 and adjusted our reserve levels to £31,000. This is designed to cover nine months' of our free school meals programme at our partner schools, the wages of our social worker for four months, and the immediate cash flow needs of our sponsorship programme. Our reserves policy aims to safeguard the interests of our beneficiaries by minimising the risks associated with any unplanned reduction in income, or closure. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with our financial year.

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.

N/A.

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)	Zoe Kelland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	13 May 2023	

B3 Investment assets

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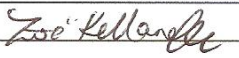
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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B5 Liabilities

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ZOE KELLAND	28/06/24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nakuru Childrens Project

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out above.

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 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

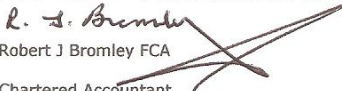
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have not been met; or

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


Robert J Bromley FCA
Chartered Accountant

28 Dongola Road, Bristol BS7 9HP

NAKURU CHILDREN'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145739

Accounts

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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)

The protection and promotion of good health of children and young people under the age of 25 in Kenya by the particular but not exclusively by the provision of medical services.

This period was characterised by a gradual recovery from the coronavirus pandemic: our programmes returned to normal, but in a context of heightened need with inflation running high and many families struggling with incomes that remained lower than pre-pandemic levels.

We were proud to continue our free school meal programme at Nyathuna Primary School, providing nutritious hot meals to 180 pupils from vulnerable and low-income backgrounds. Meanwhile, our daily porridge programme at Muriundu Primary School supplied daily cups of 'uji' to 60 nursery school and special needs pupils.

73 students were sponsored in their secondary education, supported with costs like school, meal and exam fees, and uniforms, books, and school trips. In addition, our social workers provided mentoring and emotional support, and all students were invited to attend life skills sessions in their school holidays.

Ongoing efforts were made to develop our plot of land, beginning to grow our own crops and preparing for construction of a community kitchen, offices, educational facilities and beyond. This work will enable us to scale our impact into the future, meeting our goal of serving 3,000 free school meals per week by 2025.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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;
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our free school meal and porridge programmes continued to support pupils to attend class, perform better in exams, and grow up healthily. During this period, we provided an estimated 23,350 nutritious meals to pupils at Nyathuna Primary School, including those from low-income families, orphans, and those vulnerable to dropping out of school.

"Since the year has not received rain at the expected times, a food crisis is looming. Just the other day, the cooks found a little boy eating food that had dropped on the floor from the kitchen. It was such a sad picture we had to include him in the programme" — Ruth Wairimu, Food Programme Manager.

The need was heightened by rising inflation on food prices, with the majority of families across Kenya feeling the pinch. In this context, we are particularly grateful to be able to provide the stability of a good meal every day to children who need it.

"Families that were better off are crying out at the financial strain being experienced all over the country. However, the programme has ensured that parents are not strained in providing lunch for their kids. As they come to school, the assurance of a full plate of a nutritious meal ensure that there is no thought of absenteeism." — Ruth Wairimu, Food Programme Manager.

Our free school meals programme provided wages for three cooks — Rachel, Peter and Jane — to enable them to support their families with dignity. In addition, when Jane's daughter was hospitalised following a traffic accident we were proud to provide a one-off contribution of KES 10,000 towards the medical bills.

Meanwhile, at Muriundu Primary School we supplied a total of 7,560 cups of 'uji' to children in their nursery and special needs classes, improving health outcomes and incentivising school attendance.

Our secondary school sponsorship programme has continued to grow — with a total of 182 students offered the chance to attend secondary education by August 2022. In April, we were very proud to see 14 students graduate with their Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and to be able take in 17 new students. Our top student was Michael Obutinda with an A- average grade — placing him in the top 1% of all students nationwide! In addition, we were able to help three students attend college or university, covering costs like tuition fees, accommodation and purchase of laptops to assist with studying.

"When I grow up, I would like to get a better job and help others because even me I am being helped. I don't know how to thank you for if it's not for your help, I don't know where I would have been right now." — Dorcas, 16 years old.

We continued to lay ground-work for our community hub in Bahati: constructing fences, a site-house and latrines in preparation for its development and harvesting our first crop of maize in July 2022. We produced 792kgs — a quantity that will supply our free school meals programme for 36 weeks! Meanwhile, we underwent necessary steps to secure relevant planning permissions to realise our long-term vision to construct a kitchen from which to deliver 3,000 meals per week by 2025.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

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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)	Zoe Kelland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	

Date 25 June 2023

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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)

We continued to support 368 families through the coronavirus pandemic through provision of emergency food and hygiene supplies — working in partnership with local authorities in Nakuru, and community organisation Matonyok Integrated Programme.

When schools re-opened in January 2021, we re-launched our free school meals programme at Nyathuna Primary School, equipping our cooks with specialist clothing and temperature guns, and installing a hand-washing station for pupils, to meet local regulations to protect against coronavirus. This programme provided approximately 17,850 hot lunches to 170 vulnerable children between 1 January - 31 August 2021.

In addition, we launched a new programme to provide nutritional daily porridge to 56 children at Muriundu Nursery School and Special Needs Unit, improving wellbeing, attendance and motivation.

Meanwhile, we were incredibly proud to see all of our sponsored students return to secondary school in this period — an achievement that was not guaranteed given the high drop-out rates caused by the long school closures during the pandemic. During this period, 12 students completed their KCSE exams and graduated, and we supported 20 new students to join secondary education.

Finally, we continued the process to develop our plot of land in Bahati, Nakuru County, working through the necessary stages of official paperwork when the local land offices re-opened to secure our title deed and officially register our plans to develop the land into a community hub, providing free school meals and other support to children in the surrounding area. By 2025, we hope to be providing 3,000 free school meals a week from our community kitchen, growing our own produce to sustain it.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was defined by our response to and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic — with our team continuing to step up and provide life-changing support for families so severely impacted by the lockdowns and school closures necessarily imposed across Kenya throughout 2020-21. We are incredibly proud to have supported children and young people through this unprecedented, tough time.

Whilst schools remained closed, we continued to distribute emergency food and hygiene supplies to 368 families. In total, by the end of 2020 we had provided the equivalent of 112,601 meals, 2,108 bars of soap, 1,740 sanitary pads and 634 masks. This included providing a special package just before Christmas, with ingredients allowing families to celebrate the festive season by cooking traditional foods like chapati. We also continued to pay the wages of our three cooks to ensure the school closures did not impact their ability to support their families.

Schools reopened for all students in Kenya in January 2021, and we found a significant increase in children in financial difficulties — struggling even to get one nutritious meal each day — due to the pandemic. In this context, we were relieved to be able to restart our free school meals programme, and launch our porridge programme, providing a total of 226 children with 17,850 meals and 5,880 cups of porridge. These children are all from very vulnerable, low-income families, including children with special needs at Muriundu Primary School. This food boosts their health, school attendance, and academic performance, motivating them to continue building towards their dreams.

“Attendance has improved since the kids are sure of getting porridge. They love to learn how to cook and serve others” — Florence Karani, teacher at Muriundu Primary School.

Meanwhile, we were incredibly proud to see all of our sponsored students return to secondary school in this period — an achievement that was not guaranteed given the high drop-out rates caused by the long school closures during the pandemic. During this period, our Class of 2020 finally completed their KCSE exams and graduated, and we supported 20 new students to join secondary education. This brings the total number of students we’ve supported up to 164.

We were also delighted to hear news from one of our graduates — Mawut — who finished secondary school with us in 2016. As a refugee from South Sudan, it had been incredibly difficult for Mawut to progress to university, despite graduating in the top 3% of all students in Kenya, but in December 2020 he was offered a scholarship to the University of Saskatchewan in Canada! We are so incredibly proud and grateful to his sponsors, without whom he could not have accessed this opportunity.

Finally, we continued the process to develop our plot of land in Bahati, Nakuru County, working through the necessary stages of official paperwork when the local land offices re-opened to secure our title deed and officially register our plans to develop the land into a community hub, providing free school meals and other support to children in the surrounding area. By 2025, we hope to be providing 3,000 free school meals a week from our community kitchen, growing our own produce to sustain it.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We reviewed our financial reserves policy in September 2020 and increased our reserves slightly to £32,000 in line with increased costs across our programmes. This is designed to cover nine months' of our free school meals programme at our partner schools, the wages of our social worker for four months, and the immediate cash flow needs of our sponsorship programme. Our reserves policy aims to safeguard the interests of our beneficiaries by minimising the risks associated with any unplanned reduction in income, or closure. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with our financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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N/A.

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)	Zoe Kelland	

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
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Date	25 June 2022
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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-20	To	Period end date 31-Aug-21	

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					
Voluntary donations	15,465	33,074	-	48,539	44,668
Gift aid reclaim	13,336	-	-	13,336	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,800	33,074	-	61,875	44,668
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,800	33,074	-	61,875	44,668
A3 Payments					
Food programme	10,349	600	-	10,949	3,987
Child sponsorship- secondary education	-	21,930	-	21,930	12,983
School classroom construction costs	-	-	-	-	616
Other construction costs	-	-	-	-	6,001
Land purchase	623	-	-	623	35,104
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	18,671
Other charitable costs	1,466	-	-	1,466	216
Bank fees and website costs	403	-	-	403	1,106
Sub total	12,841	22,530	-	35,370	78,684
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,841	22,530	-	35,370	78,684
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,960	10,545	-	26,504	- 34,015
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,206	-	-	22,206	56,221
Cash funds this year end	38,166	10,545	-	48,710	22,206

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	Barclays Bank account	38,166	10,545	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,166	10,545	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

NAKURU CHILDREN'S PROJECT

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2019		31	08	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Nakuru Children's Project

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1145739

Charity's principal address 36 Wellington Walk

Henleaze

Bristol

Postcode

BS10 5ET

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	Rebecca Siddall			
2	Zoe Kelland			
3	Annemarieke Blanckstein			
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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
Financial	Percy Kelland	36 Wellington Walk, Henleaze, Bristol BS10 5ET

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 existing trustees.

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To prevent and relieve poverty and destitution for children and young adults and their families in Kenya as the trustees shall determine.
To advance, promote and assist in the provision of education of people under the age of 25 years in Kenya.
The protection and promotion of good health of children and young people under the age of 25 in Kenya by the particular but not exclusively by the provision of medical services.

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)

We expanded our free school meals programme to include 180 children at Nyathuna Primary School, providing approximately 20,000 hot lunches between September 2019 and March 2020. We funded construction of a dining hall so children could eat safely and hygienically, and upgraded the kitchen facilities to reduce smoke levels.

We expanded our sponsorship programme — to date we have now offered 144 young people the chance to attend secondary education through provision of school fees, educational equipment, and emotional support through our social worker and holiday programme. In December 2019, 19 students graduated with their Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education.

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, we pivoted our activities rapidly to support vulnerable children and families, providing emergency food and hygiene supplies through five mass distributions in partnership with the local authorities. Our team provided the equivalent of 50,000 meals worth of food, 1,000 bars of soap, and 300 masks. In addition, we partnered with a community organisation to support 200 girls in rural areas with sanitary pads and soap.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This was a year like no other — with Kenya and the wider world hit hard by the coronavirus in March 2020. **Our proudest achievement this year was how our team pivoted quickly and courageously to support vulnerable children and families throughout the pandemic.**

With all schools in Kenya closed from March onwards, we pivoted all our activities towards ensuring that the children we usually support were still protected from the worst impacts of the virus by **providing nutritious food packages and hygiene supplies to their families**, and educational materials so they could continue learning as best possible at home.

We worked in close partnership with the local authorities in Nakuru to organise five distributions of food and hygiene supplies to 167 families — distributing the equivalent of approximately 50,000 meals, 1,000 bars of soap, and 300 masks in this period.

In addition, we forged a new partnership with **community organisation Matonyok Integrated Programme** to provide essential period and hygiene products to 200 girls in rural areas, including 300 sanitary pads, and 28 bars of soap, accompanied by counselling encouraging them to stay safe during the pandemic.

The children and families who benefited from our programmes during this time were all extremely vulnerable — including those who are orphaned, abandoned, HIV positive, refugees or IDPs, suffering with a disability, or from very low-income families. The financial implication of the COVID-19 lockdowns on our community was immense: families who usually lived day-to-day found themselves locked at home with no means to earn funds for that evening's meal. Meanwhile, the risk to children was even greater — with teen pregnancy and child labour rates soaring as young people remained out of school, and vulnerable to exploitation to make ends meet.

“It really gives [families] hope for a better tomorrow. Just the knowledge that there are selfless people out there supporting strangers without bias or discrimination leaves them optimistic about the future.” – Ruth, teacher at Nyathuna Primary School.

We are extremely proud that Nakuru Children's Project was able to provide a lifeline to children and their families during this incredibly difficult time.

In addition, from September 2019 until March 2020, we continued to run our successful programmes as usual — expanding our activities at **Nyathuna Primary School to support 180 pupils with a free hot meal every school day**, and funding construction of a dining hall to ensure children could eat in a safe and hygienic environment. In addition, we funded upgrades to kitchen facilities to reduce smoke levels, with view to supporting the health of the cooks.

We expanded our sponsorship programme and to date have **offered 144 young people the chance to attend secondary education** by covering school fees, purchasing educational equipment, and providing emotional support through our social worker. 19 students graduated with their Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education in December 2019.

Finally, **we made big steps towards future sustainability through the purchase of two acres of land on the outskirts of Nakuru.** We plan to use this to construct a community kitchen, distributing hot meals to local schools in need; to establish a small-scale farming project to generate income and food to sustain our projects, and to create a permanent office for our social worker to support our sponsored students. We are also exploring wider projects including a school for children with special educational needs, a community hall or library, and a rescue centre for vulnerable young people.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We reviewed our financial reserves policy in September 2019 and increased our reserves slightly to £31,000 in line with increased costs across our programmes. This is designed to cover nine months' of our free school meals programme at our partner schools, the wages of our social worker for four months, and the immediate cash flow needs of our sponsorship programme. Our reserves policy aims to safeguard the interests of our beneficiaries by minimising the risks associated with any unplanned reduction in income, or closure. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with our financial year.

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.

N/A.

Section F

Other optional information


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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)	Zoe Kelland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	

Date 17 June 2021

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities

Details	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
	ZOE KELLAND	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nakuru Childrens Project

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out above.

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
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
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.

R. J. Bromley

25/6/2021

Robert J Bromley FCA

Chartered Accountant

28 Dongola Road, Bristol BS7 9HP