



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.

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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

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)

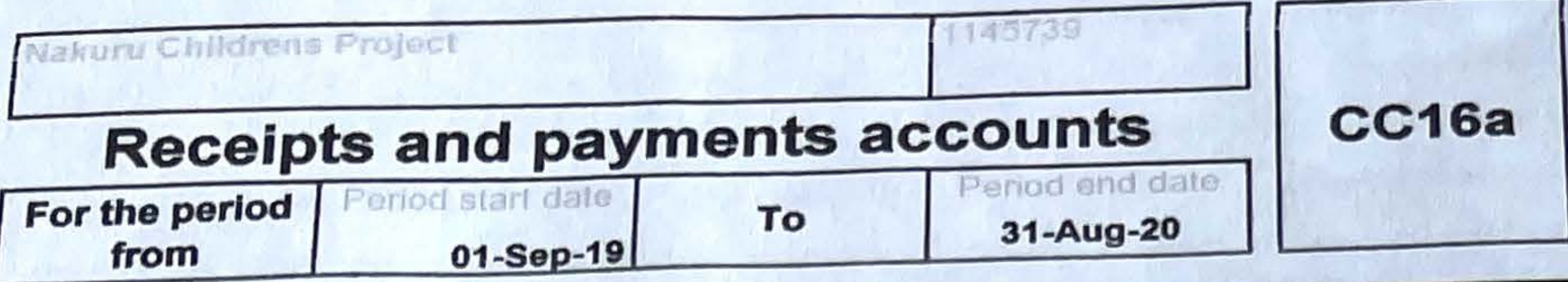
Zoe Kelland

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

17 June 2021



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	16,052	28,616	-	44,668	46,282
Gift aid reclaim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,052	28,616	-	44,668	46,282
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,052	28,616	-	44,668	46,282
A3 Payments					
Food programme	3,387	600	-	3,987	16,996
Child sponsorship- secondary education		13,608	-	13,608	23,616
School classroom construction costs	616	-	-	616	573
Other construction costs	6,001	-	-	6,001	-
Land purchase	35,104			35,104	
Covid 19		18,671		18,671	
Other charitable costs	216	-	-	216	521
Bank fees and website costs	481	-	-	481	392
Sub total	45,805	32,879	-	78,684	42,098
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,805	32,879	-	78,684	42,098
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 29,753	- 4,263	-	- 34,016	- 4,184
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,154	2,154	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,112	2,109	-	56,221	52,031
Cash funds this year end	22,205	0	-	22,205	56,221

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank account	22,205	0	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,205	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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

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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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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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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

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