

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	09	2022		31	08

## Section A Reference and administration details

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

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

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.

**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.

## Section D

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### 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

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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	



<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>		<b>CC16a</b>	
For the period from	01-Sep-22	To	31-Aug-23

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary donations	16,027	21,620	-	37,647	53,929
Gift aid reclaim	-	-	-	-	6,749
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	16,027	21,620	-	37,647	60,677
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	16,027	21,620	-	37,647	60,677

### A3 Payments

Food programme	13,625	800	-	14,125	16,369
Child sponsorship- secondary education	-	22,458	-	22,458	27,911
School classroom construction costs	7	-	-	7	462
Other construction costs	-	-	-	-	-
Land development	1,125	9,744	-	10,869	4,591
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable costs	1,366	-	-	1,366	2,006
Bank fees and website costs	658	-	-	658	727
<b>Sub total</b>	16,682	32,802	-	49,484	52,056

### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	16,682	32,802	-	49,484	52,056

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 655	- 11,182	-	- 11,837	8,621
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 3,541	3,541	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	49,690	7,641	-	57,331	48,710
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	45,494	0	-	45,494	57,331

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
Barclays Bank account	45,494	0	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	45,494	0	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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Details Fund to which asset belongs Cost (optional) Current value (optional)

**B3 Investment assets**

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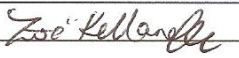
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

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	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**

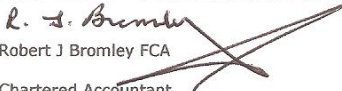
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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

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