

LYRA IN AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1146496

Details

Other names	LYRA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2012-03-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1) ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION - FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PROMOTE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY IN EAST AFRICA IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT, INCLUDING BY:A) AWARDING TO SUCH PERSONS SCHOLARSHIPS, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES OR GRANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER OR FURTHER EDUCATION;B) PROVIDING THEIR EDUCATION, TO UNDERTAKE TRAVEL IN FURTHERANCE OF THAT EDUCATION, OR TO PREPARE FOR ENTRY TO ANY OCCUPATION, TRADE OR PROFESSION ON LEAVING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTC) FUNDING CONSTRUCTING OF ANY BUILDINGS THAT SUPPORT EDUCATION, INDIRECTLY OR DIRECTLY (E.G. DORMITORIES, TEACHERS ACCOMODATION, KITCHENS AND LATRINES)2) RELIEF OF POVERTY - THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR IN EAST AFRICA BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

Activities: The advancement of education and the relief of poverty in Africa with the main activities currently focused on Tanzania where the charity finances the construction of girls dormitories and teachers

accommodation for village schools and also pays for a field officer to train villagers in running VSLAs (Village Savings and Loan Associations)

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Tanzania

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£245,567	£232,186	-	-
2024-06-30	£231,565	£338,647	-	-
2023-06-30	£420,671	£302,416	-	-
2022-06-30	£144,714	£217,123	-	-
2021-06-30	£425,699	£319,665	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Armstrong-Jones		2025-11-28
Chrystal Holt		2025-09-11
Joy Nnenna Aladekomo		2023-01-30
Lisa Marie Rowland		2025-11-28
MARIA SPINK		2012-02-17

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Trustees report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

Lyra in Africa
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Colstrove Farm
Hambleden, Bucks RG9 6SL

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Maria Spink – founder
Joy Aladekomo (appointed 30/01/23)
Louise Shah (resigned 28/11/25)
Chrystal Holt (appointed 11/09/25)
Lisa Marie Rowland (appointed 28/11/25)
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Trustee selection method:

Approaches are made to those people the current trustees believe would bring necessary skills to the organisation and if they are willing to put themselves forward their appointment is put to the full board for approval.

Governing document

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The Board takes overall responsibility for Lyra, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management, strategic plans and budgets. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative, and for compliance with sound governance principles.

The Board ordinarily meets four times a year. During the 12 months period, the Board met six times (one Annual General Meeting, four Ordinary Meetings and one Extraordinary General Meeting) and discussed various matters about Lyra including budgets, funding, operational performance, risk management and risk reviews, safeguarding, tax liabilities, change of financial year, review of general Board affairs and approval of financial statements.

The Board delegates the day-to-day management of Lyra in Africa (Lyra) to the CEO and COO. Members of the senior management team are occasionally invited to attend Board Meetings and facilitate the effective control of all Lyra's operational activities.

Lyra is committed to the principles of effective governance. The Directors also recognise the importance of integrity, transparency and accountability.

Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

In 2015 an affiliated charity – Lyra in Africa Organisation – was established in Tanzania to facilitate the delivery of the UK charity's objectives. It is now well established in the Iringa district with an office and staff to manage projects, such as the construction of hostels, training of digital education in schools and entrepreneurship training to rural youth groups.

The Management of Lyra in Africa in Tanzania is currently under the National Director and is organised in the following main departments:

- Finance, Human Resources and Administration
- Gender Equality and Girls Wellbeing
- Green Construction
- Youth Entrepreneurship and Economic Security
- Digital Learning

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to scale into further rural regions in the country.

1. Lyra's VISION AND MISSION

Vision

Thriving rural communities where specifically youth have the right to a good education and social well being.

Mission

To create vibrant rural communities by improving education and income opportunities specifically for marginalised girls, youth, and women across rural Tanzania.

Lyra's mission is to give rural girls and youth equal opportunities to complete their secondary studies and increase their access to social and economic opportunities.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Lyra has four principal, interconnected activities as detailed below which are implemented by Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

2a. Construction of Hostels for Girls in rural Government Secondary Schools:

Lyra builds eco-friendly dormitories so that girls from wide rural catchment areas (where secondary schools serve villages up to 30 km apart), can attend secondary school safely and complete their studies. Lyra works with local government (District Councils) and communities (Wards) and together have constructed sixteen hostels in Iringa Region as of 30th June 2025, with a total bed capacity of 1098 and occupancy rates averaging 130%

Lyra contributes an average of 70% of the total Hostel construction costs, while the District, Wards and other Stakeholders contribute the rest. At a handover ceremony, maintenance and responsibility for the hostels are handed over to the District Authorities and schools.

As an example of our green credentials, we make and use Interlocking Soil Stabilized Bricks (ISSBs) which are compressed earth - instead of burnt bricks that use natural forest resources, thus stopping deforestation around our partner schools. By training local labourers, we transfer these skills into the communities. Water gutters are installed for rainwater collection.

In each of the projects, the Ward Construction Committee members help in the day-to-day supervision of the project, while each School assigns a teacher to oversee stock control of all the construction material

stored in a safe room at the school. The projects are successfully implemented in a very collaborative way with any arising issues communicated without delay.

2.b. Gender Equality: Girls sponsorship for ultra-poor girls in government secondary schools:

Since 2012, Lyra has continued to sponsor girls from the most vulnerable families by subsidising their attendance at schools, colleges and Vocational Training institutes. Sponsorship is provided in terms of provision of Hostel and training fees, as well as basic needs including health insurance. These girls would not have otherwise been able to live in Lyra Hostels due to their inability to pay costs; nor would they be able to continue education beyond lower secondary schools. During 2024/25, Lyra in Africa sponsored 145 girls

2.c. Digital Learning Program:

Lyra leverages the power of digital technology to transform learning so that students and teachers can self-study and gain relevant skills to prepare them for work in the 21st Century.

Lyra's Digital Learning Programme (DL) comprises two parts: the installation of computer labs with high quality educational content as well as teaching weekly ICT club classes in our partner schools.

Since November 2023, The Digital Learning programme has continued in the form of Lyra's flagship Tech-inclusive Education programme, TIE. The aim of TIE is to create self-sufficient EdTech communities of Practice, where each school has its own sustainable strategy and process for managing and improving the ICT component in their education, by making teachers take ownership and be the drivers for multiplying the impact of digital tools through the school. The schools create their own EdTech school Committee that drive the sustainability of digital education. Lyra co-partnered in Zanzibar during this period to train 10 schools in the modalities of TIE.

2.d. Rural Livelihoods Programme for marginalised youth- Imarika Kijana (IK)

This programme incorporates two interventions - the Imarika Kijana (IK – Strong Youth) Programme and the Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) Programme.

Strong Rural Youth – youth entrepreneurship program for out-of-school youth

The youth entrepreneurship program was introduced in 2018 to meet the urgent need for supporting rural based youth to open their minds to opportunities in their communities, teaching them about "bootstrapping" and how to develop new business ideas. With an increasingly large number of unemployed youths, the demand for the program is very high, especially in the rural areas where Lyra is active.

2 cohorts of youth entrepreneurship were completed during this reporting period, training 300 out-of-school youth with new mindsets and business skills.

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs):

In the absence of formal banking structures, the organisation uses the VSLA methodology for rural based families and communities to self-manage their money and access credit within the groups. Lyra trained and support VSLAs to register with their respective Local Government Authorities (District Councils), so they become formally recognised, thus allowing them to open formal bank accounts.

Throughout the 2024/25 year, a total of 37 groups with 789 members (548 females and 244 males) graduated, meaning they can self-manage the groups after 3 years of training by Lyra. Of these 37 groups, 29 groups have registered with district authorities meaning the groups can now apply as a legal entity for bank accounts and loans from both banks and authorities.

3. Reserves Policy:

The Charity operates with limited cash reserves. The Trustees' objectives is to maintain a sufficient balance to meet committed expenditure on current projects and cover foreseeable administration expenses. Major projects and initiatives are met from separate fundraising activities.

Declaration: I declare in my capacity as charity trustee, that the board of trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by Chairperson *Maria Spink*

Dated: **19/04/2026**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of Lyra in Africa (charity no 1146496)

Report on the accounts for the twelve months ended 30th June 2025, which are set out on the attached pages. I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

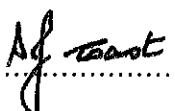
Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 19-04-2026

Name: Stephen East

Professional Qualification - Chartered Accountant

Address: Heasmans Lodge Farm, Black Hill, Crowborough TN6 1XE

Lyra in Africa
Statement of Financial Activities
For the 12 months ended 30th June 2025

		30th June 2025			30th June 2024		
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations received		15,935	221,335	237,270	61,775	162,064	223,839
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		8,297		8,297	7,726		7,726
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5	24,232	221,335	245,567	69,501	162,064	231,565
Resources expended							
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation, Tanz	6	-	172,698	172,698	-	259,754	259,754
Research and Training		615	-	615	698	-	698
Direct Programme Support		-	17,279	17,279	2,115	11,980	14,095
Other Projects		-	-	-	-	-	-
Programme management and M&E		18,098	1,898	19,996	27,501	22,414	49,915
<i>Support costs</i>							
Finance & administration		6,750	8,864	15,614	7,787	(3,149)	4,638
Communications & promotion		3,393	-	3,393	4,702		4,702
Fundraising		1,460	-	1,460	2,565		2,565
Governance costs		1,131	-	1,131	2,280		2,280
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		31,447	200,738	232,186	47,648	290,999	338,647
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(7,215)	20,596	13,381	21,853	(128,935)	(107,082)
Balances brought forward		2,889	64,834	67,723	5,937	168,868	174,805
		(4,326)	85,430	81,104	27,790	39,933	67,723
Gross transfers between funds		4,326	(4,326)	-	(24,901)	24,901	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£	£ 81,104	£ 81,104	£	£ 64,834	£ 67,723

Balance Sheet

	30th June 2025			30th June 2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Net current assets						
Bank balances	-	81,104	81,104	2,889	64,834	67,723
Less: Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	£ -	£ 81,104	£ 81,104	£ 2,889	£ 64,834	£ 67,723
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds	-	-	-	2,889	-	2,889
Restricted funds (donated for a specific purpose)	-	81,104	81,104	-	64,834	64,834
	£ -	£ 81,104	£ 81,104	£ 2,889	£ 64,834	£ 67,723

Lyra in Africa

Notes to the accounts

For the period ended 30th June 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax which cannot be recovered.

Foreign currency - US Dollars

For expenditure and transfers in US dollars an average exchange set at the beginning of the accounting period is used - for 2024/25 at \$1.27. Monetary assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on that date. The rate used at 30th June 2025 was \$1.37 to £1. Any resulting difference on translation is taken through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No fees, remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee during the period (2024 - £nil)

3 Staff costs

The charity does not employ any staff (2024 - none)

4 Related Party Disclosures

There were no transactions with related parties in the period

5 Income Received

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	15,935	221,335	237,270	61,775	162,064	223,839
Grants from other charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants from Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	8,297	-	8,297	7,726	-	7,726
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6 Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation - Tanzania

Restricted Funds

Hostel construction	56,609	56,609	-	87,657	87,657
Youth rural livelihoods	48,300	48,300	-	27,911	27,911
Girls sponsorship	28,547	28,547	-	58,125	58,125
Digital learning	39,242	39,242	-	86,060	86,060

Unrestricted Funds

Programmatic Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>172,698</u>	<u>172,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,752</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

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- Finance, Human Resources and Administration
- Eco-friendly Construction
- Young people's Livelihoods and savings and loans schemes
- Digital Learning in rural Government schools

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As an example of our green credentials, we make and use Interlocking Soil Stabilized Bricks (ISSBs) which are compressed earth - instead of burnt bricks that use natural forest resources, thus stopping deforestation around our partner schools. By training local labourers, we transfer these skills into the communities. We also use Biofil digester toilets to stop the use of pit latrines. Water gutters are installed for rainwater collection.

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2.b. Girls sponsorship for ultra-poor girls in government secondary schools:

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Lyra's Digital Learning Programme (DL) comprises two parts: the installation of computer labs with offline, high quality educational content as well as teaching weekly ICT club classes in our partner schools.

Lyra expanded the digital learning programme to total 10 partner schools during the year by installing a further two computer labs and installed two computer labs in government run teachers colleges.

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2.e. Imarika Kijana (IK) Programme: Strong Rural Youth

The IK programme was introduced in 2018 to meet the urgent need for supporting rural based youth to open their minds to opportunities in their communities, teaching them about "bootstrapping" and how to develop new business ideas. With an increasingly large number of unemployed youths, the demand for the program is very high, especially in the rural areas where Lyra is active, as up to 90% of the community members are subsistence farmers.

Implementation of the programme during this reporting period has focussed on a 'business boost programme' which focusses on accelerating the growth of enterprises started under IK phase1. Through this programme, 418 youth have received business boost training and over 80% have more than tripled their income within a year.

2.f. Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs):

In the absence of formal banking structures, the organisation uses the VSLA methodology for rural based families and communities to self-manage their money and access credit within the groups. We train and support VSLAs to register with their respective Local Government Authorities (District Councils), so they become formally recognised, thus allowing them to open formal bank accounts.

During the reporting period, the Organisation works with 11 Community Based Trainers (CBTs) who in turn provide support to existing VSLAs, as well as start new groups in their communities. There are 53 supervised VSLA groups with 1050 members (732 female and 318 male) with 45 groups being registered with their respective districts.

3. Reserves Policy:

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Declaration: I declare in my capacity as charity trustee, that the board of trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by Chairperson*Mania Spork*.....

Dated:*18th April 2025*.....

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

Signed:

Stephen East

Date:

23/4/25

Name: **Stephen East**

Professional Qualification - **Chartered Accountant**

Address: **Heasmans Lodge Farm, Black Hill, Crowborough TN6 1XE**

Lyra in Africa
Statement of Financial Activities
For the 12 months ended 30th June 2024

	Note	30th June 2024			30th June 2023		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations received		61,775	162,064	223,839	83,992	336,228	420,220
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		7,726	-	7,726	451	-	451
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5	69,501	162,064	231,565	84,443	336,228	420,671
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation, Tanz	6	-	259,754	259,754	-	239,098	239,098
Research and Training		698	-	698	320	-	320
Direct Programme Support		2,115	11,980	14,095	-	-	-
Other Projects		-	-	-	-	9,465	9,465
Programme management and M&E		27,501	22,414	49,915	26,548	-	26,548
Support costs							
Finance & administration		7,787	(3,149)	4,638	10,098	8,033	18,131
Communications & promotion		4,702	-	4,702	3,989	-	3,989
Fundraising		2,565	-	2,565	2,657	-	2,657
Governance costs		2,280	-	2,280	2,208	-	2,208
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		47,648	290,999	338,647	45,820	256,596	302,416
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		21,853	(128,935)	(107,082)	38,623	79,632	118,255
Balances brought forward		5,937	168,868	174,805	19,015	37,535	56,550
Gross transfers between funds		27,790	39,933	67,723	57,638	117,167	174,805
		(24,901)	24,901	-	(51,701)	51,701	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 2,889	£ 64,834	£ 67,723	£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805

Balance Sheet

	30th June 2024			30th June 2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Net current assets						
Bank balances	2,889	64,834	67,723	5,937	168,868	174,805
Less: Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 2,889	£ 64,834	£ 67,723	£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds	2,889	-	2,889	5,937	-	5,937
Restricted funds (donated for a specific purpose)	-	64,834	64,834	-	168,868	168,868
	£ 2,889	£ 64,834	£ 67,723	£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805

Lyra in Africa

Notes to the accounts

For the period ended 30th June 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax which cannot be recovered.

Foreign currency - US Dollars

For expenditure and transfers in US dollars an average exchange set at the beginning of the accounting period is used - for 2023/24 at \$1.22. Monetary assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on that date. The rate used at 30th June 2024 was \$1.27 to £1. Any resulting difference on translation is taken through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No fees, remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee during the period (2023 - £nil)

3 Staff costs

The charity does not employ any staff (2023 - none)

4 Related Party Disclosures

There were no transactions with related parties in the period

5 Income Received

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	61,775	63,206	124,981	84,443	311,412	395,855
Grants from other charities	-	98,858	98,858	-	5,000	5,000
Grants from Government	-	-	-	-	19,365	19,365
Gift aid	7,726	-	7,726	451	-	451
	<u>69,501</u>	<u>162,064</u>	<u>231,565</u>	<u>84,894</u>	<u>335,777</u>	<u>420,671</u>

6 Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation - Tanzania

Restricted Funds

Hostel construction	87,657	87,657	-	80,154	80,154
Youth rural livelihoods	27,911	27,911	-	52,791	52,791
Girls sponsorship	58,125	58,125	-	24,814	24,814
Digital learning	86,060	86,060	-	81,340	81,340

Unrestricted Funds

Programmatic Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>259,754</u>	<u>259,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,098</u>

LYRA IN AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1146496

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LYRA IN AFRICA

Charity registration number 1146496

Trustees report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Lyra in Africa

Registered charity number: 1146496

Address:

Colstrove Farm

Hambleton, Bucks RG9 6SL

Trustees

Maria Spink – founder (acting chair since 11/07/23)

Philip Marsden (chairperson resigned 11/07/23)

Emily Echessa (resigned 23/01/24)

Kerstin Britta Olanike da Souza- Akerele (resigned 30/01/23)

Joy Aladekomo (appointed 30/01/23)

Louise Shah (appointed 23/01/24)

Trustee selection method:

Approaches are made to those people the current trustees believe would bring necessary skills to the organisation and if they are willing to put themselves forward their appointment is put to the full board for approval.

Governing document

The Charity was registered on the 21st of March 2012 and is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12th February 2012.

ORGANISATIONAL GOVERNANCE

The Board takes overall responsibility for Lyra, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management, strategic plans and budgets. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative, and for compliance with sound governance principles.

The Board ordinarily meets four times a year. During the 12 months period, the Board met four times (one Annual General Meeting, three Ordinary Meetings) and discussed various matters about Lyra including budgets, funding, operational performance, risk management and risk reviews, safeguarding, tax liabilities, review of general Board affairs and approval of financial statements.

The Board delegates the day-to-day management of Lyra in Africa (Lyra) to the CEO and COO. Members of the senior management team are occasionally invited to attend Board Meetings and facilitate the effective control of all Lyra's operational activities.

Lyra is committed to the principles of effective governance. The Directors also recognise the importance of integrity, transparency and accountability.

Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

In 2015 an affiliated charity – Lyra in Africa Organisation – was established in Tanzania to facilitate the delivery of the UK charity's objectives. It is now well established in the Iringa district with an office and staff to manage projects, such as the construction of hostels, training of digital education in schools and entrepreneurship training to rural youth groups.

The Management of Lyra in Africa in Tanzania is under the National Director and is organised in the following main departments:

- Finance, Human Resources and Administration
- Eco-friendly Construction
- Young people's Livelihoods and savings and loans schemes
- Digital Learning in rural Government schools

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to scale into further rural regions in the country.

1. Lyra's VISION AND MISSION

Vision

To create vibrant rural communities by improving education and income opportunities specifically for marginalised girls, youth, and women across rural Tanzania.

Mission

Lyra's mission is to give rural girls and youth equal opportunities to complete their secondary studies and increase their access to social and economic opportunities.

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to extend into other rural regions in the country.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Lyra has three interwoven principal activities as detailed below which are implemented by Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

2a. Construction of Hostels for Girls in rural Government Secondary Schools:

Lyra builds eco-friendly hostels so that girls from wide rural catchment areas (where secondary schools serve villages up to 30 km apart), can attend secondary school safely and complete their studies. Lyra works with local government (District Councils) and communities (Wards) and together have constructed 14 hostels in the Iringa Region and started the construction of the 15th hostel in 2023. The total bed capacity across the 14 hostels is 1158, and the average occupancy rate of 128%.

Lyra contributes an average of 80% of the total Hostel construction costs, while the District, Wards and other Stakeholders contribute the rest. At a handover ceremony, maintenance and responsibility for the hostels are handed over to the District Authorities and schools.

As an example of our green credentials, we make and use Interlocking Soil Stabilized Bricks (ISSBs) which are compressed earth- instead of burnt bricks that use natural forest resources, thus stopping deforestation around our partner schools. By training local labourers, we transfer these skills into the communities. We also use Biofil digester toilets to stop the use of pit latrines. Water gutters are installed for rainwater collection.

In each of the projects, the Ward Construction Committee members help in the day-to-day supervision of the project, while each School assigns a teacher to be in charge of stock control of all the construction material stored in a safe room at the school. The projects are successfully implemented in a very collaborative way with any arising issues communicated without delay.

2.b. Girls sponsorship for ultra-poor girls in government secondary schools:

Since 2012, the Lyra has continued to sponsor girls from the most vulnerable families, by subsidizing their attendance at schools, colleges, or Vocational Training Institutes. Sponsorship is provided in terms of provision of Hostel fees, and basic needs including health insurance, training and in addition to that the girl's sponsorship program also pays fees for attendance to (Vocational Training and colleges). These girls would not have otherwise been able to live in Lyra Hostels due to their inability to pay the costs; nor would they be able to continue after their lower secondary schools to advanced secondary or college training. During 2022/2023, the Organisation sponsored 117 secondary school girls.

2.c. Digital Learning Program:

Lyra leverages the power of digital technology to transform learning so that students and teachers can self-study and gain relevant skills to prepare them for work in the 21st Century.

Lyra's Digital Learning Programme (DL) comprises two parts: the installation of computer labs with offline, high quality educational content as well as teaching weekly ICT club classes in our partner schools.

Lyra expanded the digital learning programme to eight partner schools during the year by installing a further two computer labs which are also completely run on solar power.

We train teachers to help students use tablets and computers for interactive self-study. Students and teachers have access to offline content, both Tanzanian based curricula and world-class educational materials. Installation and intensive teacher/ student training are performed in collaboration with two partners; Camara Education Tanzania (<https://camara.org/tanzania/>). Lyra also partners with Shule Direct (<https://www.shuledirect.co.tz/>) for offline Tanzanian curriculum aligned material.

In March 2023, Lyra in Africa held its Annual Tech Day in collaboration with Global Outreach and Taifa Technovation Hub. The event aimed to bring students from various schools in Iringa, Kilolo and Mufindi districts to learn, compete and showcase technological innovation of how technology can be used to solve problems in their day-to-day learning and in the community in general. 169 people participated from Lyra partner schools (82 students, 14 teachers).

Lyra students arranged several events, including a Robotic workshop where 406 students from five Lyra Schools participated, with the aim of inspiring them to take science subjects. Four Lyra sponsored students attended a 3-month Jovia Program that provides advanced IT and entrepreneurship training to girls and young women aged 17 to 24 who cannot afford higher education or have dropped out of school due to socioeconomic factors. Refresher teacher training courses in ICT were also held through the year.

2.d. Rural Livelihoods Programme for marginalised youth- Imarika Kijana (IK)

This programme incorporates two interventions - the Imarika Kijana (IK - Strong Youth) Programme and the Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) Programme.

2.e. Imarika Kijana (IK) Programme: Strong Rural Youth

This program was introduced in 2018 to meet the urgent need for supporting rural-based youth to open their minds to opportunities in their communities, teaching them about "bootstrapping" and how to develop new business ideas. With an increasingly large number of unemployed youths, the demand for the program is very high, especially in the rural areas where Lyra is active, as up to 90% of the community members are subsistence farmers.

Implementation of the program during this reporting period has focused on a “business boost program” which focuses on accelerating the growth of enterprises started under IK phase 1. Through this program, 418 youth have received business boost training.

2.f. Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs):

In the absence of formal banking structures, the Organisation uses the VSLA program for rural-based families and communities to self-manage their money and access credit. We support VSLAs to register with their respective Local Government Authorities (District Councils), so they become formally recognized and access Government interest-free loans to support their businesses.

During the reporting period, the Organisation continued to support 11 Community-Based Trainers (CBTs) who in turn provide support to existing VSLAs, as well as start new groups in their communities. There are 53 supervised VSLA groups with 1,050 members (732 female and 318 male), with 45 groups being registered with their respective districts.

3. Reserves Policy:

The Charity operates with limited cash reserves. The Trustees’ objective is to maintain a sufficient balance to meet committed expenditure on current projects and cover foreseeable administration expenses. Major projects and initiatives are met from separate fundraising activities.

Declaration: I declare in my capacity as charity trustee, that the board of trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by Chairperson Maria Spink

Dated: 26th April 2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of Lyra in Africa (charity no 1146496)

Report on the accounts for the twelve months ended 30th June 2023, which are set out on the attached pages. I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland

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

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

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

Signed: Uzema Ahmad

Date: 26 April 2024

Name: Uzema Ahmad.....

Professional Qualification - Chartered Accountant.....

Address: 4 Syon Gate Way, Brentford, TW8 9DD.....

Lyra in Africa
Statement of Financial Activities
For the 12 months ended 30th June 2023

	Note	30th June 2023			30th June 2022		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations received		83,992	336,228	420,220	61,856	81,725	143,581
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		451	-	451	1,133	-	1,133
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5	84,443	336,228	420,671	62,989	81,725	144,714
Resources expended							
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation, Tanzani	6	-	239,098	239,098	-	150,122	150,122
Research and Training		320	-	320	6,523	-	6,523
Imarika Kijana youth project FCDO UK pymnt		-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Solar Project		-	9,465	9,465	-	13,846	13,846
Programme management and M&E		26,548	-	26,548	19,200	2,354	21,554
<i>Support costs</i>							
Finance & administration		10,098	8,033	18,131	8,112	(5,304)	2,808
Communications & promotion		3,989	-	3,989	4,722	-	4,722
Fundraising		2,657	-	2,657	14,848	-	14,848
Governance costs		2,208	-	2,208	1,200	-	1,200
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		45,820	256,596	302,416	54,605	162,518	217,123
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		38,623	79,632	118,255	8,384	(80,793)	(72,409)
Balances brought forward		19,015	37,535	56,550	10,631	118,328	128,959
		57,638	117,167	174,805	19,015	37,535	56,550
Gross transfers between funds		(51,701)	51,701	-	(15,873)	15,873	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805	£ 3,142	£ 53,408	£ 56,550

Balance sheet

	30th June 2023			30th June 2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Net current assets						
Bank balances	5,937	168,868	174,805	6,142	53,408	59,550
Less: Creditors	-	-	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805	£ 3,142	£ 53,408	£ 56,550
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds	5,937	-	5,937	3,142	-	3,142
Restricted funds (donated for a specific purpose)	-	168,868	168,868	-	53,408	53,408
	£ 5,937	£ 168,868	£ 174,805	£ 3,142	£ 53,408	£ 56,550

Lyra in Africa

Notes to the accounts

For the period ended 30th June 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax which cannot be recovered.

Foreign currency - US Dollars

For expenditure and transfers in US dollars an average exchange set at the beginning of the accounting period is used - for 2022/3 at \$1.22 to £1. Monetary assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on that date. The rate used at 30th June 2023 was \$1.27 to £1 (2022: \$1.38). Any resulting difference on translation is taken through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No fees, remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee during the period (2022 - £nil)

3 Staff costs

The charity does not employ any staff (2022 - none)

4 Related Party Disclosures

There were no transactions with related parties in the period

5 Income Received

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	84,443	311,412	395,855	61,856	38,409	100,265
Grants from other charities	-	5,000	5,000	-	34,116	34,116
Grants from Government	-	19,365	19,365	-	9,200	9,200
Gift aid	451	-	451	1,133	-	1,133
	<u>84,894</u>	<u>335,777</u>	<u>420,671</u>	<u>62,989</u>	<u>81,725</u>	<u>144,714</u>

6 Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation - Tanzania

Restricted Funds

Hostel construction	80,154	80,154	-	48,499	48,499
Youth rural livelihoods	52,791	52,791	-	30,439	30,439
Girls sponsorship	24,814	24,814	-	15,854	15,854
Digital learning	81,340	81,340	-	55,329	55,329

Unrestricted Funds

Programmatic Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>239,098</u>	<u>239,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,121</u>

LYRA IN AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1146496

Accounts



LYRA IN AFRICA

Charity registration number 1146496

Trustees report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Lyra in Africa

Registered charity number: 1146496

Address:

Colstrop Farm

Hambleden, Bucks RG9 6SL

Trustees

Maria Spink – founder

Philip Marsden (chairperson appointed 16/04/20)

Emily Echessa (appointed 02/06/20)

Kerstin Britta Olanike da Souza- Akerele (appointed 11/11/20)

Michael Wortley (resigned 14/02/22)

Regina Taylor (resigned 29/04/22)

Joy Aladekomo (appointed 30/01/23)

Trustee selection method:

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Governing document

The Charity was registered on the 21st of March 2012 and is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12th February 2012.

ORGANISATIONAL GOVERNANCE

The Board takes overall responsibility for Lyra, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management, strategic plans and budgets. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative, and for compliance with sound governance principles.

The Board ordinarily meets four times a year. During the 12 months period, the Board met five times (one Annual General Meeting, four Ordinary Meetings and one Extraordinary General Meeting) and discussed various matters about Lyra including budgets, funding, operational performance, risk management and risk reviews, safeguarding, tax liabilities, change of financial year, review of general Board affairs and approval of financial statements.

The Board delegates the day-to-day management of Lyra in Africa (Lyra) to the CEO and COO. Members of the senior management team are occasionally invited to attend Board Meetings and facilitate the effective control of all Lyra's operational activities.

Lyra is committed to the principles of effective governance. The Directors also recognise the importance of integrity, transparency and accountability.

Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

In 2015 an affiliated charity – Lyra in Africa Organisation – was established in Tanzania to facilitate the delivery of the UK charity's objectives. It is now well established in the Iringa district with an office and staff to manage projects, such as the construction of hostels, training of digital education in schools and entrepreneurship training to rural youth groups.

The Management of Lyra in Africa in Tanzania is under the National Director and is organised in the following main departments:

- Finance, Human Resources and Administration
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- Young people's Livelihoods and savings and loans schemes
- Digital Learning in rural Government schools

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to scale into further rural regions in the country.

1. Lyra's VISION AND MISSION

Vision

To create vibrant rural communities by improving education and income opportunities specifically for marginalised girls, youth, and women across rural Tanzania.

Mission

Lyra's mission is to give rural girls and youth equal opportunities to complete their secondary studies and increase their access to social and economic opportunities.

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to extend into other rural regions in the country.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Lyra has three interwoven principal activities as detailed below which are implemented by Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

2a. Construction of Hostels for Girls in rural Government Secondary Schools:

Lyra builds eco-friendly dormitories so that girls from wide rural catchment areas (where secondary schools serve villages up to 30 km apart), can attend secondary school safely and complete their studies. Lyra works with local government (District Councils) and communities (Wards) and together have constructed thirteen hostels in Iringa Region as of 30th June 2022, with a total bed capacity of 1098 and occupancy rates averaging 130%

Lyra contributes an average of 80% of the total Hostel construction costs, while the District, Wards and other Stakeholders contribute the rest. At a handover ceremony, maintenance and responsibility for the hostels are handed over to the District Authorities and schools.

For our green credentials, as an example, we make and use Interlocking Soil Stabilized Bricks (ISSBs) which are compressed earth- instead of burnt bricks that use natural forest resources, thus stopping deforestation around our partner schools. By training local labourers, we transfer these skills into the communities. We also use Biofil digester toilets to stop the use of pit latrines. Water gutters are installed for rainwater collection.

In each of the projects, the Ward Construction Committee members help in the day-to-day supervision of the project, while each School assigns a teacher to be in charge of stock control of all the construction

material stored in a safe room at the school. The projects are successfully implemented in a very collaborative way with any arising issues communicated without delay.

For this reporting period, Lyra's Tanzanian sister organisation completed two more hostels, in Maduma and Ifwagi communities, bringing the total to thirteen hostels.

2.b. Girls sponsorship for ultra-poor girls in government secondary schools:

The sponsorship of girls to stay in hostels saw a brief drop in numbers during the year as our systems identified anomalies giving rise to concern over external management teams involved, particularly at one school. This led to an interim reduction in numbers of girls, an increase in cost and a strengthening around reporting and monitoring. At time of reporting, this situation has been recovered and we sponsor 120 girls to stay in school.

2.c. Digital Learning Program:

Lyra leverages the power of digital technology to transform learning so that students and teachers can self-study and gain relevant skills to prepare them for work in the 21st Century.

Lyra's Digital Learning Programme (DL) comprises two parts: the installation of computer labs with offline, high quality educational content as well as teaching weekly ICT club classes in our partner schools.

Lyra expanded the digital learning programme to eight partner schools during the year by installing a further two computer labs.

We train teachers and coaches to help students use tablets and computers for interactive self-study. Students and teachers have access to offline content, both Tanzanian based curricula and world-class educational materials (including Wikipedia, Khan Academy). Installation and intensive teacher/ student training are performed in collaboration with two partners; Camara Education Tanzania (<https://camara.org/tanzania/>) and OTEX Technologies. Lyra also partners with Shule Direct (<https://www.shuledirect.co.tz/>) for offline Tanzanian curriculum aligned material.

ICT Clubs: A total of 434 students (230 girls) participated during the year in weekly ICT club sessions given by Lyra's Digital Learning Coaches and Mentors.

Lyra students participated in several events, including a Robotic workshop where 406 students from five Lyra Schools participated, with the aim of inspiring them to take science subjects. Four Lyra sponsored students attended a 3-month Jovia Program that provides advanced IT and entrepreneurship training to girls and young women aged 17 to 24 who cannot afford higher education or have dropped out of school due to socioeconomic factors. Refresher teacher training courses in ICT were also held through the year.

2.d. Rural Livelihoods Programme for marginalised youth- Imarika Kijana (IK)

This programme incorporates two interventions - the Imarika Kijana (IK - Strong Youth) Programme and the Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) Programme.

2.e. Imarika Kijana (IK) Programme: Strong Rural Youth

The IK programme was introduced in 2018 to meet the urgent need for supporting rural based youth to develop new business ideas and improve livelihoods within their community.

The IK programme has become a signature programme for Lyra. With a growing population of unemployed youth who have little or no opportunities, Imarika Kijana restores their hope through an intensive training course in entrepreneurship and business thinking.

The programme aims to empower rural youth and marginalized groups to create sustainable livelihoods in their own communities. Selected rural youth are trained to become our "Core local Trainers". With funding under a two-year grant the programme reached a total of 1,706 youth. Under the same FCDO grant, Lyra assisted in the establishment of 45 savings and loans associations (SLAs) with 891 members.

As part of the programme, business mentors provided training sessions and exposed the youth to existing businesses in Iringa. This resulted in a notable increase in entrepreneurial activity in the project villages in the Iringa region. The end line survey indicated that 81% of graduates established new businesses. 69% of those with existing businesses reported that the IK training improved their business. This increase in entrepreneurial activity resulted in a minimum doubling of incomes for 60% of the participants.

Total savings under the IK programme grew from TZS 10 million (GBP3,333) at the end of June 2021 to TZS 86.95 million (GBP 29,000) at the end of June 2022, with 66% loans to savings ratio.

2.f. Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs):

In the absence of formal banking structures, in 2012 Lyra started the VSLA program for rural based families and communities to manage their money and access credit to invest in income-generating activities.

Lyra continues to provide training to Community Based Trainers (CBTs) who in turn provide support to existing VSLAs, as well as starting new groups in their communities.

In 2022, Lyra's VSLA groups continued to graduate, becoming eligible for registering with the local District. We support VSLAs to be registered with their respective District Councils, where they can access Government interest free loans to support their businesses. They remain supported by a network of 26 trained Community Based Trainers (CBTs), who continue to start new VSLAs in their own communities. The CBTs also work for Lyra in developing the new IK Youth SLAs and guide them through the VSLA Methodology.

As of June 2022, Lyra supervises 45 VSLA group with a total of 900 members (609 female), with total shares/ assets value of £37,000.

3. Reserves Policy:

The Charity operates with limited cash reserves. The Trustees' objectives is to maintain a sufficient balance to meet committed expenditure on current projects and cover foreseeable administration expenses. Major projects and initiatives are met from separate fundraising activities.

Declaration: I declare in my capacity as charity trustee, that the board of trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by Chairperson



Dated: 14.4.23

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of Lyra in Africa (charity no 1146496)

Report on the accounts for the twelve months ended 30th June 2022, which are set out on the attached pages.
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

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

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

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

Signed: Uzema Ahmad

Date: 14 April 2023

Name: UZEMA AHMAD

Professional Qualification (if any) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

4 SYON GATE WAY, BRENTFORD, TW8 9DD

Lyra in Africa
Statement of Financial Activities
For the 12 months ended 30th June 2022

		30th June 2022			30th June 2021 (18m)		
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations received		61,856	81,725	143,581	78,511	335,164	413,675
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		1,133		1,133	12,024		12,024
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5	62,989	81,725	144,714	90,535	335,164	425,699
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation, Tanz	6		150,122	150,122	45,290	198,927	244,217
Research and Training		6,523		6,523	-	-	-
Imarika Kijana youth project FCDO UK pymnt			1,500	1,500		4,421	4,421
Solar Project			13,846	13,846			
Programme management and M&E		19,200	2,354	21,554	25,280	4,088	29,368
Support costs							
Finance & administration		8,112	- 5,304	2,808	11,488	9,400	20,888
Communications & promotion		4,722		4,722	14,144		14,144
Fundraising		14,848		14,848	5,162		5,162
Governance costs		1,200		1,200	1,465		1,465
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		54,605	162,518	217,123	102,829	216,836	319,665
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		8,384	(80,793)	(72,409)	(12,294)	118,328	106,034
Balances brought forward		10,631	118,328	128,959	22,925	-	22,925
		19,015	37,535	56,550	10,631	118,328	128,959
Gross transfers between funds		(15,873)	15,873	-			-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 3,142	£ 53,408	£ 56,550	£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959

Balance sheet

	30th June 2022			30th June 2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Net current assets						
Bank balances	6,144	53,406	59,550	14,291	120,628	134,919
Less: Creditors	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(3,660)	(2,300)	(5,960)
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 3,144	£ 53,406	£ 56,550	£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds	3,142		3,142	10,631		10,631
Restricted funds (donated for a specific purpose)		53,408	53,408		118,328	118,328
	£ 3,142	£ 53,408	£ 56,550	£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959

Lyra in Africa

Notes to the accounts

For the period ended 30th June 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax which cannot be recovered.

Foreign currency - US Dollars

For expenditure and transfers in US dollars an average exchange set at the beginning of the accounting period is used - for 2021/22 at \$1.30 to £1. Monetary assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on that date. The rate used at 30th June 2022 was \$1.22 to £1 (2021: \$1.38). Any resulting difference on translation is taken through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No fees, remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee during the period (2021 - £nil)

3 Staff costs

The charity does not employ any staff (2021 - none)

4 Related Party Disclosures

There were no transactions with related parties in the period

5 Income Received

	2022			2021 (18m)		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	61,856	38,409	100,265	44,729	137,132	181,861
Grants from other charities	-	34,116	34,116	33,782	156,855	190,637
Grants from Government	-	9,200	9,200	-	41,177	41,177
Gift aid	1,133	-	1,133	12,024	-	12,024
	62,989	81,725	144,714	90,535	335,164	425,699

6 Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation - Tanzania

Restricted Funds						
Hostel construction		48,499	48,499	29,609	130,052	159,661
Youth rural livelihoods		30,439	30,439	7,229	31,754	38,983
Girls sponsorship		15,854	15,854	5,930	26,047	31,977
Digital learning		55,329	55,329	2,521	11,074	13,595
Unrestricted Funds						
Programmatic Contributions		-	-	-	-	-
	-	150,122	150,122	45,289	198,927	244,216

LYRA IN AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1146496

Accounts



LYRA IN AFRICA

Charity registration number 1146496

Trustees report

FOR THE PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS
ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

Lyra in Africa
Registered charity number: 1146496
Address:
Colstrove Farm
Hambleton, RG9 6SL BUCKS

Trustees

Kerstin Britta Olanike da Souza- Akerele
Helene Klausner-Huth
Philip Marsden (chairperson appointed 16/04/2020)
Fiona Sanderson (resigned 30th June 2021)
Maria Spink – founder
Regina Taylor
Michael Wortley

Trustee selection method:

Approaches are made to those the current trustees believe would bring necessary skills to the organisation and if they are willing to put themselves forward their appointment is put to the full board for approval.

Governing document

The Charity was registered on the 21st of March 2012 and is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12th February 2012.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE

The Board takes overall responsibility for Lyra, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management, strategic plans and budgets. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative, and for compliance with sound governance principles.

The Board meets at least four times a year. During the 18 months period, the Board met six times (One Annual General Meeting, five Ordinary Meetings and one Extraordinary general Meeting) and discussed various matters about Lyra including budgets, funding, operational performance, risk management and risk reviews, safeguarding, tax liabilities, change of financial year, review of general Board affairs and approval of financial statements.

The Board delegates the day-to-day management of Lyra in Africa (Lyra) to the CEO and COO. Members of the senior management team are occasionally invited to attend Board meetings and facilitate the effective control of all Lyra's operational activities.

Lyra is committed to the principles of effective governance. The Directors also recognize the importance of integrity, transparency and accountability.

Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

In 2015 an affiliated charity – Lyra in Africa Organisation – was established in Tanzania to facilitate the delivery of the UK charity's objectives. It is now well established in the Iringa district with an office and staff to manage projects, such as the construction of hostels, training of digital education in schools and entrepreneurship training to rural youth groups.

The Management of Lyra in Africa in Tanzania is under the National Director and is organized in the following main departments:

- Finance, Human Resources and Administration
- Eco-friendly Construction
- Young people's Livelihoods
- Digital Learning in rural Government schools

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to scale into further rural regions in the country.

1. Lyra's VISION AND MISSION

Vision

To create vibrant rural communities by improving education and income opportunities specifically for rural marginalised girls, youth, and women across Tanzania.

Mission

Lyra's mission is to give rural girls and youth equal opportunities to complete their secondary studies and increase their access to social and economic opportunities.

Lyra is currently active in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania with the intention to extend into other rural regions in the country.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Lyra has three interwoven principal activities as detailed below which are implemented by Lyra in Africa, Tanzania:

1. Construction of Hostels for Girls in Government Secondary Schools:

1.a. Lyra builds eco-friendly dormitories so that girls from wide rural catchment areas (where secondary schools serve villages up to 30 km apart), can attend secondary school safely and complete their studies. Lyra works with local government (District Councils) and communities (Wards) and together have constructed eleven hostels in Iringa Region as of 30th June 2021, with a total bed capacity of 842, and occupancy rates of 130%.

Lyra contributes an average of 80% of the total Hostel construction costs, while the District, Wards and other Stakeholders contribute the rest. At a handover ceremony, maintenance and responsibility for the hostels are handed over to the District Authorities and schools.

For our green credentials, as an example, we make and use Interlocking Soil Stabilized Bricks (ISSBs) which are compressed earth- instead of burnt bricks that use natural forest resources, thus stopping deforestation around our partner schools. By training local labourers, we transfer these skills into the communities. We also use biofill digester toilets to stop the use of pit latrines. Water gutters are installed for rainwater collection.

In each of the projects, the Ward Construction Committee members help on the day-to-day supervision of the project, while each School assigns a teacher to be in charge of stock control of all the construction material stored in a safe room at the school. The projects are successfully implemented in a very collaborative way with any arising issues communicated without delay.

For this reporting period, the 11th completed Girls' Hostel was handed over to the Kising'a Community and Iringa District Council on 4th November 2020, whereby 115 girls started living in the hostel on the same day. The total cost of the construction stands at £66,000, of which the largest donor was the Michael Matthews Foundation, funding 84%, with the Iringa District and communities funding the remaining 16%.

In the next reporting period, In the autumn of 2021, Lyra will complete and handover two new hostels, bringing the total to thirteen hostels in eleven schools.

1.b. Girls Sponsorship Program:

Within the hostel program, since 2012, we sponsor girls from the most vulnerable families to stay in our purpose-built hostels. These girls would not otherwise be able to either study or live in the Hostels due to inability to pay hostel fees. In the 18-month period we sponsored approx. 100 girls.

Overall Achievements for Lyra hostels:

As of 30th June 2021, Lyra in collaboration with Local Government Authorities (District Councils) and Communities, have constructed eleven hostels, accommodating over 1,300 girls every year.

- Pregnancies: To-date, more than 3,000 girls have lived in our hostels with no reported pregnancies.
- Drop-outs from hostels: Lyra's evidence shows that hostels are contributing to lowering overall student drop-out rates within our schools, with just two hostel girls dropping out of secondary school to date, compared to more than 800 students between 2014 and 2021 across eight partner schools. This is a strong indicator demonstrating just how critical hostels have been in keeping girls safe and enabling them to continue to learn.
- Academic achievement: Lyra hostels give girls a safe space to live, but also time to study after school and at the weekends. This translates into higher academic achievements for girls living in the hostels. (See below Digital Learning – Academic Performance)

2. Digital Learning Program:

We aim to transform classroom teaching so that girls and boys have a chance to self-study and gain independent relevant skills to work in the 21st Century.

Lyra's Digital Learning Program (DL) comprises two parts: the installation of computer labs with offline, high quality educational content in our partner schools as well as teaching weekly classes in ICT (ICT clubs) after school.

Simultaneously in choosing schools for the construction of hostels, an agreement is signed between district officials and our partner schools that envisage a broader cooperation, including the introduction of digital learning in the schools.

Students and teachers have access to offline, both Tanzanian based curricula content and world-class educational materials (including Wikipedia, Khan Academy). Installation and intensive teacher/ student training are performed in collaboration with a partner, Camara Education Tanzania (<https://camara.org/tanzania/>). Lyra also partners with Shule Direct (<https://www.shuledirect.co.tz/>) for offline Tanzanian curriculum aligned education material.

ICT Clubs: Lyra started ICT and coding clubs in six rural ward secondary schools in 2019. There are weekly training sessions with student club members. Intensive teachers training is provided to ensure sustainability.

This program did not continue in 2020 as schools closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the spring 2021, the Organisation re-started the program, now called ICT Clubs in six secondary schools: Nyang'oro, Ilambilole, Mlowa, Mazombe, Lundamatwe and Lulanzi.

The main aim of these clubs is to promote ICT in Schools in line with Tanzanian Ministry guidelines. The clubs teach the students in ICT, giving them exposure and control of the equipment and, through experimentation, students build skills in problem solving, logical and critical thinking.

Because Lyra's computer labs are accepted by the Regional and District authorities, schools allocate time for digital learning as part of the school remedial classes.

DL Equipment: In 2020 Lyra successfully expanded the digital learning program from eight to nine Ward Secondary Schools in Iringa region, by adding one new Computer Lab at Mlowa Secondary School, in Mlowa Ward, Iringa District. The lab is equipped with a total of 20 Computers and 1 Server. The donor for this three-year program is the British Foreign School Society.

3. Rural Livelihoods Program for marginalized youth- Imarika Kijana (IK)

This program is divided into two interventions - the Imarika Kijana (IK – Strong Youth) Program and the Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) Program. During this period the VSLA program integrated with the IK program.

Imarika Kijana (IK) Program: Strong Rural Youth

The IK program was introduced in 2018 to meet the urgent need for supporting rural based youth to develop new business ideas and improve livelihoods within their community. With an increasing large number of unemployed youths, the demand for the program is very high, especially in the rural areas where Lyra is active, as up to 90% of the community members are subsistence farmers.

Implementation of the program has been done in partnership with RLabs Tanzania (www.rlabs.co.tz). Selected rural youth are trained to become our “Core local Trainers” in accordance with the IK Manual.

The IK program has become a signature program for Lyra. With a growing population of unemployed youth who have little or no opportunities, Imarika Kijana restores their hope through an intensive training course in entrepreneurship and business thinking.

In this reporting period, Lyra entered a two-year agreement with the UK's FCDO to train 400 youth in four cohorts. The Core Trainers are delivering the program in their communities. Lyra has trained three Cohorts so far, reaching 1,460 youth during this period.

The program has four core components: i) ‘Grow Leadership’ training, focusing on creating a new open mindset to see the opportunities in one’s own environment ii) business and entrepreneurship mentoring sessions, including use of technology for business; iii) exposure visits to commercial projects (farming, industries, trade shows) and iv) training in the Youth Savings and Loans Groups (YSLA) methodology. In this final module of the 15-module training, youth learn how to save and access loans through their groups. Lyra supports the YSLAs through the first annual cycle of saving and lending funds and continues to monitor their progress for another year.

Of the 1,460 rural based youth that graduated from Lyra’s IK training at least 60% have started a new business, mainly in merchandising, agriculture, tailoring and poultry with more than 50% more than doubling their income

As a result of the IK training, 31 Youth Savings and Loans Associations (YSLAs) were established, with a total of 540 members (69% female and 5% disabled). At the end of the FY, total savings grew from TZS 9.9million (£3,225) to TZS 38million (£12,260) with 80% loaned out to members. Return on savings stood at 11.9%, while average annualized saving per member was TZS 152,711 (£50). This is an achievement for the youth who until now have lived below the poverty line. All YSLAs are registered with their respective District Councils and three have been granted interest free loans from their respective District Councils.

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs):

In the absence of formal banking structures, in 2012 Lyra started the VSLA program for rural based families and communities to manage their money and access credit to invest in income-generating activities. We support VSLAs to be registered with their respective Local Government Authorities (District Councils), where they can access Government interest free loans to support their businesses.

Lyra continues to provide training to Community Based Trainers (CBTs) who in turn provide support to existing VSLAs, as well as starting new groups in their communities.

In 2020, most of Lyra’s traditional VSLA groups graduated, which implies they are deemed self-sustaining and can register with the local District. They remain supported by a network of 26 trained Community Based Trainers (CBTs), who start new VSLAs in their own communities. The CBTs also work for Lyra in developing the new IK Youth SLAs and guide them through the VSLA Methodology.

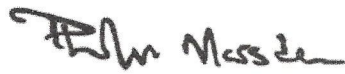
As of June 2021, the remaining 10 supervised VSLAs have a total of 238 members (184 female), with total shares/ assets value of £17,000

3. Reserves Policy:

The Charity operates with limited cash reserves. The Trustees' objectives is to maintain a sufficient balance to meet committed expenditure on current projects and cover foreseeable administration expenses. Major projects and initiatives are met from separate fundraising activities.

Declaration: I declare in my capacity as charity trustee, that the board of trustees have approved the report above and have authorised be to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by Chairperson



Dated: 29.04.2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lyra in Africa

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the 18 months ended 30th June 2021, which are set out on the attached pages.

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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.

I note that it is the responsibility of the Lyra (TZ) National Director and the Lyra (TZ) board to ensure that monies transferred to Tanzania are used appropriately in accordance with agreed budgets. I have not examined that expenditure.

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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.



Christopher Whitehead
Chartered Accountant
Hambleton
Henley on Thames
Oxon RG9 6SN

26 April 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 18 months ended 30th June 2021

	Note	30th June 2021			31st December 2019		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations received		78,511	335,164	413,675	72,297	178,738	251,035
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		12,024		12,024	505		505
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	5	90,535	335,164	425,699	72,802	178,738	251,540
Resources expended							
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation, Tanz	6	45,290	198,927	244,217	39,668	178,738	218,406
Hostel Construction & Refurbishment		-	-	-	11,129		11,129
Imarika Kijana youth project FCDO funds			4,421	4,421	-		-
Programme management and M&E		25,280	4,088	29,368	7,300		7,300
<i>Support costs</i>							
Finance & administration		11,488	9,400	20,888	6,601		6,601
Communications & promotion		14,144		14,144	2,188		2,188
Fundraising		5,162		5,162	1,733		1,733
Governance costs		1,465		1,465	3,712		3,712
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		102,829	216,836	319,665	72,331	178,738	251,069
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(12,294)	118,328	106,034	471	-	471
Balances brought forward		22,925	-	22,925	22,454	-	22,454
		10,631	118,328	128,959	22,925	-	22,925
Gross transfers between funds				-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959	£ 22,925	£ -	£ 22,925

Balance sheet

	30th June 2021			31st December 2019		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total £
Net current assets						
Bank balances	14,291	120,628	134,919	23,653	-	23,653
Less: Creditors	(3,660)	(2,300)	(5,960)	(728)	-	(728)
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959	£ 22,925	£ -	£ 22,925
Funds of the charity						
Unrestricted funds	10,631		10,631	22,925		22,925
Restricted funds (donated for a specific purpose)		118,328	118,328		-	-
	£ 10,631	£ 118,328	£ 128,959	£ 22,925	£ -	£ 22,925

Lyra in Africa

Notes to the accounts

For the 18 months ended 30th June 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure represents amounts invoiced, including value added tax which cannot be recovered.

Foreign currency - US Dollars

For expenditure and transfers in US dollars an average exchange set at the beginning of the accounting period is used - for 2020/21 at \$1.20 to £1. Monetary assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on that date. The rate used at 30th June 2021 was \$1.38 to £1 (2019: \$1.20). Any resulting difference on translation is taken through the Statement of Financial Activities, with gains being shown in Other Incoming Resources and losses shown under resources expended

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No fees, remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee during the period (2019 - £nil)

3 Staff costs

The charity does not employ any staff (2019 - none)

4 Related Party Disclosures

There were no transactions with related parties in the period

5 Income Received

	2021			2019		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	44,729	137,132	181,861	64,063	-	64,063
Grants from other charities	33,782	156,855	190,637	8,234	178,738	186,972
Grants from Government	-	41,177	41,177	-	-	-
Gift aid	12,024	-	12,024	505	-	505
	<u>90,535</u>	<u>335,164</u>	<u>425,699</u>	<u>72,802</u>	<u>178,738</u>	<u>251,540</u>

6 Grants to Lyra in Africa Organisation - Tanzania

Restricted Funds						
Hostel construction	29,609	130,052	159,661	-	145,845	145,845
Youth rural livelihoods	7,229	31,754	38,983		20,016	20,016
Girls sponsorship	5,930	26,047	31,978			
Digital learning	2,521	11,074	13,595		12,877	12,877
Unrestricted Funds						
Programmatic Contributions		-	-	39,668	-	39,668
	<u>45,290</u>	<u>198,927</u>	<u>244,217</u>	<u>39,668</u>	<u>178,738</u>	<u>218,406</u>