

**ALONGSIDE AFRICA
ANNUAL REPORT AND ABRIDGED UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**ALONGSIDE AFRICA
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Directors

Lawrance Titterton
Monica Titterton
Michael John Huddart

Company Number

07458896 (England and Wales)

Registered Office

ORIAN HOUSE 10 GLENMORE CENTRE
SHEARWAY BUSINESS PARK
FOLKESTONE
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ALONGSIDE AFRICA
(COMPANY NO: 07458896 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Lawrance Titterton
Monica Titterton
Michael John Huddart

Charitable and Political donations

Alongside Africa
Chairman's Report 2020

2020 was a year like no other for the whole world, and Alongside Africa was no exception. The spread of Covid-19 from the first quarter of the year has had a significant impact on the charity in the UK and our operations in Uganda.

Operational impact

Covid-19 has had a serious impact on the individuals and communities that we support in Kabale and Rubanda districts in Uganda. The majority of children that we support were in boarding school to protect them from abusive home lives, caused primarily by poverty. The closure of schools in March resulted in all children being returned to the homes that they came from, with the not unexpected detrimental impact on their lives. The health of many of the children has deteriorated during the year and at least one girl, aged only 15, has entered into an informal marriage and become pregnant. Some of the children have returned to the street. Whilst the team on the ground have been busy throughout this period following up the children as far as was possible, the full extent of the damage done will only become apparent once schools reopen in 2021.

The Obumwe micro-finance scheme was also adversely impacted by the Covid-19 crises as the lockdown imposed by the authorities resulted in groups being unable to market their produce and as a result, many groups defaulted on loans.

The work of the team in Kabale changed in nature from supervising children in schools and managing the Obumwe micro-finance scheme to that of checking that children were safe and providing emergency food and medical supplies to the communities where the children are living. Additional support has also been made available to two Batwa communities that were particularly hard hit by the crisis.

My wife and I have been based in Kabale for almost three years prior to the crisis and associated lockdown, but we were able to return the UK just before travel became all but impossible. This has led to further pressure being put on the AAU Operations Director, Kwarigaba George.

Financial impact

There has been a 20 % reduction in income compared with 2019 directly resulting from Covid-19. This reduction was mainly attributable to our inability to hold any fundraising activities during the year and a lack of grant income. Regular income decreased, but not by as much as we might have expected, which is a testament to the reliability and consistency of our core supporter base, small as it is.

The reduced income was offset by a reduction of 29% in funds sent to Uganda to fund operations there. Having used some of the net balance to write off the value of the Rav-4 in Uganda, we finished the year with a surplus of £6,152, which has allowed us to re-establish a financial reserve of £9,000.

One of the main impacts of Covid-19 is the level of uncertainty that it has engendered at all levels of society, from individuals to countries. We do not know what the future holds for those that we are supporting in Uganda or the small but dedicated team that is on the ground. Similarly, we cannot tell what will happen to our income within the UK and so what capacity we will have to respond to a changing socio economic environment in Uganda. We will need to be flexible and adaptable in the coming year if we are to effectively meet the challenges that will be put in front of us, and also to be able to identify and take advantage of the opportunities that will also present themselves.

I cannot end this report without expressing my heartfelt thanks to the small teams of dedicated volunteers and staff in the UK and Uganda that have kept Alongside Africa operating throughout our most challenging year to date. For their dedication and commitment, and most of all, for their love of the people we serve.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Michael John Huddart
Director

Approved by the board on: 2 May 2021

ALONGSIDE AFRICA ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Accountants' report to the board of directors of Alongside Africa (the company)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the balance sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view".

You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year ended 31 December 2020. Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above, and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

19 March 2021

ALONGSIDE AFRICA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross profit	45,878	58,507
Administrative expenses	(39,728)	(55,493)
Operating profit	6,150	3,014
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6,150	3,014
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4 -	-
Profit for the financial year	6,150	3,014

ALONGSIDE AFRICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	1,617	2,156
Current assets			
Debtors		11,050	11,050
Cash at bank and in hand		14,416	7,727
		<u>25,466</u>	<u>18,777</u>
Net current assets		<u>25,466</u>	<u>18,777</u>
Net assets		<u>27,083</u>	<u>20,933</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>27,083</u>	<u>20,933</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>27,083</u>	<u>20,933</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The members have agreed to the preparation of abridged accounts for the year in accordance with Section 444(2A).

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 2 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by

Michael John Huddart
Director

Company Registration No. 07458896

ALONGSIDE AFRICA
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Statutory information

Alongside Africa is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 07458896. The registered office is ORIAC HOUSE 10 GLENMORE CENTRE, SHEARWAY BUSINESS PARK, FOLKESTONE, KENT, CT19 4RJ.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing
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4 Taxation

Alongside Africa is a registered Charity and is not subjected to taxation

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Total £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	3,000
At 31 December 2020	3,000
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	844
Charge for the year	539
At 31 December 2020	1,383
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	1,617
At 31 December 2019	2,156

6 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2019: 0).

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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover		
Sales	47,048	59,385
Cost of sales		
Other direct costs	1,170	878
Gross profit	45,878	58,507
Administrative expenses		
Stationery and printing	68	50
Subscriptions	-	273
Bank charges	597	736
Insurance	269	267
Software	242	378
Depreciation	539	719
Donations	37,815	52,960
Sundry expenses	-	18
Accountancy fees	156	-
Advertising and PR	42	92
	39,728	55,493
Operating profit	6,150	3,014
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6,150	3,014