

Company registration number: 07458896
Charity registration number: 1146752

**ALONGSIDE AFRICA
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Alongside Africa
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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Company Number	07458896
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Business	1-2 Rhodium Point Spindle Close Hawkinge, Folkestone Kent CT18 7TQ
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Alongside Africa
Company No. 07458896
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

1. To advance the education of the public in Africa, in particular but not exclusively by assisting communities to establish and maintain new primary schools and promoting leadership and training of effective leaders in Africa, in particular to encourage and support individuals in Africa who are or wish to be in positions of leadership to learn about and develop their leadership skills.
2. To relieve sickness and promote and protect good health in Africa for the public benefit.
3. To relieve poverty and financial hardship amongst the people and communities in Africa by the provision of training, advice and micro-finance enabling them to establish and grow their own businesses.

Significant Activities

Specifically, Alongside Africa runs three programmes in Kabale, Uganda:

1. Give-a-child-a-chance - a sponsorship programme to send particularly underprivileged children to school.
2. Amasiko Halfway House - a residential centre where groups of young women (aged 15-21) who have dropped out of formal education can learn a skill and become self sufficient.
3. Obumwe Microfinance - a programme through which short term loans are made at a low interest rate to allow womens groups to expand their income generating projects.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

The environment in which Alongside Africa works has not gotten easier since my last report. From a UK perspective there are significant challenges for small charities like ours that allow us to grow and prosper. The cost of living crisis has given rise to a 'cost of giving crisis' and charities across the UK have reported decreased income from charitable donations. This has been compounded by an inflationary effect that sees the spending value of those donations reduce. We have been proud of the fact that each pound that we raise in the UK goes to the causes that we support in Uganda with minimal UK overheads, but we are aware that the impact that each of these pounds in Uganda is reducing due to inflation, and every pound is harder and harder to find.

It is also well documented that these inflationary effects are hitting the least advantaged populations harder. This is well known in the UK, but this is of course a global phenomenon, and we are finding that this is even more marked in the communities that we are supporting in Uganda, where deprivation has a multiplier effect on the cost of living crisis for these populations. If we are finding it hard in the UK, then they are finding it harder.

Charities across the UK have been reporting negative impacts over the past year as a result of these economic headwinds and Alongside Africa is not immune.

Other challenges have also hit the charity sector. The numbers of people volunteering in the UK have been steadily decreasing over the past decade. In 2014 70% of the population reported participating in voluntary activities at least once a year and 44% engaged in voluntary activities at least once a month. By 2024 these percentages had reduced to 54% and 33% respectively. Again, as a small charity we rely on the willingness of others to give time and energy to our work and building the strength of our volunteering group remains a challenge. In the future succession planning for our UK leadership group will also be a challenge. This is of course a challenge for any small organisation but more so in the small charity sector that relies on volunteers.

And of course, all of these challenges are arising now at a time when major international aid donors are reducing their support globally. Again, the negative impacts of this in the communities we work with in Uganda is very real. The environment in which small charities like ours work in has not been as challenging as this for some time.

It is nevertheless against this background that Alongside Africa has continued to work. It feels very dark at times. But Alongside Africa and small charities like ours have never worked in ideal conditions and so perhaps we have always had to have a sense of resilience and hope that allows us to continue to strive to bring light to the communities we work alongside in Uganda. In spite of the global economic difficulties on a day to day basis, on a child by child basis, on a community group by community group basis we continue to continue to bring hope and perhaps a bit of joy.

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Main Achievements - continued

Every child we support through education, every child that we support for their health needs, every young adult we support through training and every community group we support through microfinance, are that little bit better off than they would have been if we were not there.

There have been positives too over the past year and we have made little gains, had little wins, through the generosity of our donors and sponsors in the UK. A new latrine for our training project. A new motorbike for our community support volunteer. Support for a new accommodation block for a primary school. These little wins keep us going. There is a feeling of change and new growth to be had.

We have made larger gains as well with the opening of an Australian charity arm of the organisation extending our reach into potential new sources of income and support. We are hopeful that supporter by supporter we can continue to increase the impact that we have, so that child by child we can support the incremental improvement of communities in Kabale and the surrounding districts in Uganda.

As ever I am in awe of the tireless work that is done by our supporters and small team of volunteers in the UK and now in Australia, the time and effort that they put in to supporting Alongside Africa.

I am even more in awe and more proud of the work that is done by the Alongside Africa team in Uganda who work in an environment of adversity but do so with dedication and love for each individual that they support.

These may be dark times for the charity and aid sectors but the communities we work with are never in greater need of the light that organisations like Alongside Africa bring.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided to hold three months operational costs in reserves in case of sudden loss of income.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Memorandum and articles incorporated 02/12/2010 now articles adopted by special resolution dated 21/02/2012.

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are appointed by unanimous decision by the current board of trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alongside Africa for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statement unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

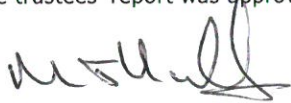
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Small Company Rules

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

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M Huddart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr M Huddart

Trustee

17/09/2025

Alongside Africa
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alongside Africa
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



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Alongside Africa
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
	Notes	funds	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	84,560	81,719
Investments	4	29	42
		<u>84,589</u>	<u>81,761</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities:	6		
Alongside Africa		(81,364)	(83,466)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>3,225</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>3,225</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		19,458	21,163
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>22,683</u></u>	<u><u>19,458</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	73,719	8,000	81,719
Investments	4	42	-	42
		<u>73,761</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>81,761</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:				
Alongside Africa	6	(75,466)	(8,000)	(83,466)
NET EXPENDITURE		<u>(1,705)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(1,705)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		21,163	-	21,163
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>19,458</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>19,458</u></u>

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**Alongside Africa
Balance Sheet
As At 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	10	511	-	511	682
		511	-	511	682
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	105	-	105	104
Cash at bank and in hand		22,427	-	22,427	19,002
		22,532	-	22,532	19,106
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	12	(360)	-	(360)	(330)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		22,172	-	22,172	18,776
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		22,683	-	22,683	19,458
NET ASSETS		22,683	-	22,683	19,458
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Funds				22,683	19,458
TOTAL FUNDS	13			22,683	19,458

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charitable 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 charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board



Mr M Huddart

Trustee
17/09/2025

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Alongside Africa
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information

Alongside Africa is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 07458896 and registered charity number 1146752. The registered office is 1-2 Rhodium Point, Spindle Close, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent, CT18 7TQ.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements 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 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

General

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

2.3. Resources Expended

General

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor Vehicles	25% on reducing balance
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2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	65,861	60,398
Gift aid	16,199	13,321
Grants	2,500	8,000
	<u>84,560</u>	<u>81,719</u>

4. Investment Income

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	29	42

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	<u>171</u>	<u>228</u>

6. Analysis of Expenditure

				2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Alongside Africa	<u>2,933</u>	<u>76,605</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>81,364</u>

				2023
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Alongside Africa	<u>2,359</u>	<u>79,046</u>	<u>2,061</u>	<u>83,466</u>

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7. Support Costs

	2024
	Alongside Africa
	£
General administration	1,295
Depreciation	171
Governance costs	360
	<u>1,826</u>
	2023
	Alongside Africa
	£
General administration	1,503
Depreciation	228
Governance costs	330
	<u>2,061</u>

8. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>360</u>	<u>330</u>

9. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2023: NIL)

10. Tangible Assets

	Motor Vehicles
	£
Cost	
As at 1 January 2024	3,000
As at 31 December 2024	<u>3,000</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2024	2,318
Provided during the period	171
As at 31 December 2024	<u>2,489</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2024	<u>511</u>
As at 1 January 2024	<u>682</u>

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11. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	105	104

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	360	330

13. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	19,458	84,589	(81,364)	22,683
Total funds	19,458	84,589	(81,364)	22,683

	As at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	21,163	73,761	(75,466)	19,458
Restricted funds				
Henry Smith Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Clifford Chance Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Total restricted funds	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
Total funds	21,163	81,761	(83,466)	19,458

14. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

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16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

