AFRICA'S GIFT LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1149830

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08263480
Registered	2012-11-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	22 Parkfield Road Rotherham S65 2AT
Phone	07528529766
Email	info@africasgift.org
Website	www.africasgift.org

Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (“OBJECTS”) ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:4.1 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN ANY MANNER WHICH THE TRUSTEES DETERMINE;4.2 TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE MALEALEA VALLEY, LESOTHO BY:4.2.1 THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES;4.2.2 THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SOCIALLY AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES;4.2.3 THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION.SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS “DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.4.3 TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES AFFECTING PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE MALEALEA VALLEY, LESOTHO;4.4 TO ENABLE ATTENDANCE AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE MALEALEA VALLEY, LESOTHO BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND FUNDING FOR EDUCATION;4.5 THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS LIVING IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE MALEALEA VALLEY BY MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY FOR PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR GOODS/SERVICES OR FACILITIES.

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Activities: Community-led initiatives to improve the quality of life for people in economically disadvantaged communities around the world; raising awareness, and developing solutions to the social, environmental and economic concerns of these communities; seeking out funding for sustainable projects that will improve their quality of life, whilst advancing the appreciation of different cultures globally

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Canada
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Essex
- North Lincolnshire
- Northumberland
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£26,998	£30,255	-	-
2024-05-31	£42,552	£37,636	-	-
2023-05-31	£29,883	£29,347	-	-
2022-05-31	£12,981	£11,962	-	-
2021-05-31	£21,663	£29,905	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Ronald Dunn	Chair	2012-10-29
Helen Bailey		2020-11-13
Michael Robert Fletcher		2015-12-02
Paul Hamilton Keen		2016-02-24
Valerie Mary Penycate		2018-10-12

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

THIS PAST YEAR HAS REMINDED US JUST HOW POWERFUL KINDNESS, COMMUNITY, AND A BIT OF DETERMINATION CAN BE. AFRICA'S GIFT IS MADE UP OF PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES WHO GIVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP OTHERS—AND THANKS TO THEM, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.

FROM GROWING KEYHOLE GARDENS TO SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH THE FOOD CRISIS IN LESOTHO, EVERY DONATION AND EVERY HELPING HAND HAS GONE STRAIGHT TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST. WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH LOCAL PARTNERS AND FRIENDS TO RESPOND TO URGENT CHALLENGES, AND WE'VE DONE IT WITH HEART.

I'M PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER, AND I'M HOPEFUL FOR WHAT'S AHEAD. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO'S SUPPORTED US—WHETHER YOU'VE DONATED SHOES, SHARED OUR STORY, OR HELPED RAISE FUNDS. YOU'RE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL. LET'S KEEP GOING.





KEN DUNN
CHAIR

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- Africa's Gift volunteers and fundraisers
- Sheffield Hallam University
- His Excellency, the British High Commissioner for Lesotho, Harry MacDonald
- Santander bank staff fundraisers
- Clifton Methodist Church, Rotherham
- Millhouse Probus Group
- Angel Assets
- Kenneth Allen
- Faye Smith
- Brenda Whittaker
- Birkdale School, Sheffield
- Bloomsbury Rifles Masonic Lodge, London
- Friends and Neighbours group, Central Methodist Church, Sheffield

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Africa's Gift Joined 1% For The Planet as an Environmental Partner

What is 1% for the Planet?

1% for the Planet is a global movement inspiring businesses and individuals to support environmental solutions through annual membership and everyday actions.

What does it mean to be a 1% for the Planet® Environmental Partner?

- 1% for the Planet Environmental Partners are carefully vetted organizations and programs that have proven alignment with 1% for the Planet's Impact Areas. Environmental Partners are organizations working for the benefit of people and the environment, with missions that span across a wide range of impacts, from ensuring vulnerable communities have rights to land to reducing the environmental impact of cities. Read more about 1% for the Planet Impact Areas.
- 1% for the Planet Members make support directly to approved environmental partners and can certify donations as part of their annual commitment.

https://www.onepercentfortheplanet.org

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– ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNER –

Shoes

Thank you to everyone who has donated shoes, which are collected from various collection points - you can be sure they're going to good homes



Uganda & Marian’s Eden

Coffee and medicinal plants continue to grow well in Marian’s Eden







Our Fundraising Appeal 2024

Last year, we launched our fundraising appeal due to Lesotho Prime Minister Sam Matekane declaring a national food insecurity disaster .

Our aim was to support the local communities to grow cover crops and to supply Cook-Bags

Our appeal raised £16,911 - thank you





Key Hole Gardening Training

With money raised from our appeal, we have been able to provide training and support for communities to grow keyhole gardens





Communities have been both interested and enthusiastic about keyhole gardens and how they can benefit from them

Key Hole Gardening Success!





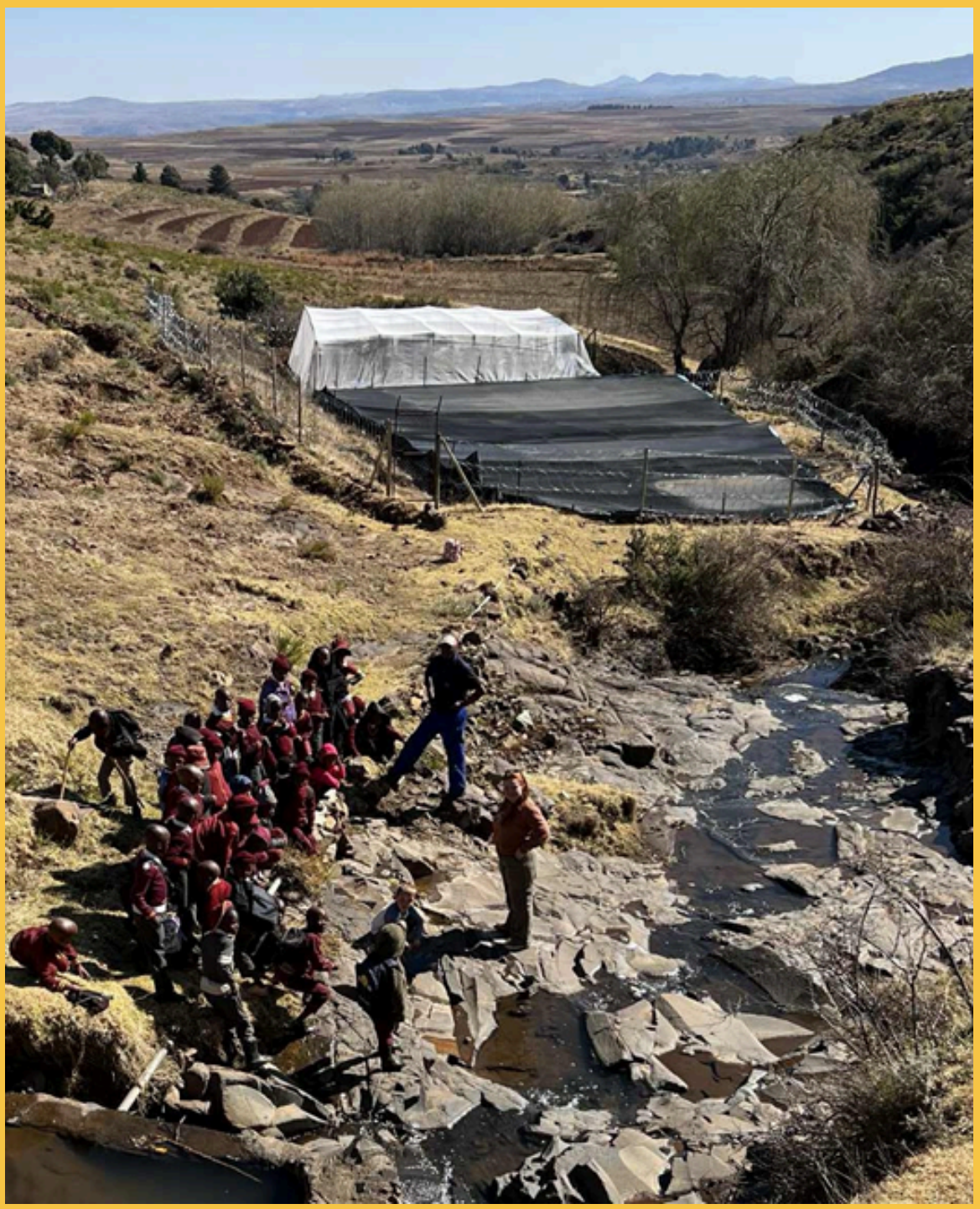
Masemouse

The reservoirs have had shade netting paid for by Africa's Gift.

There is now irrigation and a large shade netted area downstream from the ponds to cultivate fruits and veg.

Future plans include training to make and use biochar to power up crop growth.

Here you see the local primary school receiving advice on the dangers of water and information about what we were doing and the benefits of this work to the community.



Getting fish into the fish farm is a work in progress that Africa's Gift remain committed to supporting

In 23/24, we set the following priorities for 24/25. Here's how we performed against them;

I) Respond to the threat to food security in Lesotho:
* Expand the production and distribution of eco cookbags in Malealea and further afield . Cookbag free women to produce more food
* Support the MDT in reinforce good practice in the use of cook bags
* Improve food production through more attention to sustainable agriculture
* A focus on Masemouse, the teaching Farm and Tsinyane as centres of excellence
* Extend the use of keyhole gardens throughout Malealea

ii) Marian's Eden: sustain current progress, while seeking funding for a step change in investment to support wide tourist engagement to build sustainability.

iii) Eco cookbags: seek funding to enable a step change in manufacture linked to a far wide promotion, potential linked to realising their carbon offsetting potential.

Looking Ahead Our Priorities for 2025-2026

* SUSTAIN OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORT OVER THE CURRENT YEAR

* PROMOTE AND EMBED SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES IN MALEALEA AND MASEMOUSE, INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION OF WATER, MANUFACTURE AND USE OF BIOCHAR*, AND USE OF COVER CROPS

* EXPAND THE RANGE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ECO COOK BAGS IN LESOTHO

* CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AT MARIAN'S EDEN, UGANDA

- THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEACHING FARM IN MALEALEA - SHOW CASING CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE AND THE CREATION OF BIOCHAR AS A SOIL ENHANCER.

- THE FURTHER PLANTING AND EXPANSION (IF POSSIBLE) OF THE POCKET FOREST PHARMACY IN UGANDA.

Our Finances

Finances at a glance

	£
carry forward on 1 June 2024*	8,383
charity income	26,997
charity expenditure	30,255
balance on 31 May 2025	5,125

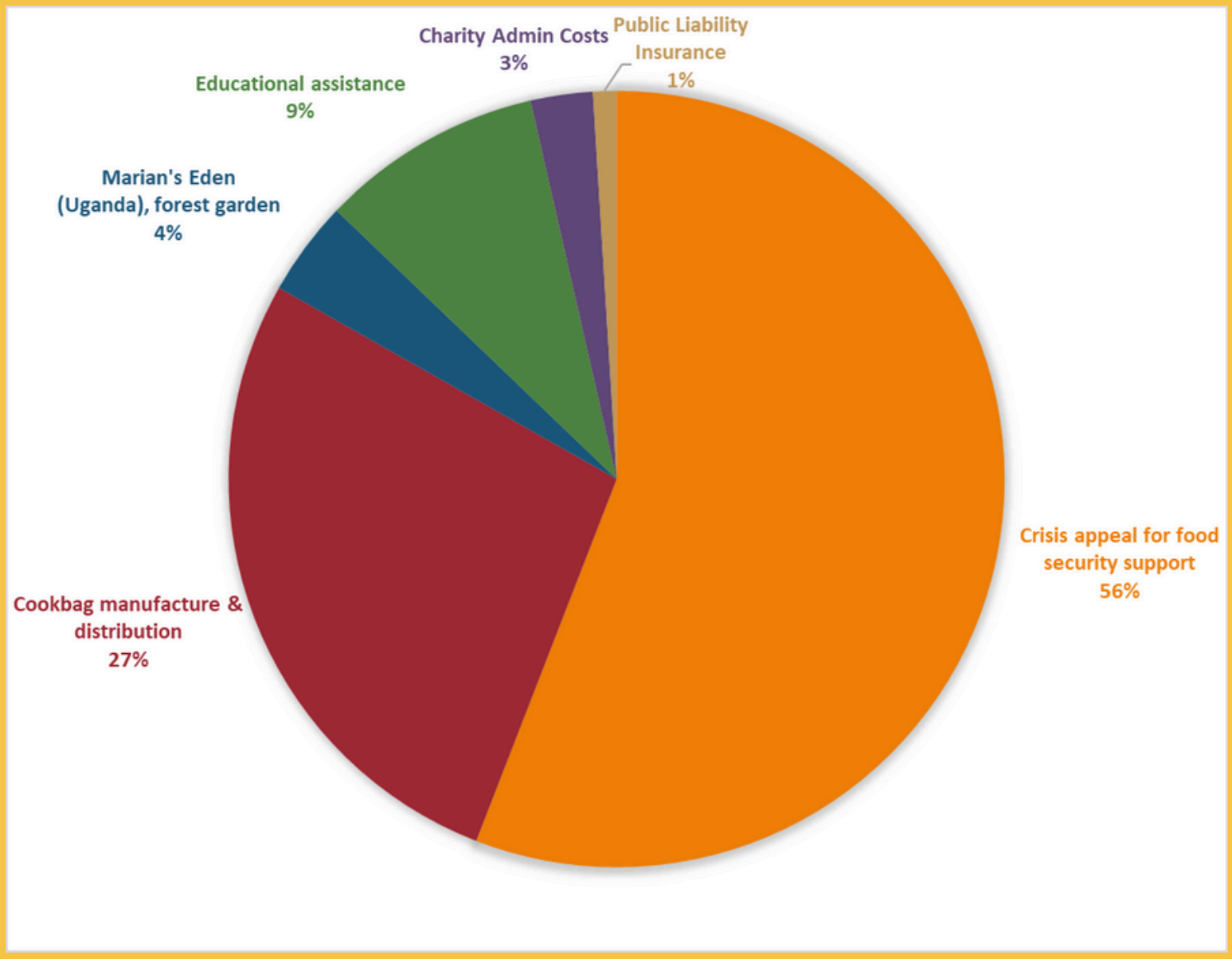
*includes £1,970 vired from former non-charitable budgets.

Cash Reserves:

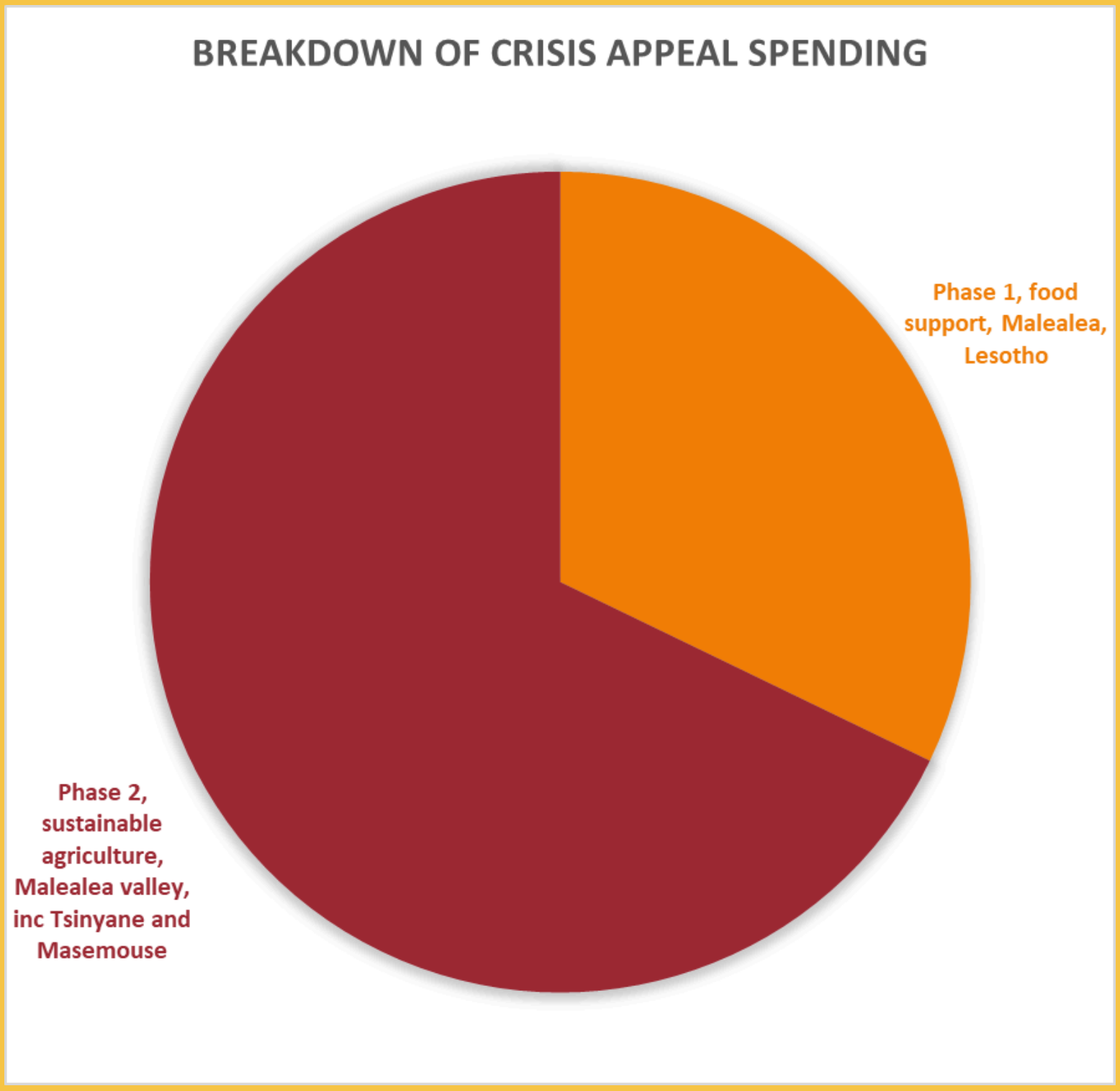
It is Charity policy to ring-fence donations or support received for specific projects, whilst also keeping in reserve an agreed sum (annually reviewed) for unexpected costs. Thus for 2025-2026 we are carrying forward funds identified for planned developments at Tsinyane, Masemouse, and the teaching farm in Malealea, further progress with our cookbag manufacturing initiative, and work on Marian's Eden forest pharmacy. Where the amounts held are insufficient, we expect to raise the balance through fund raising initiatives.

Our Finances

Our Expenditure 2024 - 2025



Our Finances



Our Governance

Our Trustees meet a minimum of 4 times a year, in addition to our AGM

Our Trustees serve an initial term of 3-years after which they can seek reappointment for further terms.

Any person willing to act as a Trustee will be considered and, where appropriate, appointed by the board at a General Meeting

Africa's Gift have a strategy to focus our priorities in the coming year and a risk register.

Trustees take very seriously their duty to ensure that the charity's income is used for public benefit. Although there is an annual licence cost for the online processing of donations and Gift Aid, we do not spend donors' gifts on fundraising schemes, and we are confident that whilst reporting the impact of charitable activities upon the lives of both African and (visiting) volunteer beneficiaries, we also take great care to identify best value for money. Please see this year's financial review for further details.

Our Administration

Principle Charity Office
Carholme, 22 Parkfield Road,
Rotherham, S65 2AT

Our Trustees

Kenneth Dunn
Helen Bailey
Teri Stephenson
Michael Fletcher
Paul Keen
Val Penycate,
Julie Robinson (resigned 12th September 2024)

Registered Company Number - 08263480

Registered Charity Number - 1149830

This report was approved by the Trustees of Africa's Gift on 3rd October 2025

Africa's Gift

Changing Lives, Nurturing Nature



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Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Financial Statements

Year ending 31 May 2025

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Appendix A – details of cash income & expenditures

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

Africa's Gift Ltd

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Company number 8263480

Directors' Report

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the report and unaudited company accounts for the year ending 31 May 2025.

The directors who served during the year are :

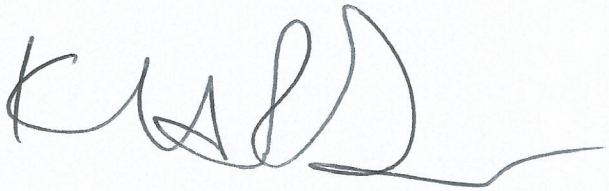
Helen Bailey	Appointed 13.11.2020	
Kenneth Ronald Dunn	Appointed 22.10.2012	
Michael Robert Fletcher	Appointed 02.12.2015	
Paul Keen	Appointed 24.02.2016	
Valerie Mary Penycate	Appointed 12.10.2018	
Julie Corbyn	Appointed 29.04.2022	(Resigned 12 September 2024)
Teresa Mary Stephenson	Appointed 13.11.2020	

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 10 June 2025

Registered office

Carholme
22 Parkfield Road
Rotherham
South Yorks
S65 2AT

Signed



Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd

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Profit and Loss Account

Year ending 31 May 2025

	£
Total cash balance held at 1 June 2024	8,382.96
Income – charitable donations	26,997.57
Expenditure – charitable objects	30,255.18
Total carry forward at 31 May 2025	***5,125.35***

For further details of individual items of income and expenditure, please refer to pages 5 & 6.

Africa's Gift Ltd

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Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 May 2025

❖ **Current Assets**	**£**
Cash in bank, charitable donations	5,125.35
Cash in bank, Happy Feet and SA crafts	00.00
Cash in bank, other (volunteer payments, future visit costs)	00.00
Total Assets	***5,125.35***
❖ **Liabilities (2025-26)**	
Donations held for contributions to running expenses (Community Teaching farm, Malealea, Lesotho)	40.53
Donations held on behalf of Malealea Development Trust (Lesotho appeal, food security)	41.88
Donations held for cookbag developments, and associated ongoing conservation works	79.89
Donations held for ongoing development of Marian's Eden, forest pharmacy, Uganda	813.94
Funds held for future volunteer visits (costed travel and accomodation)	00.00
❖ **Cash Reserves**	**4,149.11**
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Stock	***5,125.35***

Notes
For the year ending 31 May 2025 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 of it's accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The directors 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 those companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 10 June 2025

Signed

Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd **RCN 1149830**

Balance of accounts at close of business on 31 May 2025

INCOME

	Donations / payments received	£
1	Cookbag activations and manufacturing support	6,760.49
2	Donations to crisis appeal, phase 1, food support, Lesotho	4,936.69
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	1,617.44
4	Peter Robinson Memorial (environmental support) Fund	137.06
5	Appeal, phase 2, sustainable agriculture, Malealea valley, inc Tsinyane and Masemouse	6,471.20
6	Individual sponsorship support to cover university fees.	2,641.00
7	Donations for Malealea Teaching Farm, Lesotho	69.98
8	General donations	1,967.06
9	Membership subscriptions	2,277.35
10	Bank interest	119.30
		26,997.57
	TOTAL charitable income for the period	

Charity funds balance held @ 1 June 2024	8,382.96
Charitable income	26,997.57
Charitable expenditure	30,255.18
Carried forward at 31 May 2025	**5,125.35**

We are particularly grateful this year for our supporters' generous response to our appeal in the face of the severe drought conditions threatening the food security of community members in the Malealea valley, Lesotho. Not only were we able to supply food items, but also pay for the construction of numerous keyhole gardens, promoting small to medium scale sustainable food growing in each village using these and other conservation agriculture methods, and including the further development of the fish farm at Masemouse accompanied by supporting sustainable agriculture.

Accounts prepared by Lesley Cochrane

Signature L Cochrane

Date 1 June 2025

(this page to be read alongside previous page)

EXPENDITURE

	Project work supported	£
1	Cookbag facilitation & manufacturing costs, not for profit, Lesotho	8,260.53
2	Food security / crisis support, Malealea valley, Lesotho	5,440.00
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	1,200.00
4	Support for Ribaneng Catholic Primary School	163.18
5	Planned works in Tsinyane and Masemouse, food production focus	11,471.20
6	Individual, one year's university fees.	2,641.00
7	Web hosting developments and cloud storage (license)	123.77
8	Public Liability Insurance	296.24
9	Online collection & processing of donations - annual licensing costs	575.86
10	Banking costs	83.40
		30,255.18
	Total charitable expenditure for the period	

As can be seen on page 4, we are carrying forward funds for known commitments in Southern Africa.
In particular, further developments at Marian's Eden in Uganda.
A sum is also identified for Reserves which lies within the agreed limits of the charity's Reserves policy, and will be available to cover unexpected losses in income or occasional unforeseen expenditure. This protects our other restricted (ring-fenced) budgets, or enables us to respond to emergency situations.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total cash carried forward	**5,125.35**
TOTAL cash in bank on 31 May 2025	**5,125.35**

Accounts examined by
JULIE ROBINSON

Signature .....

Date 08/10/2025

Footprints Accountancy Ltd
Unit 24 Napier Court
Gander Lane
Barlborough
S43 4PZ

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Africa's Gift Ltd		
On accounts for the year ended	31st May 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1149830
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 05 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

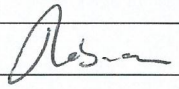
Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	08/10/2025
Name:	Julie Robinson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA		
Address:	24 Napier Court, Gander Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, S43 4PZ.		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Every step forward in Africa fills me with renewed hope and deepened commitment to this remarkable continent.

Over the past year, we have continued to share biodegradable cook bags with communities, which have already reduced smoke inhalation, decreased deforestation, and allowed families more time by easing the burdens of collecting firewood and water. These small innovations are creating tangible changes in everyday lives and in the environment.

Our efforts in promoting sustainable agriculture have helped more communities avoid the devastating effects of over-ploughing, with proper crop rotation ensuring that the land can continue to support future generations. Likewise, our ongoing support for the Batwa and Kigezi communities in Uganda is showing promising signs of reversing the effects of their displacement, empowering them to build a more secure future.

However, as our impact grows, so do the challenges. Africa's Gift is working hard to address these pressing needs, but we cannot do it alone. The scale of the work remains immense, and we need your continued support to make a lasting impact. Together, we are changing lives—but there is still much to be done.

Thank you for standing by us, and please continue to support us, share our story, and encourage others to join in this journey. Rest assured, every penny you contribute will be put to powerful, life-changing use.





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- Darcey for collecting shoes
- Birkdale School in Sheffield who names us as their charity of the year for 23/24
- Meena Samara, Angel Assets
- Harrison Wealth Management
- SAB Textiles
- Dr Charlotte Verney
- MDR LLP
- Luxe Club Retreats
- Kenneth Allen
- His Excellency, the British High Commissioner for Lesotho, Harry MacDonald
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Sheffield Hallam University

Birkdale School

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ECO-COOK BAGS & CELEBRITY COOKING



We are delighted that the Tanzanian Red Cross have 20 Eco-Cook Bags in use and that feedback from the field is that these have been very well received and that more are wanted. The funding of them remains an issue.

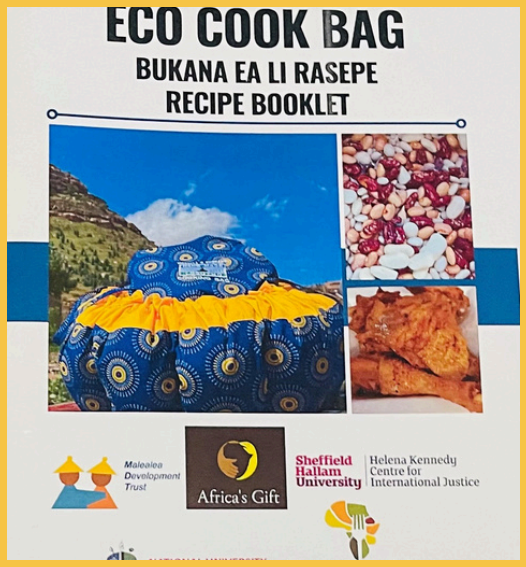


The Eco-Cook Bag uses sustainable hemp to provide its insulation

We launched a new cookbook embracing Basotho recipes for the Eco-Cook Bag. This work was supported by a grant from the British High Commission, drawing on funds from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Celebrity Chef Ska Moteane joined Ken on a visit to take part in a cooking challenge. Her work promotes healthy eating using local sustainable produce, and her vision is to fight hunger in local communities. She's an impressive lady and we're delighted that she joined us. The aim of the project was to highlight the variety of meals that can be cooked in the Eco-Cook Bag and the results were delicious!





Uganda & Marian's Eden

Africa's Gift visited Marian's Eden in August 2023. During that time, members worked on the pocket pharmacy, removing invasive species and mulching, allowing the coffee and medicinal plants the space to thrive.

The Manager, Lilian, is a multi-talented young mum! She made an Eco-Cook Bag with a template from Tanzania, then proceeded to cook with it, which was joyous to see.

We have consolidated Marian's Eden as a forest for the Batwa & Kigezi communities. Non native eucalyptus has been cut down and the wood stored for the future building of a visitors centre.







Moshoeshoe Walk









In March of 2024, Ken participated in the Annual Moshoeshoe Walk to commemorate the founding father of Lesotho.
It's an arduous 3-day walk and Ken was joined by volunteers.
As he always does, Ken took the opportunity throughout the walk to to promote the work of Africa's Gift and the Eco-Cook Bag.



Masemouse

Masemouse a remote village in Lesotho, beyond the Malealea Valley, which has been the focus of much of our work (please contact is you'd like to see the report on the Malealea Teaching Farm we established to case study sustainable agriculture)





Here we were building upon earlier work, having identified new and committed leaders within the community. We funded extensive training in sustainable agriculture where the community has shown real enthusiasm. That encouraged us to work with the community to bring dormant fish ponds to life.

Masemouse - The Fish Farm



Draining & Repairing the Fish Farm at Masemouse



Looking ahead we hope to re-stock the fish ponds, having taken advice from the relevant Ministry on the species we should introduce.







The fish ponds are now watertight. Stronger fencing is needed along with drain holes at the bottom of each pond so that they can be flushed through and oxygenated. Shade netting is also needed. Consideration is being given to introducing ducks and a maggot farm. Security will be required when the fish are grown.

Malealea - The Teaching Farm

In 2022/23 we transfered ownership to the community with a local farmer taking over management under the Malealea Development Trust . We subsequently introduced greater expertise on sustainable agriculture but problems remained. This year that expertise and leadership has been further strengthened.



While not accountable, we will continue to take a close interest and offer support where needed.



In 22/23, we set the following priorities for 23/24. Here's how we performed against them;

1. **Consider additional support for the development of Marian's Eden**

Land cleared, new plantings of native, particularly medicinal plants, and coffee. Introduction of an eco cookbag

2. Supporting Masemouse & the teaching farm with cover cropping

Great application of sustainable agriculture including crop rotation and use of cover crops

3. Discussing with the Malealea Development Trust their first project in Tsinyane which will likely require our support to progress

Significant donation attracted to support developing sustainable agriculture in Tsinyane, coupled with reviving keyhole gardens there and across Malealea to enhance the potential for self sufficiency

4. To conclude the building work in Leribe at the Phelisanong Children Centre

The latest phase of construction is now complete thanks to the building team and significant fundraising led by Paul Selina in Canada

5. **To continue to identify sources & funding for eco-cook bags**

Attracted over £3000 invest in the production of eco Cookbags, supported by new research evidence of their effectiveness and potential for carbon savings and a new cookbook in Sesotho language

Looking Ahead
Our Priorities for 2024-2025

I) Respond to the threat to food security in Lesotho:

* Expand the production and distribution of eco cookbags in Malealea and further afield . Cookbag free women to produce more food
* Support the MDT in reinforce good practice in the use of cook bags
* Improve food production through more attention to sustainable agriculture
* A focus on Masmouse, the teaching Farm and Tsinyane as centres of excellence
* Extend the use of keyhole gardens throughout Malealea

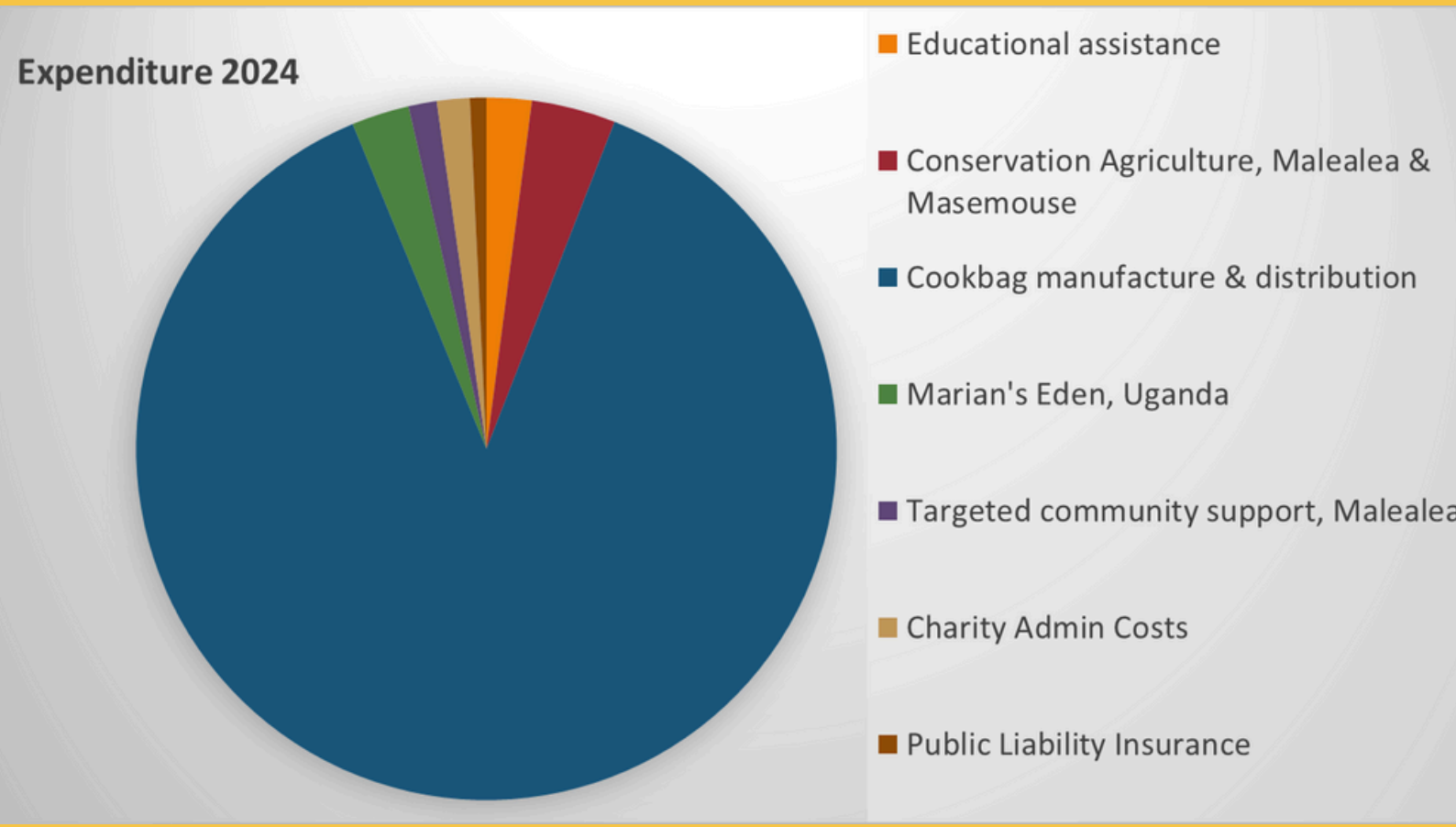
ii) Marian's Eden: sustain current progress, while seeking funding for a step change in investment to support wide tourist engagement to build sustainability.

iii) Eco cookbags: seek funding to enable a step change in manufacture linked to a far wide promotion, potential linked to realising their carbon offsetting potential.

Our Finances

Our Finances at a Glance

Carry forward on 1 June 2023	£1,497
Charity income	£42,552
Charity expenditure	£37,636
Balance on 31 March 2024	£6,413



Cash Reserves:

It is charity policy to ring-fence donations or support received for specific projects, whilst also keeping in reserve an agreed sum (annually reviewed) for unexpected costs. Thus for 2024-2025 we are carrying forward significant funds identified for planned developments at Tsinyane, Masemouse, and Ribaneng, further progress with our cookbag manufacturing initiative, and work on Marian's Eden forest pharmacy. Where the amounts held are insufficient, we expect to raise the balance through fund raising initiatives.

Our Governance

Our Trustees meet a minimum of 4 times a year, in addition to our AGM

Our Trustees serve an initial term of 3-years after which they can seek reappointment for further terms.

Any person willing to act as a Trustee will be considered and, where appropriate, appointed by the board at a General Meeting

Trustees take very seriously their duty to ensure that the charity's income is used for public benefit. Although there is an annual licence cost for the online processing of donations and Gift Aid, we do not spend donors' gifts on fundraising schemes, and we are confident that whilst reporting the impact of charitable activities upon the lives of both African and (visiting) volunteer beneficiaries, we also take great care to identify best value for money. Please see this year's financial review for further details.

Our Administration

Principle Charity Office
Carholme, 22 Parkfield Road,
Rotherham, S65 2AT

Our Trustees

Kenneth Dunn
Helen Bailey
Teri Stephenson
Michael Fletcher
Paul Keen
Val Penycate,
Julie Robinson (resigned 12th September 2024)

Registered Company Number - 08263480

Registered Charity Number - 1149830

This report was approved by the Trustees of Africa's Gift on 11th October 2024

Africa's Gift

Changing Lives, Nurturing Nature





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Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

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The directors who served during the year are :

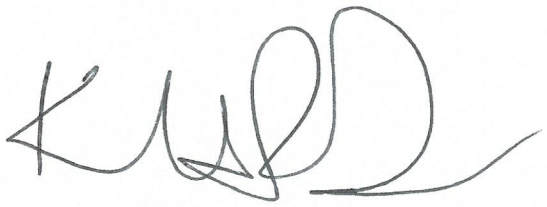
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This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 3 June 2024

Registered office

Carholme
22 Parkfield Road
Rotherham
South Yorks
S65 2AT

Signed



Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Profit and Loss Account

Year ending 31 May 2024

	£
Total cash balance held at 1 June 2023	6,272.52
Income – charitable donations	42,551.75
Income – other	21,369.18
Expenditure – charitable objects	37,636.05
Expenditure – other	24,174.44
Total carry forward at 31 May 2024	***8,382.96***

For further details of individual items of income and expenditure, please refer to pages 5 & 6.

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 May 2024

❖ **Current Assets**	£
Cash in bank, charitable donations	8,218.31
Cash in bank, Happy Feet and SA crafts	164.65
Cash in bank, other (volunteer payments, future visit costs)	00.00
Total Assets	***8,382.96***
❖ **Liabilities (2023-24)**	
Donations held for contributions to running expenses (Community Teaching farm, Malealea, Lesotho)	156.56
Donations held on behalf of Malealea Development Trust (Ribaneng Catholic Primary School, and planned developments at Tsinyane and Masemouse)	5,185.51
Donations held for cookbag developments, and associated ongoing conservation works	1,615.07
Donations held for ongoing development of Marian's Eden, forest pharmacy, Uganda	396.50
Monies held to re-invest in new stock (Happy Feet and South African crafts)	164.65
Funds held for future volunteer visits (costed travel and accomodation)	00.00
❖ **Cash Reserves**	**864.67**
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Stock	***8,382.96***

Notes

For the year ending 31 May 2024 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 of it's accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The directors 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 those companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 3 June 2024

Signed



Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd **RCN 1149830**

Balance of accounts at close of business on 31 May 2024

INCOME

	Donations / payments received	£ by the charity	£ PIV volunteers
1	Cookbag activations and manufacturing support	27,913.75	*1,325.87*
2	Teaching farm, Malealea (Lesotho)	64.79	
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	1,614.80	
4	Peter Robinson Memorial (environmental support) Fund	137.76	
5	Donations for Malealea Nursery school	781.35	
6	Donation for planned works in Tsinyane and Masemouse	5,000.00	
7	Donation for Ribaneng Catholic Primary School	163.18	
8	General donations	2,442.75	
9	Membership subscriptions	3,003.52	
10	Gift Aid receipts	1.74	
11	Bank interest	102.24	
		41,225.88	1,325.87
	TOTAL charitable income for the period		**42,551.75**

Charity funds balance held @ 1 June 2023	1,497.49
Charitable income	42,551.75
Charitable expenditure	37,636.05
Carried forward at 31 May 2024	**6,413.19**

As can be seen on page 4, we are carrying forward funds for known commitments in Lesotho.
A sum is also identified for Reserves, which lies within the agreed limits of the charity's Reserves policy, and will be available to cover unexpected losses in income or occasional unforeseen expenditure - which protects our other restricted (ring-fenced) budgets, or enables us to respond to an emergency situation.

NON CHARITY INCOME

12	Income from shoe collections	600.00
13	Client payments for Partnership Interaction Visits (PIVs)	20,769.18
		21,369.18
	Total 'other' income for the period	**21,369.18**

Non charity balance held @ 1 June 2023	4,775.03
Non charity income	21,369.18
Non charity expenditure	24,174.44
Cash carried forward (Non charity) at 31 May 2024	**1,969.77**

Accounts prepared by Lesley Cochrane (Charity Treasurer)

Signature L Cochrane

Date 3 June 2024

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EXPENDITURE

	Project work supported	£ by the charity	PIV activity
1	Cookbag facilitation & manufacturing costs, not for profit, Lesotho	30,873.49	*2,174.37*
2	Teaching farm, cover crops to retain soil and smother weeds.	500.00	
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	1,000.00	
4	Conservation agriculture consultant, Masemouse & Malealea	900.00	
5	Support for Malealea Nursery School	781.35	
6	Support for local community, replacement generator in Malealea	489.00	
7	Tree planting (to replace lost fuel woods and stabilise soil)	62.13	
8	Public Liability Insurance	285.71	
9	Online collection & processing - annual licensing costs	498.00	
10	Banking costs	72.00	
		35,461.68	2,174.37
	Total charitable expenditure for the period		**37,636.05**

The impact of PIV groups on the work we undertake in southern Africa continues to be significant. In particular, the now regular visits of student cohorts from Sheffield Hallam University. Thus we are pleased to share above, details of the additional financial support our partner communities enjoy through our volunteers' activity on the ground as well as their pre-visit fundraising.

NON CHARITY EXPENDITURE

11	Costs and transportation of shoe collections	600.00	
12	Costs incurred for Partnership Interaction Visits (PIVs)	23,574.44	
		24,174.44	0.00
	Total 'other' expenditure for the period		**24,174.44**

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total cash carried forward	**8,382.96**
TOTAL cash in bank on 31 May 2024	**8,382.96**

Accounts examined by (Accountant)

Signature .....

Date 03/01/2025

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Africa's Gift Ltd		
On accounts for the year ended	31st May 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1149830
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 05 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	03/01/2025
Name:	Julie Robinson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA		
Address:	24 Napier Court, Gander Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, S43 4PZ.		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A

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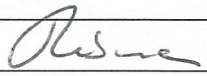
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AFRICA'S GIFT LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1149830

Accounts

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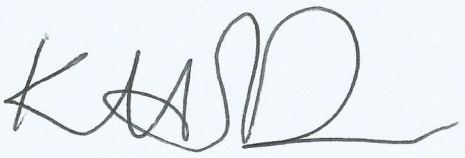
Helen Bailey	Appointed 13.11.2020
Janet Clare Chance	Appointed 25.09.2019 (retired 25.09.2022)
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This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 13 June 2023.

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Signed



Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Profit and Loss Account

Year ending 31 May 2023

	£
Total cash balance held at 1 June 2022	5,524.67
Income – charitable donations	29,882.54
Income – other	56,109.00
Expenditure – charitable objects	29,346.89
Expenditure – other	55,896.80
Total carry forward at 31 May 2023	***6,272.52***

For further details of individual items of income and expenditure, please refer to pages 5 & 6.

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 May 2023

❖ **Current Assets**	£
Cash in bank, charitable donations	5,659.37
Cash in bank, Happy Feet and SA crafts	164.65
Cash in bank, other (volunteer payments, future visit costs)	448.50
Total Assets	***6,272.52***
❖ **Liabilities (2023-24)**	
Donations held for contributions to running expenses (Community Teaching farm, Malealea, Lesotho)	91.77
Donations held on behalf of Malealea Development Trust (Covid19 appeal)	7.50
Donations held for OVC scholarships, Malealea valley, Lesotho	148.81
Donations held for cookbag developments, and associated ongoing conservation works	4,300.30
Donations held for ongoing development of Marian's Eden, forest pharmacy, Uganda	90.34
Monies held to re-invest in new stock (Happy Feet and South African crafts)	164.65
Funds held for future volunteer visits (costed travel and accomodation)	448.50
❖ **Cash Reserves**	**1,020.65**
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Stock	***6,272.52***

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Approved by the Board on 13 June 2023

Signed

Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd **RCN 1149830**

Balance of accounts at close of business on 31 May 2023

INCOME

	Donations / payments received	£ by the charity	£ PIV volunteers
1	Orphans & vulnerable children (OVCs)	42.84	
2	Commercial sponsorship of an individual student in Lesotho	2,504.00	
3	Cookbag activations	9,224.35	*3,650.40*
4	Teaching farm, Malealea (Lesotho)	20.36	
5	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	7,039.39	
6	Peter Robinson Memorial (environmental support) Fund	123.48	
7	Planting of trees to combat soil erosion and provide food	60.00	
8	General donations	2,101.70	
9	Membership subscriptions	2,442.47	
10	Gift Aid receipts	2,209.08	
11	Bank interest	38.28	
12	Ongoing donations for MDT Covid19 support	426.19	
		26,232.14	3,650.40
	TOTAL charitable income for the period		**29,882.54**

Charity funds balance held @ 1 June 2022	5,769.12
Charitable income	29,882.54
Charitable expenditure	29,346.89
Cash carried forward at 31 May 2023	**6,304.77**

As can be seen on page 4, we are carrying forward funds for known commitments in Lesotho.
A sum is also identified for Reserves, which lies within the agreed limits of the charity's Reserves policy, and will be available to cover unexpected losses in income or occasional unforeseen expenditure - which protects our other restricted (ring-fenced) budgets, or enables us to respond to an emergency situation.

NON CHARITY INCOME

16 Income from shoe collections	258.00	
17 Client payments for Partnership Interaction Visits (PIVs)	55,851.00	
	56,109.00	0.00
Total 'other' income for the period		**56,109.00**

Non charity balance held @ 1 June 2022	-244.45
Non charity income	56,109.00
Non charity expenditure	55,896.80
Cash carried forward (Non charity) at 31 May 2023	**-32.25**

Accounts prepared by Lesley Cochrane (Charity Treasurer)

Signature L Cochrane

Date 12 June 2023

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EXPENDITURE

	Project work supported	£ by the charity	PIV activity
1	Commercial sponsorship of an individual student in Lesotho	2,504.00	
2	OVC support, employment seeking	50.00	
3	Cookbag facilitation and manufacturing costs, Lesotho	5,207.15	*3,005.00*
4	Teaching farm contributions: repairs to irrigation system, seed.	600.00	
5	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	13,057.03	
6	Support for farmers, Conservation agriculture training, Masemouse	200.00	
7	Further developments, fish farm at Masemouse, Lesotho	2,972.00	
8	Support for local community activity, Malealea Monster Lesotho	198.71	
9	Public Liability Insurance	271.00	
10	Online collection & processing - annual licensing costs	498.00	
11	Software updates	312.00	
12	Banking costs	72.00	
13	Donations to MDT for Covid19 targeted support	400.00	
		26,341.89	3,005.00
	Total charitable expenditure for the period		**29,346.89**

The impact of PIV groups on the work we undertake in southern Africa is once again increasing as a result of the recovering interest in travel opportunities post pandemic. Thus we are pleased to share above, details of the additional financial support our partner communities enjoy through our volunteers' activity on the ground as well as their pre-visit fundraising.

NON CHARITY EXPENDITURE

18	Costs and transportation of shoe collections	252.71	
19	Costs incurred for Partnership Interaction Visits (PIVs)	55,644.09	
20			
21			
		55,896.80	0.00
	Total 'other' expenditure for the period		**55,896.80**

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total cash carried forward	**6,272.52**
TOTAL cash in bank on 31 May 2023	**6,272.52**

Accounts examined by (Accountant)

Signature .....

Date 18/7/23

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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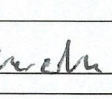
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

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Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A