



**Africa's Gift**  
Changing Lives, Nurturing Nature

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025



**Africa's Gift Ltd**  
**Company Number 08263480**  
**Registered Charity number 1149830**



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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





# A Word From Our Patron - Prince Seeiso



“I am very proud to be patron of Africa's Gift - a charity that changes lives, that champions collaborative working, and that promotes education for sustainable development.

Confident that its influence will continue to expand and develop, I encourage you to support this charity, as 100% of your donation will be used for maximum benefit in an African community.”



# Our Supporters & Donors



**Our huge thanks to everyone who has contributed to our work this year, including;**

- Africa's Gift subscription members
- Africa's Gift Trustees & their families
- 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

# Our Purpose & Public Benefit



Africa's Gift Ltd is a charitable company, holding no share capital, limited by guarantee, and governed by Articles of Association (November 2012). The charity exists primarily to:

1. **Promote sustainable economic and agricultural development in Africa with a particular focus on the Malealea valley, Lesotho through;**
  - the conservation and protection of the environment and prudent use of resources;
  - the promotion of sustainable agricultural practice and other means of achieving economic growth and regeneration
2. **Address poverty and improve living conditions in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly, but not exclusively in the Malealea Valley by:**
  - contributing to the relief of financial hardship of both adults and children, by offering specific grants, subsidising goods that will improve people's lives or funding specific improvement projects;
  - supporting disadvantaged children, including orphans, to attend school by providing uniforms and other assistance, and funding fees;
  - working with schools to improve their facilities and the quality of education, including learning about sustainable agriculture and wider economic development.
3. **Build wider understanding and garner support for our work across communities in the developed world, with particular focus on Yorkshire, by;**
  - supporting school, workplace, university and social groups to undertake working visits to Africa (particularly Malealea Valley) and to make a longer term commitment to support our work;
  - tirelessly promoting our work and achievements by all appropriate means



# 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>



# 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

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**Urgent Appeal**



Lesotho Prime Minister Sam Matekane has declared a national food insecurity disaster spanning eight months from July 2024 to March 2025. According to Mr Matekane, it is estimated that no less than 700 000 Basotho face extreme hunger because of the severe El Nino drought, which has affected Lesotho's agricultural sector.

Following considerable dialogue with colleagues from The University of Lesotho, The British High Commission and the Malealea Development Trust, the Trustees at Africa's Gift met on 16.09.24 to agree what we could do to address this problem and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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**We URGENTLY need to raise £9000**

Africa's Gift propose to support the community of Malealea as follows;

- Train and support the construction & growing of vegetables via Keyhole Gardens, incorporating companion and succession planting.
- To do this, we will need to purchase seeds and shade netting (cost £40)
- We will provide an Eco-Cook Bag and best practice workshops on using local foods, so that people can be more productive and not tied to fires cooking (cost £20)
- Total cost per family - £60
- Sadly, we cannot support everyone, but hope to provide this vital support to 150 families that we know are already in very great need and have no food.
- Spring is coming to Lesotho, so this is the perfect time to support sustainable planting



**To donate to Africa's Gift;**  
**Log on to our website - [www.africagift.org](http://www.africagift.org)**  
**Please then click on the 'Donate now' button**

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# 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:

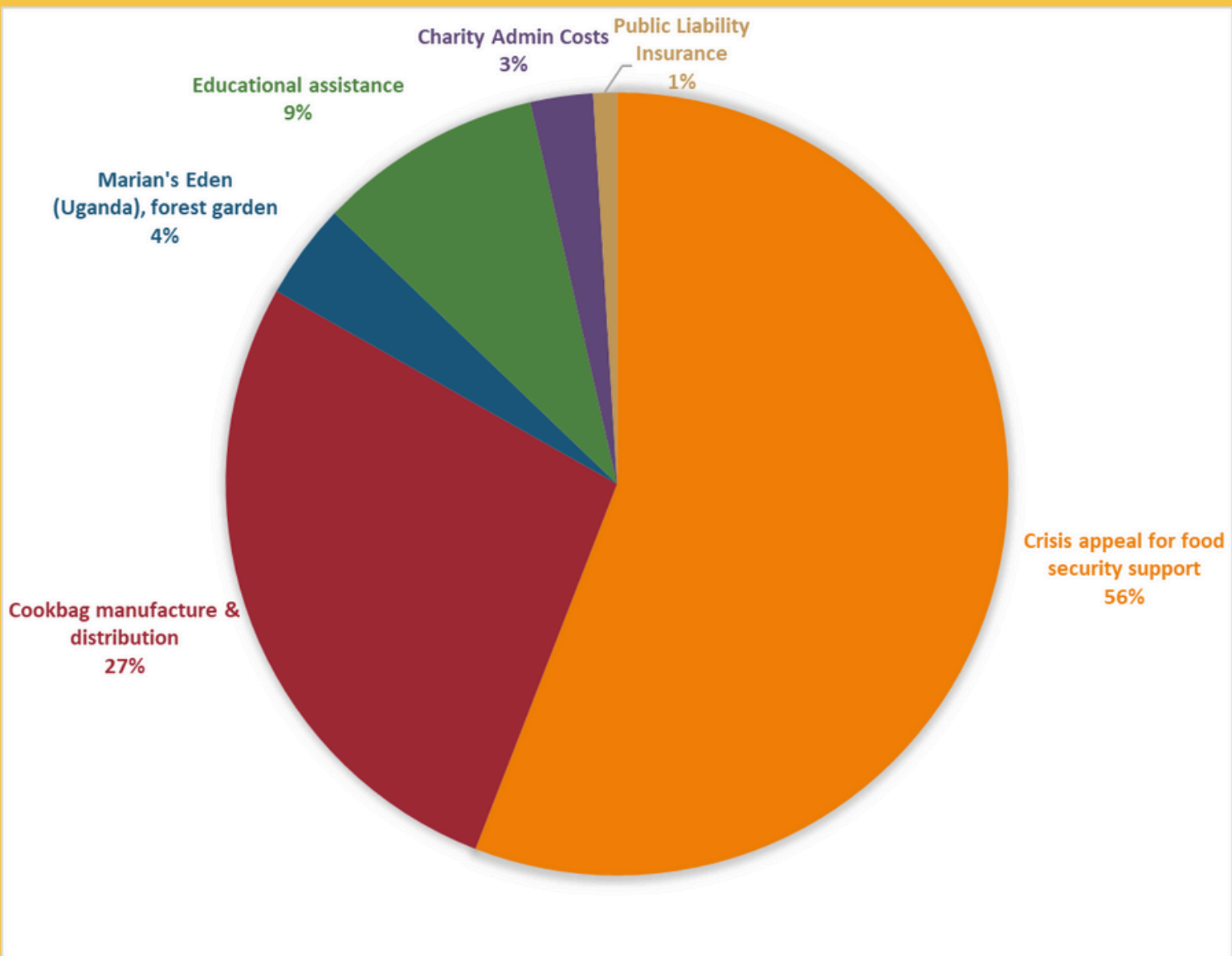
It is Charity policy to ring-fence donations or support received for specific projects, whilst also keeping in reserve an agreed sum (annually reviewed) for unexpected costs. Thus for 2025-2026 we are carrying forward funds identified for planned developments at Tsinyane, Masemouse, and the teaching 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



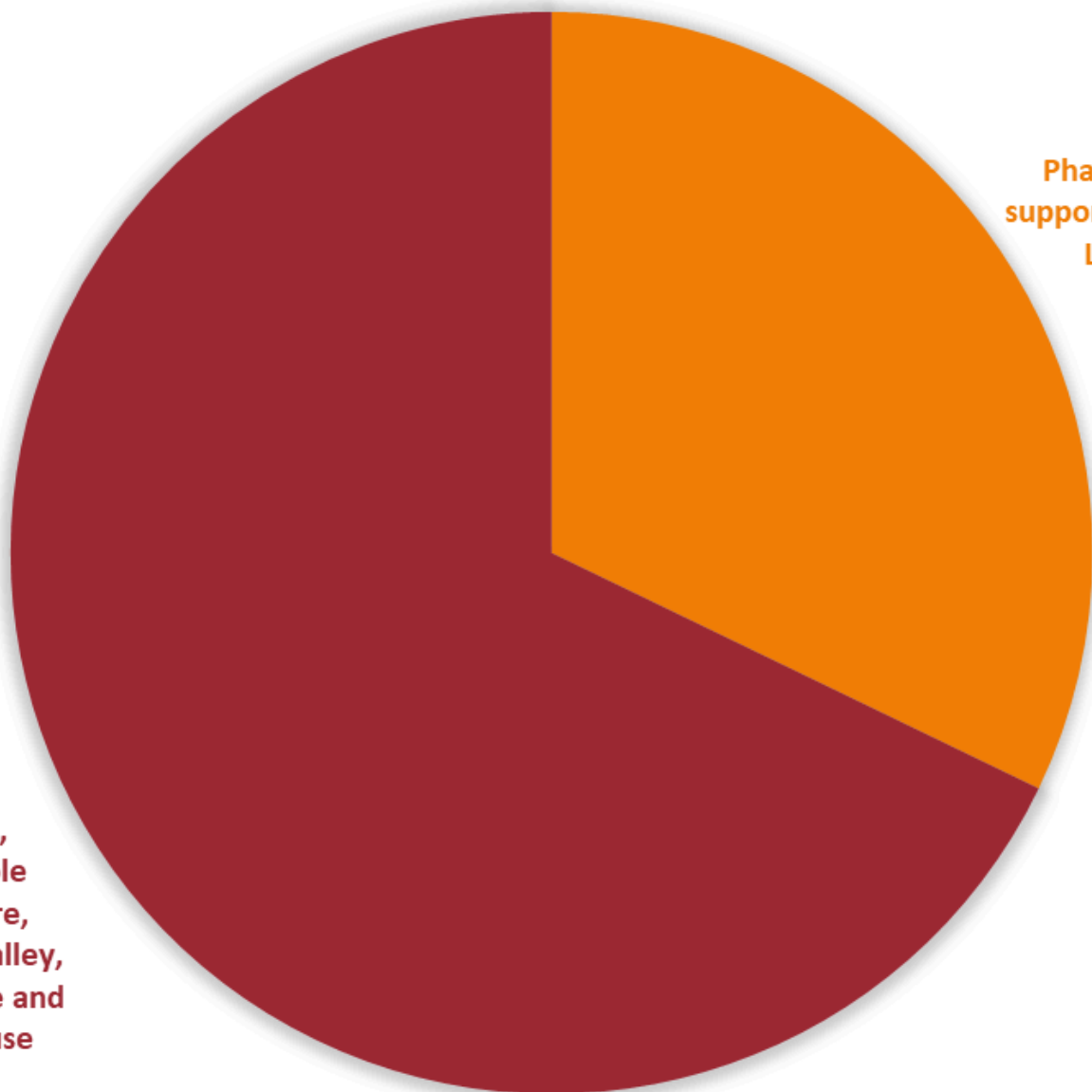
## Our Expenditure 2024 - 2025



# Our Finances



## BREAKDOWN OF CRISIS APPEAL SPENDING





# 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





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**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**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K R Dunn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**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 2025**

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

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 2025**

<b>❖ Current Assets</b>	<b>£</b>
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
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,125.35</b>
<b>❖ Liabilities (2025-26)</b>	
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
<b>❖ Cash Reserves</b>	<b>4,149.11</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Stock</b>	<b>5,125.35</b>

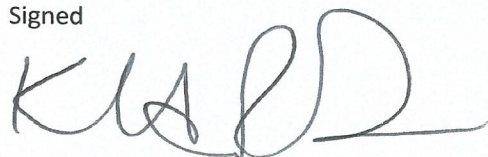
**Notes**

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)**



**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
<b>TOTAL charitable income for the period</b>	<b>26,997.57</b>

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	<b>5,125.35</b>

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.....*LCochrane*.....

Date.....*1 June 2025*.....



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## 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
<b>Total charitable expenditure for the period</b>	<b>30,255.18</b>

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	<b>5,125.35</b>
TOTAL cash in bank on 31 May 2025	<b>5,125.35</b>

Accounts examined by

**JULIE ROBINSON**

Signature .....

Date ..... **08/10/2025** .....

Footprints Accountancy Ltd  
Unit 24 Napier Court  
Gander Lane  
Barlborough  
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Africa's Gift Ltd

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> 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.



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