



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	Jan	2023	To	31	Dec	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Serve Africa

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1150759

Charity's principal address

The Dormy House

Combe Hay

Bath

Postcode

BA2 7EG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Scott	Chair		
2	John Miller			
3	Colin Sidery.			
4	Michael Smith.			
5	Denise Wells			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By agreement of existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Within the UK fund raising, management and administration are undertaken entirely by volunteers.

In Uganda a local pastor and his wife oversee the different activities on a day to day basis. The Chair aims to visit Uganda at least once each year in order to review progress and to consider future developments. He works with the other trustees and the Uganda pastor to agree the main activities that support the refugees.

Serve Africa has established Victorious Life College which provides IT and catering skills training for young adults.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve those in conditions of need, hardship or distress

To provide education and training

Enable people to obtain gainful employment

Counsel and otherwise support traumatised and displaced people

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities are:

- Undertake and support activities aimed at relieving the hardship and distress of the poor and vulnerable
- Undertake fundraising and provide finance to help the poor and vulnerable
- Help displaced people to be integrated into local communities
- Provide advice to optimise the impact of funding
- Continually assess the benefits of the support and relief activities, setting and adjusting priorities.

The public benefit is that the charity

- Improves the life opportunities of poor children by supporting them to attend school
- Enables adults to receive training and higher education, improving their employment options and earning potential
- Provides education in health, safety and hygiene
- Provides help and support to establish stable family settings
- Provides counselling to enable traumatised people to be freed from past emotional hurts
- Provides food aid
- Enhances the living conditions of the poor, including improved housing, improved food and water supplies, and better facilities
- Provides medical advice, treatment, supplies and facilities
- May provide loans or gifts to set up small businesses

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Currently Serve Africa supports internally displaced people. The original refugees fled the civil war in the north of the country. The focus of our work is two large villages near to the community at Mbalala, which is about 35 km south west of the capital, Kampala. These villages are known as the Kivuuvu and Bukunya camps. Altogether they house around 400 adults and 600 children.

The charity has seen people gradually develop aspirations for their own future. Education and training programmes give individuals the skills and knowledge to obtain gainful employment, thereby allowing them to gain a reasonable standard of living. Clean water and latrines, medical care and counselling have also been provided.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Serve Africa has continued to work with internally displaced people in Uganda. Serve Africa operates through local staff. The charity provides clean water and latrines, medical care, counselling, education and tertiary training. Serve Africa employs the following:

- A nurse visits the camps and primary school each week to check for malnutrition and illness. He also undertakes training in good health and hygiene to try and ensure disease prevention in the communities. We have implemented an inoculation programme for expectant mums, babies and children. In the last four years, there have been no infant mortalities. There is ongoing treatment of around 130 HIV positive camp residents.
- A counsellor supporting members of the camps to work through the traumas of their past experiences, as a result of atrocities by the Lord's Resistance Army when they were in northern Uganda.
- A borehole keeper who maintains the borehole (provided by Serve Africa) and ensures that it is not misused, so that it will provide clean, uncontaminated water for the camps for a long time. The keeper also oversees the maintenance of latrines and rainwater capture facilities.
- An experienced builder runs regular courses, of around 15 months duration, in basic construction for groups of young men.
- A catering trainer and an IT trainer at the College.
- A watchman to look after the college buildings
- An administrator to assist Pastor Ludovick and his wife

Serve Africa continues to support education and skills training. In 2023:

- We continued to provide welfare for pupils at the state primary school on the Kivuuvu camp.
- 42 pupils attended Mbalala Secondary School, with fees, board and lodging paid. An increasing number are now being directly sponsored by supporters
- 40 students learned catering or IT skills at the College. Ten of these were fee paying students from outside the camp. 6 students also completed a course in construction.
- Local businesses trained two students in car mechanics and two in metal fabrication
- One student was sponsored to start a medical degree and another to begin a degree in education.

Our chair visited for ten days in February and a further week in November, speaking with all staff and providers of education and training; he also had a meeting and meal with the older camp residents.

The legacy of Covid and the general weakness of the economy mean that it is still difficult for students to obtain jobs. As a result of discussions in November, we are amending the IT and catering courses for 2024 to improve job prospects

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees hold reserves to cover a temporary shortfall in UK income or to fund unexpected costs in Africa, for example, vehicle repairs or emergency medical care.

The level of undesignated reserves is reviewed every four months when making a payment to Uganda. Following each payment, we aim to hold of reserves at least 15% but not more than 35% of the expected regular payments to Uganda over the year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Almost 81% of the income came from donations and associated gift aid, including sponsors for students at university and secondary school. About 14% of income came from sales of plants and home-made cards. The small remainder was mainly fees paid by college students from outside the camps.

Regular spending included £33,000 for skills training and education, and about £5,600 on health, welfare and camp facilities. Finally, a further £3,500 covered local transport and various admin costs.

SA also provided £3,300 to cover the travel, accommodation and small gifts during the chair's visits.

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees are grateful for the hard work of Pastor Ludovick who co-ordinates the activities in Uganda on a day by day basis, and of all those whose work supports the residents of the camps.

The trustees also acknowledge the generosity of individual supporters, especially those who have agreed to sponsor students at university and secondary school.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Peter Scott

Full name(s)

PETER SCOTT

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

5th Sept 2024



Serve Africa			1150759	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	2022 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual giving	23,008	9,588	-	32,596	32,064
Gift Aid	5,687		-	5,687	4,235
On-line donations inc gift aid	1,793		-	1,793	640
Fundraising	3,991	2,991	-	6,982	7,995
Other Bodies	-	300	-	300	650
Uganda Contributions	2,333		-	2,333	1,988
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,812	12,879	-	49,691	47,572
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Use of Uganda balances	154	-	-	154	1,118
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	154	-	-	154	1,118
Total receipts	36,966	12,879	-	49,845	48,690
A3 Payments					
Education and Skills	21,283	11,676	-	32,959	30,390
Health, Facilities and Welfare	4,953	605	-	5,558	5,341
Transport and Admin	3,478		-	3,478	3,634
Chair's Travel and UK Admin	3,281		-	3,281	2,116
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	32,995	12,281	-	45,276	41,481
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Skills Training			-	-	-
Office			-	-	-
New Uganda funds	1,319			1,319	
Sub total	1,319	-	-	1,319	-
Total payments	34,314	12,281	-	46,595	41,481
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,652	598	-	3,250	4,913
A5 Transfers between funds	1,219	- 1,219	-	-	-
A6 UK Cash funds last year end	21,656	7,531	-	29,187	24,274
UK Cash funds this year end	25,527	6,910	-	32,437	29,187

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	25,830	6,907	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,830	6,907	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Advances to Uganda Team	1,083		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	College Centre (Catering and IT Training Facilities)	General		
	Vehicle	General	-	-
	Laptop and printer (Uganda office)	General	-	-
	Smart Phones	General	-	-
	Construction students kit	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Alcott

PETER SCOTT

5/9/24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

SERVE AFRICA

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1150759

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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").

Independent examiner's
statement

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.

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

Colin M Goater

Date:

27th July
2024

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Colin Michael Goater

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qualification(s) or body (if
any):

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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.