Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: From 1 Jan 2024 — Period end date: To 31 Dec 2024

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.		1 January to 28 October	
5	Denise Wells			
6	David Woodridge		From 21 November	
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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	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 trains young adults in IT, tailoring and catering.

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

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 although one mother died in child birth. There is ongoing treatment of 78 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.
- Trainers for catering, tailoring and IT skills at the College.
- A watchman to look after the college buildings
- An administrator to support Pastor Lordvick, his wife and the wider team, as well as liaise with the UK chair.

Serve Africa continues to support education and skills training. In 2024:

- We continued to provide materials and welfare for pupils at the state primary school on the Kivuuvu camp.
- 43 pupils attended Mbalala Secondary School, with fees, board and lodging paid. An increasing number are now being directly sponsored by supporters
- 37 students learned IT, tailoring or catering skills at the College. 7 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, two in computer repairs and two in metal fabrication
- Two students were sponsored to continue their degrees in medicine and education. Two others began courses in nursing and hotel management.

Our chair visited for ten days in February, when he saw staff and education providers. He also had a meal with the older camp residents. He went back with two other trustees in October to visit the camps and meet providers of training and education, and the sponsored students.

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 annual payments that are not covered by restricted funds.
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 85% of the income came from donations and associated gift aid, including funds from sponsors of students at university and secondary school. About 13% of income came from sales of plants and home-made cards. The small remainder represents fees paid by college students from outside the camps. Regular spending included £40,000 for skills training and education, and about £7,800 on health, welfare and camp facilities. Almost £2,500 was spent on college equipment. Finally, a further £4,200 covered local transport and various admin costs. SA also provided £3,500 to cover 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 Lordvick 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, college 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)	P Scott	
Full name(s)	PETER SCOTT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	15th July 2025	

Serve Africa	1150759

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

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 £	2023 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual giving	27,941	13,712	-	41,653	32,596
Gift Aid	1,975		-	1,975	5,687
On-line donations inc gift aid	2,521	402	-	2,923	1,793
Fundraising	3,905	3,263	-	7,168	6,982
Other Bodies	-		-	-	300
Uganda Contributions	1,349		-	1,349	2,333
	-	-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	37,691	17,377	-	55,068	49,691
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Use of Uganda balances	-	-	-	-	154
	-		-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	154
Total receipts	37,691	17,377	-	55,068	49,845
A3 Payments					
Education and Skills	24,894	15,294	-	40,188	32,959
Health, Facilities and Welfare	7,848		-	7,848	5,558
Transport and Admin	4,240		-	4,240	3,478
Chair's Travel and UK Admin	3,076	452	-	3,528	3,281
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	40,058	15,746	-	55,804	45,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Skills Training	355	2,120	-	2,475	-
Office			-	-	-
New Uganda funds	739			739	1,319
Sub total	1,094	2,120	-	3,214	1,319
Total payments	41,152	17,866	-	59,018	46,595
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,461	- 489	-	- 3,950	3,250
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 UK Cash funds last year end	25,527	6,910	-	32,437	29,187
UK Cash funds this year end	22,066	6,421	-	28,487	32,437

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

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Bank account	22,066	6,421	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	**22,066**	**6,421**	**-**

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Advances to Uganda Team	2,035		-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
College Centre including assets for Catering, IT and Tailoring Training	**General**		
Vehicle	**General**	-	-
Laptop and printer (Uganda office)	**General**	-	-
Computer repair tools	**General**	-	-
Construction students kit	**General**	-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
PR Scott	PETER SCOTT	15 July 25

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 **SERVE AFRICA**
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024 — **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").

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	Colin M Goater	**Date:**	**11th July 2025**
Name:	**Colin Michael Goater**		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			

Address:

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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.	