

# TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (T.U.S.C.)

England & Wales · Charity number 1152255

## Details

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Other names	T.U.S.C., TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (T.U.S.C.)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">08032230</a>
Registered	2013-06-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE THE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS OF CHILDREN, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN UGANDA BY PROVIDING TRANSPORT TO HOSPITALS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER SUCH SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE

**Activities:** We provide transport for healthcare needs from villages in Uganda to local healthcare facilities. This reduces the length and severity of suffering and increases the chance of a swift and full recovery for highly vulnerable populations, especially children and maternity cases. The service is free to the user and we support healthcare workers to deliver community care and outreach work.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Uganda

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£26,056	£25,387	-	-
2024-04-30	£48,908	£28,400	-	-
2023-04-30	£50,939	£56,591	-	-
2022-04-30	£21,634	£23,465	-	-
2021-04-30	£17,601	£19,570	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL MITCHELL	Chair	2013-05-06
Ella Claire Smyth		2025-11-12
IRENE PROKOPOWICZ		2013-05-06
LYNN PRITCHARD RGN.		2013-05-06

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# Accounts

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## **TRANSPORT for UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025**

This year TUSC has undertaken 1,530 episodes of transport for healthcare needs. Below is further information about our work and the challenges that are faced serving communities in the Jinja District, Eastern Uganda.

Health and Social Care support has also been given to over another 1000 people during the three 'Outreach Events' that have been carried out during this period (see information below).

#### **Where we work, what we do and who we work with.**

Our work is mainly in the Jinja District of Eastern Uganda but we will transfer clients to other areas if their medical needs can only be met in specialist centres out of the District and they have been referred.

Our 'passengers' come to us for a wide variety of health needs that require intervention and access to healthcare. These needs include those who are acutely or chronically sick, who may have been injured, or need to attend for immunisations. We respond when there are maternal/delivery crisis and intervention is needed that cannot be provided in the local clinics; in these cases we transport women to the Main Referral Hospital which saves them being at further risk on a motor bike taxi, which is often the only other option.

We support children with physical and cognitive challenges to access regular physiotherapy sessions and also their follow-up appointments with their care providers. This follow up care is not local for many of them as they are enrolled onto the services of an International Hospital in northern Uganda. We will also facilitate transport costs if these children become acutely sick and we are not available to get them to the centre in a timely manner.

Nine children continue to receive support with education costs via TUSC supporters. These children either have a direct health need of their own or a carer/family member does. All children attend local schools that provide a meal and the sponsors are given feedback each term. Our social worker/project manager monitors attendance and encourages families to support the children to 'be serious' about their education.

Our partnerships with other organisations (NGO's and Government facilities) continues. We balance their wishes to access our service with remaining independent so that we can be available to all who may need transport for healthcare needs and not just specific client groups.

We regularly partner with and support the work of :-

RHHJ (Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja)

SNUPA (Source of the Nile Union for People with Albinism)

SALVE (Safe and Loved Via Education)

Kimaka Clinic (Jinja)

Mpumudde Health Centre 4

Dignity for the Elderly, Jinja.

We support the work of local health staff and transport them when they wish to conduct 'follow-up visits to vulnerable patients, or if community immunisation programmes are underway; this means that more children can be vaccinated than would otherwise happen as there is no other transport for the health care workers.

Outreach work continued to be a growing part of our activities. Local VHT's (Village Health Trainers) request the support of TUSC when they are concerned about people in their village. These people may be deteriorating as they are not attending for essential medications, or they are too sick to travel or cannot afford the transport. Our team will make a plan with the client and the VHT as to how to help but we are now setting protocols for not just being a delivery service of medications for those who don't attend due to their (understandable) privacy/confidentiality concerns. Often we will end up transporting the client to a healthcare facility, sometimes even obtaining their medications (this is a challenge both financially and in terms of expectations in the communities, clinics and with the clients), or referring them to one of our partner organisations.

When funds allow we will provide Insecticide Treated Nets to vulnerable people, with priorities given to the very young, pregnant women, the elderly and those who have other health vulnerabilities. Not surprisingly, we can never satisfy the great need for these. Prevention is deemed to be cost effective both in health terms and transport costs. If it is possible (this is financially determined) the team will undertake 'OutReach' sessions in isolated villages. The requests for these will come from VHT's or local clinic workers, and we will hold a one off healthcare session (with permission from local leaders) where very many people attend for a health consultation and obtain screening, health information/advice, treatments and wound care. Many people attend with known chronic disease but they neglect these due to the cost of transport and/or medications. Often they will attend 'local healers' (aka Witch Doctors) as this is deemed to be cheaper. The team counsel clients about the dangers of this, give our contact numbers and encourage them to plan ahead for their next health appointment/costs. During these sessions there is also the opportunity to provide worming tablets for children and families and Vitamin A supplements for young children as is the policy in Uganda. Mosquito nets are provided to high risk patients and contraceptive supplies can be provided by local staff in a culturally sensitive way, without judgement, and showing care and respect for the client. It has to be noted that some of the health conditions that people tolerate due to their social/ financial situations, are shocking to see, and often can be life threatening. We have supported emergency transport to health facilities on several occasions.

We are grateful to health colleagues in the Jinja District that come and help support this work. It is hard to give an exact figure of people treated/supported at these sessions

(due to various reasons of some people attending twice) but the numbers at each outreach vary between 300 – 450 clients.

### **Communication between the Project and the UK.**

The UK director of TUSC has visited 3 times in this period (not using TUSC funds to facilitate this) and ensures that all policies and practices that are embedded in our Aims and Objectives are being adhered to. There is also liaison with our local partners where we support the team and discuss possibilities for greater co-operation that may benefit the local communities where we all operate.

Local Registration as a CBO is maintained and all insurance policies are kept up to date to protect clients and TUSC as a whole.

Accounts are checked and receipts obtained for verification to support our continued registration with the Charity Commission.

Training/updates/performance reviews for the local staff are discussed and supported and the staff maintain their professional learning and registration in Uganda.

There is good and regular communication via a Staff WhatsApp group. This allows for any concerns, new information or incidents being discussed and addressed with full knowledge and agreement between the local staff and the UK/Chair of TUSC.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising is an ongoing challenge as it is for many charities, especially in light of world economic difficulties, famine, wars and environmental events. Food prices in Uganda are continuously climbing and malnutrition is an increasing challenge both in severity and numbers.

This is reflected by there being less money available for transport by sick people so the need for our service is ongoing/increasing (we have done 300 extra episodes of transport in this current period over the last year). Once at hospital/clinic there are often no resources; whilst TUSC cannot pay for hospital costs for everyone, we often will support some costs (out of simple humanity) for the most vulnerable clients.

The cost of fuel is high (depending on exchange rates it is the equivalent of around £1.10/litre and our vehicle is heavy on use) and along with the damage to the vehicle from the poor roads, and the above costs, we need to keep working hard at the fundraising element of the project. Sadly there has never been any local interest in taking on some responsibility for that but we will keep that idea burning.

TUSC survives financially on the good will of people who support our work. Sponsored events have become rare since Covid and in that era we lost several of our regular donors/supporters.

We continue to receive some support from two Rotary Clubs and we are immensely grateful for this. We are grateful too for the wonderful team on the ground who work hard to

maintain the very good name that TUSC has in the local communities where we operate, and to the Trustees and volunteers that help us to keep 'On the Road to Health'.

PREPARED BY

Carol Mitchell (Chair of TUSC) on behalf of and in hand with the Trustees.

20th April, 2025.

TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)	Company No.	08032230
	Charity No.	1152255
Annual Accounts for the Period	From	01 May 2024
	To	30 Apr 2025

## Balance sheet at 30 April 2025

	This year at 30.04.2025	Last year at 30.04.2024
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
Investments	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock and work in progress	-	-
Debtors	-	-
(Short term) investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	38,756.47	38,087.73
<b>Total current assets</b>	38,756.47	38,087.73
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	38,756.47	38,087.73
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	38,756.47	38,087.73
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	38,756.47	38,087.73
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	38,081.47	38,087.73
Restricted income funds	675.00	-
<b>Total funds</b>	38,756.47	38,087.73

Average number of employees

2

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### Statements

For the year ending 30 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Signed

Name	Signature	Date of approval
Carol Mitchel Director	Carol Mitchell	23.01.2026

TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)		Company No.	08032230	Charity No.	1152255
Statement of Financial Activities		From	01-May-24	To	30-Apr-25
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total this year 2024/2025	Total last year 2022/2024
<b>Cash and Bank Balance brought forward</b>		38,087.73		38,087.73	17,580.49
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and Grants		24,103.09		24,103.09	47,710.52
Fundraising events		1,277.50		1,277.50	1,197.20
Other Income			675.00	675.00	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		25,380.59	675.00	26,055.59	48,907.72
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Fundraising Expenses - curry night		947.50		947.50	800.00
Legal and professional fees		624.25		624.25	660.59
Support Costs - Wages		4,580.52		4,580.52	4,572.08
Support Costs - Book Keeping Fees		387.54		387.54	-
Support Costs - Bank and transfer fees		325.95		325.95	345.37
Support Costs - Insurance		2,044.70		2,044.70	1,863.25
Support Costs - Mobile & data		258.36		258.36	241.21
Core Activities - Fuel		8,590.49		8,590.49	10,178.52
Core Activities - Parking		172.24		172.24	715.96
Core Activities - Vehicle repair and service		1,900.46		1,900.46	1,670.51
Community Health Costs - Mattresses		25.84		25.84	-
Community Health Costs - Nets		2,373.69		2,373.69	4,166.40
Community Health Costs - Other Community		72.13		72.13	105.26
Community Health Costs - Treatments		188.28		188.28	454.03
Community Health Costs - Medical Costs		341.64		341.64	257.00
Child Education Support - Child Education Support		1,187.53		1,187.53	1,143.55
Staff Training and compliance		258.36		258.36	-
Other expenses and write off		1,107.38		1,107.38	1,226.75
<b>Total resources expended</b>		25,386.86	-	25,386.86	28,400.48
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		- 6.27	675.00	668.73	20,507.24
<b>Cash and Bank Balance carried forward</b>		38,081.47	675.00	38,756.47	38,087.73



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Transport for Ugandan Sick Children

On accounts for the year ended 30/04/2025 Charity no (if any) 1152255

Set out on pages 1,2 (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 30/04/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 08/01/2026

Name: Rachel E Ellis

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 5 Curzon Road, Ealing, W5 1NE

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

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England & Wales - Charity number 1152255

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# Accounts

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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024**

This year TUSC has undertaken 1,240 episodes of transport for healthcare needs. Below is further information about our work and the challenges that are faced serving communities in the Jinja District, Eastern Uganda.

#### **Where we work, what we do and who we work with.**

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Twelve children continue to receive support with education costs via TUSC supporters. These children either have a direct health need of their own or a carer/family member does. All children attend local schools that provide a meal and the sponsors are given feedback each term. Our social worker monitors attendance and encourages families to support the children to 'be serious' about their education.

Our partnerships with other organisations (NGO's and Government facilities) continues and we balance their wishes to access our service with remaining independent so that we can be available to all who may need transport for healthcare needs and not just specific client groups. We regularly work with local health staff to transport them when there are community

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Outreach work continues to be a growing part of our activities. Local VHT's (Village Health Trainers) request the support of TUSC when they are concerned about people in their village who may be getting sicker as they are not attending for essential medications, or there is a person who is too sick to get to a local clinic/hospital or cannot afford the transport. Our team will make a plan with the client and the VHT as to how to help but we are now setting protocols for not just being a delivery service of medications for those who don't attend due to their (understandable) privacy concerns. Often we will end up transporting the client to a healthcare facility, sometimes even obtaining medications (this is a challenge both financially and in terms of expectations in the communities and also in the clinics), or referring them to one of our partner organisations.

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### **Communication between the Project and the UK.**

The UK director of TUSC visits 2-3 times/year (not using TUSC funds to facilitate this) and ensures that all policies and practices that are embedded in our Aims and Objectives are being

adhered to. There is also liaison with our local partners where we support the team and discuss possibilities for greater co-operation that may benefit the local communities where we all operate.

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	Charity No.	1152255
Annual Accounts for the Period	From	01 May 2023
	To	30 Apr 2024

## Balance sheet at 30 April 2024

	This year at 30.04.2024	Last year at 30.04.2023
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
Investments	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock and work in progress	-	-
Debtors	-	-
(Short term) investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	38,087.73	17,580.49
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>38,087.73</b>	<b>17,580.49</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>38,087.73</b>	<b>17,580.49</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>38,087.73</b>	<b>17,580.49</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>38,087.73</b>	<b>17,580.49</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	38,087.73	17,580.49
Restricted income funds	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>38,087.73</b>	<b>17,580.49</b>

Average number of employees

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### Statements


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Signed

Name	Signature	Date of approval
Carol Mitchel Director		28-Jan-25

TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)		Company No. 08032230		Charity No. 1152255	
Statement of Financial Activities		From 01-May-23		To 30-Apr-24	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total this year 2023/2024		Total last year 2022/2023
<b>Cash and Bank Balance brought forward</b>	17,580.49		17,580.49	23,231.95	
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	£	£	£	£	
Donations, legacies and Grants	47,710.52		47,710.52	50,939.49	
Fundraising events	1,197.20		1,197.20	-	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	48,907.72	-	48,907.72	50,939.49	
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Fundraising Expenses - curry night	800.00		800.00	-	
Legal and professional fees	660.59		660.59	176.73	
Computer Costs			-	50.39	
Bank charges and interest			-	-	
Support Costs - Wages	4,572.08		4,572.08	5,126.26	
Support Costs - Bank and transfer fees	345.37		345.37	323.80	
Support Costs - Insurance	1,863.25		1,863.25	2,261.18	
Support Costs - Mobile & data	241.21		241.21	402.67	
Core Activities - General Charitable spending			-	-	
Core Activities - Fuel	10,178.52		10,178.52	8,007.51	
Core Activities - Parking	715.96		715.96	276.08	
Core Activities - Vehicle repair and service	1,670.51		1,670.51	2,605.62	
Core Activities - Purchase of vehicle	-		-	29,489.40	
Community Health Costs - Mattresses	-		-	22.72	
Community Health Costs - Nets	4,166.40		4,166.40	4,771.79	
Community Health Costs - Other Community	105.26		105.26	512.99	
Community Health Costs - Treatments	454.03		454.03	899.89	
Community Health Costs - Medical Costs	257.00		257.00	130.92	
Child Education Support - Child Education Support	1,143.55		1,143.55	1,289.13	
Other/write off	1,226.75		1,226.75	243.86	
<b>Total resources expended</b>	28,400.48	-	28,400.48	56,590.95	
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	20,507.24	-	20,507.24	-	5,651.46
<b>Cash and Bank Balance carried forward</b>	38,087.73	-	38,087.73	17,580.49	
Per cash and Bank check	38,087.73		38,087.73	17,580.49	
	-	-	-	-	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Transport for Ugandan Sick Children

On accounts for the year ended

30/04/2024

Charity no (if any)

1152255

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: Rachel E Clark

Date: 30/01/2025

Name: RACHEL ELIZABETH CLARK

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

5 CURZON ROAD  
LONDON W51NE

**TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (T.U.S.C.)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1152255

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# Accounts

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## **ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2022 - APRIL 2023**

In the last financial year TUSC carried out 1,145 episodes of transport for healthcare needs. This is slightly down on the previous year and this is attributed to the challenges that have arisen with one of our partners who provides physio' for our Friday Friends (the children with disabilities that we take for weekly physiotherapy).

### **WHERE WE WORK AND WHO WE WORK WITH.**

We continue to operate over a wide area in Jinja District and do transfer clients to other areas when specialist care referrals are made.

Our 'passengers' have a wide range of needs. We help those who are acutely sick, have been injured, have chronic diseases, are in a maternal crisis, are needing to attend for immunisations, need to attend follow-up care for their condition (and this includes many children with disabilities), are psychotic, are needing to attend for care in National Centres and are too sick to use public transport, and many other needs. We have also mobilised people who are healthy and transported them to Blood Donation Sessions; blood is always in extremely short supply and is in great need as malaria causes anaemia which heightens the risk of severe complications.

We continue to work in partnership with several organisations, both government and NGO's and it's a continuing challenge to resist them 'absorbing' us into their programmes; this is understandable but we want to be available to all people who may need help to access all forms of healthcare.

Our 'outreach' work has continued to grow and be in high demand with Charles and Yakub (our nurse and social worker) supporting both the staff from government facilities when they are requested to undertake programmes, and also the VHT's (village health trainers) who identify vulnerable people in their local community who are in need of the skills that our team can offer. These outreach sessions happen 2-3 times per week and from these sessions we may end up transporting people for healthcare, facilitating their medications or referring them to our partner organisations.

### **COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PROJECT AND THE UK.**

The UK director visits the project twice a year (not using TUSC funds) and ensures that all policies and practices that are embedded in our Aims and Objectives, are being adhered to. There is also liaison with our local partners where we support the team and discuss possibilities for greater co-operation that could benefit the local communities.

Local registration is maintained and all insurance policies are kept up to date to protect clients and the project.

Accounts are checked and receipts obtained to be verified for our continued registration with the Charity Commission.

Training/updates/performance reviews for the staff on the ground are discussed and supported/completed. Our staff maintain their professional learning and registration in Uganda.

There is also good regular communication via Staff WhatsApp and any concerns, new information or incidents can be discussed appropriately.

When we visit we 'find funds' (via the UK director) so that the skilled local staff can offer 'mobile services'. Here VHT's will let their communities know that a health team is visiting and where we can

we will assess, diagnose/test and offer treatments, referrals, advice, wound care etc. Many people attend with known chronic conditions that they neglect because they cannot afford the cost of transport or treatments, or it is cheaper to use 'local healers' (aka witch doctors) where they are exploited and their money is wasted. Having local staff support this message is effective and can help drive change. The need is overwhelming and the numbers are often over 200 people. These 'community' sessions are expensive to offer so we are never able to do enough but something is better than nothing. It is also an opportunity to share health information to people who often live far from services, in a culturally appropriate way, without judgement and from local staff. Contraceptive supplies and mosquito nets complement the efforts made to reduce health risks. The health conditions of people who are isolated and poor continues to shock and distress all the TUSC team.

## **FUNDRAISING**

The challenges of fundraising are greater than ever and we all understand the impact that Covid caused, the effects of the dreadful cost of living rises around the world and other very great needs due to wars and climatic changes. In Uganda food challenges are great and malnutrition numbers just appear greater and greater. On top of this, when we take a person to hospital the staff tell us that they can admit but that there are no resources (syringes, medicines, dressings, etc). Sadly we cannot cover these costs for everyone but when it is a child or maternal crisis we respond by procuring the necessary items. For some of our 'regular' children (usually those with sickle cell disease or HIV/TB) we have put together a pack (that the family keep) containing basic items such as cannula's, tape, gloves, saline, syringes, soap, etc.

Last year we were gifted a donation from a personal friend of TUSC Director, to help us buy our new vehicle. This is robust as is needed due to the roads that are unimaginably difficult, especially in the rainy times, but is heavy on fuel needs and maintenance/insurance costs.

TUSC survives financially on the good will of people who support our work. Sponsored events have decreased since COVID and several regular donors have stopped contributing (this is the same with many charities unfortunately). We continue to have regular donations from Rotary Clubs (Ramsbottom and Middleton) and we are immensely grateful for all the support that we receive. We are grateful too to the team on the ground who work hard and maintain the very good name that TUSC has in the local communities where we operate, and to the Trustees and Volunteers who help us to keep 'On the Road to Health'.

TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)	Company No.	08032230
	Charity No.	1152255
Annual Accounts for the Period	From	01 May 2022
	To	30 Apr 2023

## Balance sheet at 30 April 2023

	This year at 30.04.2023	Last year at 30.04.2022
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
Investments	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock and work in progress	-	-
Debtors	-	-
(Short term) investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	17,580.49	23,231.95
<b>Total current assets</b>	17,580.49	23,231.95
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	17,580.49	23,231.95
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	17,580.49	23,231.95
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	17,580.49	23,231.95
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	17,580.49	23,231.95
Restricted income funds	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	17,580.49	23,231.95
Average number of employees	2	2

### Statements

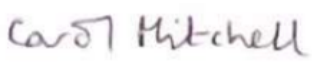
For the year ending 30 April 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476.

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 companies subject to the small companies regime.

Signed

Name	Signature	Date of approval
Carol Mitchel Director		31-Jan-24

TRANSPORT FOR UGANDAN SICK CHILDREN (TUSC)		Company No. 08032230		Charity No. 1152255	
Statement of Financial Activities		From 01-May-22		To 30-Apr-23	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total this year 2022/23		Total last year 2021/22
<b>Cash and Bank Balance brought forward</b>	23,231.95		23,231.95	25,063.11	
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	£	£	£	£	
Donations, legacies and Grants	50,939.49		50,939.49	21,634.31	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	50,939.49	-	50,939.49	21,634.31	
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Support Costs - Wages	5,126.26		5,126.26	4,524.13	
Support Costs - Bank and transfer fees	323.80		323.80	202.33	
Support Costs - Insurance	2,261.18		2,261.18	1,328.71	
Support Costs - Mobile & data	402.67		402.67	-	
Core Activities - General Charitable spending			-	-	
Core Activities - Fuel	8,007.51		8,007.51	6,659.25	
Core Activities - Parking	276.08		276.08	191.45	
Core Activities - Vehicle repair and service	2,605.62		2,605.62	2,824.35	
Core Activities - Purchase of vehicle	29,489.40		29,489.40		
Community Health Costs - Mattresses	22.72		22.72	91.37	
Community Health Costs - Nets	4,771.79		4,771.79	3,788.28	
Community Health Costs - Other Community	512.99		512.99	1,655.76	
Community Health Costs - Oxygen			-	10.88	
Community Health Costs - Treatments	899.89		899.89	198.63	
Community Health Costs - Medical Costs	130.92		130.92	517.31	
Child Education Support - Child Education Support	1,289.13		1,289.13	466.23	
Other	243.86		243.86	760.66	
Legal and professional fees	176.73		176.73	115.20	
Computer Costs	50.39		50.39	130.93	
Bank charges and interest			-	-	
<b>Total resources expended</b>	56,590.95	-	56,590.95	23,465.47	
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	- 5,651.46	-	- 5,651.46	- 1,831.16	
<b>Cash and Bank Balance carried forward</b>	17,580.49	-	17,580.49	23,231.95	
Per cash and Bank check	17,580.49		17,580.49	23,231.95	
	-	-	-	-	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Transport for Ugandan Sick Children

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30/04/2023 Charity no 1152255  
(if any)

**Set out on pages**

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(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 30/04/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:**

*Rachel E Clark*

**Date:**

27/01/2024

**Name:**

Rachel E. Clark

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

