

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

Average number of employees	2	2
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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	Carol Mitchell	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		<i>Total last year</i>
			2022/23		<i>2021/22</i>
Cash and Bank Balance brought forward	23,231.95			23,231.95	25,063.11
Incoming Resources	£	£	£	£	
Donations, legacies and Grants	50,939.49			50,939.49	21,634.31
Total incoming resources	50,939.49	-		50,939.49	21,634.31
Resources Expended					
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				-	-
Total resources expended	56,590.95	-		56,590.95	23,465.47
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	- 5,651.46	-	-	5,651.46	- 1,831.16
Cash and Bank Balance carried forward	17,580.49	-		17,580.49	23,231.95
Per cash and Bank	17,580.49			17,580.49	23,231.95
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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
(if any)

1152255

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.