



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

1ST APRIL 2021 TO 30TH JUNE 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME: Vale For Africa

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155642

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: c/o 50 Harbour Walk
BARRY
CF62 5BA

NAMES OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES WHO MANAGE THE CHARITY:

Trustee Name	Office [If Any]	Dates Acted If Not For Whole Year
Peter DICKSON	Chair	
Paul MOTTE	Treasurer	
Edward ARBUTHNOT		
Annette DOBBS		From 6 September 2021
Jane HUTT		To 19 May 2021
Christine JAMES		
Daniel MORRIS		
Maureen MAPP		
Dawn SAVILLE		From 18 January 2022
Dr Hasmukh SHAH		
Sian TESNI		

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ADVISORS:

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
Bank	HSBC Bank plc	85 Holton Road, BARRY, CF63 4HG

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARITY'S TRUSTS:

Type Of Governing Document: The charity's constitution was originally adopted on 8th March 2010. A revised constitution was adopted on 12th December 2013.

How The Charity Is Constituted: Unincorporated trust.

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the General Meeting.

Additional Governance Issues: At the charity's last Annual General Meeting, it was agreed to change the financial year from 1st April - 31st March to 1st July - 30th June, thus aligning it to the same accounting year of the main beneficiary, Advancement for Community Empowerment in Tororo (ACET). Thus, this reporting period covers 15 months from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2022.

Due to other commitments beyond the charity, the Chair and Treasurer indicated that they would not be seeking re-election in 2022. With reference to Charity Commission advice documents, and advice from Hub Cymru Africa and Glamorgan Voluntary Service, a significant amount of time has been given over to reviewing documentation outlining the responsibilities of trustees; the Chair; and the Treasurer.

During the period, further financial support had been given to ACET in support of their own work on ensuring the organisation is compliant under the various regulations applicable in Uganda. While this work is ongoing, significant progress has been made thus reassuring Vale for Africa and its trustees of the integrity and compliance of our partner organisation and main beneficiary.

The charity's bank, HSBC plc, carries out an annual 'Safeguard' review to protect against financial crime, and Vale for Africa satisfied them with information and procedures.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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

The preservation and protection of good health by the provision of eye care and medical outreach services in the Tororo District of Uganda;
To advance the education of the public and medical professionals in the study of eye and eye health with the aim of improving diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions which effect the eye;
To advance the education of the public by the provision of library services in Tororo;
To advance the education of the public in the Vale of Glamorgan and surrounding areas regarding health and education in Uganda.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In delivering our activities for the period, which continued to be severely restricted due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities continue to be the support of a number of projects benefitting the community in Tororo District, Uganda. During the year, our partner organisation in Uganda, Advancement for Community Empowerment in Tororo [ACET], helped us direct funds raised in the Vale of Glamorgan, and surrounding areas, in support of the community.

Our main projects were:

- development of ACET's governance;
- financial support of the ACET rural library;
- the continued support of a student from Tororo completing her studies at UWC Atlantic College, together with support enabling her to continue studies in the United States; and
- funds in support of the supply of protective equipment to the Benedictine Eye Hospital, and Tororo District Hospital as part of their Covid-19 response and ongoing needs.

The charity also acted as the vehicle for two water projects in Tororo District funded by The Rotary Clubs of Cowbridge and Meissen, Germany, and a second project funded by a local donor.

These demonstrate a significant reduction in activities when compared to previous years due to Coronavirus restrictions in the UK that severely impacted on fundraising and travel, and in Uganda that also impacted on travel to, and within the country. However, the activities that were undertaken directly impact on the education and health care of residents in Tororo.

Additional details of objectives and activities

We are grateful to the many supporters who ensure that through their generosity, the quality of life for our beneficiaries is improved.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity

The charity was able to support six main projects in Tororo District during the period. Regrettably, ongoing travel restrictions prevented an Eyecare visit. Three of these, ACET Governance; Library; and UWC Atlantic College student, were funded from the charity's own resources while the fourth, financial support to local hospitals for the purchase of protective items, was funded from the donations of three local supporters. A Water Project, wholly funded by the Rotary Clubs of Cowbridge and Meissen was completed during the year as was another Water Project funded during 2020/21 by a local donor.

ACET Governance: During the period under review, and with financial support from Vale for Africa, ACET has developed a governance system that is better able to support Uganda's development strategies. Supporting these strategies is an obligation on all non-governmental organisations in Uganda.

In addition, appropriate arrangements and funding are in place to ensure ACET's board members and staff are properly rewarded, together with associated professional fees.

Library: We continued to support the library in Tororo by funding staff costs; training; purchase of books; and administrative costs. Numbers of users continue to grow to over 2,500 users.

In addition, a final payment was made to complete the capital works that had been agreed and implemented during the previous year.

UWC Atlantic College student: During the period under review, we completed our support for Josephine Nyachwo as a UWC Atlantic College scholarship student from Tororo district. In addition to local funding of Josephine's needs, funding was also made available to facilitate her ongoing education in the United States. It is unlikely that a further scholarship student will be recruited, and alternative education projects are under consideration.

Covid-19 Support: Our partner hospitals in Tororo, with whom we have worked to deliver eye projects in the past, identified a need for additional protective equipment in support of their response to Covid-19 – both in the short and medium/long term. With generous support from three donors, the charity has been able to fund significant additional supplies and consider what might be necessary in the future.

The Water Project funded by The Rotary Clubs of Cowbridge and Meissen: The Rotary Clubs, working in partnership, made funds available to allow a further four schools in Tororo to instal a water supply.

The Water Project funded by a Local Donor: The funded installation of water to eight schools has been completed during the period. The water tanks for sixteen schools who had received support in the past were engraved with donor details during the period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves

Our financial performance during the 15-month period ending 30th June 2022 has shown an excess of income over expenditure of £19.5k as against a surplus of £1.6k in 2020/1/.

Financial performance in both income and expense continues to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, but in a different way than in the previous year due to an identified need for Covid-19 support and associated additional financial support. In period ending 30th June 2022, income was increased by £31.0k, including an increase in donations of £17.8k; an associated increase in Gift Aid of £3.9k; funding of water projects totalling £4.1k; and a fundraising event generating £1.8k.

Expenditure was significantly increased by £13.0k after last year's record low of £14.9k. The most significant item included in the current period is £12.5k to support the local hospitals with Covid-19 supplies.

The generosity of donations has given rise to successful Gift Aid income of £8.3k during the period.

Cash at bank on 30th June 2021 was £29.5k in unrestricted funds.

The main financial risk to the charity is currently the pressing need to recruit trustees and officers to ensure the ongoing activities of the charity and its future sustainability.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

P. Dick

Full name

Dr. PETER DICKSON

Position

CHAIRPERSON - TRUSTEE

Date

28/9/22

VALE FOR AFRICA

2021/2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT [£]

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	<i>Period ending 30 June 2022</i>	<i>Period ending 31 March 2022</i>	<i>Year ending 31 March 2021</i>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Supporters Subscriptions	3,190.20	2,637.16	2,427.16
General Donations	25,991.22	25,891.22	8,156.15
Gift Aid (HMRC)	6,982.06	1,524.05	4,359.81
Gift Aid (Virgin Money Giving)	1,301.25	1,301.25	36.25
Chair's Leaving Gift	Nil	Nil	230.00
Student's Leaving Gift	10.00	10.00	190.00
Repayment of Student Security Deposit	250.00	250.00	Nil
Fund Raising Activities (Sale of Cards / Calendars)	500.00	500.00	1,080.00
Fund Raising Activities (Dinner)	2,610.00	2,610.00	Nil
Returned Covid-19 support payment	2,502.07	Nil	Nil
Water project	4,082.33	Nil	Nil
Total Income	<u>47,419.13</u>	<u>34,723.68</u>	<u>16,479.37</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Bank Charges	424.47	247.88	219.40
Virgin Money Charges	1.84	1.84	0.69
Charity Admin [Subscription]	35.00	17.00	17.00
Charity Admin [Room Hire]	25.00	Nil	Nil
Chairman's Leaving Gift	Nil	Nil	197.50
Fundraising Expenses [Printing of Calendars]	Nil	Nil	422.40
Fundraising Expenses [Dinner]	800.00	800.00	Nil
Student Support [Local]	218.59	218.59	1,103.36
Student Support [Uganda]	570.17	570.17	1,084.31
Student's Gift	200.00	200.00	Nil
Eyecare Project [2019]	Nil	Nil	151.12
Library Project [Operational Costs]	3,274.11	2,537.74	1,658.60
Library Project [Capital Cost Costs]	99.69	99.69	1,759.77
Water Project [Rotary Clubs of Cowbridge & Meisen]	3,161.84	Nil	2,720.00
Water Project [Mr & Mrs Patel]	42.33	42.33	5,548.73
Governance Expenditure	3,458.90	2,287.91	Nil
Covid-19 Support	15,073.86	7,393.88	Nil
General - Other / ACET Petty Cash Float	509.77	509.77	Nil
Total Expenditure	<u>27,895.57</u>	<u>14,926.80</u>	<u>14,882.88</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u><u>19,523.56</u></u>	<u><u>19,796.88</u></u>	<u><u>1,596.49</u></u>

VALE FOR AFRICA

2021/2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT [£]

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	<i>Period ending 30 June 2022</i>	<i>Period ending 31 March 2022</i>	<i>Year ending 31 March 2021</i>
<u>Assets</u>			
Bank	29,459.66	29,732.98	9,936.10
Cash	70.00	70.00	70.00
Outstanding Gift Aid Claim	82.50	5,457.88	1,524.00
	<u>29,612.16</u>	<u>35,260.86</u>	<u>11,530.10</u>
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Opening Balance - At 1 April 2021	11,530.15	11,530.15	12,769.61
Add Surplus / Less (Deficit) for Year	19,523.56	19,796.88	1,596.49
Reverse prev year Gift Aid Claim	1,524.05	1,524.05	4,360.00
Outstanding Gift Aid Claim	82.50	5,457.88	1,524.05
Closing Balance - At 30 June 2022	<u>29,612.16</u>	<u>35,260.86</u>	<u>11,530.15</u>

Independent examiners report to the trustees of Vale For Africa

Charity No 1155642

I report on the accounts of the charity for the fifteen month period 30 June 2022, which are set out on page 3 and show a surplus of £19,523.56 and closing funds at 30 June 2022 of £29,612.16

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report


My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - To prepare accounts with the accounting records and comply with the accounting of the Charities Act, have not been met or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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4/9/22