

**THE MICHAEL PROJECT UK**

**REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>Registered Charity</b>	1156737
<b>Contact Address</b>	Miss J A Edwards 67 Glendower Crescent Orpington BR6 0UP
<b>Governing Document</b>	Declaration of Trust dated 03/06/2013
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr D R H Lodge Miss J A Edwards Mr R J Wilkinson
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Robert Williams 26 Lancet Lane Maidstone Kent

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**THE MICHAEL PROJECT UK  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**CHARITABLE OBJECTS**

The Michael Project UK is the UK organisation that supports The Michael Project Zimbabwe, (whose projects include Chikurubi, Wingate and Greystone Park pre-school centres), the River of Life Church, (whose projects include Shalom Children's Home), and The Cross Over Project. These Zimbabwean organisations seek to provide education, accommodation and Christian teaching for children, many of whom are considered to be at risk. These organisations are also actively engaged in the relief of poverty for those children and their families.

Within the Objects of the Trust, the specific objectives of The Michael Project UK are to: promote the work of The Michael Project Zimbabwe, River of Life Church and The Crossover Project in Zimbabwe; raise funds in the UK in support of these organisations; make grants to these organisations as needed.

The trustees seek to ensure that the vast majority of general donations given are forwarded to Zimbabwe with minimum UK expenditure incurred. UK expenditure is restricted to governance and administration costs consisting primarily of bank charges and the costs of preparing and independently examining the annual accounts.

**ORGANISATION**

The trustees currently meet on an occasional basis to set policy, review activities and monitor the financial situation.

**REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

To further its charitable objectives, the trustees sent £70,653 to Zimbabwe during the year. £20,400 was transferred to the River of Life Church for Shalom Children's Home, £47,253 was transferred to the Michael Project Zimbabwe with a further £3,000 being transferred to the Crossover Project. Two of the trustees visited Zimbabwe during the year which aided the oversight of the work for which grants were provided.

In considering the activities of the charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Receipts for the year of £51,094 (2021: £48,871) being £2,223 more than 2021. Total expenses for the year were £71,521 (2021 : £53,663) of which £70,653 was paid in grants as set out in note 2 to the accounts.

At the end of the year, cash funds stood at £20,314 (2021 : £40,741), which the trustees intend to send to Zimbabwe during 2023.

## **RESERVES**

With only limited UK operational expenditure, the trustees do not consider a formal reserves policy to be necessary. At the end of the year the charity had fund balances of £20,314 compared to £40,741 the previous year. The balance in the main account was regularly sent to Zimbabwe usually in tranches of around £5,000 - £20,000.

## **RISK STATEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risks that the charity faces. These are predominantly financial (shortfall of funds and fraud). Controls are in place to address the risk of financial misappropriation and the charity's accounts cannot be overdrawn.

## **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 19 September 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Lodge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

D Lodge

Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO  
THE TRUSTEES OF THE MICHAEL PROJECT UK**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Michael Project UK ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the records.

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

Signed: 

Robert Williams

26 Lancet Lane, Maidstone, Kent

19 September 2023

**THE MICHAEL PROJECT UK  
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>			
Grants & gifts received		51,094	48,871
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>51,094</u>	<u>48,871</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Direct Charitable Costs	2	71,521	53,663
		<u>71,521</u>	<u>53,663</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		-20,427	-4,792
Balances 1 January		40,741	45,533
<b>Balances 31 December</b>		<u>20,314</u>	<u>40,741</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

**THE MICHAEL PROJECT UK**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>			
Held at Bank	4	20,314	40,741
		<b>20,314</b>	<b>40,741</b>
<b>Other Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>			
<i>Assets</i>			
Grants due from Stewardship		-	-
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination		50	50
		<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>

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<b>2 Charitable Activities</b>	General Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
a Direct Charitable Costs			
Grants Paid			
The Michael Project Zimbabwe	47,253	47,253	23,000
River of Life Church Zimbabwe	20,400	20,400	28,150
The Cross Over Project Zimbabwe	3,000	3,000	2,000
	<u>70,653</u>	<u>70,653</u>	<u>53,150</u>
b Support & Administration			
Bank Charges	820	820	467
Independent Examination fee	-	-	-
Website costs	48	48	46
	<u>868</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>513</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>71,521</u>	<u>71,521</u>	<u>53,663</u>

### 3 Staff & Trustees

The Trust had no employees during the year

No amounts were paid or are due to be paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them apart from reimbursed expenses.

<b>4 Cash At Bank Balances</b>	2022 £	2021 £
Barclays Community Account	17,373	40,111
PayPal Account	2,941	630
	<u>20,314</u>	<u>40,741</u>