

Charity registration number 1160089

THE MUDHOUSE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE MUDHOUSE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Patrons	Sir Alan Grose Lady Grose Sylvia Goodall MBE
Trustees	Mr R Jarman (Chairman) Mrs H Culverwell Mr J Culverwell Mrs T Fleming Mrs A Ryan Mr M Culverwell Mrs J Earney Mrs G Mckeown
Charity number	1160089
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Independent examiner	Knill James LLP One Bell Lane Lewes East Sussex BN7 1JU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Mud House Children's Foundation is a UK registered charity established to support and develop opportunities for children, especially from the Maasai communities of the Loliondo area of Ngorongoro District, to access education and improve their life choices. In recognition of the need and desire to create sustainable solutions our charity works closely with relevant Tanzanian government officers, the Chiefs of Maasai villages, Headteachers of schools and wider members of the relevant communities.

Objectives and activities

In accordance with our Constitution our stated objectives and activities are as follows;

- To raise educational standards in the schools in the Ngorongoro District of Tanzania and to improve access for children.
- To create a self-improving, self-sustaining system by developing community cohesion.

Activities: This will be achieved by;

- Maintaining a school sponsored child programme
- Providing teacher training, researching and evaluating its impact
- Supporting the government to provide appropriate boarding for Maasai school children
- Establishing a community educational resource base (Internet hub/library)
- Support to maintain educational buildings
- Providing vital school resources, materials and equipment
- Developing exchanges with local and international volunteer students

As a small charity based in the UK which is focused on delivering frontline meaningful projects in Tanzania it is not surprising that, over the years, we have encountered many challenges and learnt an enormous amount from our experiences. Notwithstanding, the complexities of our operating environment, with the generosity of donors and incredible support of many volunteers and partners we are, with justifiable pride, able to point to proven successful delivery of several ongoing projects.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Notwithstanding the challenges presented after the pandemic, we are still able to report and highlight the completion and ongoing development of a number of successful projects.

Sponsored Children Education Programme

Many Maasai children live in semi-permanent remote villages (called bomas) across the Ngorongoro region. Each day, the children often face lengthy journeys, on foot, to just reach a school. Many such journeys are of 1-2 hours duration. At the request of Maasai Chiefs and their communities our sponsored children programme was introduced to enable those children living in poverty to access boarding accommodation at the school(s). With the generous donations of UK residents, we are currently sponsoring 85 children and young adults to attend a number of schools and further education establishments in and around Northern Tanzania. To ensure fairness the sponsored children are selected by strict criteria and negotiation with individual Maasai bomas. The Tanzanian manager co-ordinates this process as well as the ongoing needs and welfare of each child in liaison with the parents or guardian. In the future we hope to attract further sponsorship opportunities to fund even more children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Accommodation

The Maasai parents and guardians of the sponsored children provide a hostel for the majority of our young children. Our charity supports this venture via utilities and building maintenance costs. To meet safety regulations, our charity has purchased and annually maintains fire extinguishers and smoke alarms which have been installed in the hostel and the onsite mud houses. A repeat of the safeguarding/child protection training has been organised for the parents, guardian and volunteers which took place in 2021. Over the years we have grown concerned about the living environment of the Maasai children. The mud houses have open wood fires and little ventilation. This causes health problems from smoke inhalation and children occasionally suffering horrendous burn injuries. In consequence, our charity has trialled a brick oven with chimney in a Maasai mud house. The results were promising and following extensive research we have identified more efficient and effective options. Several UK grant bids have been successful enabling, 84 cookers and chimneys to be installed in 22 Maasai villages in Loliondo and the surrounding villages in 2022.

Food Programme

In the last two years we reported that owing to a severe drought, there has been a shortage of crops and subsequent inability to feed the sponsored children. An emergency food programme was rapidly introduced. In addition, an irrigation and farming project has been introduced, providing a more sustainable solution to the water shortage. This has led to the ability to grow maize, beans, a variety of vegetables keep chickens, goats and cows. The sponsored children living in the hostel receive a healthy diet of vegetables, milk and eggs.

Fundraising

Since April 2021, the charity has been twinned with St Mark's Church of England Primary school in Basingstoke. Through various fundraising activities, fetes, Christmas fayres and donation boxes, the school has raised substantial funds towards the various charity projects. This twinning will continue for the foreseeable future. We were lucky enough to run the Little Festival in the Field in 2022. This was a very successful event in terms of bringing vital funds and raising the awareness and profile of the charity. Members of the charity committee give presentations to organisations such as The Rotary Club, WI groups and Watercress Club, bringing in donations from their club members.

The Mud House Club

The Mud House Club was launched in 2019 and has a healthy growing membership. It now plays a vital role, enabling us to communicate our important work to a wider audience which is also attracting new volunteers.

Financial review

Our existing projects have sufficient specific fundraising support. The development of our new project "Looking Beyond" which supports students through further education and University has attracted fresh sponsors and enables us to continue to improve the more long term life chances of Maasai children. The charity has successfully achieved funds from applications from various Trust funds and Business organisations. After a very challenging year for all charities, The Mud House Children's Foundation ended on a really positive note, with the fantastic news that our Patron, Sylvia Goodall was awarded an MBE for her services to education in Tanzania in King Charles New Years Honours list.

Risk

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has not been maintained throughout the year due to unforeseen repairs and maintenance on the Bore Hole and Water Project, but the intention is to replenish the reserves over the coming year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, governance and management

Our charity formally commenced operations in January 2015 under the title of Ngorongoro Education Project Trust. In July 2020, with the approval of the UK Charity Commission and all our Trustees the charity changed its title to the Mud House Children's Foundation. It is now formally registered under this name.

The Trustees appointed have been drawn from acquaintances of the charity originators providing a useful blend of senior level experience from the public, private and voluntary sectors. All Trustees have been nominated and appointed at formal charity Board meetings.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Jarman (Chairman)

Mrs H Culverwell

Mr J Culverwell

Mrs T Fleming

Mrs A Ryan

Mr M Culverwell

Mrs J Earney

Mrs G Mckeown

Patrons: Sir Alan and Lady Grosse; Mrs Sylvia Goodall MBE

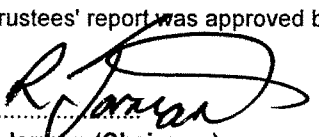
To date, our charity has continued to primarily operate with the assistance of volunteers. We continue to support a range of relevant projects overseen by the Trustees, whilst delivered and managed by Mrs Nichola Jarman, our volunteer Project Director.

Our Partners

Without the support of key trusted, capable and committed people in Tanzania our efforts would all be in vain. We should recognise the contributions of The Loliondo District Commissioner, Government Education Officers, Headteachers and staff of schools, Chiefs of the Maasai villages, numerous other community members, especially Salome Nassei (manager in Tanzania) and the Issuja family and countless others who have welcomed us into their lives and assisted us to help Tanzanian children.

There are no further related parties apart from those noted above.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mr R Jarman (Chairman)

Trustee

Dated: *14th August 2023.*

THE MUDHOUSE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MUDHOUSE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Mudhouse Children's Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated:

21st August 2023

THE MUDHOUSE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	31,241	39,015	70,256	87,702
Charitable activities	3	326	-	326	-
Total income		<u>31,567</u>	<u>39,015</u>	<u>70,582</u>	<u>87,702</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	2,376	-	2,376	-
Charitable activities	5	32,337	48,377	80,714	80,701
Total resources expended		<u>34,713</u>	<u>48,377</u>	<u>83,090</u>	<u>80,701</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(3,146)	(9,362)	(12,508)	7,001
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(131)</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(3,277)	(9,231)	(12,508)	7,001
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		<u>(108)</u>	<u>26,457</u>	<u>26,349</u>	<u>19,347</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u>(3,385)</u>	<u>17,226</u>	<u>13,841</u>	<u>26,348</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	2,960		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,052		27,387	
		<u>15,012</u>		<u>27,387</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,171)		(1,039)	
Net current assets			<u>13,841</u>		<u>26,348</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		17,226		26,456
Unrestricted funds			(3,385)		(108)
			<u>13,841</u>		<u>26,348</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

15th August 2023.

Mr R Jarman (Chairman)
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Mudhouse Children's Foundation is a charitable incorporated organisation registered 22 January 2015. The registered charity number is 1160089. The registered office is The Drift, Hall Lane, Upper Farringdon, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3EA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, however, the trustees are aware of certain material uncertainties which may cause doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Whilst the Charity had a deficit on unrestricted funds at the year end, this has since been rectified.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	31,241	39,015	70,256	17,364	70,338	87,702

3 Charitable activities

	Sales of Maasai crafts 2022 £	2021 £
Sales within charitable activities	326	-

4 Raising funds

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	2,376	-
	<u>2,376</u>	<u>-</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,376	
	<u>2,376</u>	

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5 Charitable activities

	Overseas projects costs 2022 £	Overseas projects costs 2021 £
Charitable expenditure	69,778	77,670
Share of support costs (see note 6)	9,790	1,993
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,146	1,038
	<u>80,714</u>	<u>80,701</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	32,337	22,596
Restricted funds	48,377	58,105
	<u>80,714</u>	<u>80,701</u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Post and stationery	262	-	262	294
Computer costs	758	-	758	378
Administrative costs	335	-	335	265
Travel and subsistence	7,634	-	7,634	-
Bank charges	612	-	612	440
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	616
Insurance	189	-	189	-
Independent examiners fee	-	1,146	1,146	1,038
	<u>9,790</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>10,936</u>	<u>3,031</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>9,790</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>10,936</u>	<u>3,031</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,960	-

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	25	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,146	1,039
	1,171	1,039

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds			Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021	Movement in funds			Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
		£	Income	Expenditure	£		Income	Expenditure	£		
Food programme	897	-	-	-	-	897	-	-	-	-	897
Sponsor A Child	9,891	36,838	(29,052)	-	-	17,678	39,015	(40,364)	-	-	16,329
Bore hole and water project	-	-	(2,435)	-	2,435	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chimney Project	1,000	33,500	(26,618)	-	-	7,882	-	(8,013)	131	-	-
	11,788	70,338	(58,105)	-	2,435	26,457	39,015	(48,377)	131	-	17,226

Food Programme

The aim of this project is to provide sustainable food sources for the children resident in the area.

Sponsor A Child

This project is to provide sponsorship for the provision of children's education.

Chimney Project

This project is to provide installation of chimneys and cookers to the mud houses.

Bore Hole and Water Project

The Bore hole and well projects are to provide fresh water all year round for the sponsored children and the wider Maasai community.

The transfer to the restricted fund for the Chimney Project represents income required for unforeseen expenditure in relation to extra training being required to the Maasai women on how to use cookers and chimneys.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:					
Current assets/(liabilities)	(3,385)	17,226	13,841	(108)	26,348
	<u>(3,385)</u>	<u>17,226</u>	<u>13,841</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>26,348</u>

14 Related party transactions

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

Nicky Jarman (wife of a trustee) was paid £9,953 for project coordinating services, provided during the year (2021: £6,566)