

## **Project Gambia Trust annual report**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

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### **1. Charitable Objects**

In summary our charitable objects are to

- ✓ *promote and support the advancement of education in The Gambia*
- ✓ *advance the education of the UK public in issues facing those in The Gambia*
- ✓ *prevent or relieve poverty to individuals living in The Gambia*

### **2. Activities during in the year**

This section summarises briefly the work that was carried out during the year, and fuller details can be seen on our website at <https://www.projectgambia.org.uk/>

#### Trips

Due to pandemic restrictions, it has not been possible to visit The Gambia during the year.

#### Covid Response

The pandemic has had serious financial consequences in The Gambia with tourism being virtually non-existent, leaving many Gambians with little or no income. In response to this crisis Project Gambia supported by funding:

- ✓ a 'furlough scheme' for staff at the schools we work in partnership with
- ✓ the distribution of hundreds of food packages containing rice, beans, oil and soap, in communities struggling to feed themselves
- ✓ the continued operation of the Project Gambia vehicle so that our activities could continue

#### School Feeding Programme

A school feeding programme was launched in November in partnership with the Gambian charity Grace Foundation. The programme provides free school meals daily to around 400 children who would otherwise not attend school, thereby missing out on education and being vulnerable to safeguarding risks.

### Container

As in previous years we sent a 40ft container containing a wide range of items to support schools and communities. Due to Covid restrictions the container did not arrive until early January, however the students in our partner schools greatly appreciated their Christmas shoeboxes. The educational supplies on the container are now being used to benefit children's education in Gambian schools.

### Project Gambia Shop

The Project Gambia shop continues to sell high quality second-hand clothes donated by supporters in the UK, thereby raising funds that are used to support:

- ✓ paying the school fees of children in local schools
- ✓ building a new classroom block in Madiana
- ✓ urgent welfare support for families

### Baby Packs

We continue to provide baby packs containing blankets, nappies, baby clothes, wet wipes etc for Sintet Health Centre. The provision of these packs has seen the reduction in home deliveries and as a result has reduced the infant mortality rate.

### Supporting Schools

In addition to the work outlined above we continue to support schools through:

- ✓ sponsoring 52 children to attend the Hanne Vibe Nursery School
- ✓ the building of a three-classroom block with toilets at Omega school

### **3. Governance**

Project Gambia Trust Ridgewood is a registered charity in the UK with registration number 1160143, and the address is 25 Clark Street, Stourbridge DY8 3UF. We can be contacted via email at [projectgambia1@gmail.com](mailto:projectgambia1@gmail.com)

Throughout the year the trustees were:

C V Bridgewater

G R Broadhead

S Davis

J A Hill (Treasurer)

B Hodt (Executive Officer)

J K Hodt (Chair)

During the year the trustees met twice (virtually due to pandemic restrictions), including an annual general meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Trust did not employ anybody, and no trustees were remunerated for their work with Project Gambia.

#### **4. Annual accounts**

The annual accounts are set out below.

#### **5. Independent examiner report**

The independent examiner's report is set out below.

The trustees would like to thank David Benton for giving generously of his time and expertise to complete the independent examiner's report for us.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

To

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Donations	6,703	-	-	6,703	-
Food programme	5,118	-	-	5,118	-
Organised trips	150	-	-	150	-
Sponsored child	4,746	-	-	4,746	-
Building projects	3,139	-	-	3,139	-
Other	5,269	-	-	5,269	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	25,125	-	-	25,125	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	25,125	-	-	25,125	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
General Donations	1,255	-	-	1,255	-
Food programme	2,965	-	-	2,965	-
Organised trips	8,556	-	-	8,556	-
Sponsored child	3,203	-	-	3,203	-
Building projects	2,608	-	-	2,608	-
Other	9,926	-	-	9,926	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	28,513	-	-	28,513	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	28,513	-	-	28,513	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	3,388	-	-	3,388	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	55,687	-	-	55,687	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	52,299	-	-	52,299	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	52,299	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	52,299	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

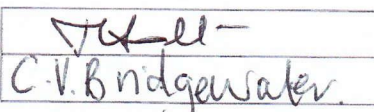
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JOHN HOYT C. BRIDGewater	11/10/2021 12-10-21





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Project Gambia Trust Ridgewood

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 May 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1160143

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 05 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

07/10/2021

**Name:**

David Benton

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

AAT

**Address:**

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Stourbridge, West Midlands

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.