

# THE ZURI PROJECT UGANDA

England & Wales · Charity number 1160649

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-02-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY IN UGANDA BY PROVIDING: ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY IN UGANDA BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

**Activities:** The Zuri Project Uganda supports the design, implementation and monitoring of a range of locally led development projects in rural communities in South-Western Uganda. Our projects are currently run in the Kanungu District of Uganda.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Uganda

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,480	£842	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,734	£2,332	-	-
2023-03-31	£4,626	£12,324	-	-
2022-03-31	£9,564	£6,463	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,233	£12,074	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ROSS YOUNG</b>	Chair	2015-05-02
Alex Thompson		2021-10-31
ROBERT YOUNG		2015-02-05

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## **THE ZURI PROJECT UGANDA**

### **Trustees Annual Report**

**Period ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees shown have held office during the period from 1 April 2024:

Ross Young (Chair)

Robert Young (Trustee and treasurer)

Alex Thompson (Trustee and head of fundraising)

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#### **Charity Structure, Governance and Management**

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In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

### **Achievements and performance**

We sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the steadfast support of our valued partners—the Church of Uganda, the Diocese of Kinkiizi, and the Opportunity Africa Organization—in enabling and enhancing our efforts at the local level.

### **Impact on Funding**

Similar to last year, our work in Uganda has been impacted by funding constraints. We have struggled to replace the long-term funders we lost following the pandemic, but we're still actively seeking support for our ongoing work in Uganda.

This financial year ended on a positive note, as we secured a significant donation to support Kishunju Nursery and Primary School, where we've worked for many years. We also entered a promising partnership with a UK-based business, which we hope may yield funding in the coming years.

### **Supporting Key Projects Despite Financial Challenges**

The small amount that we spent in this financial year went to Kihembe Vocational Secondary School. We contributed to a community-wide fundraiser to help with the construction of a new multi-purpose building at the school, which is part of the site's long-term development plan.

One of our proudest achievements is the construction and continued support of this secondary school, so we were happy, albeit in a comparatively minor way, to contribute to its development once again this year.

### **Reserves policy**

Our free reserves, held as cash at the bank, were £3,255. These funds are held to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to fund the next phase of projects, whereby a more substantial amount of finances is required. We aim to hold reserves of at least £500 and no more than £10,000 at year's end.

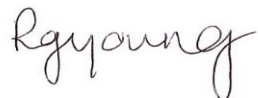
Given the challenges we've faced since the pandemic, our main sources of funding have changed significantly. After working with several businesses and organising UK-based fundraising events, our recent focus has shifted to approaching individual donors within our network and engaging businesses via their corporate social responsibility strategies.

We hope these new funding streams will serve us well as we plan new projects throughout the coming years. All donations received are unrestricted.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 19 December 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rgyoung', written in a cursive style.

**Ross Young**  
**Chair**



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for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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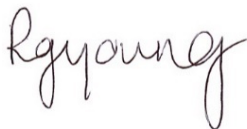
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Receipts and payments  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2025 £	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2024 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations received	3,480	1,734
Fundraising	0	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>1,734</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>		
Fundraising costs	0	0
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Kishunju Primary School		(1,928)
Kihembe Secondary School	(597)	0
Health Centre		(239)
	(597)	(2,167)
<b>Support costs:</b>		
Stationery		(44)
Computer costs		(96)
Bank charges	(14)	(25)
Web costs	(230)	0
Governance costs	0	0
	(245)	(165)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(842)</b>	<b>(2,332)</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>(599)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>(599)</b>
Fund balances brought forward	617	1,216
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>617</b>

**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2025	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2024
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	3,255	617
<b>Net assets</b>	3,255	617

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 19 December 2025



Ross Young  
**Chair**

**NOTES:**

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In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

### **Achievements and performance**

We sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the steadfast support of our valued partners—the Church of Uganda, the Diocese of Kinkiizi, and the Opportunity Africa Organization—in enabling and enhancing our efforts at the local level.

### **Impact on Funding**

This year, our work in Uganda has faced significant challenges due to funding constraints. Many of our regular donors who paused their contributions during and after the COVID-19 lockdowns have, regrettably, not resumed their support. Most notably, we have experienced the loss of three major funding contributors: The Rotary Club, Arden Academy in Knowle, and Bora Coffee Co. The absence of this critical funding has significantly limited the scope of our activities in Uganda compared to previous years.

Nevertheless, as we approach our tenth anniversary, we remain optimistic. Our trustees and volunteers are determined to explore new funding opportunities to sustain and expand our work in the Kanungu district of Uganda. Despite these setbacks, the Trustees have reviewed our financial position and are confident in continuing to adopt the going concern basis for preparing the annual report and accounts.

### **Supporting Key Projects Despite Financial Challenges**

Despite the significant financial constraints we faced this year, we are proud to have maintained our commitment to two of our key initiatives in Uganda. Our continued efforts at Kihembe Health Centre II and Kishunju Nursery and Primary School reflect our unwavering dedication to improving healthcare and education in the local community, even in the face of limited resources.

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**Developments at Kihembe Health Centre II**

Building on the refurbishment of the main building at Kihembe Health Centre II, which we successfully completed last year, we have continued to enhance the facility by providing much-needed ancillary equipment. This latest initiative marks another significant step in our ongoing commitment to supporting the centre and improving healthcare delivery for the local community.

**Repairs and maintenance at Kishunju Nursery and Primary School**

We have been a long-time supporter of the school, and we undertook general repairs and maintenance to keep buildings watertight. We are delighted to report that during our time supporting the school we have built four classrooms (permanent structures) that can withstand the test of time, as well as the local weather conditions.

**Reserves policy**

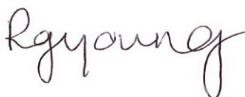
Our free reserves, held as cash at bank, was £617 (2023: £1,216). These funds are held to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to fund the next phase of projects whereby a more substantial amount of finances are required. We aim to hold at least £500 and no more than £10,000 in reserves at year end.

The principal funding sources are individually led small scale fundraising events such as cake sales, pub quizzes and sponsored physical challenges; personal monthly and annual donations via direct debit; donations via the Charities Aid Foundation and corporate partnership donations. All donations received are unrestricted.

**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 20 November 2024.



Ross Young  
Chair



**The Zuri Project Uganda**  
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**Report of the trustees  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Receipts and payments  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2024 £	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations received	1734	4626
Fundraising	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>1734</u></b>	<b><u>4626</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>		
Fundraising costs	0	0
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Kishunju Primary School	-1928	-5951
Kihembe Secondary School	0	-1196
Health Centre	-239	-4838
	<u>-2167</u>	<u>-11984</u>
<b>Support costs:</b>		
Stationery	-44	-45
Computer costs	-96	-96
Bank charges	-25	-33
Web costs	0	-166
Governance costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	-165	-340
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>-2332</u></b>	<b><u>-12324</u></b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>-599</b>	<b>-7697</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-599</b>	<b>-7697</b>
Fund balances brought forward	<u>1216</u>	<u>8913</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b><u><u>617</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>1216</u></u></b>

**The Zuri Project Uganda**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2024	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2023
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	617	1216
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>617</u>	<u>1216</u>

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 20 November 2024



Ross Young  
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In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Laptops for Kihembe Secondary School**

Our trustees were happy to fund the purchase of laptops at Kihembe Secondary School to support the school in its first steps as a computer learning hub. As a vocational secondary school, Kihembe can now teach kids crucial IT skills that will help them in today's modern world. We also sent money to buy a solar system to help the school charge the laptops, as well as a connection fee to the local electricity supplier to connect the school to the grid, as electricity was recently made available in the area.

### **Developments at Kihembe Health Centre II**

Our primary focus of funding this year was on work at Kihembe Health Centre II. We partnered with the Church of Uganda to undertake this work and were delighted to fund the renovation of the main building, as well as the purchase of new essential equipment for the maternity ward and health centre more generally. Part of the project was funded by Rotary and other funds were obtained from our various other fundraising efforts. Below is an overview of what we achieved at Kihembe Health Centre II this year:

### **Project Aim & Scope**

The aim of this project was to secure funding for the renovation and provision of key equipment for Kihembe Health Centre II, located in Kihembe, Kanungu District, SW Uganda. Thanks to the generous support of a number of donors, we raised sufficient funds to start the project in Autumn 2022.

We planned this project in collaboration with a number of local stakeholders, including the Diocese of Kinkiizi, Opportunity Africa Organization, and the Management Committee for Kihembe Health Centre II. We were supported in the UK by the Rotary Club of Stourbridge and a number of individual donors, to whom we're incredibly grateful. This report is primarily for the benefit of our donors, to highlight the excellent work that their donations have facilitated.

To refresh your memory, the following videos indicate the condition of Kihembe Health Centre II before we undertook this project:

- [Video 1](#)



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- [Video 2](#)

## **Project Objectives**

We started this project with two primary objectives:

1. To completely renovate Kihembe Health Centre II (inside and outside) and to complete the half-finished building at the bottom, that could be used as a second ward.
2. To provide essential equipment that the Health Centre lacked in order to support the staff with their day-to-day operations.

We're delighted that we achieved both objectives, and the project was a resounding success, as illustrated below.

## **Project Outcomes**

Phase one of the project saw us purchase the necessary equipment, thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Stourbridge. We purchased the following:

- Microscope
- Steriliser, gas cylinder & hose pipe
- Screen for patient privacy
- Drip stands
- Glucometer
- Beds and mattresses
- Stethoscope
- Thermometers
- Electricity connection fee

The images below show the arrival of the equipment at Kihembe Health Centre II:



***Steriliser, cylinder, glucometer, thermometers, and stethoscope.***



***Screen for patient privacy.***



***Drip stand.***



***One of the new beds and mattresses. We purchased 5 beds and 5 mattresses in total. It was difficult to take photos of the entire ward, as every time I visited there were patients present, and I didn't want to intrude on their care. We also purchased new sheets for all of the beds.***



***We repaired the batteries for the solar system at the health centre, ensuring that the medics have a backup source of power to rely on.***



***Project manager Bright indicating that the health centre is now connected to electricity.***

**The second phase of the health centre project was all about renovation. The images below show the completed work:**



***Outside of the main building at the start of renovation on the day that the new window frames were installed.***



*Outside of the health centre on completion of the renovation project.*



### **New Classroom at Kishunju Nursery and Primary School**

Thanks to funding acquired by one of our long-time supporters – Becky Kealey – we were able to start work on a new classroom block at Kishunju Nursery and Primary School in August 2022. We were delighted to be able to finish the classroom to provide the students with a permanent room in which to learn. It follows the three classrooms that we have built in previous years in our attempt to add permanent structures at Kishunju that can withstand the test of time, as well as the local weather conditions. Photos below show the finished classroom.





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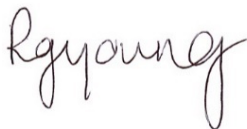
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<b>Income</b>		
Donations received	4,626	9,564
Fundraising	0	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>9,564</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>		
Fundraising costs	0	0
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Kishunju Primary School	(5,951)	0
Kihembe Secondary School	(1,196)	(6,157)
Health Centre	(4,838)	
	<u>(11,984)</u>	<u>(6,157)</u>
<b>Support costs:</b>		
Stationery	(45)	0
Computer costs	(96)	(142)
Bank charges	(33)	(45)
Web costs	(166)	(119)
Governance costs	0	0
	<u>(340)</u>	<u>(306)</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(12,324)</b>	<b>(6,463)</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(7,697)</b>	<b>3,101</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(7,697)</b>	<b>3,101</b>
Fund balances brought forward	<u>8,913</u>	<u>5,812</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>1,216</u></b>	<b><u>8,913</u></b>

**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2022	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2022
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,216	8,913
<b>Net assets</b>	1,216	8,913

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 24 January 2024



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### **Achievements and performance**

#### **New classroom block at Kihembe Secondary School**

We continued our excellent relationship with the staff, parents, and directors of Kihembe Secondary School and were delighted to fundraise for the completion of a new classroom block at the school. Our efforts ensured that the initial building work could be completed and the classroom was ready for its use as a computer lab and library. After finishing this project, we looked at different ways of acquiring the necessary equipment for the school, as explained below.

#### **Computers and books for Kihembe Secondary School**

We partnered with UK-based charity Books 2 Africa, who agreed to send educational supplies to Kihembe Vocational Secondary School. We paid for desktop computers, textbooks, and reading books to equip the recently completed classroom block, so that the school was able to transform it into a computer lab and library. Due to shipping delays, by the end of this year the school had not yet received the books and computers sent by Books 2 Africa, but we are hopeful that they will arrive in Uganda in the very near future.

**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Trustees Annual Report  
For the period ended 31 March 2022**

**Financial review**

**Reserves policy**

Our free reserves, held as cash at bank, was £8,913 (2021: £5,812). These funds are held to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to fund the next phase of projects whereby a more substantial amount of finances are required. We aim to hold at least £1,000 and no more than £15,000 in reserves at year end.

The principal funding sources are individually led small scale fundraising events such as cake sales, pub quizzes and sponsored physical challenges; personal monthly and annual donations via direct debit; donations via the Charities Aid Foundation; corporate partnership monthly donations; Rotary Club £1,500 (2021: £1,497), Arden Academy £2,760 (2021: £4,136) and Bora Coffee Co. £2,208 (2021: £2,361). All donations received are unrestricted.

**Covid-19 impact on funding**

This year, our efforts in Uganda were negatively impacted by funding restraints because of Covid-19. Some of our regular donors temporarily paused their contributions during and after the lockdowns, which meant that we couldn't do as much work in Uganda as in previous years. Still, we were very happy with the projects that we were able to implement and we're hopeful that our trustees and volunteers can look for new funding opportunities in the future, to continue supporting our work in Kanungu district, Uganda. The Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 20 January 2023.



Ross Young  
Chair



**The Zuri Project Uganda**

UK Registered Charity No. 1160649

**THE ZURI PROJECT UGANDA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Period ended 31 March 2022**



## Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

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**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Receipts and payments  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

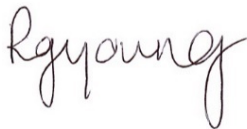
	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2022 £	General Fund unrestricted Year ended 31 March 2021 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations received	9,564	11,365
Fundraising	<u>0</u>	<u>868</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>9,564</u></b>	<b><u>12,233</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>		
Fundraising costs	0	(89)
Charitable activities:		
Kishunju Primary School	0	(2,452)
Kihembe Secondary school	(6,157)	(4,362)
Kiheme Food Outreach	0	(1,740)
Workshop for Girls during Covid-19	0	(419)
Salaries and facilitation for Ugandan team	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>
	(6,157)	(11,463)
Support costs:		
Stationery	0	(34)
Computer costs	(142)	(149)
Bank charges	(45)	(48)
Web costs	(119)	0
Governance costs	<u>0</u>	<u>(291)</u>
	(306)	(522)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>(6,463)</u></b>	<b><u>(12,074)</u></b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>159</b>
Fund balances brought forward	<u>5,812</u>	<u>5,653</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>8,913</u></b>	<b><u>5,812</u></b>

**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2022	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2021
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	8,913	5,812
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>8,913</u>	<u>5,812</u>

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 20 January 2023



Ross Young  
**Chair**

**NOTES:**

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.



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**THE ZURI PROJECT UGANDA**

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# Accounts

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## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **Reference and administrative details**

Registered charity number	1160649
Principal address	36 Wychwood Avenue, Knowle, B93 9DG
Email address	<a href="mailto:ross@zuriprojectuganda.co.uk">ross@zuriprojectuganda.co.uk</a>
Telephone	+44 (0) 1564773141

The trustees shown have held office during the period from 1 April 2020:

Ross Young (Chair)

Robert Young (Trustee and Treasurer)

Danielle Young (Trustee) - resigned

Kate Purchase (Trustee and Treasurer) - resigned

Joe Matthews (Trustee) - resigned

Alex Thompson (Trustee and Head of Fundraising) – appointed 31 October 2021

### **For more information**

If you would like to keep up to date with our work, or would like some more information about what we do in Uganda, then you can:

Visit our website: [www.zuriproject.co.uk](http://www.zuriproject.co.uk)

Read our blog: <https://thezuriprojectuganda.wordpress.com>

Like us on Facebook: The Zuri Project Uganda

Follow us on Twitter: @zuriproject

### **Charity Structure, Governance and Management**

The Zuri Project Uganda is run by its board of trustees and is governed by its constitution adopted on 26 February 2015. We hold between four and six trustee meetings every year to discuss the ongoing progress of the charity in relation to the strategic plan that we developed in 2015 upon our registration. Minutes from each meeting are recorded and signed by the chair of the board. The day to day running and administration of the charity is the responsibility of Ross Young, as agreed in writing by all trustees. We have recruited a team of volunteers in the UK to help us with fundraising, event organisation and marketing of our charitable objectives. At every trustee meeting we discuss our roles as trustees and consider the feasibility of recruiting new trustees in accordance with our Equal Opportunities Policy. Trustees are appointed or reappointed at our Annual General Meeting.

## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives and activities of The Zuri Project Uganda are:

- The prevention and relief of poverty in Uganda by providing: items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- The prevention and relief of poverty in Uganda by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self sufficient.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Purchase of Science Equipment for Kihembe Community Vocational Secondary School**

At the start of 2020, we were thrilled that we had completed the construction of the new science lab at Kihembe Secondary School. And in spite of the Ugandan school closures enforced as a result of Covid-19, we pressed ahead with our project and were able to purchase the tools, equipment, and various other accessories that ensured the science lab could be used by students as and when they returned to school.

First and foremost, local carpenters from Kihembe skilfully created benches, stools, and a teaching desk that transformed the lab into a teaching space. Then, we put up a partition at the back of the lab to serve as a place to store the new equipment that we had purchased. The new equipment includes things like Bunsen burners, solar chargers, scales, and various other items that are required to teach practical science lessons in Uganda.

We were also thrilled to spend the £500 that we received as a donation from Coventry Jubilee Rotary Club on a water tank that now serves the science lab, as it's important for the success of lessons for the teachers to have a reliable and constant water source throughout the term. The tank can also be used by the nearby school kitchen, which will save the staff a lot of time when it comes to fetching water for meal preparation.

Although schools remained closed in Uganda until January 2022, we look forward with huge excitement that the pupils will be able to use the new lab to complete their studies, and we hope this will yield an improvement in the final grades that the students achieve when it comes to their end of year exams.

## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **New Classroom Block at Kihembe Vocational Secondary School**

After the success of the science lab, we were thrilled to start construction on a new classroom block at the secondary school site. Eventually this classroom will serve as a computer lab and library, and we hope it will be operational by the re-commencement of teaching at schools in 2022. We have exciting plans in place to donate books and laptops to the school now that solar is available, and thanks to many generous donations, we're a step closer to making this a reality.

The new classroom block at the secondary school sits atop the hill behind the science lab that we recently constructed, and it is a standalone building. We asked the builders to lay the foundations for two more classrooms at the same time, as we have ambitious plans to fundraise for them in the near future.

Throughout 2020, our team were busy monitoring the building progress and we were ecstatic that we managed to get the new classroom finished on time and in budget. The next step for the team is to fundraise for the purchase of books and computers in order to transform the new classroom into a computer lab and library, and we will also need to focus our efforts on equipping the classroom with furniture and all the necessary equipment to transform it from an empty space into a functioning classroom.

### **Kihembe Food Outreach During Covid-19 Crisis**

In Kihembe – as in other parts of the world – it came to our attention that the Covid-19 lockdown was causing extreme hardships for families who were struggling to feed their children. As such, we collaborated with the church and other local stakeholders to identify 170 of the poorest families in and around the secondary school site, to contribute something for them to feed their families.

As a result of a dedicated fundraising drive, we were able to purchase 10kg of maize flour, 5kg of beans, 1kg of salt, and one bar of soap for each of the families selected for food aid. And although we don't normally provide individual support in this way to people within the community – our projects typically focus on holistic community development – the trustees considered it a necessary intervention given the extreme hardship that had presented itself as a direct result of Covid-19.

Many of the families that were selected for food aid sent their students to the secondary school, and it was our way of contributing to the students and their parents during these extremely trying times. We were delighted with the response that we received after making the donation, and we're extremely grateful to our donors for stepping up and providing the funds for this food aid project at such short notice.

## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **New Kitchen Block at Kishunju Nursery and Primary School**

Just before the nationally enforced lockdown due to COVID-19 began, our team in Uganda was busy constructing a new kitchen block at Kishunju Nursery and Primary School. Back at the beginning of March, we held a meeting at Kishunju with the board members of the school, the teaching staff and members of the PTA to listen to their concerns and to learn about their priorities for the school going forward.

The meeting was fruitful and we heard lots of ideas about how the school could be developed. However, there was consensus from all parties regarding the biggest priority – they wanted a new kitchen block and the latrines renovated. The original kitchen block at Kishunju was actually built as a result of the efforts of Zuri co-founder Martin and Rebecca Kealey. When they were in Uganda on one of their first visits (before Zuri even existed) they helped to construct a kitchen block using local materials.

The parents and teachers were incredibly grateful to Martin & Rebecca for the work carried out and it served as a kitchen block for more than six years. However, in recent times, due mainly to heavy downpours and termites, the building has become increasingly unstable and the stakeholders within the school wanted to make improvements to the building.

Therefore, together with Opportunity Africa, we put together a budget to construct a new kitchen, this time using bricks and timber to try and make a more permanent structure. Although our work was slightly disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak, we're delighted to say that the structure has been finished, and once schools are permitted to reopen, the kitchen block will be put to good use. We were able to recycle the doors and the iron sheets for the roof from the previous structure, which allowed us to complete the project in a cost effective and timely manner.

### **Workshop for Girls During Covid-19 Outbreak**

In partnership with a local NGO called Girl Power Foundation, The Zuri Project launched a series of educational workshops in the summer of 2020 that were aimed at encouraging girls to stay in school. The reason that we decided to launch these projects was a direct result of the Covid-19 lockdowns, as we learned that school-age girls in Kihembe were suffering as a result of the stay-at-home directive.

The workshops – initiated by Girl Power facilitators – were exceptionally well received and reinforced many important messages to the girls, particularly in relation to life skills and caring for themselves at home in the village. Although this was another project that we initiated as a direct result of Covid-19, our Ugandan team is keen to look at the possibility of delivering regular workshops to girls when schools reopen again in 2022.

## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **The payment of salaries and facilitation for Ugandan team**

One thing that we've been incredibly proud of over the past few years is the fact that we've been able to create local jobs in the community in which our projects are delivered. In addition to sourcing all of the labour and equipment in the village or the local areas to complete our projects, we also employ a team of talented, dedicated project managers to oversee the work and conduct research in the vicinity.

All members of the Ugandan team are from the village of Kihembe and they are incredibly passionate about the work that they carry out. Although they are not paid a great deal, the salaries offered to them is enough to cover their transport costs and allows them to have some left over to support their families. While all of those involved in The Zuri Project in the UK are volunteers, we're incredibly proud of the fact that we can support a small team in Uganda, and we plan these costs into our fundraising target every year.

### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

Our free reserves, held as cash at bank, was £5,812 (2020: £5,653). These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to fund the next phase of projects whereby a more substantial amount of finances are required. We aim to hold at least £1,000 and no more than £15,000 in reserves at year end.

The principal funding sources are individually led small scale fundraising events such as cake sales, pub quizzes and sponsored physical challenges; personal monthly and annual donations via direct debit; corporate partnership monthly donations; donations via the Charities Aid Foundation, The Rotary Club for £1,497 (2020: £2,800), Arden Academy £4,136 (2020 - £nil) and Bora Coffee Co. £2,631 (2020 - £nil). All donations received are unrestricted.

1 Trustee (2020: £3,287) received expenses in the year of £291 (2020: £3,287) to cover travel and computer costs incurred.

#### **Going concern : COVID-19**

As COVID-19 arrived at the end of this financial year, it presented us with many challenges, as one would expect. That being said, we were able to continue our operations and were productive throughout the year of 2021. While we lost some funding in some areas, we were able to make it up in others, and we were able to conduct many of our practices and projects that we planned.

The Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.



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## **The Zuri Project Uganda Trustees Annual Report For the period ended 31 March 2021**

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### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 30 January 2022.

Ross Young

**Chair**



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## **THE ZURI PROJECT UGANDA**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Period ended 31 March 2021**

# Uganda

No. 1160649

**Report of the trustees  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Receipts and payments  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	General Fund unrestricted  Year ended 31 March 2021 £
<b>Income</b>	
Donations received	11,365
Fundraising	868
	<b>12,233</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>	
Fundraising costs	(89)
Charitable activities:	
Kishunju Primary School	(2,452)
Kihembe Secondary school	(4,362)
Kiheme Food Outreach	(1,740)
Workshop for Girls during Covid-19	(419)
Salaries and facilitation for Ugandan team	(2,490)
	(11,463)
Support costs:	
Stationery	(34)
Computer costs	(149)
Bank charges	(48)
Travel	0
Governance costs	(291)
	(522)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(12,074)</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>159</b>
Fund balances brought forward	5,653
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>5,812</b>



General Fund unrestricted
Year ended 31 March 2020
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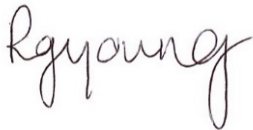
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**The Zuri Project Uganda  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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	General Fund unrestricted 31 March 2021
	£
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	5,812
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>5,812</u>

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 30 January 2022



Ross Young  
**Chair**

**NOTES:**

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured of the CIO.

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