

SEDCU

England & Wales · Charity number 1161405

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2015-04-24

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 30, RESIDENT IN UGANDA, BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS OR SUCH OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: SEDCU has been established to support the education of disadvantaged children in Uganda. The children may be disabled, orphaned, homeless or living in extreme poverty. The charity is focusing on sponsorship of children and funding relevant projects at two nursery/primary schools in South West Uganda but it also supports older children at secondary schools and in tertiary education.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Uganda
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£67,786	£49,969	-	-
2024-12-31	£42,328	£36,892	-	-
2023-12-31	£46,393	£43,032	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,741	£21,332	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,199	£20,346	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Bernard Herdan	Chair	2013-08-18
JANET HERDAN		2013-08-13
REBECCA LYNCH		2013-08-13

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**Supporting the Education of
Disadvantaged Children in Uganda**



**ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS
2025**

INTRODUCTION

This is the twelfth SEDCU Annual Report covering the period from January 1st to December 31st 2025.

SEDCU's mission is to broaden and strengthen support for disadvantaged children in Uganda so that they can benefit from good quality education and realise their full potential. We focus on schools with whom we have developed a relationship in the extreme South West of Uganda and working with people whom we can trust to be aligned with this aim.

It is not our aim to build a large organisation but to focus on supporting modest numbers of individual children, as they progress through the Ugandan educational institutions. We also fund modest projects at their schools which will make a difference. We recognise that the country faces huge challenges, and we are powerless to tackle them, but we do believe that our approach does have the potential to change lives and give individual children the start in life which they deserve. All those who choose to support SEDCU will have the opportunity to be kept informed of the progress of the sponsored children and the projects we fund at their schools. In this spirit, our Annual Report again details where money has been spent during the year.

A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

During 2025, there have been some global issues from which the education sector (and hence SEDCU) cannot remain isolated. The impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine have continued to cause the price of wheat, fertiliser and fuel to increase sharply across the whole of Africa, with shortages causing starvation in some countries. There are also terrorist groups fighting in the border region between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. This has continued throughout the year despite international efforts to seek a way to resolve the situation peacefully. There have also been some serious terrorist incidents leading to substantial loss of life.

Of course, there are serious economic issues in the rest of the world too, and for charities in the UK the impacts of high inflation and other related factors has generally made fundraising more difficult for charities as supporters struggle with the rising cost of living.

Despite all this, SEDCU's income has risen significantly, mainly due to some generous grants from relevant Foundations and private sector firms. This has enabled SEDCU to do even more to support the sponsored children and their schools. We are pleased to be able to report that the children have been doing well and a number have passed exams and moved from primary to secondary school, or from secondary to tertiary education. A total of 37 children have been sponsored through SEDCU over the years. By the end of 2025, 14 children had completed their education, graduated from schools, colleges or universities, and are now classified as "SEDCU Alumni".

THE SCHOOLS

SEDCU continues to focus on two primary schools in Kisoro District where the majority of sponsored children are either being educated or have been educated before moving on to other schools for their secondary education and eventually to colleges and universities for tertiary education in some cases.

Kisoro Demonstration School (KDS) is a state funded school but one with a difference. During the 2025 school year, it has been providing Special Needs Education for 149 children with various categories of special needs who can receive an education there which otherwise would be impossible. The full range of disabilities catered for at KDS includes: deaf, deaf/blind, blind/sight impaired, physical handicap, mental health issues, trauma, PTSD, autism, dyslexia, and multiple disabilities.

These children have to board, and in many cases their parents (if they have them) are unable to pay the costs. Some children have no home to go to and spend their holidays at school. A number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend KDS. Over the years, SEDCU has funded a range of projects to improve facilities at the school and to enhance the breadth and quality of education.

Mgahinga Community Nursery and Junior School (MCJS) is on the boundary of a National Park very close to the borders with Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. It is in a very rural environment where most people live off the land and poverty is rife. There is as yet no mains water supply or drainage and mains electricity has been limited. There are plans to address these issues.

Meanwhile, the school has been expanding steadily and during the 2025 school year there were some 200 children enrolled. A number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend MCJS.

Over a number of years, the Mgahinga Community Development Organisation (MCDO) has managed the construction of a number of new buildings and other facilities to cope with the growing number of children attending and to improve the environment for their education. A number of projects have been delivered, most of them involving part-funding by SEDCU. In 2025, SEDCU continue to provide some financial support to the school and funded several projects aimed at enhancing the breadth and quality of education.

Secondary Schools and Colleges

When SEDCU was established, all the sponsored children were in Primary School. However, as these children have progressed through their primary school education, a number have reached the point where they are ready to take their exams and move up to Secondary Schools, Colleges or Universities. During 2025, 9 children sponsored by SEDCU were in primary education, 6 were in secondary education, and 5 were in either college or university. Another 3 children have just taken their Primary Leaving Exams and are awaiting decisions on their transition to secondary school or vocational college.

Collaboration

SEDCU is of course not the only charity operating in this part of Uganda, and we have sought to cooperate with other charities active in the same schools as ourselves. We have been particularly appreciative of collaboration with School Places, Sustain for Life and Swedish charities which have funded building and other projects as well as sponsoring children at schools where we are involved.

THE CHILDREN

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Sponsorship pays variously for school fees, scholastic materials, meals, boarding costs, uniforms, braille paper for blind children, mattresses, bedding, transport, school trips and a range of other necessities. For some children with no home to go to, SEDCU has been paying for holiday boarding costs. For the older children at secondary school or college or university, the fees are generally higher and there are additional requirements for scholastic materials, field trips, books, laptops, tablets and/or smart phones.

We receive regular termly or mid-year and end of year academic reports on each child, and often other news and photographs to keep us informed of progress of each child and results of any exams they must pass to rise through the system. All of this is shared with sponsors. Some of the older children have moved into the modern age and communicate with us or their sponsors by WhatsApp!

FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATION

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We have developed and regularly updated our website at www.sedcu.org.uk, and post updates on social media Each year, we have published two editions of a Newsletter which we use to keep supporters informed of recent events.

SEDCU is registered with the Charity Commission and our 2025 Accounts have again been checked by a finance professional and filed in compliance with the Commission's requirements.

Every pound donated is transmitted from the SEDCU Bank Account to the schools for defined purposes, whether to fund sponsorship of specific children or selected projects. Receipts are obtained for the amounts received in local currency. Gift Aid recovered is used to cover our minor administration costs (which we have kept at about 1% of expenditure) and the balance goes to fund priority projects.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The trustees are pleased to report that SEDCU's accounts are in good shape. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our income for 2025 rose to £67,786 (including Gift Aid refunds).

Our expenditure on sponsorship totalled £16,970 and project expenditure totalled £32,060. The details of how funds were spent are shown in the tabulation below. As a result, we generated a surplus of £17,817 and so were able to increase our reserves, ready for the demands which will no doubt arise. This has already led to some demands on the reserves and the Bursary Fund (see below).

Recognising the issue which would arise with sharp increases in fees at secondary and tertiary level, and the need for example to purchase laptops or smart phones for students in tertiary education, the SEDCU trustees decided in 2019 to create a Bursary Fund and some of the reserves at that time were transferred into this new Fund. Since then, there have been some further transfers from income and also some supporters have donated money specifically to add to the Bursary Fund. At the end of 2025, the Fund stood at just over £12,000. This is not extra money, it is a subdivision of our Reserves designated for particular purposes.

Approximate Breakdown of 2025 Expenditure

Purpose	School	Amount (£)
Sponsorship		
Sponsorship – primary level	KDS, MCJS	5,903
Sponsorship – secondary level	Hornby High School, Kisoro Vision, Saviour Secondary School, BAVOSS	4,973
Sponsorship – colleges awarding diplomas	Nursing college, KIVI	1622
Sponsorship – Universities awarding degrees	Metropolitan International, Bugemo, Mts of the Moon University	4,472
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP		16,970
Projects		
Teacher degree level education	KDS & MCJS	7,319
Purchase and maintenance of wheelchairs	KDS	1,539
Participation national disabled sporting events	KDS	3,160
Participation in national disabled scouting events	KDS	2,539
Arts & Crafts project	KDS	1,125
Environmental Study Trip	MCJS	3,400
Environmental Study Trip	KDS	3,800
Teacher holiday pay	KDS, MCJS	2,106
Business set-up equipment for graduating students	KDS	1,240
IT equipment for blind	HHS and KDS	5,692
Other		575
TOTAL PROJECTS		32,060
UK Administration		
Print costs – two newsletters		274
Bank charges – funds transfer		240
TOTAL UK ADMIN		514
TOTAL		49,544

Note: Costs are allocated to the year when funds were sent to Uganda, in some cases not when activity actually took place. The SEDCU policy is to maintain a reasonable reserve so that, should a sponsor drop out, we can maintain sponsorship payments for a year for the affected child while a new sponsor is located, as well as maintaining funds for payment of committed future project funding instalments and coping with currency fluctuations. There are no administrative costs to run the charity apart from bank charges for funds transfer, newsletter print, and web hosting costs.

Since SEDCU was founded, SEDCU trustees have aimed to travel to Uganda every two years at their own expense to liaise with the schools, verify that SEDCU funds are being spent as intended and to establish future needs. They also aim to meet every sponsored child and to meet with parents, teachers and community members. These visits help us to confirm that our donations are making a real difference to schools and children and enable us to reset priorities for future funding. Due to the pandemic, there was a pause in these visits, but we are pleased to report there were very successful visits in March 2023 and July 2025.

SEDCU Financial Outcome 2025

The following summarises the financial outcome for the twelve-month period ended 31 December 2025, with a comparison with the previous year.

	2025 £	2024 £	
Cash at start of year	30,286	24,850	
Receipts			
Donations received	62,041	39,684	
Gift Aid refunded	5,745	2,644	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	67,786	42,328	
Payments			
Amount sent to schools in Uganda	(49,470)	(36,378)	
Administration costs in UK	(499)	(514)	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(49,969)	(36,892)	
Increase/(decrease) in funds	17,817	5,436	

Cash balance at year end	48,103	30,286	
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Our 2025 accounts have been audited and the Annual Report and Accounts will be posted on our website in February 2026.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

We are now able to report that the number of children being educated at the two primary schools supported by SEDCU has peaked. With the passage of time, we are proud to see more of the sponsored children progressing from primary to secondary or tertiary education, and a number have graduated this year. Looking into the future, the proportion of sponsored primary school children will continue to fall while those in secondary or tertiary education will grow, as will the number of SEDCU Alumni who are embarking on their careers. SEDCU has sound financial reserves and we are also confident our supporters will continue to demonstrate their commitment to SEDCU and all that we stand for. Above all we will work tirelessly to achieve our mission and enable every one of the sponsored children to realise their potential.

The Trustees of SEDCU



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name SEDCU	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date January 1st 2025	To	Period end date December 31st 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	46,640	15,401	-	62,041	39,684
Gift Aid Refunded	5,745	-	-	5,745	2,644
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,385	15,401	-	67,786	42,328
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,385	15,401	-	67,786	42,328
A3 Payments					
Payments made to Uganda	30,446	19,024	-	49,470	36,378
Administrative costs in UK	499	-	-	499	514
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,945	19,024	-	49,969	36,892
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,945	19,024	-	49,969	36,892
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,440	- 3,623	-	17,817	5,436
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	30,286	-
Cash funds this year end	21,440	- 3,623	-	48,103	30,286

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,440	- 3,623	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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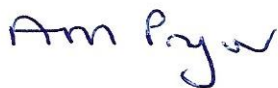
12th February 2026

The Trustees
SEDCU
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Highford Lane.
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Dear Trustees

Report on the Independent Check of the accounts of SEDCU for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. I have undertaken an independent check of the accounts of SEDCU for the year ended 31st December 2025.
2. I confirm that I have examined all Income and Expenditure records together with the relevant Bank statements and confirm that the accounts reflect an accurate statement of the financial position of SEDCU as at 31st December 2025.
3. The Bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2025 is correct and the balance has been checked to the Bank statement.
4. All receipts for expenditure have been examined and all income banked or credited to the Charity's Bank account has been checked to the bank statements.



Andrew Michael Pryor

ACIB (retired)

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

The trustees are pleased to report that SEDCU’s accounts are in good shape. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our income for 2024 held up well at £42,328.

Our expenditure on sponsorship totalled £10,966, and project expenditure totalled £25,412. The details of how funds were spent are shown in the tabulation below. As a result, we generated a surplus of £5,436 and so were able to increase our reserves, ready for the demands which will no doubt arise. This has already led to some demands on the reserves and the Bursary Fund (see below).

Recognising the issue which would arise with sharp increases in fees at secondary and tertiary level, and the need for example to purchase laptops or smart phones for students in tertiary education, the SEDCU trustees decided in 2019 to create a Bursary Fund and some of the reserves at that time were transferred into this new Fund. Since then, there have been some further transfers from income and also some supporters have donated money specifically to add to the Bursary Fund. At the end of 2024, the Fund stood at £10,095. This is not extra money, it is a subdivision of our Reserves designated for a particular purposes.

Approximate Breakdown of 2024 Expenditure

Purpose	School	Amount (£)
Sponsorship		
Sponsorship – nursery and primary level	KDS, MCJS	1,714
Sponsorship – secondary level	Hornby High School, Kisoro Vision, Standard Secondary School, BAVOSS	4,726
Sponsorship – colleges awarding diplomas, work experience	St Bruno, KDS work experience	4,030
Sponsorship – Universities	Bishop Barham,	496

awarding degrees		
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP		10,966
Projects		
Teacher degree level education	KDS & MCJS	2,700
Textbook Library	MCJS	300
Participation national sporting events	KDS	3,300
Participation in national and international scouting events	KDS	7,150
Arts & Crafts project	KDS	1,224
Environmental Study Trip	MCJS	3,200
Environmental Study Trip	KDS	5,546
Teacher holiday pay	KDS, MCJS	1,905
Other		87
TOTAL PROJECTS		25,412
UK Administration		
Print costs – two newsletters		263
Bank charges – funds transfer		195
Other		24
TOTAL ADMIN		482
TOTAL		36,892

Note: Costs are allocated to the year when funds were sent to Uganda, in some cases not when activity actually took place.

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SEDCU Financial Outcome 2024

The following summarises the financial outcome for the twelve-month period ended 31 December 2024, with a comparison with the previous year.

	2024 £	2023 £	
Cash at start of year	24,850	21,489	
Receipts			
Donations received	39,684	41,777	
Gift Aid refunded	2,644	4,616	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	42,328	46,393	
Payments			
Amount sent to schools in Uganda	(36,378)	(42,520)	
Administration costs in UK	(514)	(482)	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(36,892)	(43,002)	
Increase/(decrease) in funds	5,436	3,361	
Cash balance at year end	30,286	24,850	

Our 2024 accounts have been audited and the Annual Report and Accounts will be posted on our website in March 2025.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

We are delighted to report that the number of children being educated at the two primary schools supported by SEDCU has continued to grow. With the passage of time, we are also proud to see more of the sponsored children progressing from primary to secondary or tertiary education, and a number have graduated this year. Looking into the future, the proportion of sponsored primary school children will continue to fall those in secondary or tertiary education will grow, as will the number of SEDCU Alumni who are embarking on their careers. SEDCU has sound financial reserves and we are also confident our supporters will continue to demonstrate their commitment to SEDCU and all that we stand for. Above all we will work tirelessly to achieve our mission and enable every one of the sponsored children to realise their potential.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name SEDCU	No (if any) 1161405
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date January 1st 2024	To	Period end date December 31st 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	24,727	14,957	-	39,684	41,777
Gift Aid Refunded	2,644	-	-	2,644	4,616
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,371	14,957	-	42,328	46,393
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,371	14,957	-	42,328	46,393
A3 Payments					
Paents made to Uganda	25,129	11,249	-	36,378	42,550
Administration costs in UK	514	-	-	514	482
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,643	11,249	-	36,892	43,032
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,643	11,249	-	36,892	43,032
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,728	3,708	-	5,436	3,361
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end				24,850	
Cash funds this year end	1,728	3,708	-	30,286	24,850

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,728	3,708	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

SEDCU
Receipts and Payments Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

Income:

Un-restricted
 Sponsorship
 Projects
 TOTAL
 Refunded Gift Aid

0.00
24726.87
 24726.87
 2644.50

Restricted
 Sponsorship
 Projects
 TOTAL

14957.00
0.00
 14957.00

42,328.37

Expenditure:

Un-restricted
 Sponsorship
 Projects
 Admin Costs UK

0.00
25129.00 25,129.00
 514.00

Restricted
 Sponsorship
 Projects

11249.00
0.00 11249.00

36,892.00

Surplus for the year

5436.37

Independently checked by MR. A. M. PRYOR ACIB (Retired)

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19TH February 2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 1161405

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**Supporting the Education of
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS**
2023

INTRODUCTION

This is the tenth SEDCU Annual Report covering the period from January 1st to December 31st 2023.

SEDCU's mission is to broaden and strengthen support for disadvantaged children in Uganda so that they can benefit from good quality education and realise their full potential. We focus on schools with whom we have developed a relationship in the extreme South West of Uganda and working with people whom we can trust to be aligned with this aim.

It is not our aim to build a large organisation but to focus on supporting modest numbers of individual children, as they progress through the Ugandan educational institutions. We also fund small projects at their schools which will make a difference. We recognise that the country faces huge challenges, and we are powerless to tackle them, but we do believe that our approach does have the potential to change lives and give individual children the start in life which they deserve. All those who choose to support SEDCU will have the opportunity to be kept informed of the progress of the sponsored children and the projects we fund at their schools. In this spirit, our Annual Report again details where money has been spent during the year.

A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

During 2023, Ugandan schools have continued their recovery from the extended 2020/21 COVID lockdown. Parents have struggled to pay fees with so much damage to the economy caused by the Pandemic.

There have been other major issues this year from which the education sector (and hence SEDCU) cannot remain isolated. The impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine have caused the price of wheat, fertiliser and fuel to increase sharply across the whole of Africa, with shortages causing starvation in some countries. There are also terrorist groups fighting in the border

region between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. This has continued throughout the year despite international efforts to seek a way to resolve the situation peacefully. As a result, Kisoro District, where SEDCU operates, has had to accommodate many refugees. There have also been some serious terrorist incidents during 2023 leading to substantial loss of life.

Of course, there are serious economic issues in the rest of the world too, and for charities in the UK the impacts of high inflation and other related factors may make fundraising more difficult for charities as supporters struggle with the rising cost of living.

Despite all this, SEDCU has continued to do all it can to support the 34 sponsored children and their schools. We are pleased to be able to report that the children have been doing well and a number have passed exams and moved from primary to secondary school, or from secondary to tertiary education. During 2023 several sponsored children have completed their education and graduated from colleges and universities.

THE SCHOOLS

SEDCU continues to focus on two primary schools in Kisoro District where the majority of sponsored children are either being educated or have been educated before moving on to other schools for their secondary education and eventually to colleges and universities for tertiary education in some cases.

Kisoro Demonstration School (KDS) is a state funded school but one with a difference. During the 2023 school year, it has been providing Special Needs Education for some 145 children with a range of disabilities including deafness, blindness and visual impairment who can receive an education there which otherwise would be impossible. The full range of disabilities catered for at KDS includes: deaf, deaf/blind, blind/sight impaired, physical handicap, mental health issues, trauma PTSD, autism, dyslexia, and multiple disabilities.

These children have to board, and in many cases their parents (if they have them) are unable to pay the costs. A number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend KDS. Over the years, SEDCU has funded a range of projects to improve facilities at the school and to enhance the breadth and quality of education.

Mgahinga Community Nursery and Junior School (MCJS)

is on the boundary of a National Park very close to the borders with Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. It is in a very rural environment where most people live off the land and poverty is rife. There is no mains water supply or drainage and mains electricity has been limited. The school has been expanding steadily and during the 2023 school year there were nearly 200 children enrolled. A growing number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend MCJS.

Over a number of years, the Mgahinga Community Development Organisation (MCDO) has managed the construction of a number of new buildings and other facilities to cope with the growing number of children attending and to improve the environment for their education. A number of projects have been delivered, most of them involving part-funding by SEDCU. In 2023, SEDCU continue to provide some financial support to the school and funded several projects aimed at enhancing the breadth and quality of education.

Secondary Schools and Colleges

When SEDCU was established, all the sponsored children were in Primary School. However, as these children have progressed through their primary school education, a number have reached the point where they are ready to take their exams and move up to Secondary Schools, Colleges or Universities. During 2023, 13 children sponsored by SEDCU were in primary education, 11 were in secondary education, and 5 were in either college or university. 5 have graduated and completed their education this year.

Collaboration

SEDCU is of course not the only charity operating in this part of Uganda, and we have sought to cooperate with other charities active in the same schools as ourselves. We have been particularly appreciative of collaboration with School Places, Sustain for Life and Swedish charities which have funded building and other projects as well as sponsoring children at schools where we are involved.

THE CHILDREN

SEDCU's primary aim is to sponsor the education of disadvantaged children so that they can realise their potential.

Sponsorship pays variously for school fees, scholastic materials, meals, boarding costs, uniforms, braille paper for blind children, mattresses, bedding, transport, school trips and a range of other necessities. For some children with no home to go to, SEDCU has been paying for holiday boarding costs. For the older children at secondary school or college or university, the fees are generally higher and there are additional requirements for scholastic materials, field trips, books, laptops, tablets and/or smart phones.

We receive regular termly or mid-year and end of year academic reports on each child, and often other news and photographs to keep us informed of progress of each child and results of any exams they must pass to rise through the system. All of this is shared with sponsors. Some of the older children have moved into the modern age and communicate with us or their sponsors by WhatsApp!

FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATION

Funding for the education of individual children is provided by sponsors who have been found almost entirely through word of

mouth; this is very much in the spirit of how we wish the charity to operate, with each sponsor able to develop a personal relationship with SEDCU and with the child they have chosen to support. In order to fund projects which have been identified by the schools as desirable to enhance the children's education and/or out-of-school activities and experiences, we have generally been dependent on donations by individual supporters as well as income from fundraising events and grants. This year we are pleased to report we have received grants from Hexham Lions Club, Hexham Abbey PCC, Stodden PCC, and a substantial grant from Leo Lions (formerly COINS) Foundation. As a result our income has risen significantly and we have been able to send more funds to Uganda than ever before. We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of all our donors.

We have developed and regularly updated our website at www.sedcu.org.uk, and post updates on social media Each year, we have published two editions of a Newsletter which we use to keep supporters informed of recent events.

SEDCU is registered with the Charity Commission and our 2023 Accounts have been filed in compliance with their requirements.

Every pound donated is transmitted from the SEDCU Bank Account to the schools for defined purposes, whether to fund sponsorship of specific children or selected projects. Receipts are obtained for the amounts received in local currency. Gift Aid recovered is used to cover our minor administration costs (which we have kept at about 1% of expenditure) and the balance goes to fund priority projects.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The trustees are pleased to report that SEDCU's accounts are in good shape. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our income for 2023 rose significantly to £46,393.

Our expenditure on sponsorship totalled £28,425, and project expenditure totalled £14,098. The details of how funds were spent are shown in the tabulation below. As a result, we generated a surplus of £3,361 and so were able to increase our reserves, ready for the demands which will no doubt arise. In fact, experience has shown that school/college/university costs have risen sharply as a number of children have moved up to secondary or tertiary education which is a great deal more expensive. This has already led to quite a few demands on the reserves and the Bursary Fund (see below).

Recognising the issue which would arise with these sharp increases in fees at secondary and tertiary level, and the need for example to purchase laptops or smart phones for students in tertiary education, the SEDCU trustees decided in 2019 to create a Bursary Fund and some of the reserves at that time were transferred into this new Fund. Since then, there have been some further transfers from Reserves and also some supporters have donated money specifically to add to the Bursary Fund. At the end of 2023, the Fund stood at £8862. This is not extra money, it is a subdivision of our Reserves designated for a particular purposes.

Approximate Breakdown of 2023 Expenditure

Purpose	School	Amount (£)
Sponsorship		
Sponsorship – nursery and primary level	KDS, MCJS	9,043
Sponsorship – secondary level	Hornby High School, Kisoro Vision, Standard Secondary School, BAVOSS	8,390
Sponsorship – colleges awarding diplomas, work experience	St Bruno, KIVI KDS work experience	6,092
Sponsorship – Universities awarding degrees	Chemequip Medical Faculty, Makerere , Bishop Barham,	4,900
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP		28,425

Projects		
Teacher degree level education	KDS & MCJS	3,732
Textbook Library	MCJS	1,620
Participation national sporting and scouting events	KDS	2,245
Arts & Crafts project	KDS	1,121
Classroom partition for P7	MCJS	1,032
Environmental Study Trip	KDS	2,325
Teacher pay top up	KDS, MCJS	2,023
TOTAL PROJECTS		14,098
UK Administration		
Print costs – two newsletters		263
Bank charges – funds transfer		195
Other		24
TOTAL ADMIN		482
TOTAL		43,002

The SEDCU policy is to maintain a reserve of at least £1000 so that, should a sponsor drop out, we can maintain sponsorship payments for a year for the affected child while a new sponsor is located, as well as maintaining funds for payment of committed future project funding instalments and coping with currency fluctuations. There are no administrative costs to run the charity apart from bank charges for funds transfer, newsletter print, and web hosting costs.

Since SEDCU was founded, SEDCU trustees have aimed to travel to Uganda every two years at their own expense to liaise with the schools, verify that SEDCU funds are being spent as intended and to establish future needs. They also aim to meet every sponsored child and to meet with parents, teachers and community members. These visits help us to confirm that our donations are making a real difference to schools and children and enable us to reset priorities for future funding. Due to the

pandemic, there was a pause in these visits, but we are pleased to report there was a very successful visit in March 2023, as reported in our August 2023 newsletter.

SEDCU Financial Outcome 2023

The following summarises the financial outcome for the twelve-month period ended 31 December 2023, with a comparison with the previous year.

	2023 £	2022 £	
Cash at start of year	21,489	15,080	
Receipts			
Donations received	41,777	21,681	
Gift Aid refunded	4,616	6,060	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	46,393	27,741	
Payments			
Amount sent to schools in Uganda	(42,520)	(20,930)	
Administration costs in UK	(482)	(402)	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(43,002)	(21,332)	
Increase/(decrease) in funds	3,361	6,409	
Cash balance at year end	24,850	21,489	

Our 2023 accounts have been audited and the Annual Report and Accounts will be posted on our website in March 2024.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

With all schools, colleges and universities reopened after the pandemic in January 2022, life has largely returned to normal

although it will be a challenge to mitigate fully the impacts of the long period of school closures. We are delighted that the number of children supported through SEDCU has risen over the last 2 years. We are also proud to see more of the sponsored children progressing to secondary or tertiary education, and a number have graduated this year. SEDCU has sound financial reserves and we are also confident our supporters will continue to demonstrate their commitment to SEDCU and a we stand for. Above all we will work tirelessly to achieve our mission and enable every one of the sponsored children to realise their potential.

The Trustees of SEDCU



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date January 1st 2023	To	Period end date December 31st 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	20,701	21,076	-	41,777	21,681
Gift Aid Refunded	4,616	-	-	4,616	6,060
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,317	21,076	-	46,393	27,741
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,317	21,076	-	46,393	27,741
A3 Payments					
Paents made to Uganda	12,147	30,403	-	42,550	20,930
Administration costs in UK	482	-	-	482	402
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,629	30,403	-	43,032	21,332
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,629	30,403	-	43,032	21,332
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,688	- 9,327	-	3,361	6,409
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end				21,489	
Cash funds this year end	12,688	- 9,327	-	24,850	21,489

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,688	- 9,327	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

SEDCU
 Receipts and Payments Statement for the yearend Dec 2023

Income:

Un-restricted

Sponsorship	0.00	
Projects	<u>20701.53</u>	
TOTAL		20701.53
Refunded Gift Aid		4616.50

Restricted

Sponsorship	20076.00	
Projects	<u>1,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		21076.00

46,394.03

Expenditure:

Un-restricted

Sponsorship	0.00	
Projects	<u>12146.80</u>	12,146.80
Admin Costs UK		481.98

Restricted

Sponsorship	27158.20	
Projects	<u>3245.00</u>	30403.20

43,031.98

0.00

Surplus for the year

3362.05

I certify that this is a true reflection of the accounts checked & verified.

ANDREW PRYOR (ACIS retired)

Am Pryor

26/2/24

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A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

During 2022, Ugandan schools have continued their recovery from the extended 2020/21 COVID lockdown. While life has been returning to normal, infection levels have remained high this year, and there have been long term impacts from the COVID pandemic. Across the country, a substantial number of children dropped out of education and may never return. In the privately funded schools sector, where SEDCU mainly operates, a large number of schools closed permanently, and those which have reopened have found this year particularly challenging. Parents have struggled to pay fees with so much damage to the economy.

There have been other major issues this year from which the education sector (and hence SEDCU) cannot remain isolated. The impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine have caused the price of wheat, fertiliser and fuel to increase sharply across the whole of Africa, with shortages causing starvation in some countries. And there is fighting in the border region between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. This has continued throughout the year despite international efforts to seek a way to resolve the situation peacefully. As a result, Kisoro District, where SEDCU operates, is swamped with refugees.

Of course there are serious economic issues in the rest of the world too, and for charities in the UK the impacts of high inflation and other related factors make fundraising more difficult for charities and create financial challenges for many SEDCU supporters.

Despite all this, SEDCU has continued to do all it can to support the sponsored children (now 33 in number) and their schools. We are pleased to be able to report that the children have been doing well and a number have passed exams and moved from primary to secondary school, or from secondary to tertiary education during 2022.

THE SCHOOLS

SEDCU continues to focus on two primary schools in Kisoro District where the majority of sponsored children are either being educated or have been educated before moving on to other schools for their secondary education and eventually to colleges and universities for tertiary education in some cases.

Kisoro Demonstration School (KDS) is a state funded school but one with a difference. As of the start of the new school year for 2023, It has established special arrangements for 145 children with a range of disabilities including deafness, blindness and visual impairment who can receive an education there which otherwise would be impossible. The full range of disabilities catered for at KDS includes:

Deaf, Deaf/Blind, Blind/sight impaired, Physical handicap, Mental health issues, Trauma PTSD, Autism, Dyslexia, Multiple Disability.

These children have to board, and in many cases their parents (if they have them) are unable to pay the costs. A number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend KDS. In past years, SEDCU has funded a range of projects to improve facilities at the school and to enhance the breadth and quality of education. However, as a result of the pandemic, projects have inevitably been suspended until more normal times return, although this year we have been able to support opportunities for disabled children to participate at National level in a Paralympic Sports competition and Scouting Jamborees.

Mgahinga Community Nursery and Junior School (MCJS) is on the boundary of a National Park very close to the borders with Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. It is in a very rural environment where most people live off the land and poverty is rife. There is no mains water supply or drainage and mains electricity has been limited. The school has been expanding steadily although numbers have fallen slightly due to the pandemic but they have bounced back and as of the start of the 2023 school year there are now some 183 children enrolled. A growing number of children are sponsored through SEDCU to attend MCJS.

Over a number of years, the Mgahinga Community Development Organisation (MCDO) has managed the construction of a number of new buildings and other facilities to cope with the growing number of children attending and to improve the environment for their education. A number of projects have been delivered, most of them involving part – funding by SEDCU. However with all the disruption and school closures caused by the pandemic, future projects have been suspended and there were no deliverables during 2022. SEDCU

did, however, continue to provide some financial support to the school to help deal with a deficit in their accounts for the year

Secondary Schools and Colleges

When SEDCU was established, all the sponsored children were in Primary School. However, as these children have progressed through their primary school education, a number have reached the point where they are ready to take their exams and move up to Secondary Schools, Colleges or Universities. During 2022, 20 children sponsored by SEDCU were in primary education, 7 were in secondary education, and 6 were in either college or university.

Collaboration

SEDCU is of course not the only charity operating in this part of Uganda, and we have sought to cooperate with other charities active in the same schools as ourselves. We have been particularly appreciative of collaboration with School Places, Sustain for Life and Swedish charities which have funded building and other projects as well as sponsoring children at schools where we are involved.

THE CHILDREN

SEDCU's primary aim is to sponsor the education of disadvantaged children so that they can realise their potential.

Sponsorship pays variously for school fees, scholastic materials, meals, boarding costs, uniforms, braille paper for blind children, mattresses, bedding, transport, school trips and a range of other necessities. For some children with no home to go to, SEDCU has been paying for holiday boarding costs. For the older children at secondary school or college or university, the fees are generally higher and there are additional

requirements for scholastic materials, field trips, books, laptops, tablets and/or smart phones.

We receive regular termly or mid-year and end of year academic reports on each child, and often other news and photographs to keep us informed of progress of each child and results of any exams they must pass to rise through the system. All of this is shared with sponsors. Some of the children write letters for their sponsors, and we ensure that each sponsor receives regular information about the progress of the child they are supporting. Some of the older children have moved into the modern age and communicate with us or their sponsors by WhatsApp!

FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATION

Funding for the education of individual children is provided by sponsors who have been found entirely through word of mouth; this is very much in the spirit of how we wish the charity to operate, with each sponsor able to develop a personal relationship with SEDCU and with the child they have chosen to support. In order to fund projects which have been identified by the schools as desirable to enhance the children's education and/or out-of-school activities and experiences, we have generally been dependent on donations by individual supporters as well as income from fundraising events. The latter have been practically impossible until quite recently due to the various lockdowns in the UK. Even so, our income has been relatively strong despite it all. We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of all our donors.

We have developed and regularly updated our website at www.sedcu.org.uk, and also post updates on social media. Each year, we have published two editions of a Newsletter which we use to keep supporters informed of recent events.

SEDCU is registered with the Charity Commission and our 2022 Accounts have been filed in compliance with their requirements.

Every pound donated is transmitted from the SEDCU Bank Account to the schools for defined purposes, whether to fund sponsorship of specific children or selected projects. Receipts are obtained for the amounts received in local currency. Gift Aid recovered is used to cover our minor administration costs (which we have kept at about 2% of expenditure) and the balance goes to fund priority projects.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Despite the difficult situation, and our limited ability to fundraise, the trustees are pleased to report that SEDCU's accounts are in good shape. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our income for 2022 held up well at £27,741.

Our expenditure on sponsorship totalled £11,360, and project expenditure totalled £9,570. The details of how funds were spent are shown in the tabulation below. As a result, we generated a surplus of £6,409 and so were able to increase our reserves, ready for the demands which will no doubt arise. In fact, experience from the first two months of 2023 has shown that school/college/university costs have all risen sharply due to inflation which is rampant in Uganda, and a number of children have moved up to secondary or tertiary education which is a great deal more expensive. This has already led to quite a few demands on the reserves and the Bursary Fund (see below).

Recognising the issue which would arise with these sharp increases in fees at secondary and tertiary level, and the need for example to purchase laptops or smart phones for students in tertiary education, the SEDCU trustees decided in 2019 to create a Bursary Fund and some of the reserves at that time were transferred into this new Fund. Since then, there have been some further transfers from Reserves and also some supporters have donated money specifically to add to the Bursary Fund. At the end of 2022, the Fund stood at £6774.

This is not extra money , it is a subdivision of our Reserves designated for a particular purposes.

Approximate Breakdown of 2021 Expenditure

Purpose	School	Amount (£)
Sponsorship		
Sponsorship - nursery and primary level	KDS, MCJS	3,934
Sponsorship - secondary level	Hornby High School, Kisoro Vision, Standard Secondary School	1,236
Sponsorship - colleges awarding diplomas	St Bruno, KIVI	1,024
Sponsorship - Universities awarding degrees	Chemequip Medical Faculty, Makerere , Bishop Barham, ,African College of Commerce and Technology	5,166
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP		11,360
Projects		
Teacher education	KDS	1010
Support for refugees attending college	KIVI	750
Participation national sporting and scouting events	KDS	6170
COVID relief payment	MCJS	1640
TOTAL PROJECTS		9,570

UK Administration		
Print costs - two newsletters		168
Bank charges - funds transfer		210
Other		24
TOTAL ADMIN		402
TOTAL		21,332

The SEDCU policy is to maintain a reserve of at least £1000 so that, should a sponsor drop out, we can maintain sponsorship payments for a year for the affected child while a new sponsor is located, as well as maintaining funds for payment of committed future project funding instalments and coping with currency fluctuations. There are no administrative costs to run the charity apart from bank charges for funds transfer, newsletter print, and web hosting costs and some costs associated with fundraising which are recovered from the Gift Aid refunds. SEDCU trustees aim to travel to Uganda every two years at their own expense to liaise with the schools, verify that SEDCU funds are being spent as intended and to establish future needs. They also aim to meet every sponsored child and to meet every one of their teachers. These visits help us to confirm that our donations are making a real difference to schools and children and enable us to reset priorities for future funding. Our most recent visit was in October 2019, and we had to postpone our planned visit in 2021 due to the pandemic. A visit is now taking place in March 2023.

SEDCU Financial Outcome 2022

The following summarises the financial outcome for the twelve-month period ended 31 December 2022, with a comparison with the previous year.

	2022 £	2021 £	
Cash at start of year	15,080	12,227	
Receipts			
Donations received	21,681	20,988	
Gift Aid refunded	6,060	2,211	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,741	23,199	
Payments			
Amount sent to schools in Uganda	(20,930)	(20,014)	
Administration costs in UK	(402)	(332)	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(21,332)	(20,346)	
Increase/ (decrease) in funds	6,409	2,853	

Cash balance at year end	21,489	15,080	
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Our 2022 accounts have been audited and the Annual Report will be posted on our website in March 2022.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

With all schools, colleges and universities reopened after the pandemic in January 2022, life has largely returned to normal although there are other significant issues which create challenges for the education sector. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to keep schools afloat during 2021 with our COVID relief funds, and 2022 was a year for education to get back on an even keel. We are delighted that the number of children supported through SEDCU has risen over the last 2 years, even though a couple have dropped out of education. We are also proud to see more of the sponsored children progressing to secondary or tertiary education in recent months, despite all the obstacles they had to overcome. As a charity, SEDCU must remain flexible and stand ready to assist as best we can while the whole country seeks to return to normal and to overcome fresh challenges. We do have sound financial reserves and we are also confident our supporters will continue to demonstrate their commitment to SEDCU and what we stand for. Above all we will work tirelessly to achieve our mission and enable every one of the sponsored children to realise their potential.

The Trustees of SEDCU



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date January 1st 2022	To	Period end date December 31st 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	7,834	13,847	-	21,681
Gift Aid Refunded	6,060	-	-	6,060
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,894	13,847	-	27,741
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,894	13,847	-	27,741
A3 Payments				
Paents made to Uganda	9,570	11,360	-	20,930
Administration costs in UK	402	-	-	402
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,972	11,360	-	21,332
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,972	11,360	-	21,332
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,922	2,487	-	6,409
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,857	2,223	-	15,080
Cash funds this year end	16,779	4,710	-	21,489

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	16,779	4,710
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature	Print Name

CC16a



**Last year
to the nearest £**

20,988
2,211
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
23,199

-
-
-

23,199

20,014
332
-
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-
-
20,346

-
-
-

20,346

2,853
-
-
15,080



Endowment funds
to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

Endowment funds
to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)

-
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-

Current value (optional)

-
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-
-
-

When due (optional)

Date of approval

SEDCU
Receipts and Payments Statement for the year ended 31st December 2022

Income:

Un-restricted

Sponsorship	0.00	
Projects	<u>7833.65</u>	
TOTAL		7833.65
Refunded Gift Aid		6060.02

Restricted

Sponsorship	13847.00	
Projects	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL		13847.00

27,740.67

Expenditure:

Un-restricted

Sponsorship	0.00	
Projects	<u>9570.00</u>	9,570.00
Admin Costs UK		402.00

Restricted

Sponsorship	11360.00	
Projects	<u>0.00</u>	11360.00

21,332.00

Surplus for the year

6408.67

I certify that this statement is a true reflection of the accounts, checked and verified.

Amlynn

(ANDREW MICHAEL PEYOL)

ACIB (Retired)

9/2/23

SEDCU
Bank Reconciliation
Year ended 31st December 2022

Current Account

chqs.un-presented relating to 31/12/21	
reconciled bank balances 01/01/22	15080.41
cash surplus to 31/12/22	6,408.67
reconciled closing bank balances 31/12/22	<u>21489.08</u>

Current Account
Deposit Account

money to bank/banked
chqs. un-presented

difference

chqs. un-presented:

to bank/banked

I certify that this reconciliation is a true account
of the figures checked and verified.

Independently checked by *AMPy*

ANDREW MICHAEL PAYOR
(ACIB - Retired)

9TH February 2023