



**Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund**  
**Charity No: 1161646**



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## **Annual Report Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund (UK)** **For year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

As a charity we must always be on the alert for any signs of neglect or abuse etc. One of the ways we monitor this is by our regular trips to see the pensioners every six to eight weeks. We do take photographs of recipients and are sent many emails from the various pensioners thanking us for the food they have received. For many of them we are the only source of food as they no longer have access to pensions etc.

This last year has been challenging with the global pandemic and Zimbabwe was not immune to the effects of Covid 19. Many of the pensioners managed to keep in fairly good health and this was largely due to the PPE and cleaning liquids we were able to take to the various care homes. This helped strengthen the safeguarding and risk management issues which were encountered during lockdown. We have also improved reporting by local beneficiaries, and they have a direct line and point of contact here in the UK as well as South Africa. The many emails we have received, and photos taken serve to reinforce our desire to keep doing this work. We have enlisted local church and farming organisations to alert us to any of the folk needing extra help and support. This will help us comply with UK Charity Commission requirements on International Aid.

During this last financial year, we have managed to increase our giving and sent a total of £121,621.22 to help the pensioners. This was an increase of over £40,000 from last financial year. The public are showing amazing empathy for the destitute pensioners.

Special thanks are due to the amazing team in South Africa who drive the many thousands of miles to get the food parcels to the pensioners around the country. It is not easy to keep going in a pandemic situation but the determination to help the pensioners has given an impetus to the drivers, who themselves were under difficult covid restrictions. Thanks also to Linda Schultz in the office who keeps the Facebook page and website updated. This is crucial in keeping our donors informed about the current situation.

Finally, thank you to the UK Trustees for their support and encouragement.

**Beti-Ann McLean**  
**Trust**  
**ee**

## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT April 1st 2019**

### **HSBC**

**Opening Balance 01.04.20**

**£1,411.95**

Deposits in

**£10,600.27**

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£12,012.22

**Less transfers to SA**

£11,676.22

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£336.00

Less Bank charges

£99.00

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**£237.00**

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Cheque deposited Barclays

£237.00

Balance

£0.00

Total sent to SA: HSBC

£11,676.22

Barclays

£109,945.00

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**£121,621.22**

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Total bank charges HSBC

£99.00

Barclays

£297.00

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**£396.00**

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## **) - 31 March 2020**

### **Barclays**

**Opening balance 01.04.20**

Deposits in

**£3,658.75**

**£108,660.27**

£112,319.02

**Less transfers to S A**

**£109,945.00**

£2,374.02

Less bank charges

£297.00

**Balance at 30.3.21**

**£2,077.02**

**Combined opening balances 01.04.2020**

**£5,070.70**

Total deposits in

£119,260.54

£124,331.24

Less HSBC cheque

£237.00

£124,094.24

Less Transfers to SA

£121,621.22

£2,473.02

Less Bank charges

£396.00

**Excess of Income/Expenditure**

**£2,077.02**

Balance as per Barclays Bank

£2,077.02



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/3/2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1161646

Set out on pages

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Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date:

15 August 2021

Name:

Peter B Phillips

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

M.I.A.S., F.P.C.

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Nil to disclose