

SIIBOO

England & Wales · Charity number 1161802

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-05-22

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN THE GAMBIA.2. THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE GAMBIA BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH GOODS WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS.

Activities: To advance nursery and lower basic education on the North Bank division of The Gambia through the provision of goods they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-25	£3,596	£4,070	-	-
2024-03-25	£5,636	£4,192	-	-
2023-03-25	£3,921	£3,085	-	-
2022-03-25	£5,621	£5,374	-	-
2021-03-25	£5,923	£4,675	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SHARON FOX	Chair	2015-03-05
ANTHONY GLYNN		2015-03-05
COLIN FOX		2015-03-05

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Siiboo Chairman's Annual Report

Reflecting on a Year of Resilience and Commitment

Overview

The past year for Siiboo has been defined by a steadfast commitment to our core mission during a period of significant economic challenges. While this year has not been marked by major new capital investments or large-scale events, it has been a vital period of consolidation and strategic planning.

We have focused our energy on maintaining the essential services that the community of Bankindik relies upon, ensuring that despite external financial pressures, our support remains a constant in the lives of those we serve.

Strengthening Community Ties

Earlier this year, we were pleased to facilitate a productive visit to The Gambia. This trip was instrumental in maintaining our relationship with local leadership. We spent considerable time in consultation with the Village Head, discussing a roadmap for future projects.

While our current financial position requires us to be cautious, these discussions have ensured that we are "project-ready." We have a clear vision for the initiatives we wish to launch once our funding levels allow for further expansion and investment.

Impact and Education

Our primary focus remains the welfare and development of the children in Bankindik. I am proud to report that, despite the financial hurdles of the last twelve months, we have successfully:

- **Maintained Free Education:** Ensuring that every child in our program continues to have access to learning without financial barriers.
- **Continued Feeding Programs:** While we have had to operate a reduced feeding schedule due to budget constraints, we have prioritised providing consistent nutritional support.
- **Sustained Employment:** We have successfully met our commitments to our staff, ensuring that salaries are paid and our team remains stable and motivated.

Acknowledgments and Appreciation

The continuity of our work is a testament to the people behind Siiboo.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teams in both The Gambia and the UK. Their hard work and resilience in navigating a challenging financial landscape have been nothing short of exemplary.

Finally, my sincerest thanks go to our sponsors. Your financial support is the lifeblood of this charity. Especially in difficult years like this one, your contributions are what allow us to keep the doors open and the children fed. We do not take your trust for granted.

Looking Ahead We remain optimistic. By maintaining our foundations today, we are ensuring that Siiboo is ready to grow again tomorrow.

Sharon Fox
Chairman, Siiboo

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 26 th March 2024	To	Period end date 25 th March 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					
Sponsorship Program	-	2,167	-	2,167	2,047
Donations	225	-	-	225	1,570
Sales	651	-	-	651	696
Gift Aid	553	-	-	553	1,323
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,429	2,167	-	3,596	5,636
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,429	2,167	-	3,596	5,636
A3 Payments					
Salaries	1,920	-	-	1,920	-
Feedinbg Program	460	-	-	460	-
Building	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
Accounts	660	-	-	660	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,070	-	-	4,070	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,070	-	-	4,070	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2,641	2,167	-	-474	5,636
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-2,641	2,167	-	-474	5,636

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	Bank Account	539	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	539	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

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

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Colin Fox		10/01/26

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Chairman's Report

Bakindik Early Childhood Development School

Dear Sponsors, Supporters, and Friends,

It is with a mix of gratitude and resolve that I present this year's report on the operations of our Early Childhood Development School in Bakindik, The Gambia. The past year has been fraught with challenges, yet also marked by moments of progress that reaffirm the importance of the work we do.

Regrettably, we have seen no additions to our sponsorship program this year. This has compounded the financial strain we experienced during the pandemic, which continues to impact our ability to consistently supply the school with necessary consumables. Despite these challenges, the spirit of our mission remains strong, and we continue to persevere.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team in The Gambia, who have selflessly agreed to maintain their positions without an annual increment in remuneration. Their commitment to the children and community of Bakindik is truly admirable and underpins the continuation of our work during these trying times.

In light of our financial constraints, we have had to scale back the feeding program to two days per week. While this decision was difficult, we are hopeful that it will be a temporary measure as we actively seek additional financial support through sponsorships here in the UK.

On a brighter note, we were able to provide new uniforms for the children this year, and the school has received a fresh coat of paint, greatly improving its appearance and creating a more welcoming environment. Although there is still work to be done—mostly aesthetic improvements—we are optimistic that these projects will be addressed in the months ahead, pending the availability of funds.

While this has not been an easy year, the rewards of our efforts can be seen in the education we continue to provide to the children of Bakindik, entirely free of charge. Their smiles, progress, and enthusiasm for learning remind us of the vital role this school plays in their lives and the future of their community.

Finally, I extend my deepest gratitude to our sponsors, without whom none of this would be possible. Your generosity fuels our mission and brings hope to so many. Thanks also to our tireless team of volunteers in the UK, who continue to support and champion our cause.

As we look to the year ahead, we remain committed to overcoming the challenges we face and ensuring that the children of Bakindik receive the quality education they deserve. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Fox
Chairman

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 25 th March 2023	To	Period end date 25 th March 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					
Sponsorship Program	-	2,047	-	2,047	2,132
Donations	1,570	-	-	1,570	512
Fund Raising	696	-	-	696	1,277
Gift Aid	1,323	-	-	1,323	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	3,589	2,047	-	5,636	3,921
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,589	2,047	-	5,636	3,921
A3 Payments					
Wages	2,400	-	-	2,400	1,032
Shipping	550	-	-	550	464
Building	-	-	-	-	3,179
Feeding Program	231	-	-	231	-
Uniforms	385	-	-	385	-
Poultry	425	-	-	425	-
Fee's & Licenses UK	201	-	-	201	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,192	-	-	4,192	4,675
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,192	-	-	4,192	4,675
Net of receipts/(payments)	-603	2,047	-	1,444	-754
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-603	2,047	-	1,444	-754

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	Bank Account	910	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	910	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Colin Fox	22/01/25	

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Accounts & Chair's Report

March 2022 – March 2023

Receipts and payments accounts

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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					
Sponsorship Program	-	2,132	-	2,132	1,996
Donations	512	-	-	512	1,039
Fund Raising	1,277	-	-	1,277	4,884
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Sup Fest Deposits	-	-	-	-	1,026
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,789	2,132	-	3,921	8,945
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,789	2,132	-	3,921	8,945
A3 Payments					
Wages	-	1,548	-	1,548	1,548
Shipping	450	-	-	450	418
Building	800	-	-	800	2,095
Feeding Program	-	287	-	287	287
Sup Fest Refunds	-	-	-	-	1,026
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,250	1,835	-	3,085	5,374
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,250	1,835	-	3,085	5,374
Net of receipts/(payments)	539	297	-	836	3,571
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	539	297	-	836	3,571

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	Bank Account	792	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	792	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A	-	-	-

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Dear esteemed members,

As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs of the past year, it is evident that we have weathered a formidable storm. The global pandemic cast a long shadow over our endeavours, profoundly affecting our ability to welcome visitors, secure funding, and attract sponsors. Despite these adversities, our unwavering commitment to education remained steadfast.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team in The Gambia, whose resilience and determination amidst adversity have been nothing short of commendable. Their tireless efforts ensured that despite the constraints imposed by the pandemic, the core mission of providing education persevered.

Amidst the trials, there are also reasons for celebration. Our feeding program has flourished, now providing nourishment to our students twice a week. The prospect of expanding this initiative to thrice weekly is promising, albeit contingent upon the fluctuating costs of essential ingredients, which have surged due to supply chain disruptions.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on meeting the pressing needs of our students. The resumption of shipping operations in the upcoming year is imperative, as many of our children urgently require footwear, and a considerable portion of their uniforms are in need of replacement.

While we anticipate a more favourable climate for sponsorship and fundraising in the coming year, it is paramount that we proceed with caution. We must ensure that our primary objective of providing free education is not compromised, even if it means deferring non-essential improvements to the school's infrastructure until the following fiscal year.

I extend my deepest appreciation to the entire team for their unwavering dedication to our core belief: that every child deserves the transformative power of education. As we embark on the journey ahead, I am honoured to lead such a passionate and committed group, and I am confident that together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Fox
Chairperson of the Board

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Chairs Report

It's been an honor chairing Siiboo this past year and I am delighted to be chairing it again this coming year. As always, I would like to thank the trustees for their continuing support throughout this past year and also for their dedication and commitment to the charity, its aims and objectives and I am looking forward to working with them again in the year ahead. So to am I looking forward to another year working with our dedicated team in The Gambia who work tirelessly to make sure projects are delivered on time, within budget and more often than not outwith the hours they are paid to work.

I am very pleased to report that construction on the third classroom has began and a new toilet block too. We had hoped to be further ahead but with COVID stopping our fundraising events what money we did have for the construction process had to be redirected to maintain the schools normal day to day activities.

This coming year is going to be very challenging and we're going to have to work very hard and be very creative with any fundraising activity so we can continue to fund our project.

Finaly I must thank North West Cumbria and specifically the Copeland and Allerdale districts for their continuing support because without it we wouldn't be able to do what we do.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 25 th March 2021	To	Period end date 25 th March 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sponsorship Program	-	1,996	-	1,996	-
Donations	522	-	-	522	1,039
Fund Raising	1,312	-	-	1,312	4,884
Gift Aid	765	-	-	765	-
Sup Fest Deposits	1,026	-	-	1,026	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,625	1,996	-	5,621	5,923
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,625	1,996	-	5,621	5,923
A3 Payments					
Wages	-	1,548	-	1,548	1,032
Shipping	418	-	-	418	464
Building	2,095	-	-	2,095	3,179
Feeding Program	-	287	-	287	-
Sup Fest Refunds	1,026	-	-	1,026	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,539	1,835	-	5,374	4,675
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,539	1,835	-	5,374	4,675
Net of receipts/(payments)	86	161	-	247	1,248
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	86	161	-	247	1,248

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	Bank Account	1,151	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,151	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

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Chairman's Report & Accounts

2020 - 2021

I am honoured to be the Chairman of Siiboo for another year and I am pleased to be remaining in office for the year ahead. I would like to thank the trustees for their continuing support throughout this past year and also for their dedication and commitment to the charity, its aims and objectives.

I would like to thank our tight knit and very dedicated Gambian team for their continued support. Each one of our Gambian team gives up so much of their own time to ensure our projects remain on course and succeed as well as identifying areas where they think we could help.

Work has continued to develop the new school build and I'm pleased to report that the first two of the three classrooms should be completed very soon with plans in place to raise the revenue needed to build the third.

The bakery build was completed and the process of recruiting a baker and baker's boy is now well under way. For the first time in a very long time there will be a working bakery in the village of Bakindik giving the residents easier access to their daily bread. Moreover, with the profit from the Bakery being used to subsidise teachers wages the first step of making the whole project self sustainable will have been achieved.

Looking ahead to the year ahead every effort will be made to advance the school build project. A third classroom is needed as well as a new toilet block, boundary wall, the instillation of solar power and water supply. With so much still needed the Trustee's have a busy year ahead raising the funds to push the project forward but I am without a doubt that the goals we set for the year ahead will be achieved as they have in the past.

I know I speak for all the Trustee's when I say that we extremely proud of what's been achieved in such a short space and none of this would have been possible without the support we receive from North West Cumbria and specifically the Copeland and Allerdale districts.

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For the period from 27/03/20 to 24/03/21

Section A Receipts & 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					
Fund raising events	4884	0	0	4884	9118
Donations	0	1039	0	1039	0
Sub total	4884	0	0	5923	0
A2 Assets & investment sales	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	4884	1039	0	5923	9118
A3 Payments					
Wages (Gambia)	1032	0	0	1032	0
Shipping	464	0	0	464	0
Building work (Gambia)	3179				
Sub total	4675	0	0	4675	0
A2 Assets & investment sales	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	4675	0	0	4675	0

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

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
	Bank Account	1386	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	1386	0	0

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
	N/A	0	0	0
		0	0	0

B3 Investment Assets	Details	Funds to which assets belong	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		N/A	0	0

B4 Assets retained for charities own use	Details	Funds to which assets belong	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		N/A	0	0

B5 Liabilities	Details	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		N/A	0	0

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval