



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



TANBOK Primary School,
September 2019

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OUR MISSION

The Tanbok Project is a charitable organisation, based in London UK, fostering community-led sustainable development in Vanuatu.



COMMUNITY LED

We work directly with communities in Vanuatu on the development projects they choose



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We work in keeping with the UN Sustainable Development Goals



DISASTER RELIEF

We're on hand to assist with short and long-term relief when natural disasters strike

2022-23 IN REVIEW

It has been another quiet year for the Tanbok Project, a waiting game for our much delayed construction project at Tanbok Primary School. With many trustees finding themselves to be new parents (or grandparent, in one case!), there wasn't much bandwidth to take on additional challenges. That's not to say there wasn't work to be done - we continue to receive requests from communities to assist with repairs or rebuilding projects for buildings lost in any one of the four category 5 cyclones to hit Vanuatu over the last 7 years. These are likely worthy requests that we are simply unable to respond to at the current scale of our small organisation. To compound matters, we also sadly said goodbye to one of our founding Trustees, Selena, who has moved on to new pastures - including starting out on her own thrilling parenting journey. We wish her all the best, even though she will be sorely missed.

This in mind, we continue to keep our ears to the wind for anyone who might be suited to joining our board of trustees or volunteering support in other ways. Do get in touch if you're interested!

As the current financial year draws to a close, excitement and anticipation start to build with the Tanbok School construction project finally on track to commence in July 2023. It has been a long road to this point, and we finally enter the home straight. Here in the Northern Hemisphere, designs have been finalised, our construction partners CAUKIN Studio have appointed a leadership team, and the volunteer students are recruited. Over on the other side of the world, suppliers are lining up with quotations, the trickier materials are on order, and the Tanbok School Committee have commenced preparations for the team's arrival. We end the period on the cusp of our next great adventure.

OUTLOOK FOR NEXT YEAR

It's looking like a big year ahead, in which we aim to:

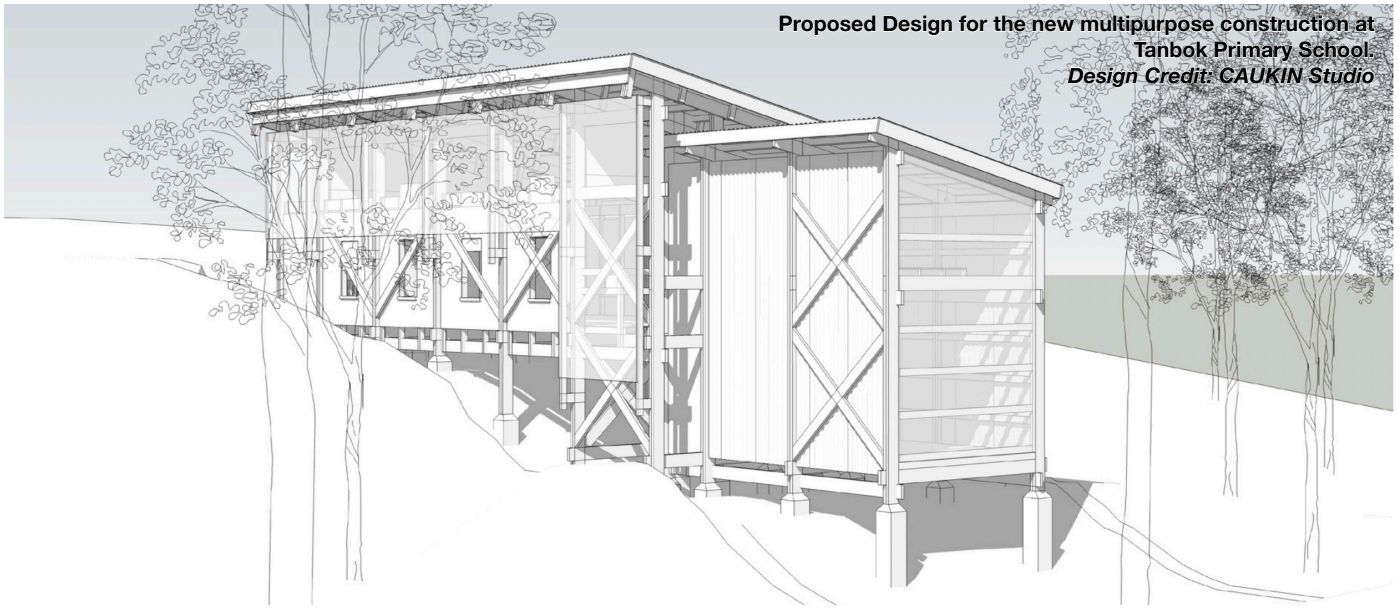
- Ensure smooth, timely delivery of the Tanbok Primary School construction and training programme;
- Revisit Ranwas Primary School to evaluate the 2019 construction project
- Conduct research to support development of the prototype cyclone housing project
- Continue to nurture relations with the Tanbok Community, supporting bilateral cultural relations between the community and our international team
- Consult with communities on the challenges they face and the solutions they would like to see from the Tanbok Project
- Explore funding opportunities for future projects



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Proposed Design for the new multipurpose construction at
Tanbok Primary School.
Design Credit: CAUKIN Studio



FUNDRAISING REPORT

The period between 2022-23 was one of our weaker fundraising performances, due to a number of factors - but primarily as a result of the much restricted capacities of our trustees to contribute to fundraising efforts due to their own conflicting responsibilities with childcare and work. Algorithm changes on social media platforms such as Facebook have also had a noticeable (negative) impact on our social media visibility, leading to declined enquiries and offers of help. Meanwhile, the loss of the invaluable gift aid service provided by Virgin Money Giving has left us fending for ourselves - a problem to be addressed over the coming year. Nevertheless, we were extremely grateful for a significant donation of over £1000 received from Sutton Grammar School following their World Book Day fundraising activities - they loved the idea that their celebration of books could also contribute to our library project at Tanbok Primary School! We also continued to receive some regular donations from supporters, all of which will help ease the financial pressure on the upcoming project.

PIPELINE PROJECTS

Given the constant issue the board faces with our capacity to commit the time required to effectively develop - and monitor - high impact projects in Vanuatu from our situation in Europe, over the year ahead we will be reflecting on the future viability to continue the charity. The board of trustees remain committed to successful delivery of the Tanbok School construction project later this summer, and will continue to explore the feasibility to deliver the subsequent prototype cyclone housing project that has been in our pipeline since TC Harold in 2020. It may be that after this, we wind down the operation - but a lot can happen in a year, and should tides change, we will certainly leap at any opportunity to increase capacity, and build on the success of our projects so far.

GOODBYE SELENA

Sadly the time has come to say goodbye to Selena, who is stepping down from her role as trustee and assistant treasurer effective from 2023. As a founding trustee, she has always been a great source of support - a guiding light for the board with her canny wisdom and in-depth knowledge of the financial institutions that we are constantly having to navigate. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Selena for her steadfast presence and contribution over the last 7 years - you will be sorely missed! With no immediate replacement lined up, we are always open to applications from anyone who might be interested to join our board.

WITH THANKS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all fundraisers and donors who have enabled us to continue with our mission in Vanuatu. We thank the communities in Vanuatu for their co-operation, dependability and inspiration. And we thank our board of trustees and affiliates for their energy, time, ideas and contributions that form the bedrock of our organisation.



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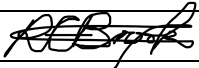
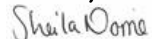
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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	1,980	-	-	1,980	2,258
Amazon Cashback	19	-	-	19	14
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	203
Fundraising Events	1,098	-	-	1,098	2,376
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,097	-	-	3,097	4,851
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,097	-	-	3,097	4,851
A3 Payments					
London Marathon fee	-	-	-	-	84
Ranwas build expenses (petty cash loan repayment)	-	-	-	-	200
Website fees	-	-	-	-	160
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	444
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	444
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,097	-	-	3,097	4,407
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,326	-	-	29,326	24,919
Cash funds this year end	32,423	-	-	32,423	29,326

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	Cash funds - banked	32,423	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,423	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Website hosting package - iPage	Unrestricted	435	01 April 2023
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Rachel Brooks	30 January 2024	
		Sheila Norrie	30 January 2024	