

# NEEDS AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1162760

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-07-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: TO RELIEVE POVERTY, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS, ADVANCE EDUCATION AND PRESERVE AND PROTECT HEALTH IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN ZIMBABWE, BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO CHARITABLE PROJECTS IN AFRICA AND BY SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE.

**Activities:** We are a group of people passionate about the growth and development of Africa. We work with and support organisations in Africa, helping them to do their job more effectively by providing them with the resources, finance and expertise to help achieve their goals. We seek to invest in the continent one person at a time, so that African lives are enriched and empowered to build the continent.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dominica
- Lesotho
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,120	£1,904	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,047	£5,265	-	-
2022-12-31	£4,786	£9,822	-	-
2021-12-31	£13,906	£4,028	-	-
2020-12-31	£12,894	£11,757	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
NIGEL LURRIE	Chair	2014-03-31
CARON LURRIE		2014-03-31
Naggib Chakhane		2014-03-31

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**Charity Trustees**

Nigel M Lurrie  
Naggib Chakhane  
Robert Chanson  
Caron J Lurrie

**Introduction**

NEEDS Africa is a charitable organization committed to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals in Africa and other regions. Whilst 2024 saw a reduction in our activities in comparison to previous years, we nonetheless continued to both support and look for opportunities to help and provide aid where possible.

**Activities**

In line with our goal to change Africa for the better one life at a time, we began the year by sponsoring and purchasing a laptop for a post grad student Mary M from Lesotho, attending George Whitefield College, Cape Town, South Africa.

In collaboration with Compassion UK through their Child Sponsorship Scheme, this past year we have sponsored a child (Sarafina) in Uganda which provides schooling and basic needs for orphans in Third World and developing countries. It is our intention to increase our participation in this scheme as well as restart our own Child Sponsorship program in the not too distant future.

**Conclusion**

Whilst the founding principles and values on which NEEDS Africa was founded remain unchanged, much in the world around us has changed since our inception ten years ago, so there is need for us as an organization to review and critically assess our workings to ensure that we remain current and in touch with the needs and challenges that the people who we seek to help are facing.

Due to this ongoing process of self-assessment, there has been a marked reduction in our overall activities as we seek to repurpose and re-focus our efforts to ensure that we meet our objectives and fulfill our vision to change Africa one life at a time for the better, and that we do so in an ethical, moral and sustainable way.

Finally, I would like to thank the trustees of NEEDS Africa as well as all who have continued to support us and enable us to do the work that we are privileged to do. Every bit of support - cash or in kind - goes a long way in helping to make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. I would like to encourage you to continue to be a part of this good and noble work. May the blessings of the good Lord be your portion.



**NIGEL LURRIE**

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees of NEEDS AFRICA

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**Receipts and Payment for the year ending 31 December 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>				
	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2024	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2023
General Funds	2,120		2,120	4,914
Refunds				133
Gift Aid				
PayPal				
Restricted Funds				
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,120</b>		<b>2,120</b>	<b>5,047</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs	507		507	997
Printing and Stationery	100		100	83
Media	208		208	209
Travel and Fuel Costs	337		337	1,191
Donations to Local Charity	189		189	1,312
Utilities	280		280	201
Subscriptions	26		26	297
Administration	258		258	573
Conference/Training	-		-	400
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1,904</b>		<b>1,904</b>	<b>5,265</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the period 01/01/24 to 31/12/24</b>			<b>2,120</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 01/01/24 to 31/12/24</b>			<b>1,904</b>	

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NEEDS Africa is a charitable organization committed to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals in Africa and other regions. In 2023, NEEDS Africa undertook several projects aimed at improving the well-being of communities, commemorating the life of a dedicated social worker, and supporting those in need. This report outlines the key activities and contributions made by NEEDS Africa during the year.

**Introduction**

NEEDS Africa is a charity organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals across the African continent, one life at a time. Over the past year, NEEDS Africa has made significant strides in supporting various initiatives, from educational support to sports development and logistical aid. Below is an overview of our achievements, which highlight our commitment to making a lasting impact.

In alignment with our mission to improve lives across Africa, NEEDS Africa has continued to extend meaningful support and resources to communities in need, focusing on providing educational, medical, and livelihood assistance.

This year, NEEDS Africa expanded its outreach beyond the continent by assisting two individuals from the Caribbean who were facing significant hardships. Our support helped them navigate challenging times and reinforced our commitment to uplifting vulnerable communities globally.

In Kenya, we facilitated the shipment of a 40-foot container filled with essential items, including clothing, stationery, medical supplies, and chairs. This shipment was directed to a local church in Nairobi Kenya based in a deprived area, strengthening our ongoing partnership with them in helping to add value to their members and community. The supplies we believe, will make a substantial impact on the community, meeting basic needs and enhancing access to education and healthcare.

Our commitment to youth empowerment was underscored by our support for a grassroots football program in Gweru, Zimbabwe. By providing much-needed equipment and football kits,

we contributed to local youth development, helping foster teamwork, discipline, and athletic skills in young players.

In South Africa, NEEDS Africa supported the education of two young people by covering their school fees and supplying necessary equipment, ensuring they can pursue their studies without financial hindrance.

Through these initiatives, NEEDS Africa has remained steadfast in our dedication to improving lives one life at a time, across diverse communities and regions. We look forward to continuing and expanding this impactful work.

### **Conclusion**

Finally, I would like to state my appreciation and gratitude once again to all who have supported us over this last year. In particular I would like to say a big thank you to the Zambezi Sharks Golf Society who chose us as their charity for the 2022 season, raising and donating a total of £2,450.00 to us. It is because of the generosity of organizations like this as well as that of several individuals that we are able to assistance and help make a positive difference in the lives of those in need.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Lurrie', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**NIGEL LURRIE**

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees of NEEDS AFRICA

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<b>Receipts</b>				
	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2023	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2022
General Funds	4,914		4,914	4,768
Refunds	133		133	18
Gift Aid				
PayPal				
Restricted Funds				
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,047</b>		<b>5,047</b>	<b>4,786</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs	997		4,543	4,543
Printing and Stationery	83		83	184
Media	209		209	316
Travel and Fuel Costs	1,191		1,191	500
Donations to Local Charity	1,312		1,312	2,632
Utilities	201		201	230
Subscriptions	297		297	321
Administration	573		573	681
Conference/Training	400		400	415
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>5,265</b>		<b>5,265</b>	<b>9,822</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the period 01/01/23 to 31/12/23</b>			<b>5,047</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 01/01/23 to 31/12/23</b>			<b>5,265</b>	

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**1. Memorial Service and Gravestone for a Social Worker in Zimbabwe**

One of the most poignant moments of 2022 for NEEDS Africa was its contribution to the purchase of a gravestone and the organization of a memorial service for a long-time partner and dedicated social worker in Zimbabwe who tragically passed away during the 2020 lockdown. The memorial service provided an opportunity for the community to celebrate the life and contributions of this exceptional individual, bringing closure to a difficult period. The gravestone serves as a lasting tribute to their memory.

**2. Support to Rise of Hope Academy Football Club**

NEEDS Africa supported the Rise of Hope Academy in Zimbabwe, which operates a football club for disenfranchised children. The organization purchased two sets of football kits and made a substantial contribution towards training equipment and other essential running costs. This assistance allowed the academy to provide a safe and engaging environment for children to develop their skills and foster a sense of belonging and discipline.

**3. Chair Donation to a Church for the Deaf in East London, South Africa**

NEEDS Africa extended its philanthropic efforts to South Africa by purchasing and donating 100 chairs to a church for the Deaf in East London. This contribution aimed to enhance the comfort and accessibility of the church, ensuring that its congregation, primarily composed of individuals with hearing impairments, can fully participate in religious services and community gatherings.

#### **4. Local Assistance**

NEEDS Africa recognized the importance of supporting individuals facing financial difficulties in the local community. In 2022, the organization provided financial assistance to two individuals who were experiencing hardship. This support helped alleviate some of their immediate financial burdens, ensuring their basic needs were met.

Additionally, NEEDS Africa undertook a local initiative to provide basic clothing to the homeless in the community. This project sought to improve the quality of life for those who are less fortunate and in need of basic necessities.

#### **5. Support for Fish Rearing Project in Gweru, Zimbabwe**

NEEDS Africa expanded its reach and impact by contributing to the startup of a fish rearing project in Gweru, Zimbabwe. This initiative aims to provide a sustainable source of nutrition and income for the local community. By supporting the establishment of the fish rearing project, NEEDS Africa contributes to food security and economic development in the region.

#### **Conclusion**

In 2022, NEEDS Africa made significant strides in its mission to make a positive impact on communities in Africa and beyond. The organization's contributions, ranging from memorial services and gravestone purchases to support for educational and sports initiatives and local assistance, reflect its commitment to improving the lives of individuals in need. NEEDS Africa remains dedicated to its mission and looks forward to continuing its impactful work in the coming years.



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<b>Receipts</b>				
	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2022	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2021
General Funds	4,768		4,768	13,845
Refunds	18		18	61
Gift Aid				
PayPal				
Restricted Funds				
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>4,786</b>		<b>4,786</b>	<b>13,906</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs	4,543		4,543	
Printing and Stationery	184		184	550
Media	316		316	272
Travel and Fuel Costs	500		500	195
Donations to Local Charity	2,632		2,632	1,758
Utilities	230		230	-
Subscriptions	321		321	633
Administration	681		681	620
Conference/Training	415		415	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>9,822</b>		<b>9,822</b>	<b>4,028</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the period 01/01/22 to 31/12/22</b>			<b>4,786</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 01/01/22 to 31/12/22</b>			<b>9,822</b>	

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Greetings to you all.

The last year has been one of our most challenging to date as we, along with everyone else, have had to find a way to cope with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Having said that, I would like to say a special thank you to all those who have continued to support us and make it possible for us to in turn support those less fortunate and in need.

The year 2021 was a particularly painful year for us as we saw the death of another one of our partners and a close friend, Reverend Vernon Vera. In the past he was part of a NEEDS Africa team that conducted several leadership training workshops in Zimbabwe. Along with his wife, Sharon, he facilitated a NEEDS Africa mission trip to Lesotho where leadership workshops for church and community leaders, as well as prison chaplains, were conducted. He was a man with a heart for the disadvantaged and underprivileged and along with Sharon, supported many children and vulnerable people.

Despite all the challenges that the year presented us, I am pleased to inform you that we were still able to give support and assistance to a number of organizations working in Southern Africa, examples of these being AALT Zimbabwe (for the support of orphans and children living with HIV), Rise of Hope Academy (football for disadvantaged boys in Gweru, Zimbabwe) and HTPM South Africa (stationery and equipment for preschool) to name a few.

We look forward to continuing to do what we can to improve the lives and wellbeing of the disadvantaged and marginalized of Africa.



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Signed for and on behalf of  
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<b>Receipts</b>	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2021	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2020
General Funds	13,845		13,845	12,850
Refunds	61		61	44
Gift Aid				
PayPal				
Restricted Funds				
	13,906	0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			13,906	12,894
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs				5,276
Printing and Stationery	550		550	384
Media	272		272	415
Travel and Fuel Costs	195		195	435
Donations to Local Charity	1,758		1,758	135
Utilities				150
Subscriptions	633		633	413
Administration	620		620	4,549
Ministry				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			4,028	11,757
<b>Total Receipts for the period 01/01/21 to 31/12/21</b>			<b>13,906</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 01/01/21 to 31/12/21</b>			<b>4,028</b>	

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Naggib Chakhane  
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The year 2020 was probably the most challenging year that we as a charity have faced so far. Along with the rest of the world, we found ourselves at the mercy of the COVID 19 global pandemic and like every other organisation, had to adapt to what became our new normal.

Apart from the challengers created by the pandemic and lockdown, we had the added loss in the unexpected death of the leader our biggest partner in Zimbabwe, Ian Mathole of AALTZ. He is survived by his wife, Tsisti who is continuing the work.

Due to the travel restrictions, we were unable to conduct our usual training workshops and so were limited to mainly providing financial support through our partners in Africa.

In this past year, through our partnership with AALTZ in Zimbabwe and Reverend Vernon Vera in East London, South Africa, we were able to donate funds for school fees, school uniforms and food packs for more than 30 children living in poverty, several of whom are orphans living with HIV. We also contributed to the funeral costs of Ian Mathole.

Along with 2 other charities, we were also able to send a 40ft shipping container to Zimbabwe containing school stationery, sports kit and equipment, mobility equipment, crutches and walking frames, 2 sewing machines and 2 knitting machines, material and wool for school uniforms and several boxes of sanitary pads for distribution to girls in rural high schools.

The year 2020 was a year filled with many challenges and many lives were lost due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Whilst we do not know what the future has in store for us, we at NEEDS Africa are nonetheless determined to continue to do all that we can to help the impoverished and marginalised people of Africa.

In closing I would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to all those who continue to support us as without your help, we would not be able to do what we do. May the Lord bless you all abundantly.



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**NIGEL LURRIE**

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<b>Receipts</b>	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2020	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2019
General Funds	12,850		12,850	12,566
Refunds	44		44	
Gift Aid				1,494
PayPal				125
Makwiro Project				23,500
Resticted Funds				760
	12,894	0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>12,894</b>	<b>38,445</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs	5,276		5,276	32,104
Printing and Stationery	384		384	
Media	415		415	
Travel and Fuel Costs	435		435	
Donations to Local Charity	135		135	
Utilities	150		150	
Subscriptions	413		413	
Administration	4,549		4,549	3,024
Ministry				2,547
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>11,757</b>	<b>37,675</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the period 01/01/20 to 31/12/20</b>			<b>12,894</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 01/01/20 to 31/12/20</b>			<b>11,757</b>	