

Charity registration number 1163037

Company registration number 08733254 (England and Wales)

THE MWEZI FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

THE MWEZI FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	M Hamblin	
	C Paye	
	G Coltman	
	S Dawson-Coltman	
	W Durigan	
	M Keat	(Appointed 19 May 2025)
	A Miller	(Appointed 19 May 2025)
Secretary	C Paye	
Charity number	1163037	
Company number	08733254	
Registered office	12 Vicarage Road Henley-On-Thames Oxfordshire United Kingdom RG9 1HJ	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects were changed by Special Resolution dated 19 October 2021 to the following:

1. To relieve poverty through donating or otherwise facilitating the provision of solar energy to those in need in Kenya or anywhere else in the world that the trustees decide.
2. To advance the education of the public in matters relating to solar energy, climate change and the protection of the environment and to carry out and disseminate the results of research into all aspects of energy generation, distribution, supply and use.
3. To advance education by making grants for the payment of educational fees and the associated costs of attending educational establishments.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

This was the tenth full year of the charity's activities. During this year the charity continued its work in the production and free distribution of solar lights, as well as in the granting of educational scholarships.

Using our redesigned solar light casing we manufactured 2,368 new lights during this year and repaired and put back into circulation a further 2,406 lights. We also increased the number of schools supported by the Foundation.

We continued to receive generous financial donations from individual donors and charitable trust funds during this year, which enabled the Trustees to expand the number of schools that we support. Specific donations to cover the cost of repairing lights have also helped to increase the number of lights in circulation. At the end of this year we were supporting 240 schools with solar lights to enable their students living off-grid to study during the hours of darkness. Within those schools we maintain and repair the donated lights and monitor student performance.

During the year, we continued to assist students with Mwezi Foundation scholarships and were supporting 6 students through their secondary school education by paying their school fees and ancillary costs, thanks to the support of individual sponsors.

The charity's bankers continue to be Lloyds Bank.

During the year the charity raised £53,090 in donations and other income.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was registered with the Charity's Commission on 6 August 2015.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Hamblin

C Paye

G Coltman

S Dawson-Coltman

W Durigan

M Keat

(Appointed 19 May 2025)

A Miller

(Appointed 19 May 2025)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Details of organisational structure: during the period there were five trustee directors who fulfilled the roles of Chairman and Treasurer.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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M Hamblin

Trustee

Date: 17th June 2025
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THE MWEZI FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MWEZI FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Mwezi Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mark Jackson FCA DChA

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Dated: 19.6.2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	11,037	41,945	52,982	20,699	37,316	58,015
Investments	4	108	-	108	44	-	44
Total income		11,145	41,945	53,090	20,743	37,316	58,059
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	5	14,714	34,463	49,177	10,653	39,519	50,172
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(3,569)	7,482	3,913	10,090	(2,203)	7,887
Gross transfers between funds		(60)	60	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(3,629)	7,542	3,913	10,090	(2,203)	7,887
Fund balances at 1 November 2023		38,094	-	38,094	28,004	2,203	30,207
Fund balances at 31 October 2024		34,465	7,542	42,007	38,094	-	38,094

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Stocks	11	11,237		16,984	
Debtors	12	149		1,552	
Cash at bank and in hand		31,245		20,674	
		<u>42,631</u>		<u>39,210</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(624)</u>		<u>(1,116)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>42,007</u>		<u>38,094</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		7,542		-
Unrestricted funds			<u>34,465</u>		<u>38,094</u>
			<u>42,007</u>		<u>38,094</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16th June 2025...



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M Hamblin
Trustee

Company registration number 08733254

THE MWEZI FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Mwezi Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 12 Vicarage Road, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 1HJ, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	11,037	41,945	52,982	58,015
For the year ended 31 October 2023	20,699	37,316		58,015

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Interest receivable	108	44

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

5 Charitable activities

	Provision of lighting	School scholarship fees	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Provision of lighting	3,300	-	3,300	2,203
Bank charges	408	-	408	434
Subcontractors	14,078	-	14,078	11,861
Components	25,000	-	25,000	26,468
Freight and transport costs	2,076	-	2,076	5,385
Rent	778	-	778	772
Miscellaneous expenditure	1,146	-	1,146	137
Scholarship fees	-	1,767	1,767	2,336
	<u>46,786</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>48,553</u>	<u>49,596</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	624	-	624	576
	<u>47,410</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>49,177</u>	<u>50,172</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	14,714	-	14,714	10,653
Restricted funds	32,696	1,767	34,463	39,519
	<u>47,410</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>49,177</u>	<u>50,172</u>

6 Support costs

	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Accountancy	624	624	576
	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>576</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed travelling expenses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Financial instruments	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	149	1,552
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	624	1,116
11 Stocks	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials and consumables	11,237	16,984
12 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	149	1,552
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	624	1,116

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	
Maintenance & Operation Strategy	2,203	-	(2,203)	-	-	-	-	-
School Scholarships	-	2,220	(2,220)	-	1,729	(1,767)	38	-
Provision of Solar Lights	-	35,096	(35,096)	-	21,965	(18,486)	-	3,479
Lights for Large Classes	-	-	-	-	3,822	(1,529)	-	2,293
Lights for Grade 6 Girls	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,022)	22	-
Observational study, including provision of solar lights	-	-	-	-	9,429	(7,659)	-	1,770
	2,203	37,316	(39,519)	-	41,945	(34,463)	60	7,542

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

14 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Maintenance & Operation Strategy

Funding to support the development of our maintenance and operation strategy.

School Scholarships

Grants made for the payment of educational fees. These are partly funded by sponsorship donations.

Provision of Solar Lights

For the provision of portable solar lights to Kenyan primary schools.

Lights for Large Classes

For the provision of portable solar lights to schools with large class sizes.

Lights for Grade 6 Girls

For the provision of 25 sets of 12 lights for grade 6 girls.

Observational Study, including provision of solar lights

Funding for an observational study to test different distribution systems, and for provision of solar lights.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 October 2024 are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	34,465	7,542	42,007	38,094	-	38,094
	<u>34,465</u>	<u>7,542</u>	<u>42,007</u>	<u>38,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,094</u>

16 Related party transactions

During the year there were donations received from Trustees totalling £5,580 (2023 - £5,525).