

AFRINSPIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1163774

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-09-30

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND RELIEVE POVERTY IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION IN AFRICA.

Activities: Afrinspire supports African development initiatives and poverty reduction through a network of African partner organisations. We engage in women's adult literacy, gender empowerment, transferring technology, water harvesting, sustainable agriculture, education, training and capacity building. Afrinspire supports local community development initiatives at their own pace.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Uganda
- Zambia
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£608,742	£595,373	£100,706	1
2024-09-30	£650,121	£650,395	£87,337	1
2023-09-30	£621,270	£620,602	£87,611	1
2022-09-30	£559,216	£597,571	£86,943	1
2021-09-30	£555,181	£508,278	£125,298	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN SANDERSON	Chair	2015-09-30
CLARA THOMPSON-HARE		2015-09-30
Charles Ferguson		2025-11-29
Francesca Siobhan O'Hanlon		2022-09-10
GEOFF DING		2015-09-30
PETER LAST		2015-09-30
Richard Ewers		2016-11-19

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**Registered Charitable
Incorporated Organisation
Number 1163774**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year 1st October 2024 to
30th September 2025**

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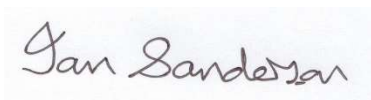
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This annual report and financial statement approved by the Trustees
on 29th November 2025 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Ian Sanderson
Trustee & Chair



Clara Thompson-Hare
Trustee & Secretary

INTRODUCTION

Charity Status

AFRINSPIRE was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 30th September 2015 based on a standard Charity Commission template for a foundation model constitution which was adopted by the Trustees on 30th May 2015.

Formerly AFRINSPIRE was registered as charity number 1095001 on 11th December 2002. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was introduced by the UK government under the Charity Act 2011 and offers liability protection to Trustees and is recommended for when contracts are entered into, property is owned or when staff are employed and for larger charities.

The address of the charity is 21 Abbey Street, Cambridge, CB1 2QP.

Charity Objectives

The Charity's objects as stated in the constitution adopted on the 30th May 2015 are: 'to advance education, advance the Christian religion and relieve poverty in particular but not by way of limitation in Africa.'

Scope of Operation

AFRINSPIRE's main operating area is in the East African countries of Uganda and Zambia. In financial terms 98.52% of activity was in Uganda and 1.48% in Zambia.

AFRINSPIRE awards grants to individuals and to organisations for education at all levels up to university level. AFRINSPIRE sends goods, such as computers to Africa. AFRINSPIRE supports enterprise, the start-up of income generating activities and the creation of jobs in Africa. AFRINSPIRE particularly looks to support development initiatives originating in Africa and led by Africans. AFRINSPIRE aligns itself directly with grass roots initiatives and supports the changing needs of individuals, communities and organisations as they develop. AFRINSPIRE adopts a holistic and flexible approach to the advancement of people out of poverty.

Annual Accounts

A financial year of 1st October to 30th September was selected by the charity. This set of annual accounts is for the year ending 30th September 2025 which is the tenth year of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The income of the charity was £608,742 in 2024/2025 being a 6.5% decrease on the previous year. Expenditure was £595,373 in 2024/2025 being a decrease of 8.5% on the previous year.

Reserves and restricted funds held have increased from £87,337 to £100,706.

Banking Arrangements

AFRINSPIRE holds bank accounts in the UK and Uganda.

The UK bank accounts are at Barclays Bank Ltd, Leicester, LE87 2BB comprising of three current accounts and one deposit account.

The Uganda bank account is a Uganda Shilling current account at Standard Chartered Bank, Speke Road, Kampala, Uganda.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity in this period were:

Geoff Ding
Richard Ewers
Felicity Knights
Dan Knights (on permitted absence)
Peter Last
Francesca O'Hanlon
Ian Sanderson
Clara Thompson-Hare

Felicity Knights fulfilled her term as a trustee at our AGM in November 2024. Dan Knights requested permission for absence.

New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees after search, interview and invitation by the Trustees, having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity as laid down in Clause 10 (2) of the charity constitution. Two people were considered as potential new trustees of which one will be appointed at the next AGM in November 2025.

Independent Examiner

The annual income of AFRINSPIRE is below the threshold set for an audit by the Charities Act 2011 and as such an independent examination is required.

The charity engaged Stuart Berriman of Chater Allan LLP as Independent Examiner. Chater Allan LLP, 7 Quay Court, Colliers Lane, Stow-cum-Quay, Cambridge, CB25 9AU.

Operating Costs

Operating costs in the UK equated to 2.62% of the charity expenditure, comprising of

- Cost of generating funds £251 being 0.04% of the charity expenditure.
- Governance and compliance £2,272 which equates to 0.38%.
- Office rent and administration £604 equates to 0.1%.
- Insurance at £433 and bank/financial charges/audit at £2,646 equate to 0.60%.
- Employee and Volunteer Costs £8,945 being 1.5% of the charity expenditure.
AFRINSPIRE employed one part-time employee for the full year.

The remainder of the expenditure, being 97.38% was deployed to achieving the objectives of the charity in Africa.

Demonstration of public benefit

The beneficiaries of AFRINSPIRE are in Africa. A wide range of African partner organisations are supported in their own initiatives in development. The benefits spread across hundreds of households and entire communities as well as directly to specific individuals such as those receiving sponsorship in their education.

In setting the programme each year the Trustees have regard to both the Charity Commission published guidance on public benefit and the relief of poverty for public benefit under the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with the charitable objects and aims. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Grant Making Policy

The selection of recipients in Africa is based on the personal knowledge of the Trustees and on the advice, verification and recommendation of key partners in Africa. This network of African partners has been established through visits and peer review over the past 25 years. This enables all projects on the ground to be vetted for effectiveness, integrity, self-sustainability and potential impact to address the needs of extreme poverty and lift people out of poverty.

The charity also supports a wide variety of projects in partnership with other UK based organisations and individuals who have identified people and projects in Uganda which we verify as falling within our charity objectives. These are identified within the charity as Ufund projects and during the financial year there were approximately 100 Ufund donors.

Reserves

The charity has a reserves policy to keep a minimum unrestricted reserve of £7,500. This amount is calculated to be that required to wind up the charity over a three-month period and to meet any liabilities on closure. Free reserves currently stand at £9,055 in addition to the £7,500 basic reserve.

Verification, Monitoring and Evaluation

Grants are verified by the Trustees who, for example, see receipts, letters, education enrolment and graduation certificates, and photographs of recipients. Also, when making visits to Africa, Trustees have first-hand contact with recipients, sight of projects and sight of goods in situ which have been sent from the UK. Photographic evidence is obtained, some of which is published in the AFRINSPIRE newsletter, e-news and on the charity website.

During the year, one trustee visited Uganda in July/August 2025 connecting with people and projects which Afrinspire supports. Monitoring and Evaluation in Uganda cost the charity £1,529 being 0.2% of the charity expenditure.

UK Location

We operate from two locations in UK. We have a packing room for goods shipping in Cambridge, and a sub-office for our part-time employee in Dorset.

During the year we surrendered our lease on an office at 26 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT. We acknowledge the support of our former Trustee, Dennis Whitfield, in providing this office free of charge in one of his properties since 2015. Working patterns having changed since the covid pandemic, we now have all volunteers working virtually from their own homes.

Our store and packing room are at Unit 7B, 135 The Old Maltings, Ditton Walk, Cambridge, CB8 8PY.

Our second office is at 22 Meadow Road, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9PG.

Staffing and Volunteers

AFRINSPIRE operates principally through the work of a range of committed volunteers. We have a full-time CEO, Ian Sanderson, working as a volunteer in an honorary capacity.

We have a part-time employed bookkeeper/administrator to administer AFRINSPIRE Ufund.

We have an established small volunteer team of computer technicians who prepare computers for shipping to Africa. Packing of goods for Africa is carried out in our packing room.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started all volunteers and our part time staff member have worked virtually and from home.

We want to acknowledge the voluntary assistance of our key partner in Uganda, Nkamuhebwa Willy, of the Development Studies Centre in Mbarara.

We want to acknowledge the activity of Uganda Development Services in Uganda who act as agent for the distribution of a portion of AFRINSPIRE funds.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Activities

Our activities included fund raising, goods shipments to Africa, grant making in the categories shown, consultancy with/to our African partners and networking with other organisations involved in Africa and development.

Activity	% of expenditure
Education	56.57
Rural Community Development	16.44
Health & Water/Sanitation	18.25
Administration, Monitoring & Evaluation	2.62
Welfare & Poverty Reduction	4.13
Goods Shipping	1.99

We continued a regular e-bulletin to a mailing list of 1,100 members which was well received and responded to.

We participated in the Big Give 2024; an annual matched fund-raising campaign held in December 2024 exceeding our matched funding target total of £40,000.

Local Ugandan NGO

A local Ugandan NGO, named AFRINSPIRE first registered in Uganda in December 2018 by a group of our partners, was re-registered for a further 5 years as from 5th August 2024 taking the registration to August 2029. It has registration number MIA/NB/2018/010/1479. This registration is part of a process of compliance with the Uganda NGO Act of 2016 and other Ugandan financial regulatory bodies. It is a separate legal entity to the UK registered charity and has its own board of Ugandan citizens. It holds a bank account in Uganda which is used by the UK charity to issue grants to our partners. This local Ugandan NGO successfully submitted its annual report to the Ugandan NGO board in April 2025.

Economic Situation

Our income during the year decreased by 6.4% as compared to last year, mainly due to less activity from one large Ufund donor. Most of our donors have long-term interest and commitment to Africa. We have received some cancellations of standing orders as donors re-evaluated their personal finances in the UK cost of living crisis, but we also attracted some new donors.

The economy of Uganda has been depressed since the covid pandemic and shows little sign of recovery. This has made some of the initiatives by our partners less sustainable because the population does not have enough money to spend. We have been inundated with requests for assistance.

The cost of assisting the poor has increased during the past year. Firstly, the cost of fuel has doubled in Uganda since pre-covid times. This has increased the cost of almost everything, making budgets larger. Secondly the Ugandan government has introduced standards, regulations, and compliance in the form of registrations and licenses which are sometimes annual and have the impact of being a taxation on many activities and making initiatives more expensive.

The exchange rate from UK pounds to Uganda Shillings fluctuated much during the financial year, between 4,451 and 4,915 UGX to £1. The higher the rate the more leverage we obtain for each pound which we spend.

International money laundering regulations have resulted in banks and currency exchange companies making regular compliance checks. What Afrinspire does has not changed financially or compliance-wise over the past 20 years, but checks are now so frequent that it places an administrative burden on the charity in providing repetitive information.

Goods Shipments

We continue to bridge the digital divide by taking computers to places they have not been before.

We sent 332 computers to Africa during the year. A total of 4,524 computers have been sent to Africa since this operation began in 1998; an average rate of 175 per year.

Recipients this year were in Zambia, Kenya, Burundi and Uganda. The principal recipients are Training Resource Centres, Schools, Vocational Training Centres and a variety of NGO's and CBO's. Some equipment is used for job creation and self-employment. Individuals, companies and schools in Cambridge UK have donated computers. We acknowledge our long-standing association with the UK charity Tools With A Mission for organising the shipping of containers to Africa, with whom we operate as a preferred third-party. A variety of travellers have taken computers to Africa with them.

The cost to AFRINSPIRE of storing, handling, preparing, and packaging these goods and shipping them to Africa amounted to £11,852 being 2% of expenditure. The cost of placing a computer in the heart of Africa was £36 per computer.

AFRINSPIRE Ufund

The AFRINSPIRE Ufund programme continued with 100 donors making donations through AFRINSPIRE Ufund. Through Ufund, AFRINSPIRE partners with individuals and organisations in the UK who support the charity objectives by donating restricted funds for specific projects in Uganda. These projects are donor requested, and once the Trustees are satisfied that the project falls within the charitable objectives of AFRINSPIRE, the donor's funds are collected and batched, usually monthly, for transfer to the bank account of Uganda Development Services in Uganda. The UDS office in Kampala then ensures and evidences the correct distribution of funds within Uganda. This activity constitutes a part of the incoming and outgoing resources shown in the financial statement. AFRINSPIRE liaises with UDS on a continual basis regarding this significant fund distribution.

There was an 16.45% decrease in Ufund income during the year, decreasing from £481,868 in 2023/2024 to £402,580 in 2024/2025.

Partners and Projects

Some of the partners and projects supported are

- **The Development Studies Centre in Mbarara**, Uganda – providing capacity building and training. This was created by the Agency for Integrated Development and Training Services with one third of the funding for construction coming from Afrinspire. We now fund delegates on training courses in enterprise, project management, financial book-keeping, climate change, organisational development and strategy. We have supported this centre in equipping the library, internet room and computer training facilities. This Centre was registered by the Ugandan government as a further education college in December 2014. This centre was used

as a parent centre when setting up a new satellite computer centre in Rugaaga Sub- County in Isingero District which started in April 2019 and continues to the present time. This year the DSC was used for a second time to host a beauticians training course run by UK charity Born to Be Beautiful.

- **Uganda Development Services**, which operates a knowledge centre in the town of Kamuli to serve the town and surrounding districts. The key activities are:
 - Literacy promotion and access to resources to assist academic learning at primary, secondary and tertiary level.
 - Training in computer skills, to improve employability and access to resources.
 - Instruction in agricultural skills and techniques to improve income.
 - Training in the construction of household technologies to improve health including the building of smokeless ovens and water tanks for rainwater harvesting.

Specific activities include:

- A library and information resource unit, including a study area for students accessible until 9.00pm.
- A pilot scheme to improve literacy levels in primary schools.
- E-learning resources for science O levels.
- Agricultural information dissemination and training for farming groups.
- The running of a basic computer skills training unit using in-house facilities.
- Provision of an internet café.
- IT training for the deaf to reduce isolation.
- The adoption and building of smokeless ovens within the rural communities to improve health through reduced exposure to toxic fumes, and to minimise collection time and use of wood as a fuel.
- Construction of water tanks and water jars.

UDS has continued through workshops and training sessions to create awareness and to demonstrate how information and communication technologies can work for development. During the past year, sewing machines were provided to the Buyende Centre to allow them to extend tailoring training to the community. Seeds were also distributed to farming groups.

- **South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda**, via the Sani-Tayi Self Help Project. We have funded education scholarships for 35 children ranging from primary to secondary education. Since the mass exodus of refugees from the new South Sudan into refugee camps in Northern Uganda in 2016, we have funded the start-up of 7 nursery/primary schools in the refugee settlements and supported women's groups and a youth group for creating livelihoods in the camps. We have supported farmers with tools and livestock. During this year we have supported the re-establishing of schools in New South Sudan in Yei and Lajora, Terekeka, North of Juba although the security situation for those schools is still poor. This is done through our partner taking practical school supplies because we have no financial dealings with South Sudan which is a proscribed country to the international financial institutions. We have provided food and teaching materials to schools and communities in the refugee settlements. Some refugees who have attempted to return to South Sudan have had to once again return to the refugee settlements in Uganda for safety.
- **People with Disabilities** in Southwest Uganda. We have funded an organisation called People with Disabilities in Development, who engage in a rural outreach programme to the disabled. We support blind students at Hornby High School by providing special equipment for the blind and sponsoring school fees for several of the neediest pupils being mostly orphans. We support several children who have special needs. We funded an outreach programme to people with disabilities in Mushanje Church of Uganda Parish.

Women's functional adult literacy. A community-based programme of the Baptist Union of Uganda. AFRINSPIRE, since 2006, has funded the start of 150 women's literacy groups in twelve areas of Uganda. Sixty groups are still operating in Masindi, Buwenge, Kamuli, Manafwa, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Busia, Paya, Mayenze, Isingero, Sironko and Mbale. 2,500 learners and their household's benefit. Six new groups have been started this year.

- **Women's Empowerment.** We have established partnerships with several women's self-help groups and funded some small enterprises among members of these groups. Two of these groups, the Women's Advocacy Network and War Victims Network in Gulu comprise of widows who have returned from abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.
- **Schools** Several women's groups have started nursery and primary schools. Alongside the communities we are actively supporting the growth and development of schools at MECDO/Manafwa, Kafu, Nametsi and Omanyenye with the construction of classrooms, latrines, dormitories, kitchens, security fencing, water supply, school materials and some food. We respond to the needs of these schools term by term.
- **Assisting the Batwa (pygmies)** in their development at Kashasha, Murambo and Makanga on the Uganda/Rwanda border area, through our partner organisation AFRUDA – The Association for Rural Development in Africa. We have provided families with school materials and hoes and rented land for the Batwa to farm.
- **Community development** – the MIDPRO organisation in Lukongwe, Mbale District. We have continued to co-fund with the local population the construction of protected springs in the Mbale and Manafwa districts. This helps people gain access to safe water with the consequent improvements in hygiene and health.
Matuwa Primary School at Lukongwe, constructed mainly with funding from Cambridge University students, has continued successfully with good results obtained by the first Primary Seven leavers. A MIDPRO Vocational Training College has been constructed, and we are supporting the training of teenage girls at this VTC.
- **Computer Centres.** We have continued to support computer training centres in remote rural areas in Isingiro, Kamuli and Buyende in Uganda. It is slow to see these centres become self-sustaining due to them being amongst poor populations who cannot afford to pay for training or services. We provide ad-hoc additional replacement equipment or small allowances to those who run the centres.
- **Zambia – Computers** have been supplied to one hundred schools and training organisations around the country.
- **Zambia – Water and sanitation.** A programme of shallow well construction and repair began in September 2020 in the Samfya area. A group was trained to carry out the work and called themselves the Skilled Workers Diligent Club. This activity has continued strongly during this year with well construction on Lunga island and the mainland around Lake Bangweulu. A programme of constructing latrine slabs for households has been on-going to improve hygiene.
- **Zambia –Chibondo.** People from the Lunga Island and swamps have been displaced by rising lake levels. We have supported their settlement in new communities on the mainland by providing shallow wells and latrine slabs to serve hundreds of households. In November 2023 the **Chibondo School Buildings**, funded by us, were completed to replace straw buildings. Latrines and teachers' houses have been built. The government provided desks and adopted some teachers to pay them.
- **AFRINSPIRE Young Entrepreneurs** – Between 2013 and 2023 we ran annual conferences in Uganda for the age group of 18-30 years old particularly to identify the issues facing young Africans today. This became a significant movement of support to young people through networking them together and funding various projects to generate work and job-creation. Unfortunately, the cost of venue, accommodation and transport to put on these conferences rose to an uneconomic point. Although we have stopped conferences, we still support job training, and the network continues to function. Approximately 100 young people are supported each year in employment training. We have so far deployed £26,000 to support 40 young entrepreneurs who have created 130 jobs which support 650 beneficiaries. We typically use £100 to £200 to create a permanent job for a young person in Africa.

- **AFRINSPIRE Water and Sanitation** construction programme of protecting water springs, digging of shallow wells in the Busia, Manafwa and Mbale districts of Uganda and the Samiya region in Zambia through local teams. We have now provided 110,000 people in Uganda and Zambia with clean water supplies at a cost of £1.09 per person. In the past year we have funded five shallow wells and six protected springs in Uganda serving 5,000 people with water. In Zambia we have funded the construction of 12 shallow wells and 5 well repairs providing water to 10,140 people.
- **Education** – 57% of AFRINSPIRE expenditure is for student sponsorship, school construction and knowledge-sharing conferences and resource centres, vocational training centres, women's literacy training in response to the expressed need for education which is only partially publicly funded in Africa.

Future plans

The charity plans to continue with the same activities as at present and continue to extend its frontier towards the abject poor with partners and programmes where it considers that significant change can occur in a cost-effective manner.

Website

Further information about AFRINSPIRE can be found at our website www.afrinspire.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AFRINSPIRE

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act;
- or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records
- or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed

Stuart Berriman

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Date: 13 January 2025

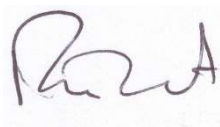
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
For the year ending 30 September 2025

			This year 2024/2025	Previous year 2023/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total
INCOME				
Donations	23,713	522,769	546,482	591,298
Interest	906		906	785
Tax refunds	17,376	43,468	60,844	57,945
Sale of goods	498		498	110
Exchange difference	12		12	(17)
TOTAL INCOME	42,505	566,237	608,742	650,121
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of generating funds				
Fund raising and publicity	251		251	334
Charitable Expenditure				
Costs in furtherance of charitable objectives				
AFRINSPIRE General	28,913	149,395	178,308	154,645
AFRINSPIRE Ufund		402,580	402,580	481,868
Management and Administration				
Staff costs	8,945		8,945	7,214
Office/Admin Expenses	604		604	1,036
Costs to meet regulatory requirements				
Insurance, bank charges, governance	4,685		4,685	5,298
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,398	551,975	595,373	650,395
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(893)	14,262	13,369	(274)
Balance of funds brought forward at 1 st October 2024	17,448	69,889	87,337	87,611
Balance of funds carried forward at 30th September 2025	16,555	84,151	100,706	87,337

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2025

			2024/2025	Previous year 2023/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
Assets/Liabilities				
Cash in Bank			95,751	80,188
Debtors (HMRC)			4,465	6,649
Debtors			490	500
			100,706	87,337
 Reserves				
Brought forward	17,448	69,889	87,337	87,611
Surplus/(Deficit)	(893)	14,262	13,369	(274)
Carried forward	16,555	84,151	100,706	87,337

Signed



Peter Last
Treasurer



Ian Sanderson
Chair

Dated: 29 November 2025

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

as at 30 September 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	A				
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			14,657		(2,830)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest Received		906		785	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			906		785
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	B		15,563		(2,045)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			80,188		82,233
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			95,751		80,188

Notes

A RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	13,369	(274)
Interest Receivable	(906)	(785)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	2,194	(1,771)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	14,657	(2,830)

B ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025	CASH FLOW	2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	95,751	15,563	80,188

BREAKDOWN of balance held in Afrinspire as at 30/9/2025

<u>Purpose</u>		<u>Source of funds</u>	
<u>Unrestricted -Afrinspire General</u>			
7,500	Basic charity reserve	Donations	
9,055	Free reserves	Donations	
16,555		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	16,555
 <u>Restricted - Afrinspire General from monitoring spreadsheets</u>			
920	FAL and community development	Big Give 2024	
1,033	North Kitgum Diocese Clinic	Gaye Senior-Smith/Total Giving	
1,953	Sub-Total Restricted for non-Ufund donors		1,953
 <u>Restricted - Afrinspire Ufund - Ufund donor balances from Sage accounts</u>			
82,198	Education, health, rural poverty alleviation/welfare, aid to churches	as at 30/9/2025	
	Sub-Total Restricted for Ufund donors		82,198
		TOTAL RESTRICTED	84,151
 TOTAL assets of unrestricted and restricted as at 30/9/2025			100,706

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Donated Goods:** Computers and other training equipment are donated to AFRINSPIRE by businesses, schools and other charities at a point when they are written down with zero book value. These goods are not for re-sale. It is not considered that any value can reliably be placed upon these goods. They are donated free of charge for beneficiaries in Africa.
It is considered impractical to assess the value of donated goods at the time of receipt and the costs involved in undertaking any valuation outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information.
2. **Trustees Remuneration:** No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the financial year. Three Trustee meetings were carried out at no cost, two on Zoom and one in person.
3. **Staff Costs:** The charity had one part-time employee for 12 months of the year. The employee does not belong to a pension scheme so there are no pension costs and there are no employee benefits. The cost to the charity for salary, tax and national insurance was £8,945.
4. **Volunteers:** General volunteers carried out all the activities and functions of the charity. There were zero volunteer expenses.
5. The charity holds no investments.
6. The charity has no subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
7. The charity received no legacies during the year and has no endowment funds.
8. The charity is using equipment which has been donated and is fully written down to zero book value.
9. The charity received no government grants and has no contracts to deliver services. It has no contract income as defined in SORP Clause 5.3
10. All 'non-exchange income' is recorded as specified in the SORP clauses 5.5 to 5.12
11. The charity received income of £98 from the sale of African Crafts brought back from Uganda and £400 from sale of donated goods in the UK.
12. A financial service fee of £840 for accountants to independently examine our accounts was incurred during the year. No fees were incurred on tax services or other financial advisory services during this financial year.
13. There were no related party transactions. The total aggregate amount of donations without conditions from Trustees amounted to £13,961.
14. The charity has not made any ex-gratia payments.
15. The nature of grants made by AFRINSPIRE is that more than half of the money distributed is for educational sponsorship where individuals benefit and where donors specifically sponsor individual students. All grants are small and distributed among many community groups as the nature of AFRINSPIRE's work is to identify and support small scale initiatives in education and development

at a grass-roots level in East Africa. Grants are not considered to be material in the context of institutional grants. Disclosure of individual recipients and recipient institutions could result in serious prejudice and for that reason the information is not disclosed in detail but only in general under activity headings.

i. Education and Training	£336,814
ii. Community Rural Development	£97,865
iii. Health, Water & Sanitation	£108,643
iv. Poverty Alleviation/Welfare	£24,613
v. Goods Shipping to Africa	£11,852
vi. Operating, Monitoring and Evaluation	£15,586
TOTAL	£595,373

16. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

17. Our assessment is that we will remain a going concern based on our committed donor base.

18. Basis of accounting

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19. Public Benefit

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

20. Comparatives for the Statement of financial activities

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
For the year ending 30 September 2024

			Year 2023/2024
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Incorporated Organisation
Number 1163774**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year 1st October 2023 to
30th September 2024**

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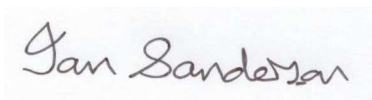
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This annual report and financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 9th November 2024 is signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Ian Sanderson
Trustee & Chair



Clara Thompson
Trustee & Secretary

INTRODUCTION

Charity Status

AFRINSPIRE was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 30th September 2015 based on a standard Charity Commission template for a foundation model constitution which was adopted by the Trustees on 30th May 2015.

Formerly AFRINSPIRE was registered as charity number 1095001 on 11th December 2002. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was introduced by the UK government under the Charity Act 2011 and offers liability protection to Trustees and is recommended for when contracts are entered into, property is owned or when staff are employed and for larger charities.

The address of the charity is 21 Abbey Street, Cambridge, CB1 2QP.

Charity Objectives

The Charity's objects as stated in the constitution adopted on the 30th May 2015 are: 'to advance education, advance the Christian religion and relieve poverty in particular but not by way of limitation in Africa.'

Scope of Operation

AFRINSPIRE's main operating area is in the East African countries of Uganda and Zambia. In financial terms 98.35% of activity was in Uganda and 1.65% in Zambia.

AFRINSPIRE awards grants to individuals and to organisations for education at all levels up to university level. AFRINSPIRE sends goods, such as computers and books, to Africa. AFRINSPIRE supports enterprise, start-up of income generating activities and the creation of jobs in Africa. AFRINSPIRE particularly looks to support development initiatives originating in Africa and led by Africans. AFRINSPIRE aligns itself directly with grass roots initiatives and supports the changing needs of individuals, communities and organisations as they develop. AFRINSPIRE adopts a holistic and flexible approach to the advancement of people out of poverty.

Annual Accounts

A financial year of 1st October to 30th September was selected by the charity. This set of annual accounts is for the year ending 30th September 2024 which is the ninth year of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

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The income of the charity was £650,121 in 2023/2024 being a 4.6% increase on the previous year. Expenditure was £650,395 in 2023/2024 being an increase of 4.8% on the previous year.

Reserves and restricted funds held have changed only slightly, decreasing from £87,611 to £87,337.

Banking Arrangements

AFRINSPIRE holds bank accounts in the UK and Uganda.

The UK bank accounts are at Barclays Bank Ltd, Leicester, LE87 2BB comprising of three current accounts and one deposit account.

The Uganda bank account is a Uganda Shilling current account at Standard Chartered Bank, Speke Road, Kampala, Uganda.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity in this period were:

Geoff Ding
Richard Ewers
Kate Gerrard
Felicity Knights
Dan Knights
Peter Last
Francesca O'Hanlon
Ian Sanderson
Clara Thompson

Kate Gerrard retired as a Trustee and the Chair in July 2024. Ian Sanderson took up the role of Chair.

New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees after search, interview and invitation by the Trustees, having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity as laid down in Clause 10 (2) of the charity constitution.

Independent Examiner

The annual income of AFRINSPIRE is below the threshold set for an audit by the Charities Act 2011 and as such an independent examination is required.

The charity engaged Stuart Berriman of Chater Allan LLP as Independent Examiner. Chater Allan LLP, 7 Quay Court, Colliers Lane, Stow-cum-Quay, Cambridge, CB25 9AU.

Operating Costs

Operating costs in the UK equated to 2.13% of the charity expenditure, comprising of

- Cost of generating funds £334 being 0.05% of the charity expenditure.
- Governance £2,670 which equates to 0.41%.
- Office rent and administration £1,036 equates to 0.16%.
- Insurance at £648 and bank/financial charges at £1,980 equate to 0.40%.
- Employee and Volunteer Costs £7,214 being 1.11% of the charity expenditure.
AFRINSPIRE employed one part-time employee for the full year.

The remainder of the expenditure, being 97.87% was deployed to achieving the objectives of the charity in Africa.

Demonstration of public benefit

The beneficiaries of AFRINSPIRE are in Africa. A wide range of African partner organisations are supported in their own initiatives in development. The benefits spread across hundreds of households and entire communities as well as directly to specific individuals such as those receiving sponsorship in their education.

In setting the programme each year the Trustees have regard to both the Charity Commission published guidance on public benefit and the relief of poverty for public benefit under the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with the charitable objects and aims. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Grant Making Policy

The selection of recipients in Africa is based on the personal knowledge of the Trustees and on the advice, verification and recommendation of key partners in Africa. This network of African partners has been established through visits and peer review over the past 25 years. This enables all projects on the ground to be vetted for effectiveness, integrity, self-sustainability and potential impact to address the needs of extreme poverty and lift people out of poverty.

The charity also supports a wide variety of projects in partnership with other UK based organisations and individuals who have identified people and projects in Uganda which we verify as falling within our charity objectives. These are identified within the charity as Ufund projects and during the financial year there were approximately 100 Ufund donors.

Reserves

The charity has a reserves policy to keep a minimum unrestricted reserve of £6,000. This amount is calculated to be that required to wind up the charity over a three month period and to meet any liabilities on closure. Free reserves currently stand at £11,448 in addition to the £6,000 basic reserve.

Verification, Monitoring and Evaluation

Grants are verified by the Trustees who, for example, see receipts, letters, education enrolment and graduation certificates, and photographs of recipients. Also, when making visits to Africa, Trustees have first-hand contact with recipients, sight of projects and sight of goods in situ which have been sent from the UK. Photographic evidence is obtained, some of which is published in the AFRINSPIRE newsletter, e-news and on the charity website.

During the year, three trustees visited Uganda in October 2023 and July/August 2024 connecting with people and projects which Afrinspire supports.

Monitoring and Evaluation in Uganda cost the charity £3,952 being 0.6% of the charity expenditure.

UK Location

We operate from three locations in UK. We have an office and a packing room in Cambridge, and a sub-office for our part-time employee in Dorset.

Our main office is at 26 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT. We acknowledge the support of our former Trustee, Dennis Whitfield, in providing our office free of charge in one of his properties.

Our store and packing room are at Unit 7B, 135 The Old Maltings, Ditton Walk, Cambridge, CB8 8PY.

Our second office is at 22 Meadow Road, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9PG.

Staffing and Volunteers

AFRINSPIRE operates principally through the work of a range of committed volunteers. We have a full-time CEO, Ian Sanderson, working as a volunteer in an honorary capacity.

We have a part-time employed book-keeper/administrator to administer AFRINSPIRE Ufund.

We have an established small volunteer team of computer technicians who prepare computers for shipping to Africa. Packing of goods for Africa is carried out in our packing room.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started all volunteers and our part time staff member have worked virtually and from home.

We want to acknowledge the voluntary assistance of our key partner in Uganda, Nkamuhebwa Willy, of the Development Studies Centre in Mbarara.

We want to acknowledge the activity of Uganda Development Services in Uganda who act as agent for the distribution of a portion of AFRINSPIRE funds.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Activities

Our activities included fund raising, goods shipments to Africa, grant making in the categories shown, consultancy with/to our African partners and networking with other organisations involved in Africa and development.

Activity	% of expenditure
Education	58.86
Rural Community Development	20.99
Health & Water/Sanitation	13.58
Administration, Monitoring & Evaluation	2.74
Welfare & Poverty Reduction	2.47
Goods Shipping	1.36

We continued a regular e-bulletin to a mailing list of 1,100 members which was well received and responded to.

We participated in the Big Give 2023, an annual matched fund-raising campaign held in December 2023 exceeding our matched funding target total of £40,000.

Local Ugandan NGO

A local Ugandan NGO, named AFRINSPIRE first registered in Uganda in December 2018 by a group of our partners, was re-registered for a further 5 years as from 5th August 2024 taking the registration to August 2029. It has registration number MIA/NB/2018/010/1479. This registration is part of a process of compliance with the Uganda NGO Act of 2016 and other Ugandan financial regulatory bodies. It is a separate legal entity to the UK registered charity and has its own board of Ugandan citizens. It holds a bank account in Uganda which is used by the UK charity to issue grants to our partners.

Economic Situation

Our income during the year increased by 4.6% as compared to last year. Most of our donors have long-term interest and commitment to Africa. We have received some cancellations of standing orders as donors re-evaluated their personal finances in the UK cost of living crisis.

The economy of Uganda has been depressed since the covid pandemic and shows little sign of recovery. This has made some of the initiatives by our partners less sustainable because the population does not have enough money to spend. We have been inundated with requests for assistance.

The cost of assisting the poor has increased during the past year. Firstly, the cost of fuel has doubled in Uganda since pre-covid times. This has increased the cost of almost everything, making budgets larger. Secondly the Ugandan government has introduced standards, regulations, and

compliance in the form of registrations and licenses which are sometimes annual and have the impact of being taxation on many activities and making initiatives more expensive.

The exchange rate from UK pounds to Uganda Shillings fluctuated much during the financial year, between 4,529 and 4,901 UGX to £1. The higher the rate the more leverage we obtain for each pound which we spend.

International money laundering regulations have resulted in banks and currency exchange companies making regular compliance checks. What Afrinspire does has not changed financially or compliance-wise over the past 20 years, but checks are now so frequent that it places an administrative burden on the charity in providing repetitive information.

Goods Shipments

We continue to bridge the digital divide by taking computers to places they have not been before.

We sent 153 computers to Africa during the year. A total of 4,166 computers have been sent to Africa since this operation began in 1998, an average rate of 160 per year.

Recipients this year were in Zambia, Uganda and Kenya. The principal recipients are Training Resource Centres, Schools, Vocational Training Centres and a variety of NGO's and CBO's. Some equipment is used for job creation and self-employment. Many individuals, companies and schools in Cambridge UK have donated computers. We acknowledge our long-standing association with the UK charity Tools With A Mission for organising the shipping of containers to Africa, with whom we operate as a preferred third-party.

The cost to AFRINSPIRE of storing, handling, preparing, and packaging these goods and shipping them to Africa amounted to £8,832 being 1.35% of expenditure. The cost of placing a computer in the heart of Africa was £57 per computer.

AFRINSPIRE Ufund

The AFRINSPIRE Ufund programme continued with 100 donors making donations through AFRINSPIRE Ufund. Through Ufund, AFRINSPIRE partners with individuals and organisations in the UK who support the charity objectives by donating restricted funds for specific projects in Uganda. These projects are donor requested, and once the Trustees are satisfied that the project falls within the charitable objectives of AFRINSPIRE, the donor's funds are collected and batched, usually monthly, for transfer to the bank account of Uganda Development Services in Uganda. The UDS office in Kampala then ensures and evidences the correct distribution of funds within Uganda. This activity constitutes a part of the incoming and outgoing resources shown in the financial statement. AFRINSPIRE liaises with UDS on a continual basis regarding this significant funds distribution.

There was an 7.5% increase in Ufund income during the year, increasing from £443,664 in 2022/2023 to £477,136 in 2023/2024.

Partners and Projects

Some of the partners and projects supported are

- **The Development Studies Centre in Mbarara**, Uganda – providing capacity building and training. This was created by the Agency for Integrated Development and Training Services with one third of the funding for construction coming from Afrinspire. We now fund delegates on training courses in enterprise, project management, financial book-keeping, climate change, organisational development and strategy. We have supported this centre in equipping the library, internet room and computer training facilities. This Centre was registered by the Ugandan government as a further education college in December 2014. This centre was used as a parent centre when setting up a new satellite computer centre in Rugaaga Sub- County in Isingiro District which started in April 2019 and continues to the present time. This year the DSC was used to host a beauticians training course run by UK charity Born to Be Beautiful.

- **Uganda Development Services**, which operates a knowledge centre in the town of Kamuli to serve the town and surrounding districts. The key activities are:
 - Literacy promotion and access to resources to assist academic learning at primary, secondary and tertiary level.
 - Training in computer skills, to improve employability and access to resources.
 - Instruction in agricultural skills and techniques to improve income.
 - Training in the construction of household technologies to improve health including the building of smokeless ovens and water tanks for rainwater harvesting.

Specific activities include:

- A library and information resource unit, including a study area for students accessible until 9.00pm.
- A pilot scheme to improve literacy levels in primary schools.
- E-learning resources for science O levels.
- Agricultural information dissemination and training for farming groups.
- The running of a basic computer skills training unit using in-house facilities
- Provision of an internet café.
- IT training for the deaf to reduce isolation.
- The adoption and building of smokeless ovens within the rural communities to improve health through reduced exposure to toxic fumes, and to minimise collection time and use of wood as a fuel.
- Construction of water tanks and water jars.

UDS has continued through workshops and training sessions to create awareness and to demonstrate how information and communication technologies can work for development. During the past year, sewing machines were provided to the Buyende Centre to allow them to extend tailoring training to the community. Seeds were also distributed to farming groups

- **South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda**, via the Sani-Tayi Self Help Project. We have funded education scholarships for 40 children ranging from primary to tertiary education. Since the mass exodus of refugees from the new South Sudan into refugee camps in Northern Uganda in 2016, we have funded the start-up of 7 nursery/primary schools in the refugee settlements and supported women's groups and a youth group for creating livelihoods in the camps. We have supported farmers with tools and livestock. During this year we have supported the re-establishing of schools in New South Sudan in Yei and Lajora, Terekeka, North of Juba. This is done through our partner taking practical school supplies because we have no financial dealings with South Sudan which is a proscribed country to the international financial institutions. We have provided food and teaching materials to schools and communities in the refugee settlements.
- **People with Disabilities** in Southwest Uganda. We have funded an organisation called People with Disabilities in Development, who engage in a rural outreach programme to the disabled. We support blind students at Hornby High School by providing special equipment for the blind and sponsoring school fees for several of the neediest pupils being mostly orphans. We support several children who have special needs.
- **Women's functional adult literacy**. A community-based programme of the Baptist Union of Uganda. AFRINSPIRE, since 2006, has funded the start of 150 women's literacy groups in twelve areas of Uganda. Sixty groups are still operating in Masindi, Buwenge, Kamuli, Manafwa, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Busia, Paya, Mayenze, Isingero, Sironko and Mbale. 2,500 learners and their household's benefit. Five new groups have been started this year.
- **Women's Empowerment**. We have established partnerships with several women's self-help groups and funded some small enterprises among members of these groups. Two of these groups, the Women's Advocacy Network and War Victims Network in Gulu comprise of widows who have returned from abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.
- **Schools** Several women's groups have started nursery and primary schools. Alongside the communities we are actively supporting the growth and development of schools at MECDO/Manafwa, Kafu, Nametsi and Omanyenye with construction of classrooms, latrines, dormitories, kitchens, security fencing, water supply, school materials and some food.

- **Assisting the Batwa (pygmies)** in their development at Kashasha, Murambo and Makanga on the Uganda/Rwanda border area, through our partner organisation AFRUDA – The Association for Rural Development in Africa. We have provided families with school materials and hoes and rented land for the Batwa to farm.
- **Community development** – the MIDPRO organisation in Lukongwe, Mbale District. We have continued to co-fund with the local population the construction of protected springs in the Mbale and Manafwa districts. This helps people gain access to safe water with the consequent improvements in hygiene and health. Matuwa Primary School at Lukongwe, constructed mainly with funding from Cambridge University students, has continued successfully with good results obtained by the first Primary Seven leavers. A MIDPRO Vocational Training College has been constructed and we are supporting the training of teenage girls at this VTC.
- **Computer Centres.** We have continued to support computer training centres in remote rural areas. In Isingero, Kamuli and Buyende in Uganda. It is slow to see these centres become self-sustaining due to them being amongst poor populations who cannot afford to pay for training or services. We provide ad-hoc additional replacement equipment or small allowances to those who run the centres.
- **Zambia – Computers** have been supplied to fifty schools and training organisations around the country.
- **Zambia – Water and sanitation.** A programme of shallow well construction and repair began in September 2020 in the Samfya area. A group was trained to carry out the work and called themselves the Skilled Workers Diligent Club. This activity has continued strongly during this year with well construction on Lunga island and the mainland around Lake Bangweulu. A programme of constructing latrine slabs for households has been on-going to improve hygiene.
- **Zambia –Chibondo.** People from the Lunga Island and swamps have been displaced by rising lake levels. We have supported their settlement in new communities on the mainland by providing shallow wells and latrine slabs to serve hundreds of households. In November 2023 the **Chibondo School Buildings**, funded by us, were completed to replace straw buildings. Latrines and teachers' houses have been built. The government provided desks and adopted some teachers to pay them.
- **AFRINSPIRE Young Entrepreneurs** – Between 2013 and 2023 we ran annual conferences in Uganda for the age group of 18-30 years old particularly to identify the issues facing young Africans today. This became a significant movement of support to young people through networking them together and funding various projects to generate work and job-creation. Unfortunately, the cost of venue, accommodation and transport to put on these conferences rose to an uneconomic point. Although we have stopped conferences, we still support job training, and the network continues to function. Approximately 100 young people are supported each year in employment training. We have so far deployed £26,000 to support 40 young entrepreneurs who have created 130 jobs which support 650 beneficiaries. We typically use £100 to £200 to create a permanent job for a young person in Africa.
- **AFRINSPIRE Water and Sanitation** construction programme of protecting water springs, digging of shallow wells in the Busia, Manafwa and Mbale districts of Uganda and the Samya region in Zambia through local teams. We have now provided 100,000 people in Uganda and Zambia with clean water supplies at a cost of £1.09 per person.
- **Education** – 59% of AFRINSPIRE expenditure is for student sponsorship, school construction and knowledge-sharing conferences and resource centres, vocational training centres, women's literacy training in response to the expressed need for education which is only partially publicly funded in Africa.

Future plans

The charity plans to continue with the same activities as at present and continue to extend its frontier towards the abject poor with partners and programmes where it considers that significant change can occur in a cost-effective manner.

Website

Further information about AFRINSPIRE can be found at our website www.afrinspire.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AFRINSPIRE

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act;
- or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records
- or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed

Stuart Berriman

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Date: 17 January 2025

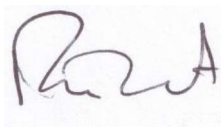
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BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2024

			2023/2024	Previous year 2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
Assets/Liabilities				
Cash in Bank			80,188	82,233
Debtors (HMRC)			6,649	5,378
Debtors			500	0
			87,337	87,611
 Reserves				
Brought forward	9,417	78,194	87,611	86,943
Surplus/(Deficit)	8,031	(8,305)	(274)	668
Carried forward	17,448	69,889	87,337	87,611

Signed



Peter Last
Treasurer



Ian Sanderson
Chair

Dated: 9 November 2024

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	A				
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			(2,830)		(2,391)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest Received		785		261	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			785		261
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	B		(2,045)		(2,130)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			82,233		84,363
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			80,188		82,233

Notes

A RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	(274)	668
Interest Receivable	(785)	(261)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	(1,771)	(2,798)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2,830)	(2,391)

B ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	CASH FLOW	2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	80,188	(2,045)	82,233

BREAKDOWN of balance held in Afrinspire as at 30/9/2024

<u>Purpose</u>		<u>Source of funds</u>	
<u>Unrestricted -Afrinspire General</u>			
6,000	Basic charity reserve	Donations	
11,448	Free reserves	Donations	
17,448		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	17,448
<u>Restricted - Afrinspire General from monitoring spreadsheets</u>			
4,199	FAL and community development	Big Give 2023	
2,774	North Kitgum Health Centre	Gaye S-S Total Giving Appeal	
231	Mama Janes Children's Care	Various donors	
52	Student Sponsorships	Various donors	
2,182	UDS Project segment	Various donors	
9,438	Sub-Total Restricted for non-Ufund donors		9,438
<u>Restricted - Afrinspire Ufund - Ufund donor balances from Sage accounts</u>			
60,451	Education, health, rural poverty alleviation/welfare, aid to churches	as at 30/9/2024	
	Sub-Total Restricted for Ufund donors		60,451
		TOTAL RESTRICTED	69,889
TOTAL assets of unrestricted and restricted as at 30/9/2024			87,337

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Donated Goods:** Computers and other training equipment are donated to AFRINSPIRE by businesses, schools and other charities at a point when they are written down with zero book value. These goods are not for re-sale. It is not considered that any value can reliably be placed upon these goods. They are donated free of charge for beneficiaries in Africa.
It is considered impractical to assess the value of donated goods at the time of receipt and the costs involved in undertaking any valuation outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information.
2. **Trustees Remuneration:** No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the financial year. Three Trustee meetings were carried out at no cost, two on Zoom and one in person.
3. **Staff Costs:** The charity had one part-time employee for 12 months of the year. The employee does not belong to a pension scheme so there are no pension costs and there are no employee benefits. The cost to the charity for salary, tax and national insurance was £7,214.
4. **Volunteers:** General volunteers carried out all the activities and functions of the charity. There were zero volunteer expenses.
5. The charity holds no investments.
6. The charity has no subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
7. The charity received one legacy of £2,500 during the year and has no endowment funds.
8. The charity is using equipment which has been donated and is fully written down to zero book value.
9. The charity received no government grants and has no contracts to deliver services. It has no contract income as defined in SORP Clause 5.3
10. All 'non-exchange income' is recorded as specified in the SORP clauses 5.5 to 5.12
11. The charity received income of £110 from the sale of African Crafts brought back from Kenya.
12. A financial service fee of £780 for accountants to independently examine our accounts was incurred during the year. No fees were incurred on tax services or other financial advisory services during this financial year.
13. There were no related party transactions. The total aggregate amount of donations without conditions from Trustees amounted to £11,436
14. The charity has not made any ex-gratia payments.
15. The nature of grants made by AFRINSPIRE is that more than half of the money distributed is for educational sponsorship where individuals benefit and where donors specifically sponsor individual students. All grants are small and distributed among many community groups as the nature of AFRINSPIRE's work is to identify and support small scale initiatives in education and development

at a grass-roots level in East Africa. Grants are not considered to be material in the context of institutional grants. Disclosure of individual recipients and recipient institutions could result in serious prejudice and for that reason the information is not disclosed in detail but only in general under activity headings.

i. Education and Training	£382,838
ii. Community Rural Development	£136,540
iii. Health, Water & Sanitation	£88,314
iv. Poverty Alleviation/Welfare	£16,036
v. Goods Shipping to Africa	£8,832
vi. Operating, Monitoring and Evaluation	£17,835
TOTAL	£650,395

16. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

During the financial year we have noticed some cancellation of regular donations but balanced by new donors or increased giving as our existing donors give extra to help African partners. We do not rely on money collections from the UK public or on charity shops/trade for income and our donors are specifically interested in Africa.

17. Our assessment is that we will remain a going concern based on our committed donor base.

18. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

19. Public Benefit

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

20. Comparatives for the Statement of financial activities

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
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			2022/2023
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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year 1st October 2022 to
30th September 2023**

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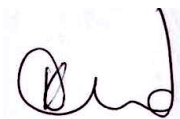
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This annual report and financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2023 is signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Kate Gerrard
Trustee & Chair



Clara Thompson
Trustee & Secretary

INTRODUCTION

Charity Status

AFRINSPIRE was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 30th September 2015 based on a standard Charity Commission template for a foundation model constitution which was adopted by the Trustees on 30th May 2015.

Formerly AFRINSPIRE was registered as charity number 1095001 on 11th December 2002. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was introduced by the UK government under the Charity Act 2011 and offers liability protection to Trustees and is recommended for when contracts are entered into, property is owned or when staff are employed and for larger charities.

The address of the charity is 21 Abbey Street, Cambridge, CB1 2QP.

Charity Objectives

The Charity's objects as stated in the constitution adopted on the 30th May 2015 are: 'to advance education, advance the Christian religion and relieve poverty in particular but not by way of limitation in Africa.'

Scope of Operation

AFRINSPIRE's main operating area is in the East African countries of Uganda and Zambia. In financial terms 97.64% of activity was in Uganda and 2.36% in Zambia.

AFRINSPIRE awards grants to individuals and to organisations for education at all levels up to university level. AFRINSPIRE sends goods, such as computers and books, to Africa. AFRINSPIRE supports enterprise, start-up of income generating activities and the creation of jobs in Africa. AFRINSPIRE particularly looks to support development initiatives originating in Africa and led by Africans. AFRINSPIRE aligns itself directly with grass roots initiatives and supports the changing needs of individuals, communities and organisations as they develop. AFRINSPIRE adopts a holistic and flexible approach to the advancement of people out of poverty.

Annual Accounts

A financial year of 1st October to 30th September was selected by the charity. This set of annual accounts is for the year ending 30th September 2023 which is the eighth year of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

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The income of the charity was £621,270 in 2022/2023 being a 11.09% increase on the previous year. Expenditure was £620,602 in 2022/2023.

Reserves and restricted funds held have changed only slightly, increasing from £86,943 to £87,611.

During this year we passed the £5million mark for money raised by Afrinspire since it's start in 2002.

Banking Arrangements

AFRINSPIRE holds bank accounts in the UK and Uganda.

The UK bank accounts are at Barclays Bank Ltd, 28 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 3AZ, comprising of three current accounts and one deposit account.

The Ugandan bank account is at Standard Chartered Bank, Speke Road, Kampala, Uganda, and is a Uganda Shilling account.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity in this period were:

Geoff Ding
Richard Ewers
Kate Gerrard
Felicity Knights
Dan Knights
Peter Last
Francesca O'Hanlon
Ian Sanderson
Clara Thompson

There was no change to the serving trustees during the year.

New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees after search, interview and invitation by the Trustees, having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity as laid down in Clause 10 (2) of the charity constitution.

Independent Examiner

The annual income of AFRINSPIRE is below the threshold set for an audit by the Charities Act 2011 and as such an independent examination is required.

The charity engaged Stuart Berriman of Chater Allan LLP as Independent Examiner. Chater Allan LLP, 7 Quay Court, Colliers Lane, Stow-cum-Quay, Cambridge, CB25 9AU.

Operating Costs

Operating costs in the UK equated to 2.11% of the charity expenditure, comprising of

- Cost of generating funds £426 being 0.06% of the charity expenditure.
- Governance £259 which equates to 0.04%.
- Office rent and administration £1,846 equates to 0.30%.
- Insurance at £602 and bank/financial charges at £2,682 equate to 0.53%.
- Employee and Volunteer Costs £7,300 being 1.18% of the charity expenditure.
AFRINSPIRE employed one part-time employee for the full year.

The remainder of the expenditure, being 97.89% was deployed to achieving the objectives of the charity in Africa.

Demonstration of public benefit

The beneficiaries of AFRINSPIRE are in Africa. A wide range of African partner organisations are supported in their own initiatives in development. The benefits spread across hundreds of households and entire communities as well as directly to specific individuals such as those receiving sponsorship in their education.

In setting the programme each year the Trustees have regard to both the Charity Commission published guidance on public benefit and the relief of poverty for public benefit under the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with the charitable objects and aims. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Grant Making Policy

The selection of recipients in Africa is based on the personal knowledge of the Trustees and on the advice, verification and recommendation of key partners in Africa. This network of African partners has been established through visits and peer review over the past 20 years. This enables all projects on the ground to be vetted for effectiveness, integrity, self-sustainability and potential impact to address the needs of extreme poverty and lift people out of poverty.

The charity also supports a wide variety of projects in partnership with other UK based organisations and individuals who have identified people and projects in Uganda which we verify as falling within our charity objectives. These are identified within the charity as Ufund projects and during the financial year there were approximately 100 Ufund donors.

Reserves

The charity has a reserves policy to keep a minimum unrestricted reserve of £6,000. This amount is calculated to be that required to wind up the charity over a three month period and to meet any liabilities on closure. Free reserves currently stand at £3,417 in addition to the £6,000 basic reserve.

Verification, Monitoring and Evaluation

Grants are verified by the Trustees who, for example, see receipts, letters, education enrolment and graduation certificates, and photographs of recipients. Also, when making visits to Africa, Trustees have first-hand contact with recipients, sight of projects and sight of goods in situ which have been sent from the UK. Photographic evidence is obtained, some of which is published in the AFRINSPIRE newsletter, e-news and on the charity website.

During the year, five trustees visited Uganda in October 2022, June, July/August and August/September 2023, connecting with people and projects which Afrinspire supports.

Monitoring and Evaluation in Uganda cost the charity £8,295 being 1.33% of the charity expenditure.

UK Location

We operate from three locations in UK. We have an office and a packing room in Cambridge, and a sub-office for our part-time employee in Dorset.

Our main office is at 26 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT. We acknowledge the support of our former Trustee, Dennis Whitfield, in providing our office free of charge in one of his properties.

Our store and packing room are at Unit 7B, 135 The Old Maltings, Ditton Walk, Cambridge, CB8 8PY.

Our second office is at 22 Meadow Road, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9PG.

Staffing and Volunteers

AFRINSPIRE operates principally through the work of a range of committed volunteers. We have a full-time CEO, Ian Sanderson, working as a volunteer in an honorary capacity.

We have a part-time employed book-keeper/administrator to administer AFRINSPIRE Ufund.

We have an established small volunteer team of computer technicians who prepare computers for shipping to Africa. Packing of goods for Africa is carried out in our packing room.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started all volunteers and our part time staff member have worked virtually and from home.

We want to acknowledge the voluntary assistance of our key partner in Uganda, Nkamuhebwa Willy, of the Development Studies Centre in Mbarara.

We want to acknowledge the activity of Uganda Development Services in Uganda who act as agent for the distribution of a portion of AFRINSPIRE funds.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Activities

Our activities included fund raising, goods shipments to Africa, grant making in the categories shown, consultancy with/to our African partners and networking with other organisations involved in Africa and development.

Activity	% of expenditure
Education	62.29
Rural Community Development	18.53
Health & Water/Sanitation	12.51
Administration, Monitoring & Evaluation	3.45
Welfare & Poverty Reduction	2.29
Goods Shipping	0.93

We continued a regular e-bulletin to a mailing list of 1200 members which was well received and responded to.

We participated in the Big Give 2022, an annual matched fund-raising campaign held in December 2022 exceeding our matched funding target total of £36,000.

We are a member of the Centre for Global Equality, Cambridge.

We are a member of the Uganda Church Association, a UK registered charity supporting the Anglican Church of Uganda.

A local Ugandan NGO, named AFRINSPIRE was registered in Uganda in December 2018 by a group of our partners. It has registration number MIA/NB/2018/010/1479. It is a separate legal entity to the UK registered charity. This registration is part of a process of compliance with the Uganda NGO Act of 2016 and other Ugandan financial regulatory bodies and it allows Afrinspire to hold a bank account in Uganda and to continue to operate in issuing grants to our partners. A re-registration process was carried out in 2020 extending the registration and license to operate to October 2025.

Economic Situation

Our income during the year increased by 11% as compared to last year. Most of our donors have long-term interest and commitment to Africa. We have received some cancellations of standing orders as donors re-evaluated their personal finances in the UK cost of living crisis.

The economy of Uganda has been depressed since the covid pandemic and shows little sign of recovery. This has made some of the initiatives by our partners less sustainable because the population does not have enough money to spend. We have been inundated with requests for assistance.

The cost of assisting the poor has increased during the past year. Firstly, the cost of fuel has doubled in Uganda since pre-covid times. This has increased the cost of almost everything, making budgets larger.

The Ugandan government has introduced standards, regulations, and compliance in the form of registrations and licenses which are sometimes annual and have the impact of being taxation on many activities and making initiatives more expensive.

International money laundering regulations have resulted in banks introducing stricter and more regular compliance checking. What Afrinspire does has not changed financially or compliance-wise over the past 20 years, but checks are now so frequent that it places an administrative burden on the charity in providing repetitive information.

Goods Shipments

We continue to bridge the digital divide by taking computers to places they have not been before.

We sent 225 computers to Africa during the year. A total of 4,035 computers have been sent to Africa since this operation began in 1998, an average rate of 168 per year.

Recipients this year were in Zambia, Uganda, Kenya and Zimbabwe. The principal recipients are Training Resource Centres, Schools, Vocational Training Centres and a variety of NGO's and CBO's. Some equipment is used for job creation and self-employment. Many individuals, companies and schools in Cambridge UK have donated computers. We acknowledge our long-standing association with the UK charity Tools With A Mission for organising the shipping of containers to Africa, with whom we operate as a preferred third-party.

The cost to AFRINSPIRE of storing, handling, preparing, and packaging these goods and shipping them to Africa amounted to £5,745 being 0.93% of expenditure. The cost of placing a computer in the heart of Africa was £25 per computer.

AFRINSPIRE Ufund

The AFRINSPIRE Ufund programme continued with 100 donors making donations through AFRINSPIRE Ufund. Through Ufund, AFRINSPIRE partners with individuals and organisations in the UK who support the charity objectives by donating restricted funds for specific projects in Uganda. These projects are donor requested, and once the Trustees are satisfied that the project falls within the charitable objectives of AFRINSPIRE, the donor's funds are collected and batched, usually monthly, for transfer to the bank account of Uganda Development Services in Uganda. The UDS office in Kampala then ensures and evidences the correct distribution of funds within Uganda. This activity constitutes a part of the incoming and outgoing resources shown in the financial statement. AFRINSPIRE liaises with UDS on a continual basis regarding this significant funds distribution.

There was an 8.37% increase in Ufund income during the year, increasing from £409,389 in 2021/2022 to £443,664 in 2022/2023.

Partners and Projects

Some of the partners and projects supported are

- The Development Study Centre in Mbarara, Uganda – providing capacity building and training. This was created by the Agency for Integrated Development and Training Services. We have funded delegates on training courses in enterprise, project management, financial book-keeping, climate change, and organisational development and strategy. We have supported this centre in equipping the library, internet room and computer training facilities. This Centre was registered by the Ugandan government as a further education college in December 2014. This centre was used as a parent centre when setting up a new satellite computer centre in Rugaaga Sub- County in Isingero District which started in April

2019 and continues to the present time. During the year, we provided a solar energy system and solar security lighting for this Centre.

- Uganda Development Services, which operates a knowledge centre in the town of Kamuli to serve the town and surrounding districts. The key activities are:
 - Literacy promotion and access to resources to assist academic learning at primary, secondary and tertiary level.
 - Training in computer skills, to improve employability and access to resources.
 - Instruction in agricultural skills and techniques to improve income.
 - Training in the construction of household technologies to improve health including the building of smokeless ovens and water tanks for rainwater harvesting.

Specific activities include:

- A library and information resource unit, including a study area for students accessible until 9.00pm.
- A pilot scheme to improve literacy levels in primary schools.
- E-learning resources for science O levels.
- Agricultural information dissemination and training for farming groups.
- The running of a basic computer skills training unit using in-house facilities
- Provision of an internet café.
- IT training for the deaf to reduce isolation.
- The adoption and building of smokeless ovens within the rural communities to improve health through reduced exposure to toxic fumes, and to minimise collection time and use of wood as a fuel.
- Construction of water tanks and water jars.

UDS has continued through workshops and training sessions to create awareness and to demonstrate how information and communication technologies can work for development.

During the past year, several hands-on training sessions in how to make smokeless ovens were held at the Buyende Centre with the purpose of spreading this knowledge around the Afrinspire partners in other regions of Uganda.

- South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda, via the Sani-Tayi Self Help Project. We have funded education scholarships for 45 children ranging from primary to tertiary education. Since the mass exodus of refugees from the new South Sudan into refugee camps in Northern Uganda in 2016, we have funded the start-up of 7 nursery/primary schools in the refugee settlements and supported women's groups and a youth group for creating livelihoods in the camps. We have supported farmers with tools and livestock. During this year we have supported the re-establishing of schools in New South Sudan in Yei and Lajora, Terekeka, North of Juba. We have provided food to some schools and communities in the refugee settlements where rations from the World Food Programme have been reduced.
- Disabled people in South West Uganda. We have funded an organisation called People with Disabilities in Development, who engage in a rural outreach programme to the disabled. We support blind students at Hornby High School by providing special equipment for the blind and sponsoring school fees for several of the neediest pupils being mostly orphans.
- A community based women's functional adult literacy programme of the Baptist Union of Uganda. AFRINSPIRE, since 2006, has funded the start of 150 women's literacy groups in twelve areas of Uganda. Sixty groups are still operating in Masindi, Buwenge, Kamuli, Manafwa, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Busia, Paya, Mayenze, Isingero, Sironko and Mbale. 2,500 learners and their households benefit.
- Assisting re-settlement in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement of internally displaced people displaced by landslides in Bududa, and Congolese and Sudanese refugees arriving in the settlement. This is through literacy groups, construction of a nursery school and sustainable agricultural training.

- Assisting the development of the Batwa (pygmies) at Kashasha, Murambo and Makanga on the Uganda/Rwanda border area, through our partner organisation AFRUDA – The Association for Rural Development in Africa. We have provided families with school materials and hoes and rented land for the Batwa to farm.
- Supporting a community development organisation, called MIDPRO, based in the community of Lukongwe in Mbale District. We have continued to co-fund with the local population the construction of water tanks and protecting springs. This helps people gain access to safe water with the consequent improvements in hygiene and health. Matuwa Primary School, constructed mainly with funding from Cambridge University students, has continued successfully with good results obtained by the first Primary Seven leavers. A MIDPRO Vocational Training College has been constructed and we are supporting the training of teenage girls at this VTC.
- Computer Centres. We have continued to support computer training centres in remote rural areas. In Isingero, Kamuli and Buyende in Uganda we have funded the installation of solar power to allow them to operate when the national electricity grid cannot provide power. However, it is slow to see these centres become self-sustaining due to them being amongst poor populations who cannot afford to pay for training or services. We remain in a position of providing ad-hoc additional support in the form of replacement equipment or small allowances to those who run the centres.
- Women's Empowerment. We have established partnerships with several women's self-help groups and funded some small enterprises among members of these groups. Two of these groups, the Women's Advocacy Network and War Victims Network in Gulu comprise of widows who have returned from abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.
- Zambia – Computers have been supplied to forty schools and training organisations around the country.
- Zambia – Water and sanitation. A programme of shallow well construction and shallow well repair began in September 2020 in the Samfya area with the objective of training a local team of young men to carry out such work as an on-going activity. This activity has continued during this year. There has been well construction and well repairs on the Lunga island and the swamp adjacent to Lake Bangweulu. A programme of constructing latrine slabs for households has been on-going to improve hygiene.
- Zambia – Chibondo School – Chibondo is a new settlement for displaced people from the Lake Bangweulu region. The community constructed a temporary school building out of straw. During the year we have supported the construction of 3 more permanent classrooms and latrines for the school.
- AFRINSPIRE Young Entrepreneurs – Since 2013 we have run an annual conference for the age group of 18-30 years old particularly to identify the issues facing young Africans today. This has become a significant movement of support to young people through networking them together and funding various projects to generate work and job-creation among young people. We have so far deployed £25,000 to support 38 young entrepreneurs who have created 125 jobs which support 610 beneficiaries. We typically use £100 to £200 to create a permanent job for a young person in Africa. During this financial year, four conferences were held restarting in-person conferences at the time of visits by UK trustees.
- AFRINSPIRE supports a construction programme of protecting water springs, constructing water harvesting tanks and the digging of shallow wells in the Busia, Manafwa and Mbale districts of Uganda through local teams. We have now provided 85,000 people in Uganda and Zambia with clean water supplies at a cost of £1.09 per person.
- Education – 62% of AFRINSPIRE expenditure is for student sponsorship, school construction and knowledge-sharing conferences and resource centres, vocational training centres, women's literacy training in response to the expressed need for education which is only partially publicly funded in Africa.

Future plans

The charity plans to continue with the same activities as at present and continue to extend its frontier towards the abject poor with partners and programmes where it considers that significant change can occur in a cost-effective manner.

Website

Further information about AFRINSPIRE can be found at our website www.afrinspire.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AFRINSPIRE

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act;
- or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records
- or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date: 23 January 2024

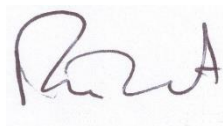
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BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2023

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Assets/Liabilities				
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Debtors (HMRC)			5,378	2,580
			87,611	86,943
Reserves				
Brought forward	17,544	69,399	86,943	125,298
Surplus/(Deficit)	(8,127)	8,794	668	(38,355)
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Signed



Peter Last
Treasurer



Ian Sanderson
CEO

Dated: 18 November 2023

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	A				
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			(2,391)		(31,917)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest Received		261		11	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			261		11
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	B		(2,130)		(31,928)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			84,363		116,291
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			82,233		84,363

Notes

A RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	668	(38,355)
Interest Receivable	(261)	(11)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	(2,798)	6,427
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2,391)	(31,917)

B ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	CASH FLOW	2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	82,233	(2,130)	84,363

Breakdown of balance held in Afrinspire at 30th September 2023

Purpose	Source of funds	
<u>Unrestricted – Afrinspire General</u>		
6,000 Basic Charity Reserve	Donations	
3,417 Free Reserves	Donations	
9,417	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	9,417
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire General</u>		
5,738 FAL & Community Development	Big Give 2022	
42 Mama Janes & Tumaini Children's Care Centre	Several donors	
2,250 Zambia Water projects	Radley Trust	
3,473 UDS Projects	Various donors to UDS	
1,400 Kitgum Diocese Health Centre	Total Giving GS-S challenge	
107 Student Sponsorship	LBL for Mbale girls	
13,010	Sub-total Restricted for non-Ufund donors	13,010
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire Ufund – Ufund donor balances</u>		
65,184 Education, health, rural poverty alleviation/welfare and community development	Ufund donor balances as at 30/9/2023	
	Sub-total Restricted for Ufund donors	65,184
	TOTAL RESTRICTED	78,194
TOTAL of unrestricted and restricted as at 30th September 2023		87,611

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Donated Goods:** Computers and other training equipment are donated to AFRINSPIRE by businesses, schools and other charities at a point when they are written down with zero book value. These goods are not for re-sale. It is not considered that any value can reliably be placed upon these goods. They are donated free of charge for beneficiaries in Africa.
It is considered impractical to assess the value of donated goods at the time of receipt and the costs involved in undertaking any valuation outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information.
2. **Trustees Remuneration:** No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the financial year. Four Trustee meetings were carried out at no cost on Zoom.
3. **Staff Costs:** The charity had one part-time employee for 12 months of the year. The employee does not belong to a pension scheme so there are no pension costs and there are no employee benefits. The cost to the charity for salary, tax and national insurance was £7,300.
4. **Volunteers:** General volunteers carried out all the activities and functions of the charity. There were zero volunteer expenses.
5. The charity holds no investments.
6. The charity has no subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
7. The charity received no legacies during the year and has no endowment funds.
8. The charity is using equipment which has been donated and is fully written down to zero book value.
9. The charity received no government grants and has no contracts to deliver services. It has no contract income as defined in SORP Clause 5.3
10. All 'non-exchange income' is recorded as specified in the SORP clauses 5.5 to 5.12
11. The charity received income £10 from the sale of African Crafts brought back from Uganda and £80 from supporters selling their own items on E-bay.
12. A financial service fee of £780 for accountants to independently examine our accounts was incurred during the year. No fees were incurred on tax services or other financial advisory services during this financial year.
13. There were no related party transactions. The total aggregate amount of donations without conditions from Trustees amounted to £22,283.
14. The charity has not made any ex-gratia payments.
15. The nature of grants made by AFRINSPIRE is that more than half of the money distributed is for educational sponsorship where individuals benefit and where donors specifically sponsor individual students. All grants are small and distributed among many community groups as the nature of AFRINSPIRE's work is to identify and support small scale initiatives in education and development.

at a grass-roots level in East Africa. Grants are not considered to be material in the context of institutional grants. Disclosure of individual recipients and recipient institutions could result in serious prejudice and for that reason the information is not disclosed in detail but only in general under activity headings.

i. Education and Training	£386,571
ii. Community Rural Development	£115,024
iii. Health, Water & Sanitation	£77,649
iv. Poverty Alleviation/Welfare	£14,197
v. Goods Shipping to Africa	£5,745
vi. Operating, Monitoring and Evaluation	£21,416
TOTAL	£620,602

16. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. During the financial year we have noticed some cancellation of regular donations but balanced by new donors or increased giving as our existing donors give extra to help African partners. We do not rely on money collections from the UK public or on charity shops/trade for income and our donors are specifically interested in Africa.
17. Our assessment is that we will remain a going concern based on our committed donor base.
18. Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.
19. Public Benefit
The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

20. Comparatives for the Statement of financial activities

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
For the year ending 30 September 2022

			Year 2021/2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
INCOME			
Donations	16,283	485,264	501,547
Interest	11		11
Tax refunds	17,213	39,900	57,113
Sale of goods	550		550
Exchange difference	(5)		(5)
TOTAL INCOME	34,052	525,164	559,216
EXPENDITURE			
Cost of generating funds			
Fund raising and publicity			0
Charitable Expenditure			
Costs in furtherance of charitable objectives			
AFRINSPIRE General	30,660	131,669	162,329
AFRINSPIRE Ufund		422,802	422,802
Management and Administration			
Staff costs	7,126		7,126
Office/Admin Expenses	1,175		1,175
Costs to meet regulatory requirements			
Insurance, bank charges, governance	4,139		4,139
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,100	554,471	597,571
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,048)	(29,307)	(38,355)
Balance of funds brought forward at 1 st October 2021	26,592	98,706	125,298
Balance of funds carried forward at 30th September 2022	17,544	69,399	86,943

AFRINSPIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163774

Accounts



**Registered Charitable
Incorporated Organisation
Number 1163774**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year 1st October 2021 to
30th September 2022**

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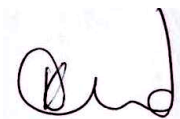
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This annual report and financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 4th December 2022 is signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Kate Gerrard
Trustee & Chair



Clara Thompson
Trustee & Secretary

INTRODUCTION

Charity Status

AFRINSPIRE was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 30th September 2015 based on a standard Charity Commission template for a foundation model constitution which was adopted by the Trustees on 30th May 2015.

Formerly AFRINSPIRE was registered as charity number 1095001 on 11th December 2002. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was introduced by the UK government under the Charity Act 2011 and offers liability protection to Trustees and is recommended for when contracts are entered into, property is owned or when staff are employed and for larger charities.

The address of the charity is 21 Abbey Street, Cambridge, CB1 2QP.

Charity Objectives

The Charity's objects as stated in the constitution adopted on the 30th May 2015 are: 'to advance education, advance the Christian religion and relieve poverty in particular but not by way of limitation in Africa.'

Scope of Operation

AFRINSPIRE's main operating area is in the East African countries of Uganda and Zambia. In financial terms 98% of activity was in Uganda and 2% in Zambia.

AFRINSPIRE awards grants to individuals and to organisations for education at all levels up to university level. AFRINSPIRE sends goods, such as computers and books, to Africa. AFRINSPIRE supports enterprise, start-up of income generating activities and the creation of jobs in Africa. AFRINSPIRE particularly looks to support development initiatives originating in Africa and led by Africans. AFRINSPIRE aligns itself directly with grass roots initiatives and supports the changing needs of individuals, communities and organisations as they develop. AFRINSPIRE adopts a holistic and flexible approach to the advancement of people out of poverty.

Annual Accounts

A financial year of 1st October to 30th September was selected by the charity. This set of annual accounts is for the year ending 30th September 2022 which is the seventh year of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The income of the charity was £559,216 in 2021/2022 being a 0.73% increase on the previous year. Expenditure was £597,571 in 2021/2022.

Reserves and restricted funds held have decreased from £125,298 to £86,943. This is in part due to the stop/start nature of education in Uganda with school and vocational training colleges restarting in 2022 after a 22 month Covid lockdown ended. Some funds were waiting for release when education began again.

Banking Arrangements

AFRINSPIRE holds bank accounts in the UK and Uganda.

The UK bank accounts are at Barclays Bank Ltd, 28 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 3AZ, comprising of three current accounts and one deposit account.

The Ugandan bank account is at Standard Chartered Bank, Speke Road, Kampala, Uganda, and is a Uganda Shilling account.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity in this period were:

Geoff Ding
Richard Ewers
Kate Gerrard
Felicity Knights
Dan Knights
Peter Last
Ian Sanderson
Clara Thompson
Dennis Whitfield
Francesca O'Hanlon

During the year one of the founding Trustees, Dennis Whitfield, retired after serving the charity for 20 years. Francesca O'Hanlon was elected as a Trustee in September 2022. Francesca had since 2018 been three times to Uganda with Afrinspire and gained an understanding of the charity from these field visits with the CEO.

New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees after search, interview and invitation by the Trustees, having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity as laid down in Clause 10 (2) of the charity constitution.

Independent Examiner

The annual income of AFRINSPIRE is below the threshold set for an audit by the Charities Act 2011 and as such an independent examination is required.

The charity engaged Stuart Berriman of Chater Allan LLP as Independent Examiner. Chater Allan LLP, 7 Quy Court, Colliers Lane, Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge, CB25 9AU

Operating Costs

Operating costs in the UK equated to 2.08% of the charity expenditure, comprising of

- There was no expenditure on promotion/fundraising or subscriptions.
- Governance £953 which equates to 0.16%.
- Office rent and administration £1,175 equates to 0.20%.
- Insurance at £521 and bank/financial charges at £3,075 equate to 0.53%.
- Employee and Volunteer Costs £7,126 being 1.19% of the charity expenditure.
AFRINSPIRE employed one part-time employee for the full year.

The remainder of the expenditure, being 97.92% was deployed to achieving the objectives of the charity in Africa.

Demonstration of public benefit

The beneficiaries of AFRINSPIRE are in Africa. A wide range of African partner organisations are supported in their own initiatives in development. The benefits spread across hundreds of households and entire communities as well as directly to specific individuals such as those receiving sponsorship in their education.

In setting the programme each year the Trustees have regard to both the Charity Commission published guidance on public benefit and the relief of poverty for public benefit under the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with the charitable objects and aims. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Grant Making Policy

The selection of recipients in Africa is based on the personal knowledge of the Trustees and on the advice, verification and recommendation of key partners in Africa. This network of African partners has been established through visits and peer review over the past 19 years. This enables all projects on the ground to be vetted for effectiveness, integrity, self-sustainability and potential impact to address the needs of extreme poverty and lift people out of poverty.

The charity also supports a wide variety of projects in partnership with other UK based organisations and individuals who have identified people and projects in Uganda which we verify as falling within our charity objectives. These are identified within the charity as Ufund projects and during the financial year there were approximately 100 Ufund donors.

Reserves

The charity has a reserves policy to keep a minimum unrestricted reserve of £6,000. This amount is calculated to be that required to wind up the charity over a three month period and to meet any liabilities on closure. Free reserves currently stand at £11,544 in addition to the £6,000 basic reserve.

Verification, Monitoring and Evaluation

Grants are verified by the Trustees who, for example, see receipts, letters, education enrolment and graduation certificates, and photographs of recipients. Also, when making visits to Africa, Trustees have first-hand contact with recipients, sight of projects and sight of goods in situ which have been sent from the UK. Photographic evidence is obtained, some of which is published in the AFRINSPIRE newsletter, e-news and on the charity website. The covid lockdown was lifted during the year and travel to East Africa became possible again. At year end our Treasurer, Peter Last, had begun a field visit to our partner projects in Uganda.

UK Location

We operate from three locations in UK. We have an office and a packing room in Cambridge, and a sub-office for our part-time employee in Gloucester.

Our main office is at 26 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT. We acknowledge the support of our former Trustee, Dennis Whitfield, in providing our office free of charge in one of his properties. Our store and packing room is at Unit 7B, 135 The Old Maltings, Ditton Walk, Cambridge, CB8 8PY. Our second office is at 22 Meadow Road, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9PG.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started all volunteers and our part time staff member have worked virtually and from home. Packing of goods in our packing room was able to restart in late 2021.

Staffing and Volunteers

AFRINSPIRE operates principally through the work of a range of committed volunteers. We have a full-time CEO, Ian Sanderson, working as a volunteer in an honorary capacity.

We have a part-time employed book-keeper/administrator to administer AFRINSPIRE Ufund.

We have an established small volunteer team of computer technicians who prepare computers for shipping to Africa.

We want to acknowledge the voluntary assistance of our key partner in Uganda, Nkamuhebwa Willy, of the Development Studies Centre in Mbarara.

We want to acknowledge the activity of Uganda Development Services in Uganda who act as agent for the distribution of a portion of AFRINSPIRE funds.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Activities

Our activities included fund raising, goods shipments to Africa, grant making in the categories shown, consultancy with/to our African partners and networking with other organisations involved in Africa and development.

We continued a regular e-bulletin to a mailing list of 1250 members which was well received and responded to.

Activity	% of expenditure
Education	60.07
Health & Water/Sanitation	10.77
Welfare & Poverty Reduction	4.10
Rural Community Development	21.05
Goods Shipping	1.72
Job creation /Entrepreneur	0.21
Administration, M & E	2.08

We participated in the Big Give 2021, an annual matched fund-raising campaign held in December 2021 exceeding our matched funding target total of £24,000

The AFRINSPIRE Cambridge Student Society became inactive during the Covid lockdown and has not restarted.

We are a member of the Centre for Global Equality, Cambridge. AFRINSPIRE continued to network with a selection of societies and parts of Cambridge University. We took part in the Cambridge University Careers Advisory Service annual careers event 'Work to Change the World' which was a virtual event this year.

We are a member of the Uganda Church Association, a UK registered charity supporting the Anglican Church of Uganda.

A local Ugandan NGO, named AFRINSPIRE was registered in Uganda in December 2018 by a group of our partners. It has registration number MIA/NB/2018/010/1479. It is a separate legal entity to the UK registered charity. This registration is part of a process of compliance with the Uganda NGO Act of 2016 and other Ugandan financial regulatory bodies and it allows Afrinspire to hold a bank account in Uganda and to continue to operate in issuing grants to our partners. A re-registration process was carried out in 2020 which extends this registration and license to operate until October 2025.

COVID Pandemic

The covid lockdown in Uganda was lifted at the start of 2022 with the reopening of schools and other educational colleges. Afrinspire was able to release funds which were waiting to assist this restart.

The Afrinspire office in Cambridge could not be made Covid-safe. Even though it could now be used by volunteers it has not yet been reopened. The pattern of hosting student and graduate volunteers has not restarted.

The covid pandemic led to the economic collapse of Uganda with rampant inflation. Many requests have been received simply for food to keep people alive. We are set up to be a long-term sustainable development charity and not as an humanitarian aid charity. Our resources are insufficient to meet the many requests, but we have helped in some schools and communities to a limited extent.

Economic Situation

During the financial year, the drop in value of the Pound Sterling against the Uganda Shilling and Zambian Kwacha has meant that we can achieve less in Africa with the money we have.

Our income during the year did not change significantly as compared to last year. Most of our donors have long-term interest and commitment to Africa. But towards the end of the year, we began to receive some cancellations of standing orders as donors re-evaluated their personal finances in the UK cost of living crisis. The impact of this is expected to be seen in the coming year. This could result in a reduction of the grants we make to Africa.

Goods Shipments

We despatched goods shipments during the year to Africa comprised of 148 computers. Recipients were in Zambia and Uganda. The principal recipients are Training Resource Centres, Schools, Vocational Training Centres and a variety of NGO's and CBO's. Some equipment is used for job creation and self-employment. Many individuals, companies and schools in Cambridge UK have donated computers. We acknowledge our long-standing association with the UK charity Tools With A Mission for organising the shipping of containers to Africa, with whom we operate as a preferred third-party.

The cost to AFRINSPIRE of storing, handling, preparing, and packaging these goods and shipping them to Africa amounted to £10,268 being 1.71% of expenditure. A total of 148 computers were shipped to Africa during the financial year. The cost of placing a computer in the heart of Africa was £71 per computer. We have the capacity to ship 200 computers but were limited due to the slowdown in computer donations caused by the covid outbreak. A total of 3,754 computers have been sent to Africa since this operation began in 1998, an average rate of 156 per year.

We have continued to support computer training centres in remote rural areas. In Isingeri, Kamuli and Buyende in Uganda we have funded the installation of solar power to allow them to operate when the national electricity grid cannot provide power. This is a significant step in the light of increasing energy charges throughout the world.

AFRINSPIRE Ufund

The AFRINSPIRE Ufund programme continued with 100 donors making donations through AFRINSPIRE Ufund. Through Ufund, AFRINSPIRE partners with individuals and organisations in the UK who support the charity objectives by donating restricted funds for specific projects in Uganda. These projects are donor requested, and once the Trustees are satisfied that the project falls within the charitable objectives of AFRINSPIRE, the donor's funds are collected and batched, usually monthly, for transfer to the bank account of Uganda Development Services in Uganda. The UDS office in Kampala then ensures and evidences the correct distribution of funds within Uganda. This activity constitutes a part of the incoming and outgoing resources shown in the financial statement. AFRINSPIRE liaises with UDS on a continual basis regarding this significant funds distribution.

There was an 8.12% increase in Ufund income during the year, increasing from £378,641 in 2020/21 to £409,389 in 2021/2022.

Partners and Projects

Some of the partners and projects supported are

- The Development Study Centre in Mbarara, Uganda – providing capacity building and training. This was created by the Agency for Integrated Development and Training Services. We have funded delegates on training courses in enterprise, project management, financial book-keeping, climate change, and organisational development and strategy. We have supported this centre in equipping the library, internet room and computer training facilities. This Centre was registered by the Ugandan government as a further education college in December 2014. This centre was used as a parent centre when setting up a new satellite computer centre in Rugaaga Sub-county in Isingiro District which started in April 2019 and continues to the present time.
- Uganda Development Services, which operates a knowledge centre in the town of Kamuli to serve the town and surrounding districts. The key activities are:
 - Literacy promotion and access to resources to assist academic learning at primary, secondary and tertiary level.
 - Training in computer skills, to improve employability and access to resources.
 - Instruction in agricultural skills and techniques to improve income.
 - Training in the construction of household technologies to improve health including the building of smokeless ovens and water tanks for rain water harvesting.

Specific activities include:

- A library and information resource unit, including a study area for students accessible until 9.00 pm.
- A pilot scheme to improve literacy levels in primary schools.
- E-learning resources for science O levels.
- Agricultural information dissemination and training for farming groups.
- The running of a basic computer skills training unit using in-house facilities
- Provision of an internet café.
- IT training for the deaf to reduce isolation.
- The adoption and building of smokeless ovens within the rural communities to improve health through reduced exposure to toxic fumes, and to minimise collection time and use of wood as a fuel.
- The building of water tanks, water jars and protection of springs.

UDS has also continued to create awareness and to demonstrate how information and communication technologies can work for development through workshops and training sessions.

During the past year a new satellite computer training centre at Buyende has been further enhanced and strengthened in its operation.

- South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda, via the Sani-Tayi Self Help Project. We have funded education scholarships for 45 children ranging from primary to tertiary education. Since the mass exodus of refugees from the new South Sudan into refugee camps in Northern Uganda, we have funded the start-up of 7 nursery/primary schools in the refugee settlements and supported women's groups and a youth group for creating livelihoods in the camps. We have supported farmers with tools and livestock. During this year some links have been re-established with schools previously set up in the New South Sudan. In particular a school in Yei has re-started and one in Lajora, Terekeka, north of Juba.
- Disabled people in South West Uganda. We have funded an organisation called People with Disabilities in Development, who engage in a rural outreach programme to the disabled. We support blind students at Hornby High School by providing special equipment for the blind and sponsoring school fees for several of the neediest pupils being mostly orphans.

- A community based women's functional adult literacy programme of the Baptist Union of Uganda. AFRINSPIRE, since 2006, has funded the start of 140 women's literacy groups in twelve areas of Uganda. Sixty groups are still operating in Masindi, Buwenge, Kamuli, Manafwa, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Busia, Paya, Mayenze, Isingero, Sironko and Mbale. 2,500 learners and their households benefit.
- Assisting re-settlement in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement of internally displaced people displaced by landslides in Bududa, and Congolese and Sudanese refugees arriving in the settlement. This is through literacy groups, construction of a nursery school and sustainable agricultural training.
- Assisting the development of the Batwa (pygmies) at Kashasha, Murambo and Makanga on the Uganda/Rwanda border area, through our partner organisation AFRUDA – The Association for Rural Development in Africa. We have provided families with school materials and hoes and rented land for the Batwa to farm.
- Supporting a community development organisation, called MIDPRO, based in the community of Lukongwe in Mbale District. We have continued to co-fund with the local population the construction of water tanks and protecting springs. This helps people gain access to safe water with the consequent improvements in hygiene and health. A school at Mutuwa, constructed mainly with funding from Cambridge University students, has been completed with a third classroom block. A MIDPRO Vocational Training College has been constructed and we are supporting the training of teenage girls at this VTC.
- We have supported networking among IT technicians from the organisations to which we have supplied computers through our goods shipping operation. We have sponsored training, technical workshops and encouraged interaction on technical matters.
- Women's Empowerment. We have established partnerships with several women's self-help groups and funded some small enterprises among members of these groups. Two of these groups, the Women's Advocacy Network and War Victims Network in Gulu comprising of widows who have returned from abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.
- Zambia – Computers have been supplied to forty schools and training organisations around the country.
- Zambia – A programme of shallow well construction and shallow well repair began in September 2020 in the Samfya area with the objective of training a local team of young men to carry out such work as an on-going activity. This activity has grown significantly during this year. In particular there has been well construction and well repairs on the Lunga island and swamp are adjacent to Lake Bangweulu. A programme of constructing latrine slabs for household has been on-going to improve hygiene in the new villages for people displaced by floods on Lake Bangweulu.
- Burundi – we continued to support one partner who is an IT Technician with his initiatives in Gitega and Karuzi province in training young people in IT.
- AFRINSPIRE Young Entrepreneurs – Since 2013 we have run an annual conference for the age group of 18-30 years old particularly to identify the issues facing young Africans today. This has become a significant movement of support to young people through networking them together and funding various projects to generate work and job-creation among young people. We have so far deployed £25,000 to support 38 young entrepreneurs who have created 125 jobs which support 610 beneficiaries. We typically use £100 to £200 to create a permanent job for a young person in Africa. The conferences were set to restart in person just as the financial year ended.
- AFRINSPIRE supports a construction programme of protecting water springs, constructing water harvesting tanks and the digging of shallow wells in the Busia, Manafwa and Mbale districts of Uganda through local teams. We have now provided 76,000 people in Uganda and Zambia with clean water supplies at a cost of £1.09 per person.

- Education – 60% of AFRINSPIRE expenditure is for student sponsorship, school construction and knowledge-sharing conferences and resource centres, vocational training centres, women's literacy training in response to the expressed need for education which is only partially publicly funded in Africa.

Future plans

The charity plans to continue with the same activities as at present and continue to extend its frontier towards the abject poor with partners and programmes where it considers that significant change can occur in a cost-effective manner.

Website

Further information about AFRINSPIRE can be found at our website www.afrinspire.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AFRINSPIRE

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

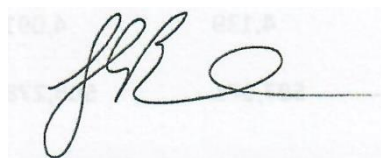
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act;
- or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records
- or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed



Stuart Berriman BFP FCCA FCA
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Date: 28th January 2023

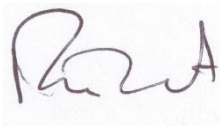
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For the year ending 30 September 2022

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EXPENDITURE				
Cost of generating funds				
Fund raising and publicity			0	100
Charitable Expenditure				
Costs in furtherance of charitable objectives				
AFRINSPIRE General	30,660	131,669	162,329	142,734
AFRINSPIRE Ufund		422,802	422,802	352,095
Management and Administration				
Staff costs	7,126		7,126	7,012
Office/Admin Expenses	1,175		1,175	2,246
Costs to meet regulatory requirements				
Insurance, bank charges, governance	4,139		4,139	4,091
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,100	554,471	597,571	508,278
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,048)	(29,307)	(38,355)	46,902
Balance of funds brought forward at 1 st October 2021	26,592	98,706	125,298	78,396
Balance of funds carried forward at 30th September 2022	17,544	69,399	86,943	125,298

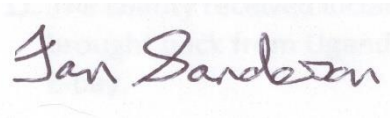
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2022

			2021/2022	Previous year 2020/2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
Assets/Liabilities				
Cash in Bank			84,363	116,291
Debtors (HMRC)			2,580	9,007
			86,943	125,298
Reserves				
Brought forward	26,592	98,706	125,298	78,396
Surplus/(Deficit)	(9,048)	(29,307)	(38,355)	46,902
Carried forward	17,544	69,399	86,943	125,298

Signed



Peter Last
Treasurer



Ian Sanderson
CEO

Dated: 25 November 2022

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

as at 30 September 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	A		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		(31,917)	40,640
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest Received	11		3
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		11	3
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	B	<u>(31,928)</u>	<u>40,643</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		116,291	75,648
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>84,363</u>	<u>116,291</u>

Notes

A RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	(38,355)	46,902
Interest Receivable	(11)	(3)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	6,427	(6,259)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(31,917)</u>	<u>40,640</u>

B ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022	CASH FLOW	2021
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	84,363	(31,928)	116,291

Breakdown of balance held in Afrinspire as at 30th September 2022

Purpose		Source of funds	
<u>Unrestricted – Afrinspire General</u>			
6,000	Basic Charity Reserve	Donations	
11,544	Free Reserves	Donations	
17,544		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	17,544
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire General</u>			
2,432	FAL & Community Development	Big Give 2021	
965	Mama Janes & Tumaini Children's Care Centre	Several donors for gradual release	
1,882	UDS Projects	Various donors to UDS	
305	Student Sponsorship	Donor for Sharon Matuka	
5,584	Sub-total Restricted for non-Ufund donors		5,584
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire Ufund – Ufund donor balances</u>			
63,815	Education, health, rural poverty alleviation/welfare and community development	Ufund donor balances as at 30/9/2022	
	Sub-total Restricted for Ufund donors		63,815
		TOTAL RESTRICTED	69,399
86,943	TOTAL of unrestricted and restricted as at 30th September 2022		86,943

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Donated Goods:** Computers and other training equipment are donated to AFRINSPIRE by businesses, schools and other charities at a point when they are written down with zero book value. These goods are not for re-sale. It is not considered that any value can reliably be placed upon these goods. They are donated free of charge for beneficiaries in Africa.
It is considered impractical to assess the value of donated goods at the time of receipt and the costs involved in undertaking any valuation outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information.
2. **Trustees Remuneration:** No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the financial year. Four Trustee meetings were carried out at no cost on Zoom.
3. **Staff Costs:** The charity had one part-time employee for 12 months of the year. The employee does not belong to a pension scheme so there are no pension costs and there are no employee benefits. The cost to the charity for salary, tax and national insurance was £7,126.
4. **Volunteers:** General volunteers carried out all the activities and functions of the charity. There were zero volunteer expenses.
5. The charity holds no investments.
6. The charity has no subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
7. The charity received no legacies during the year and has no endowment funds.
8. The charity is using equipment which has been donated and is fully written down to zero book value.
9. The charity received no government grants and has no contracts to deliver services. It has no contract income as defined in SORP Clause 5.3
10. All 'non-exchange income' is recorded as specified in the SORP clauses 5.5 to 5.12
11. The charity received income £150 from the sale of African Crafts brought back from Uganda and £400 from supporters selling their own items on E-bay.
12. A financial service fee of £780 for accountants to independently examine our accounts was incurred during the year. No fees were incurred on tax services or other financial advisory services during this financial year.
13. There were no related party transactions. The total aggregate amount of donations without conditions from Trustees amounted to £25,755.
14. The charity has not made any ex-gratia payments.
15. The nature of grants made by AFRINSPIRE is that more than half of the money distributed is for educational sponsorship where individuals benefit and where donors specifically sponsor individual students. All grants are small and distributed among many community groups as the nature of AFRINSPIRE's work is to identify and support small scale initiatives in education and development

at a grass-roots level in East Africa. Grants are not considered to be material in the context of institutional grants. Disclosure of individual recipients and recipient institutions could result in serious prejudice and for that reason the information is not disclosed in detail but only in general under activity headings.

i. Education and Training	£358,900
ii. Community Rural Development	£125,780
iii. Health, Water & Sanitation	£64,351
iv. Poverty alleviation/Welfare	£24,482
v. Goods Shipping to Africa	£10,268
vi. Job Creation	£1,258

16. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

During the financial year we have noticed some cancellation of regular donations but balanced by new donors or increased giving as our existing donors give extra to help African partners. We do not rely on money collections from the UK public or on charity shops/trade for income and our donors are specifically interested in Africa.

17. Our assessment is that we will remain a going concern based on our committed donor base.

18. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

19. Comparatives for the Statement of financial activities

For the year ending 30 September 2021

			2020/2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
INCOME			
Donations	37,849	461,325	499,174
Interest	3		3
Tax refunds	16,787	39,022	55,809
Sale of goods	200		200
Exchange difference	(5)		(5)
TOTAL INCOME	54,834	500,347	555,181
EXPENDITURE			
Cost of generating funds			
Fund raising and publicity	100		100
Charitable Expenditure			
Costs in furtherance of charitable objectives			
AFRINSPIRE General	31,633	111,100	142,734
AFRINSPIRE Ufund		352,095	352,095
Management and Administration			
Staff costs	7,012		7,012
Volunteer costs	0		0
Office/Admin Expenses	2,246		2,246
Costs to meet regulatory requirements			
Insurance, bank charges, governance	4,091		4,091
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	45,083	463,196	508,278
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,751	37,151	46,902
Balance of funds brought forward			
at 1 st October 2020	16,841	61,555	78,396
Balance of funds carried forward			
at 30th September 2021	26,592	98,706	125,298

20. Public Benefit

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Accounts



**Registered Charitable
Incorporated Organisation
Number 1163774**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year 1st October 2020 to
30th September 2021**

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AFRINSPIRE

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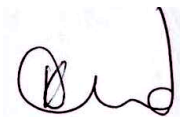
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This annual report and financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 4th December 2021 is signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Kate Gerrard
Trustee & Chair



Clara Thompson
Trustee & Secretary

INTRODUCTION

Charity Status

AFRINSPIRE was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 30th September 2015 based on a standard Charity Commission template for a foundation model constitution which was adopted by the Trustees on 30th May 2015.

Formerly AFRINSPIRE was registered as charity number 1095001 on 11th December 2002. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was introduced by the UK government under the Charity Act 2011 and offers liability protection to Trustees and is recommended for when contracts are entered into, property is owned or when staff are employed and for larger charities.

The address of the charity is 21 Abbey Street, Cambridge, CB1 2QP.

Charity Objectives

The Charity's objects as stated in the constitution adopted on the 30th May 2015 are: 'to advance education, advance the Christian religion and relieve poverty in particular but not by way of limitation in Africa.'

Scope of Operation

AFRINSPIRE's main operating area is in the East African countries of Uganda and Zambia. In financial terms 97% of activity was in Uganda and 3% in Zambia. We also have partner connections in Burundi, Tanzania and DR Congo.

AFRINSPIRE awards grants to individuals and to organisations for education at all levels up to university level. AFRINSPIRE sends goods, such as computers and books, to Africa. AFRINSPIRE supports enterprise, start-up of income generating activities and the creation of jobs in Africa. AFRINSPIRE particularly looks to support development initiatives originating in Africa and led by Africans. AFRINSPIRE aligns itself directly with grass roots initiatives and supports the changing needs of individuals, communities and organisations as they develop. AFRINSPIRE adopts a holistic and flexible approach to the advancement of people out of poverty.

Annual Accounts

A financial year of 1st October to 30th September was selected by the charity. This set of annual accounts is for the year ending 30th September 2021 which is the sixth year of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The income of the charity was £555,181 in 2020/2021 being a 0.9% decrease on the previous year. Expenditure was £508,278 in 2020/2021.

Reserves and restricted funds held have increased during the year from £78,396 to £125,298. This is in part due to the stop/start nature of education in Uganda with school and vocational training colleges starting terms and then being locked down due to Covid restrictions. Some funds are waiting for release when education begins again.

Banking Arrangements

AFRINSPIRE holds bank accounts in the UK and Uganda.

The UK bank accounts are at Barclays Bank Ltd, 28 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 3AZ, comprising of three current accounts and one deposit account.

The Ugandan bank account is at Standard Chartered Bank, Speke Road, Kampala, Uganda, and is a Uganda Shilling account.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity in this period were:

Geoff Ding
Richard Ewers
Kate Gerrard
Felicity Knights
Dan Knights
Peter Last
Ian Sanderson
Clara Thompson
Dennis Whitfield

New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees after search, interview and invitation by the Trustees, having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity as laid down in Clause 10 (2) of the charity constitution.

Independent Examiner

The annual income of AFRINSPIRE is below the threshold set for an audit by the Charities Act 2011 and as such an independent examination is required.

The charity engaged Stuart Berriman of Chater Allan LLP as Independent Examiner.
Chater Allan LLP, Beech House, 4A Newmarket Rd, Cambridge, CB5 8DT

Operating Costs

Operating costs in the UK equated to 2.65% of the charity expenditure, comprising of

- Governance £2,012 which equates to 0.40%.
- Office rent and administration £2,246 equates to 0.44%.
- Insurance at £519 and bank/financial charges at £1,561 equate to 0.41%.
- Promotion/Fundraising and subscriptions £100 equates to 0.02%.
- Employee and Volunteer Costs £7,012 being 1.38% of the charity expenditure.
AFRINSPIRE employed one part-time employee for the full year.

The remainder of the expenditure, being 97.35% was deployed to achieving the objectives of the charity in Africa.

Demonstration of public benefit

The beneficiaries of AFRINSPIRE are in Africa. A wide range of African partner organisations are supported in their own initiatives in development. The benefits spread across hundreds of households and entire communities as well as directly to specific individuals such as those receiving sponsorship in their education.

In setting the programme each year the Trustees have regard to both the Charity Commission published guidance on public benefit and the relief of poverty for public benefit under the Charities

Act 2011. The Trustees ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with the charitable objects and aims. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Grant Making Policy

The selection of recipients in Africa is based on the personal knowledge of the Trustees and on the advice, verification and recommendation of key partners in Africa. This network of African partners has been established through visits and peer review over the past 19 years. This enables all projects on the ground to be vetted for effectiveness, integrity, self-sustainability and potential impact to address the needs of extreme poverty and lift people out of poverty.

The charity also supports a wide variety of projects in partnership with other UK based organisations and individuals who have identified people and projects in Uganda which we verify as falling within our charity objectives. These are identified within the charity as Ufund projects and during the financial year there were approximately 100 Ufund donors.

Reserves

The charity has a reserves policy to keep a minimum unrestricted reserve of £6,000. This amount is calculated to be that required to wind up the charity over a three month period and to meet any liabilities on closure. Free reserves currently stand at £20,592 in addition to the £6,000 basic reserve.

Verification, Monitoring and Evaluation

Grants are verified by the Trustees who, for example, see receipts, letters, education enrolment and graduation certificates, and photographs of recipients. Also, when making visits to Africa, Trustees have first-hand contact with recipients, sight of projects and sight of goods in situ which have been sent from the UK. Photographic evidence is obtained, some of which is published in the AFRINSPIRE newsletter and on the charity website. Due to Covid restrictions by the UK government no trustee visited projects in Africa during the year.

UK Location

We operate from three locations in UK. We have an office and a packing room in Cambridge, and a sub-office for our part-time employee in Gloucester.

Our main office is at 26 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT. We acknowledge the support of our Trustee, Dennis Whitfield, in providing our office free of charge in one of his properties. Our store and packing room is at Unit 7B, 135 The Old Maltings, Ditton Walk, Cambridge, CB8 8PY. Our second office is at "Le Gaps", Yorkley Road, Parkend, Gloucestershire, GL15 4HL.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started all volunteers and our part time staff member have worked virtually and from home.

Staffing and Volunteers

AFRINSPIRE operates principally through the work of a range of committed volunteers. We have a full-time CEO, Ian Sanderson, working as a volunteer in an honorary capacity.

We have a part-time employed book-keeper/administrator to administer AFRINSPIRE Ufund.

We have an established small volunteer team of computer technicians who prepare computers for shipping to Africa.

We want to acknowledge the voluntary assistance of our key partner in Uganda, Nkamuhebwa Willy, of the Development Studies Centre in Mbarara.

We want to acknowledge the activity of Uganda Development Services Uganda who act as agent for the distribution of a portion of AFRINSPIRE funds.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Activities

Our activities included fund raising, goods shipments to Africa, grant making in the categories shown, consultancy with/to our African partners and networking with other organisations involved in Africa and development.

We continued a regular e-bulletin to a mailing list of 1400 members which was well received and responded to.

Activity	% of expenditure
Education	62
Health & Water/Sanitation	8
Welfare & Poverty Reduction	8.5
Rural Community Development	16.5
Goods Shipping	2
Job creation /Entrepreneur	0.5
Administration, M & E	2.5

We participated in the Big Give 2020, an annual matched fund-raising campaign held in December 2020 exceeding our matched funding target total of £24,000

The AFRINSPIRE Cambridge Student Society continued as a student-led society registered with the Cambridge University Students Union. The objective of the society is to raise awareness of AFRINSPIRE within the student body. However, due to the changes in student attendance in Cambridge due to Covid restrictions, this society was largely inactive during this financial year.

We were a member of the Centre for Global Equality, Cambridge, and participated in their virtual events by presenting an update on our activities. AFRINSPIRE continued to exhibit a presence and participation within Cambridge University through the Cambridge Careers Advisory Service annual careers event 'Work to Change the World' which was a virtual event this year.

We were a member of the Uganda Church Association, a UK registered charity supporting the Anglican Church of Uganda. We continued collaborating to create the Uganda Networks web-site which our volunteers migrated from an Endis to a WIX platform and launched the new website in March 2021.

A local Ugandan NGO, named AFRINSPIRE was registered in Uganda in December 2018 by a group of our partners. It has registration number MIA/NB/2018/010/1479. It is a separate legal entity to the UK registered charity. This registration is part of a process of compliance with the Uganda NGO Act of 2016 and other Ugandan financial regulatory bodies and it allows Afrinspire to hold a bank account in Uganda and to continue to operate in issuing grants to our partners. A re-registration process was carried out in 2020 which extends this registration and license to operate until October 2025.

COVID Pandemic

The charity has continued its adaption to the Covid pandemic.

Visits to Africa have not been possible. The advice of the UK Foreign Office continues to be observed. Apart from travel rules, it is not considered safe to execute visits which predominantly involve meetings and convening gatherings in communities

The Afrinspire office cannot be made Covid-safe. Volunteers continued to work at home and to interact virtually on-line.

The Coronavirus Food Appeal for 'Food for now, food for this year and food for the future' was repeated and re-launched twice during the year. Demand for food support for survival increased from our partners in Africa due to Covid lockdowns, restricted travel and economic collapse.. The focus has been on survival and re-starting although our main purpose is in long term sustainable development.

Our income during the year did not change significantly as compared to last year. Most of our donors have long-term interest and commitment to Africa.

The Trustees monitored the impact of the Covid pandemic on our charity at their regular Trustee meetings.

Goods Shipments

We despatched goods shipments during the year, comprised of 220 computers, books and training resources to Africa. Recipients were in Zambia, Uganda, Congo and Burundi. The principal recipients are Training Resource Centres, Schools, Vocational Training Centres and a variety of NGO's and CBO's. Some equipment is used for job creation and self-employment. Many individuals, companies and schools in Cambridge UK have donated computers, books and other goods. We acknowledge our long-standing association with the UK charity Tools With A Mission for organising the shipping of containers to Africa, with whom we operate as a preferred third-party.

We have worked to assist start-up computer training centres in remote rural areas in Isingero and Buyende in Uganda and Karusi Province in Burundi.

AFRINSPIRE Ufund

The AFRINSPIRE Ufund programme continued with 95 donors making donations through AFRINSPIRE Ufund. Through Ufund, AFRINSPIRE partners with individuals and organisations in the UK who support the charity objectives by donating restricted funds for specific projects in Uganda. These projects are donor requested, and once the Trustees are satisfied that the project falls within the charitable objectives of AFRINSPIRE, the donor's funds are collected and batched, usually monthly, for transfer to the bank account of Uganda Development Services in Uganda. The UDS office in Kampala then ensures and evidences the correct distribution of funds within Uganda. This activity constitutes a part of the incoming and outgoing resources shown in the financial statement. AFRINSPIRE liaises with UDS on a continual basis regarding this significant funds distribution.

There was a 0.08% increase in Ufund income during the year, increasing from £375,516 in 2019/20 to £378,641 in 2020/2021, not regarded as a significant change.

Partners and Projects

Some of the partners and projects supported are

- The Development Study Centre in Mbarara, Uganda – providing capacity building and training. This was created by the Agency for Integrated Development and Training Services. We have funded delegates on training courses in enterprise, project management, financial book-keeping, climate change, and organisational development and strategy. We have supported this centre in equipping the library, internet room and computer training facilities. This Centre was registered by the Ugandan government as a further education college in December 2014. This centre was used as a parent centre when setting up a new satellite computer centre in Rugaaga Sub-county in Isingero District which started in April 2019 and continues to the present time.
- Uganda Development Services, which operates a knowledge centre in the town of Kamuli to serve the town and surrounding districts. The key activities are:
 - Literacy promotion and access to resources to assist academic learning at primary, secondary and tertiary level.
 - Training in computer skills, to improve employability and access to resources.
 - Instruction in agricultural skills and techniques to improve income.
 - Training in the construction of household technologies to improve health including the building of smokeless ovens and water tanks for rain water harvesting.

Specific activities include:

- A library and information resource unit, including a study area for students accessible until 9.00 pm.
- A pilot scheme to improve literacy levels in primary schools.
- E-learning resources for science O levels.
- Agricultural information dissemination and training for farming groups.
- The running of a basic computer skills training unit using in-house facilities
- Provision of an internet café.
- IT training for the deaf to reduce isolation.
- The adoption and building of smokeless ovens within the rural communities to improve health through reduced exposure to toxic fumes, and to minimise collection time and use of wood as a fuel.
- The building of water tanks, water jars and protection of springs.

UDS has also continued to create awareness and to demonstrate how information and communication technologies can work for development through workshops and training sessions.

During the past year a new satellite computer training centre has been established in Buyende

- South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda, via the Sani-Tayi Self Help Project. We have funded education scholarships for 45 children ranging from primary to tertiary education. Since the mass exodus of refugees from the new South Sudan in refugee camps in Northern Uganda, we have funded the start-up of 7 nursery/primary schools in the refugee settlements and supported women's groups and a youth group for creating livelihoods in the camps. We have supported farmers with tools and livestock. During this year some links have been re-established with schools previously set up in the New South Sudan.
- Disabled people in South West Uganda. We have funded an organisation called People with Disabilities in Development, who engage in a rural outreach programme to the disabled. We support blind students at Hornby High School by providing special equipment for the blind and sponsoring school fees for several of the neediest pupils being mostly orphans.
- A community based women's functional adult literacy programme of the Baptist Union of Uganda. AFRINSPIRE, since 2006, has funded the start of 120 women's literacy groups in twelve areas of Uganda. Sixty groups are still operating in Masindi, Buwenge, Kamuli, Manafwa, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Busia, Paya, Mayenze, Isingero, Sironko and Mbale. 2,500 learners and their households benefit.
- Assisting re-settlement in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement of internally displaced people displaced by landslides in Bududa, and Congolese and Sudanese refugees arriving in the settlement. This is through literacy groups, construction of a nursery school and sustainable agricultural training.
- Assisting the development of the Batwa (pygmies) at Kashasha, Murambo and Makanga on the Uganda/Rwanda border area, through our partner organisation AFRUDA – The Association for Rural Development in Africa. We have provided families with school materials and hoes and rented land for the Batwa to farm.
- Supporting a community development organisation, called MIDPRO, based in the community of Lukongwe in Mbale District. We have continued to co-fund with the local population the construction of water tanks and protecting springs. This helps people gain access to safe water with the consequent improvements in hygiene and health. A school at Mutuwa is also being constructed mainly with funding from Cambridge University students. A MIDPRO Vocational Training College has been constructed and we are supporting the training of teenage girls at this VTC.

- We have supported networking among IT technicians from the organisations to which we have supplied computers through our goods shipping operation. We have sponsored training, technical workshops and encouraged interaction on technical matters.
- Women's Empowerment. We have established partnerships with several women's self-help groups and funded some small enterprises among members of these groups. Two of these groups, the Women's Advocacy Network and War Victims Network in Gulu comprising of widows who have returned from abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.
- Tanzania – Training workshops have been carried out, led by two of our Ugandan partners in Dar Es Salaam for the 'Let God be You' organisation, training youth.
- Zambia – Computers have been supplied to thirty five schools and training organisations around the country.
- Zambia – A programme of shallow well construction and shallow well repair began in September 2020 in the Samfya area with the objective of training a local team of young men to carry out such work as an on-going activity. This activity has grown significantly during this year.
- Burundi – we continued to support one partner who is an IT Technician with his initiatives in Gitega and Karuzi province in training young people in IT.
- AFRINSPIRE Young Entrepreneurs – Since 2013 we have run an annual conference for the age group of 18-30 years old particularly to identify the issues facing young Africans today. This has become a significant movement of support to young people through networking them together and funding various projects to generate work and job-creation among young people. We have so far deployed £25,000 to support 38 young entrepreneurs who have created 125 jobs which support 610 beneficiaries. During the past year we have provided grants to five new enterprises. We typically use £100 to £200 to create a permanent job for a young person in Africa.
- AFRINSPIRE supports a construction programme of protecting water springs, constructing water harvesting tanks and the digging of shallow wells in the Busia, Manafwa and Mbale districts of Uganda through local teams. We have now provided 68,000 people in Uganda and Zambia with clean water supplies at a cost of £1.23 per person.
- Education – 63% of AFRINSPIRE expenditure is for student sponsorship, school construction and knowledge-sharing conferences and resource centres, vocational training centres, women's literacy training in response to the expressed need for education which is only partially publicly funded in Africa.

Future plans

The charity plans to continue with the same activities as at present and continue to extend its frontier towards the abject poor with partners and programmes where it considers that significant change can occur in a cost-effective manner.

Website

A new website was launched in September 2018 and has been enhanced during the past year. Further information about AFRINSPIRE can be found at our website www.afrinspire.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AFRINSPIRE

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act;
- or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records
- or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed

Stuart Berriman BFP FCCA FCA
Chater Allan LLP
Beech House
4A Newmarket Rd,
Cambridge
CB5 8DT

Date:

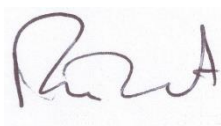
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
For the year ending 30 September 2021

			This year 2020/2021	Previous year 2019/2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total
INCOME				
Donations	37,849	461,325	499,174	503,043
Interest	3		3	26
Tax refunds	16,787	39,022	55,809	56,881
Sale of goods	200		200	387
Exchange difference	(5)		(5)	(2)
TOTAL INCOME	54,834	500,347	555,181	560,335
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of generating funds				
Fund raising and publicity	100		100	428
Charitable Expenditure				
Costs in furtherance of charitable objectives				
AFRINSPIRE General	31,633	111,100	142,734	159,957
AFRINSPIRE Ufund		352,095	352,095	350,895
Management and Administration				
Staff costs	7,012		7,012	7,029
Volunteer costs	0		0	72
Office/Admin Expenses	2,246		2,246	5,552
Costs to meet regulatory requirements				
Insurance, bank charges, governance	4,091		4,091	5,694
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	45,083	463,196	508,278	529,627
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,751	37,151	46,902	30,708
Balance of funds brought forward at 1 st October 2020	16,841	61,555	78,396	47,687
Balance of funds carried forward at 30th September 2021	26,592	98,706	125,298	78,396

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2021

			2020/2021	Previous year 2019/2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
Assets/Liabilities				
Cash in Bank	25,923	90,368	116,291	75,648
Debtors (HMRC)	669	8,338	9,007	2,748
	26,592	98,706	125,298	78,396
Reserves				
Brought forward	16,841	61,555	78,396	47,687
Surplus/(Deficit)	9,751	37,151	46,902	30,708
Carried forward	26,592	98,706	125,298	78,396

Signed



Peter Last
Treasurer



Ian Sanderson
CEO

Dated: 2 December 2021

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

as at 30 September 2021

	Notes	£	2021	£	2020	£
Cash flows from operating activities	A					
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities				40,640		32,326
Cash flows from investing activities						
Interest Received		3			26	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities				3		26
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	B			<u>40,643</u>		<u>32,352</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period				75,648		43,296
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period				<u>116,291</u>		<u>75,648</u>

Notes

A RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	46,902	30,708
Interest Receivable	(3)	(26)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(6,259)	1,644
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>40,640</u>	<u>32,326</u>

B ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021	CASH FLOW	2020
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	116,291	40,643	75,648

Breakdown of balance held in Afrinspire as at 30/9/2021

Purpose		Source of funds	
<u>Unrestricted – Afrinspire General</u>			
6,000	Basic Charity Reserve	Donations	
20,592	Free Reserves	Donations	
26,592		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	26,592
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire General</u>			
2,020	Water springs and wells	Wilmslow Wells & SMOAT	
8,506	FAL & Community Development	Big Give 2020	
2,365	Mama Janes & Tumaini Children's Care Centre	Several donors for gradual release	
6,061	UDS Projects	Various donors to UDS	
559	Nametsi Memorial Nursery School, School Meals	Herrod Foundation	
902	Student Sponsorship	Various donors	
908	People with disabilities	Seba Trust	
156	Women in Gulu	Various donors	
21,477	Sub-total Restricted for non-Ufund donors		21,477
<u>Restricted – Afrinspire Ufund – Ufund donor balances</u>			
77,229	Education, health, rural poverty alleviation/welfare and community development	Ufund donor balances as at 30/9/2021	
	Sub-total Restricted for Ufund donors		77,229
		TOTAL RESTRICTED	98,706
125,298	TOTAL of unrestricted and restricted as at 30/9/2021		125,298

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Donated Goods:** Computers and other training equipment are donated to AFRINSPIRE by businesses, schools and other charities at a point when they are written down with zero book value. These goods are not for re-sale. It is not considered that any value can reliably be placed upon these goods. They are donated free of charge for beneficiaries in Africa.
It is considered impractical to assess the value of donated goods at the time of receipt and the costs involved in undertaking any valuation outweigh the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information.
The cost to AFRINSPIRE of storing, handling, preparing and packaging these goods and shipping them to Africa amounted to £10,357 being 2.04% of expenditure. A total of 220 computers were shipped to Africa during the financial year. The cost of placing a computer in the heart of Africa was £47 per computer.
2. **Trustees Remuneration:** No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the financial year. Five trustee meetings were carried out at no cost on Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. **Staff Costs:** The charity had one part-time employee for 12 months of the year. The employee does not belong to a pension scheme so there are no pension costs and there are no employee benefits. The cost to the charity for salary, tax and national insurance was £7,012
4. **Volunteers:** General volunteers carried out all the activities and functions of the charity. There were zero volunteer expenses.
5. The charity holds no investments.
6. The charity has no subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
7. The charity received no legacies during the year and has no endowment funds.
8. The charity is using equipment which has been donated and is fully written down to zero book value.
9. The charity received no government grants and has no contracts to deliver services. It has no contract income as defined in SORP Clause 5.3
10. All 'non-exchange income' is recorded as specified in the SORP clauses 5.5 to 5.12
11. The charity received income £50 from the sale of African Crafts brought back from Uganda and £150 from supporters selling their own items on E-bay.
12. A financial service fee of £780 for accountants to independently examine our accounts was incurred during the year. No fees were incurred on tax services or other financial advisory services during this financial year.
13. There were no related party transactions. The total aggregate amount of donations without conditions from Trustees amounted to £20,284.
14. The charity has not made any ex-gratia payments.

15. The nature of grants made by AFRINSPIRE is that more than half of the money distributed is for educational sponsorship where individuals benefit and where donors specifically sponsor individual students. All grants are small and distributed among many community groups as the nature of AFRINSPIRE's work is to identify and support small scale initiatives in education and development at a grass-roots level in East Africa. Grants are not considered to be material in the context of institutional grants. Disclosure of individual recipients and recipient institutions could result in serious prejudice and for that reason the information is not disclosed in detail but only in general under activity headings.

i. Education and Training	£313,722
ii. Health, Water & Sanitation	£42,256
iii. Poverty alleviation/Welfare	£43,166
iv. Community Rural Development	£83,700
v. Goods Shipping to Africa	£10,357
vi. Job Creation	£1,628

16. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on Afrinspire showed a decrease of income of 0.9% in the year; a decrease which does not adversely affect our operating. We have noticed some cancellation of regular donations but balanced by new donors or increased giving as our existing donors give extra to help African partners facing the Covid situation and food crisis in Africa. We do not rely on money collections from the UK public or on charity shops/trade for income and our donors are specifically interested in Africa. Our assessment is that we will remain a going concern based on our committed donor base. The Trustees continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on Afrinspire.

17. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.