



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	04	2022		31	3	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name African Village Support

Other names charity is known by AVS

Registered charity number (if any) 1164318

Charity's principal address
AVS c/o Curzon Green Solicitors
114-116 Oxford Road
High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
Postcode HP11 2DN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marie Cates			
2	Stephen Cates			
3	David Cates			
4	Naomi Lumutenga			
5	Patricia Lewis			
6	Robert Green			
7	Suzannah Fullagar			
8	Alex Steele			
9	Amina West			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Jean Carless	As before.
Financial	Simon Carless	As before.

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Recommended and elected by the Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

AVS is overseen by a voluntary Board of Trustees, experienced people with a wide range of skills and backgrounds who agree its strategy and provide technical advice wherever possible within their own skill sets. One of the Trustees was born in Uganda and the others have travelled, some of them several times, to Eastern Uganda to work directly with and get to know the villagers and to see, at first hand, the impact of the Charity's use of the funds they have raised in the UK.

The AVS Uganda Executive Board undertake the local management of AVS projects by the villagers' own representatives. AVS Uganda is registered in Uganda as a Community Based Organisation (CBO).

Their remit is to:

- manage and monitor the on-going effectiveness of established projects; and
- make recommendations for the development of new projects.

The Executive Board of AVS Uganda work, as with the UK Board of Trustees is voluntary.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

AVS fundraising objective for the UK is to raise £30,000 for the year. The AVS mission shall be achieved through the following objectives:

- To alleviate poverty among vulnerable families and communities through capacity building, entrepreneurship, and livelihood projects.
- To promote safe motherhood and good health among the vulnerable communities
- To provide educational support to orphans and vulnerable children
- To establish a functional community centre to facilitate community

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

interventions for development. • To nurture and promote talent among youths through vocational and training courses.
Activities undertaken for the benefit of the villagers we support in relation to our objectives include; • Education sponsorships for around 20 students at both secondary and tertiary levels; • Provision of a library for students to complete homework, research and general studying towards their education; • Provision and operation of a hostel for up to 30 girls; • Supporting up to 15 women's groups (over 300 members) financially and through training, developing livelihood projects, supporting agricultural and animal rearing projects, offering emotional support and early childhood and parenting development; • The provision and operation of a Community Centre, available for use by the local people, local organisations and the place where many of our programmes can be delivered. • Health related projects, improving living conditions, responding to health issues and enabling medical treatment of the most vulnerable people; • Distribution of 50+ Mama Bags to pregnant mothers to be. The purpose of distributing mama bags is to encourage pregnant mothers to attend antenatal services regularly (at least 4 times during their pregnancy), deliver babies from healthy facilities in the hands of professional midwives and take children for routine immunization.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

- 80% of funds generated are through UK fund raising activities which are led by the UK Trustees. Activities include;
 - o Donations
 - o Grants from charitable trusts (which were down considerably from previous years)
 - o Fundraising events
- 20% of funds are generated from revenue from Ugandan projects including;
 - o Uptake of additional places at the hostel by fee paying girls
 - o Hiring out of the community centre facilities including hall hire, catering facilities and use of office facilities such as internet usage, photocopying, typing etc.
- 97% of our fund raising goes back into the charity and is split as follows;
 - o Education = 47%
 - o Women's livelihood = 15%
 - o Vulnerable support = 4%
 - o Community centre & conference facilities = 12%
 - o Local staff hire and governance = 22%

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The villagers we support in Uganda are, for the most part, subsistence farmers living in very poor conditions without running water or electricity and reliant for their survival on their harvest. Their needs are wide and varied but they are clear that their quality of life can be enriched by projects which empower them to achieve personal and economic independence through their:

- acquiring education and skills;
- improving health and wellbeing;
- supporting the neediest in their communities.

Overall we were able to:

- o Maintain staff numbers at a reduced cost;
- o Keep the community centre when permitted by government regulations;
- o Support the most vulnerable with food supplies;
- o Continue our mama-bag program for the majority of the year;
- o Keep student sponsors informed and encouraged to continue the education program.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains a general reserve based on the generated cash surplus to meet any fluctuations in fund raising or commitments. There are no restrictions on the reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

There are a number of individual donors supporting the educational funding of sponsored students. Fund-raising events are organised, and the charity is registered with several online donor portals. The principle funding is received from Charitable Trusts which support the smaller registered charities. These funds are always used for the specific objectives for which they are requested.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

RJ Green

Full name(s)

Amina West

Robert Green

Position (e.g.
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

2231 January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

African Village Support

1164318

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations/grants	28,084	-	-	28,084	23,168
Income tax - gift aid	-	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising events	2,769	-	-	2,769	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,853	-	-	30,853	23,168
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,853	-	-	30,853	23,168
A3 Payments					
Direct support for projects in Uganda	26,144	-	-	26,144	22,700
Indirect support costs	1,486	-	-	1,486	674
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,630	-	-	27,630	23,374
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,630	-	-	27,630	23,374
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,223	-	-	3,223	- 206
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,517	-	-	30,517	30,723
Cash funds this year end	33,740	-	-	33,740	30,517

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		33,740	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,740	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		A West	24/01/2024	
		R Green	24/01/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

African Village Support

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1164318

Set out on pages

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

22nd January 2024

Name:

Jacqueline Cole

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

2 Union Drive

Sheffield

S11 9EQ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.