



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date					Period end date		
From		1	04	2023	To		31	3	2024

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

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 interventions for development.
- To nurture and promote talent among youths through vocational and training courses.

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)

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.

- 70% of funds generated are through UK fund raising activities which are led by the UK Trustees. Activities include;
 - Donations
 - Grants from charitable trusts (which were down considerably from previous years)
 - Fundraising events
- 30% of funds are generated from revenue from Ugandan projects including;
 - Uptake of additional places at the hostel by fee paying girls
 - 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;
 - Education = 47%
 - Women's livelihood = 15%
 - Vulnerable support = 4%
 - Community centre & conference facilities = 12%
 - Local staff hire and governance = 22%

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:

- Maintain staff numbers at a reduced cost;
- Keep the community centre when permitted by government regulations;
- Support the most vulnerable with food supplies;
- Continue our mama-bag program for the majority of the year;
- 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)	<i>Stephen Cates</i>	<i>RJ Green</i>
Full name(s)	Stephen Cates	Robert Green
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	8 February 2025	

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.



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 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations/grants	24,308	-	-	24,308	28,084
Income tax - gift aid	-	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising events	-	-	-	-	2,769
Sundry receipts	2	-	-	2	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,310	-	-	24,310	30,853
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,310	-	-	24,310	30,853
A3 Payments					
Direct support for projects in Uganda	30,014	-	-	30,014	26,144
Indirect support costs	378	-	-	378	1,486
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,392	-	-	30,392	27,630
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,392	-	-	30,392	27,630
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,082	-	-	- 6,082	3,223
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,740	-	-	30,517	30,517
Cash funds this year end	27,658	-	-	Cross Add Error	33,740

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		27,658	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,658	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	12/03/2025	
		R Green	12/03/2025	