



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 4 to (end date) 3 1 1 2 2 4

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Project Gambia

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

Willow Cottage
26 Purton Stoke
Swindon
Wiltshire Postcode S N 5 4 J F

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	Dr Neil Griffiths	Treasurer		
2	Anita Bew	Chairperson		
3	Jill Moore	Secretary		
4	Stephanie Thompson	Trustee		
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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

Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Trustees appointed by existing 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

Our charitable works are for the public benefit to promote Pre-School education for children under 7 years of age in the village of Gunjur in the Gambia. We exist to ensure that a relevant curriculum is offered to the children which is regularly reviewed and updated by staff. Provide relevant resources to support this curriculum. Ensure all staff are paid a salary. Offer ongoing training to all staff both in-house and at Gambia College to ensure all staff are qualified and continue to improve in their knowledge and skill. Ensure all buildings and the school environment are clean, safe and appropriate for learning. Provide support for children with additional needs. Liaise closely with parents to gain their support and inform them of their child's ongoing progress. Provide additional activities and visits to enhance our curriculum and offer a malaria prevention program.

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)

Trustees have kept in mind the guidance offered by the Charity Commission to ensure that plans and actions match our agreed objectives. The main activities undertaken this year were: Several fundraising activities have taken place in the UK including a Race Night, Teas for Tourists in Avebury and recruiting new members to our 200 Club direct debit scheme. Various presentations have been given in the UK to spread the word about aims and achievements to schools and other interested groups. All trustees visited the schools in January. On a daily basis the trustees receive photographs and videos via social media of the days activities and progress of the children. The trustees continue to submit grant applications for further funding to support our work. An annual shipment of resources was sent in August to replenish equipment and extend provision

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- All current teachers have been trained and received an Early Years Qualification at Gambia College
- The curriculum has now been fully implemented in all five schools and a further extension and enrichment curriculum has been recently added.
- A special needs coordinator has been appointed who now works in all schools supporting children, staff and parents.
- All staff are now fully salaried
- All schools have been provided with a large safe playground area with swings, slides and roundabouts.
- All schools now have a range of water supplies including: solar pumps, bore-holes and wells.
- All schools now have school meals
- Staff now deliver their own in house- training and visit each other's schools
- Headteachers monitor lessons
- All schools have had ongoing repairs and are fully maintained
- Several schools were given upgraded toilet facilities
- A malaria prevention scheme was introduced into all schools
- A schools Sports Day was held
- A staff Prize Giving event was held during the Trustee's visit in January

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity operates without any overheads as every penny is spent on the children. Trustees pay for all their own stationery, travel, subsistence and accommodation. There are minimal bank charges since we opened an additional bank account in Metro Bank. During our annual visit in January most of our funds are spent directly on our schools. Additional funds are sent via Western Union when required. Funds gradually build up during the year following our visit and Trustees ensure that funds are available before the following year's visit through fundraising, 200 Club receipts, personal donations and grant applications so a healthy bank balance is maintained. As we have no overheads, a reserve is not vital. Our challenge is to ensure we have sufficient funds by December of each year for the current budgets required to support our schools at the beginning of the next year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have never been in deficit or had any outstanding debts.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

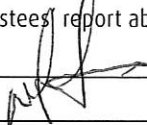
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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)



Full name(s)

Neil Griffiths

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-24

To

31-Dec-24

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					
Tarud School (200 Club)	-	7,601	-	7,601	8,409
Tarud Toilets	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria Prevention	-	-	-	-	-
Gardeners	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-	3,000
Trips & Consumable Resources	-	-	-	-	-
School Fundraising	-	-	-	-	2,577
Lanuwarr Bantaba	-	-	-	-	-
Lanuwarr Uniform	-	-	-	-	-
Lanuwarr Water Pump	-	-	-	-	-
Resources & shipping	3,149	-	-	3,149	5,094
Feeding (School Meals)	-	-	-	-	200
Health - Income	1,154	-	-	1,154	-
Special Needs	670	-	-	670	290
Building Repairs	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,573
General	18,429	-	-	18,429	17,839
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,401	7,601	-	34,003	40,982
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,401	7,601	-	34,003	40,982
A3 Payments					
Tarud School (200 Club)	-	9,858	-	9,858	9,002
Tarud Toilets	-	-	-	-	-
Activity expenses	1,880	-	-	1,880	-
Malaria Prevention	-	-	-	-	-
Gardeners	704	-	-	704	595
Training	255	-	-	255	175
Trips & Consumable Resources	58	-	-	58	-
School Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Lanuwarr Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-
Lanuwarr Uniform	210	-	-	210	350
Lanuwarr Water Pump	-	-	-	-	-
Health expenses	2,187	-	-	2,187	-
Resources & shipping	4,312	-	-	4,312	8,671
Feeding (School Meals)	3,025	-	-	3,025	-
Special Needs	528	-	-	528	1,515
Energy and Water	318	-	-	318	-
Building Repairs	718	-	-	718	5,216
General (top pot)	13,583	-	-	13,583	10,359
Sub total	27,779	9,858	-	37,637	35,882
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,779	9,858	-	37,637	35,882
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,378	- 2,257	-	- 3,634	5,100
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,629	3,555	-	19,184	14,084
Cash funds this year end	14,252	1,298	-	15,550	19,184

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	Natwest	8,012		-
	Metro	6,240	1,298	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,252	1,298	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Neil Laurence Griffiths	09/04/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Project Gambia

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1166472

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 / 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACA.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

Date:

09/04/2025

Name:

Hannah Pettifer

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

ACA

Address:	OCL Accountancy
	141 Englishcombe Lane
	BA2 2EL

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A