



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021

### **Objects:**

The objects of Magalen Community Services (MCS) are:

MCS seeks to improve livelihoods of mothers and children in rural and disadvantaged communities in Uganda through planning and development of projects in the agricultural sector, health sector, education and employment. Our aim is to see a more economically empowered community, improved living standards and increased entrepreneurial skills initiatives - through business activities and saving schemes.

### **Activities:**

In order to fulfil these objectives MCS supports the activities of a group of residents of Magola Sub-County. This group of dedicated and hard working people act as leaders and facilitators for learning and development within the community. They have skills and knowledge in the fields of agriculture and animal husbandry, as well as child rearing and nutrition.

During this year the Village Learning Programme continued to provide support, advice and practical assistance to people living in rural communities. Participants in the programme reported an improved quality of life as a result of better management of food cultivation and management.

The MCS volunteers continued to support local women with a savings scheme, which assists families to manage the small amounts of cash that they have available over time. This programme is entirely managed by its members and they have expressed a high level of satisfaction in the positive effect this has on their money management.

Restrictions on movement and activity imposed locally as a result of Coronavirus resulted in activities in Uganda being hampered. The office in Magola County remained open when this was legal and supported beneficiaries in whatever ways were possible.



A group of women from Magola village were supported by the charity to take up an offer of training on organic cultivation from another charity. This resulted in transferable skills, which have been passed on to other local residents to improve the food resources available to them.

Trustees were not able to visit the projects this year due to travel restrictions. Continual communication took place between the charity in London and the local office to ensure that as much support as possible was provided.

### **Funding:**

MCS was unable to fundraise until December 2020 as we were not able to secure a bank account. This was a major problem for the charity. Trustees maintained the funding for the local office through their own means and ensured that, where possible, support was available for local initiatives.

In December 2020, we secured a bank account from Metrobank.

### **Public benefit:**

All activities of MCS are carried out in pursuance of the objects as stated above and are for the benefit of the target community.

### **Income and expenditure:**

#### **Magalen Community Services Income and Expenditure April 2019 - March 2020**

	£		
<b>Cash balance 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>	339		
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	112		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Programmes in Uganda	46		
Administration	0		
Fundraising costs	0		
<b>Surplus/ - deficit</b>	66		
<b>Cash balance 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b>	405		

Approved by the MCS Board of Trustees January 2021.

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Trustee