



Forever Friends of Uganda

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Coordinator's Annual Report

(April 2022-March 2023)

How time passes! We started off the 2022/2023 period expressing our delight that things had settled back into a pre-Covid type of routine. The children and the school in general still had a long way to go to make up for everything that had been lost during the years of lockdown. Writing this, 18 months later, I like to think the catching up is now bearing a sweeter fruit.

That can be born out by the fact that all of the school's candidates in the Primary Leaving Exam passed, leading to 13 of them being admitted to Golden College as sponsored students; Two others joined apprenticeship programmes and another prepared for university.

Capital projects. The perimeter wall was completed. Local government had insisted on the separation of the school from the community at large. An additional plus is that it lays down the place's status in the eyes of the community.

The dormitory at Bulumbu was started. The reasoning behind such an additional feature is to allow the school to attract paying boarders who will help with the progress to self-sufficiency, cut down the reliance on sponsorship while still allowing the Ssenyonga family to support children in need. Things were delayed when the rainy season caused damage prior to completion.

I think that there is an important lesson to be learned here. It was at this stage (allied with the need for repairs to classrooms) that I learned that, over the years, estimates had been kept at the lowest possible level in order to allow for more construction than would have been otherwise possible. The downside is that this is not financially sensible in the long term. Lower construction costs mean higher repair costs. I believe that we have reached the stage where such an approach needs to be seriously reappraised. I have told the Ssenyongas so.

Much of our progress back in UK had a Stockport County involvement.

We were given a two-page spread in the match-day programme which was allied with an introduction to the corporate guests.

My 80th birthday sponsored walk from Stockport Town Hall, to Edgeley Park and on to the Training facility at Carrington brought in much needed funds. As did Danny's participation in the Hatters Half Marathon.

We were also awarded a bucket collection at a home match.

The sponsorship programme continues to be at the heart of what we do, both in terms of workload and in keeping Little Angels PS on track. And of course for the value that it has brought to the educational success and the lives of children supported post-primary school.

We continued to help feed the girls in the children's home and to supplement the teachers' salaries. The latter is certainly paying off with improving exam results. A new award scheme (the Kirabo Awards) was funded by Jeanette and myself. The idea is to present a small gift to children who succeed in a whole range of ways - particularly non-academic. We were pleased to be able to present shoes to the winners during our visit.

Speaking of which It was good to be back at the schools in March/April for the first time in 3 years. Because of our decision to spend some of the time for personal pleasures, it was more rushed than normally. We nevertheless managed all of the basics at Bubebbere and Bulumbu, at Golden College and in visiting most of the students who had moved on to further education.

Keith Mills

October 2023.

FOREVER FRIENDS OF UGANDA FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-2023: SUMMARY

2022/23 was a difficult year. With the cost of living crisis, people had a lot less money to spend, while at the same time there was increased pressure for donations from all of the large charities. We did well to maintain as many sponsors as we did, and credit must go to Keith who chased up new sponsors every time someone had to drop out of the scheme.

Given the financial situation it was not surprising that we experienced a small dip in our income, from the previous year £29,904 down to £29,148 while our expenditure went up from £29,399 to £31,507. Comparing our income with the previous year you will see that everything suffered, except Sponsorship and the income from Gift Aid, with Donations faring particularly badly, bringing in £5,654 as opposed to £10,657 in 2021/22.

As regards expenditure, we spent £17,307 on Sponsorship, an increase of nearly £10,000, and spent more on the Enhanced Salaries and on Gifts and Awards than in the previous year. We only had one Capital project, the Staff Dormitory, which cost us £9,949.

The Sponsorship Fund is healthy and we raise enough through the Membership Fund to continue to feed the girls in the Children's Home but the drop in donations is a cause for concern as they largely fund any capital projects we will have in the future. Craft Sales, events like the Bucket Collection at Stockport County, Keith's fund raising walk and Danny's run are all crucial to sustaining a decent income.

We ended the year with a slightly smaller Bank Balance of £18,694, down about £2,500 on the previous year.

However the schools are thriving, the new dormitory is finished and the new skills centre is now very much a part of the community.

FOREVER FRIENDS OF UGANDA FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR April 2022 to March 2023

Income

Sponsorship	£18,346
Donations	£5,654
Membership & Girls' Club	£1,790
Sale of Crafts	£401
Gift Aid	£2,957
Total	£29,148

Expenditure

Sponsorship	£17,307
Capital Projects	£9,949
Membership & Girls' Club	£1,664
Enhanced Salaries	£2,259
Gifts & Awards	£327
Office Expenses	£0
Craft Purchases	£0
Total	£31,507

Bank Balance at 1/04/2022 was £21,052

Bank Balance at 31/03/2023 was £18,694

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Sponsorship: £17,307

Capital Projects:

Staff Dormitory £9,949

Girls Club:

Food for children's home (20 girls) April 2022 £398

Food for children's home (20 girls) July 2022 £403

Food for children's home (20 girls) Sept 2022 £460

Food for children's home (20 girls) Jan 2023 £403

Other:

Enhanced Salaries, April 2022 £746

Enhanced Salaries, June 2022 £756

Enhanced Salaries, Jan 2023 £757

Gifts, Sept 2022 £280

Awards, Nov 2022 £47

Comparison with previous year

Income

	31/3/23	31/3/22
Sponsorship	£18,346	£14,630
Donations	£5,654	£10,657
Membership	£1,664	£1,734
Sale of Crafts	£401	£425
Gift Aid	£2,957	£2,459
Total	£29,148	£29,904

Expenditure

Sponsorship	£17,307	£10,838
Capital Projects	£9,949	£13,813
Membership	£1,664	£2,254
Enhanced Salaries	£2,259	£2,108
Gifts & Awards	£327	£97
Office Expenses	£0	£75
Craft purchases	£0	£0
Community Support	£0	£214
Total	£31,507	£29,399

Bank Balance	£18,694	£21,052
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Forever Friends of Uganda 2022-2023 Expenses by Month

April 2022

Sponsorship:	£4,478.59
Enhanced Salaries	£746.40
Food for Girl's Home:	£398.09

July 2022

Sponsorship:	£4,104
Enhanced Salaries:	£756
Food for Girl's Home:	£403

August 2022

Foundations for Dormitory	£2,688.17
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September 2022

Sponsorship:	£1,452.13
Food for Girl's Home:	£460.03
Gifts:	£279.99

November 2022

Sponsorship:	£2,595.97
Awards:	£47.39
Dormitory:	£4079.78

January 2023

Sponsorship:	£2,988.84
Enhanced Salaries:	£757.07
Food for Girl's Home:	£403.77
Dormitory:	£1,940

February 2023

Sponsorship:	£1687
Dormitory:	£1,241.37

TOTAL	£31,507.57
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FOREVER FRIENDS OF UGANDA FUNDS SINCE 2018

YEAR	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BANK BALANCE
2018	£17,309	£15,011	£9,788
2019	£27,277	£23,105	£13,960
2020	£25,830	£26,509	£13,281
2021	£28,717	£27,450	£20,548
2022	£29,904	£29,399	£21,052
2023	£29,148	£31,507	£18,694

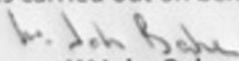
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Receipts and Payment Account for the Year to 31 March 2023

	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
Receipts		
Sponsorship	17,796	14,630
Donations	6,754	10,657
Membership	1,239	1,734
Sale of Crafts	402	425
Gift Aid	2,957	2,459
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Total Receipts	29,148	29,905
Payments		
Sponsorship	17,307	10,838
Capital Projects	9,949	13,813
Enhanced Salaries	2,259	2,108
Membership & Girls Club	1,665	2,254
Gifts and Awards	327	-
Donations	-	97
Community Support	-	214
Insurance	-	75
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Total Payments	31,507	29,399
 Surplus (Loss) for the Year	 (2,359)	 506
Bank Balance	18,695	21,054

I have examined the Forever Friends of Uganda Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023 with the books and vouchers relating thereto and have obtained all the explanations that I required.

I certify that in my opinion the Receipts and Payments Account accurately reflect the transactions carried out on behalf of Forever Friends of Uganda by its Officers.


W John Baker

19 January 2024