



ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25



FOREWARD

This year marked an important period of reflection and renewal for maNGOma. As well as continuing our support for partner NGOs, we began planning a refreshed organisational direction, with a greater emphasis on our second charitable aim: facilitating the sharing of knowledge and experience among grassroots organisations across borders.

FIGURE 1.

MaNGOma partner Rural Community Development Service empowers marginalised communities in Nepal



ABOUT MANGOMA

maNGOma (mutual assistance for NGOs for mutual advantage) is a UK-based organisation supporting community groups and NGOs both in the UK and internationally. We work at the intersection of climate change, ecological breakdown, poverty, education, health, population displacement and regional conflict. Our partnerships focus on small grassroots NGOs, helping them turn project proposals into reality by collaborating on funding applications and organisational development.

In the UK we have supported groups working with refugees, migrant communities and disadvantaged young people. Our Board brings together diverse, international experience in community project management, international development, and charity business development. Much of our volunteer team is drawn from the University of East Anglia's School of Global Development (UEA), with volunteers based both in the UK and overseas.

FIGURE 2.

MaNGOma partner School Connect provides opportunities for young people in Uganda.



ACTIVITIES REPORT

The maNGOma Newsletter

Throughout the year, the newsletter continued to amplify the voices of grassroots organisations in the Global South. Each edition featured a partner “spotlight” highlighting locally led innovation—ranging from SISCO’s IT training for girls in Ghana to ZimConserve’s climate-resilient agriculture in Zimbabwe and HAGMA’s menstrual-health initiatives in Uganda.

The newsletter also explored wider global-development issues: the shrinking funding available to Global South civil society; increasing water scarcity; the accelerating loss of coral reefs; and the fact that fewer than 20% of the UN Sustainable Development Goals remain on track.

We reported on new policy debates—tax justice, debt restructuring, and aid cuts in the UK and US—and covered emerging trends such as social enterprise models, women-led cooperatives, and digital technologies (AI, crypto-giving and algorithmic fundraising).

The newsletter also facilitated business development across our readership by linking strategic insights, resources and research, and highlighted our UK engagement activities including participation in Global Donut Day and contributions to networks such as BOND.

Together, these updates portrayed a picture of global challenges alongside the practical, hopeful solutions emerging from our partners.

Kenya Poverty Action

A major achievement this year was securing Charity Commission registration for Kenya Poverty Action (KPA), a new UK charity created to strengthen the presence of Kenyan grassroots organisations in the UK and broaden fundraising pathways.

KPA is dedicated to community-led poverty reduction in underserved regions. Its work spans: human capital and social development; clean water, sanitation and hygiene; youth and women's empowerment; climate-smart agriculture and food security; and digital inclusion and disaster-risk reduction. KPA plans to offer catalytic grants for new ideas, operational support for established projects, and emergency response funding. The initiative reflects maNGOma's commitment to strengthening locally led action and widening global solidarity.

Film Festival

Together with Norwich Eco Hub and Reimagine Norwich, we co-hosted a successful film festival at Cinema City. The programme included:

- Where Olive Trees Weep – a documentary exploring the lived realities of Palestinians under occupation, touching on generational trauma, dispossession, imprisonment, water injustice and resilience.
- 2040 – an optimistic, solutions-focused climate documentary visualising what the world could look like if existing sustainable innovations were scaled by 2040.

The screenings prompted rich audience discussion on global inequality, climate justice and community-led change.



FIGURE 3.

maNGOma partner Kenya Poverty Action tackles poverty and inequality in Kenya.

Fundraising and Partner Support

Volunteers worked on proposals supporting our partner NGOs, including:

- Health and Water Foundation (Kenya): development of a youth entrepreneurship project in Kisii and work on improved sanitation in primary schools.
- ZimConserve (Zimbabwe): a proposal for mushroom farming to strengthen food security and climate resilience.

Across the year, Trustees reviewed progress with all partner NGOs in Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda and Ghana.

ZimConserve and HWF/KPA remained the most active projects, while some partners saw limited progress due to capacity challenges.

Training seminars

We again collaborated with the University of East Anglia (UEA) School of Global Development to deliver a two-day training programme on fundraising and strategic development. Participants explored the skills essential for effective fundraising—from writing and research to relationship-building and financial planning—and were introduced to key funding pathways, project-analysis tools, and approaches to demonstrating impact.

The training remains an important bridge between UEA students and real-world NGOs.



FIGURE 4.

MaNGOma partner Camaay provide opportunities for young people in Cameroon.

EXPANDING MANGOMA'S ROLE

During this period, Trustees articulated a broader purpose for maNGOma, including:

- enabling knowledge-sharing and collaboration between Global South NGOs
- promoting their work and local contexts
- increasing fundraising reach
- engaging the public, development agencies and academic networks
- highlighting international issues locally through Norwich-based cultural, arts, refugee and Doughnut-Economics-inspired activities

These developments mark the beginning of maNGOma's evolution into a more holistic, knowledge-driven and outward-facing organisation.



FIGURE 5.

MaNGOma partner Abbacol enables vulnerable children, young people and indigenous families create lasting social and ecological change in Columbia.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND INTERNAL CAPACITY

Volunteer capacity remained a challenge. In response, we developed clearer onboarding processes, expanded the G-Drive resource base, and began planning wider volunteer roles beyond bid writing in accordance with our strategic development—including communications, research, blog writing, facilitating NGO collaboration and public-facing engagement

FUTURE PLANS

Looking ahead, we aim to strengthen our partnerships, deepen our capacity to support NGO fundraising and development, and build our knowledge-sharing role across networks in the UK and the Global South. We will continue engaging with partners on international development, climate justice and sustainability, aligning global awareness with local action in Norwich and beyond.



FIGURE 6.

MaNGOma partner IRUKA empowers women and girls across Africa.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

maNGOma

No (if any)
1169841

Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 06/04/2024 | To | Period end date 05/04/2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

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 | | | | | |
| Opening balance | 2,029 | - | - | 2,029 | 616 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 2,029 | - | - | 2,029 | 616 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 2,029 | - | - | 2,029 | 616 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 89 | - | - | 89 | 179 |
| Training | 65 | - | - | 65 | 320 |
| Web hosting | | | | | 65 |
| Web development | 125 | - | - | 125 | 250 |
| Insurance | 266 | - | - | 266 | 242 |
| Film events | 679 | - | - | 679 | - |
| Staff | - | - | - | - | 70 |
| Grants paid out | - | - | - | - | 3,400 |
| Publicity and promotion | - | - | - | - | 618 |
| Venue Hire | | | | | |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | |
| Volunteer Expenses | | | | | |
| Office supplies | | | | | 68 |
| Banks Charges | | | | | |
| Sub total | 1,224 | - | - | 1,224 | 5,212 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 1,224 | - | - | 1,224 | 5,212 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 805 | - | - | 805 | 4,596 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 805 | - | - | 805 | 4,596 |

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 | Unspent cabank balance | 848 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 848 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | n/a | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | n/a | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | n/a | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | n/a | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
| | | <i>SA Wiseman</i> | Stephen Wisemen | 17/11/2025 |
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