

Charity No. 1170717

MASAMBIRO UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Objectives and Activities

Masambiro UK's objectives are:

The advancement of education for the people of Malawi for the public benefit, including, although not exclusively by:

- supporting the building of educational facilities such as classrooms
- supporting bursaries to school and university students based on need
- supporting teacher training - supporting vocational training for school graduates
- supporting adult education
- providing educational resources such as text books, science equipment
- supporting facilities and staff required for income generation projects for schools

The relief of poverty for the people of Malawi for the public benefit including, although not exclusively by:

- supporting vocational training for school graduates
- the creation of feeding programmes in educational establishments
- providing school fees and other resources for those that are otherwise unable to access education as a result of poverty

The advancement of health for the people of Malawi for the public benefit, including, although not exclusively by:

- supporting health programmes in the local community
- supporting health education within educational establishments
- providing assistance to individuals in need of life-saving healthcare which is otherwise unavailable to them
- raising funds for the provision of medical equipment for local clinics and hospitals

Achievements and Performance

In 2020 we continued to provide regular assistance to Kunyanja Private Secondary School via Kunyanja Educational Trust, in addition to significant Covid-19 budget support to help the school through shortfalls which arose as a result of lockdown closures. The school provided Covid-19 assistance to the surrounding communities, something that Masambiro UK was also able to fund. We also continued to fund life-saving cancer treatment in South Africa for our project director Sydney Simumba

Covid-19 emergency support

Schools shut at the end of March 2020 as part of the Malawian government's Covid-19 strategy. Without any type of government support such as that available in the UK, and no school fees being collected from pupils, Kunyanja Secondary School faced a significant shortfall to pay staff salaries and other overheads such as utilities. Masambiro UK launched an emergency fundraising appeal, and we were able to match fund some of the fundraised income through a supporter's workplace scheme, significantly boosting the fundraising appeal. Schools reopened at the start of the school year in September with significant social distancing requirements and regulations such as needing to take the temperatures of students and teachers. Masambiro

provided support for the school to purchase additional chairs so students could be spread out further in classrooms, and thermometers which are a significant expense as they need to be imported from South Africa. Once school reopened in September, Kunyanja, like many schools in Malawi, faced a significant drop in the number of students attending. This affected the school's income due to a reduction in school fee income and required us to send further emergency support.

Supporting the local community in managing Covid-19

We were able to provide the school with a small budget to enable them to undertake public health education in relation to managing Covid-19 in the wider community. This included donating buckets and soap for handwashing, and masks to other schools, community elders and the local prison. The school also facilitated and hosted Covid-19 training for over 80 clergy men and women, which was run by the local District Health officials.

Medical support for Sydney Simumba.

We continued to support one of the project director's, Sydney Simumba, cancer treatment in South Africa. This involved ongoing radiotherapy followed by surgery and a biopsy. Unfortunately, the treatment was unsuccessful, and therefore he eventually returned to Malawi as no further treatment options were available to him. He currently remains relatively well in Malawi, continuing to fulfil his duties at the school. It is unclear how long he will be able to remain in good enough health to continue to work and teach. Masambiro is making plans for how to manage this situation in the long term.

General school support

Alongside the significant additional Covid-19 support, we continued to provide the school with budgetary support which we provide in normal circumstances. This included 50% bursaries for 80 students enrolled at Kunyanja Secondary School, ensuring that those coming from the poorest of backgrounds were able to access the high-quality education at the school. We also continued to fund in full the fees of 25 staff wards (i.e. family members of staff working at the school). We continued to provide bursaries for 10 Kunyanja students who were awarded places at university and provided support for Feston Singoyi, our second project director, to pursue Masters Degree. For the period of the academic year that the school was open, we continued to fund 4 female students to live at the girls dormitory on the school site which was built using funds from Masambiro UK.

Financial Review

In the year to 31 December 2020, we raised £56,089 from donations, grants and fundraising events. We made transfers to Kunyanja School of £48,300 and spent £7,719 on medical treatment for Sydney Simumba. We were left with reserves of £11,090.

Our financial processes remain the same as previous years. The trustees maintain regular contact with the directors of the project and approve a budget at the beginning of each academic year. Funds are transferred to Malawi three times a year on receipt of a report of expenditure and performance for the previous term. The trustees have committed that one trustee will visit Malawi every 12-18 months to meet with project directors face-to-face and review the progress in person against financial and performance reports. This ensures that our funds are being properly spent. This has not been possible in the past 18 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is currently unclear when we may be able to resume trips to Malawi as

vaccination rates remain low and therefore, we are unlikely to be able to travel without quarantining on return. Consequently, we will monitor the project through maintaining more regular contact with project directors via telephone, video calls and email.

Trustees maintain a policy that we will make a regular commitment to fund a certain number of students to attend school and university on an annual basis, and when additional funds are available, we will work with the project directors in Malawi to ascertain what spending priorities are. Our reserves policy dictates that additional items are not funded unless Masambiro UK is already in receipt of the required funds for the upcoming transfer for our regular commitments to the project, alongside there being a clear idea of how any additional funds will be raised. Trustee Ravina Bijlani, who is a qualified accountant, acts as the Treasurer.

The trustees are closely monitoring our finances and looking for additional sources of income, particularly in light of the ongoing financial crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the need to provide additional support whilst also not being able to make definitive fundraising plans in the UK

Structure, Governance and Management

Masambiro UK is established pursuant to its Trust Deed dated 1 November 2016 and is registered under the Charities Act 2011, charity number 1170717. The charity commenced its activities in January 2017.

Trustees that served throughout 2020 were:

Ravina Bijlani
Samuel Greene
Jason Strelitz
Hannah Weisfeld
Mandy Wilkins (Chair)

All decisions are taken by the board of trustees as listed above, and Masambiro UK does not pay any staff to administer its activities. The trustees maintain regular contact with the project directors in Malawi and funds are transferred on receipt of regular reports from the trustees and directors in Malawi.

Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees. Mandy Wilkins, the Chair of trustees, is responsible for the induction of any new trustee which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the history and the administrative procedures of the charity.

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces. The best ways to mitigate these risks are then put into place. The trustees are satisfied that the charity faces minimal or no risk in the upcoming year.

The Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Charity: Masambiro UK

Charity Number: 1170717

Accounting Period: 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed as the income for the period exceeded £25,000.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records
- 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:



Name: Angela Wimborne

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Masambiro UK

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01 January 2020

To

31 December 2020

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 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2019 to the nearest £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	56,089	620	-	56,709	45,382
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	7,711
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,089	620	-	56,709	53,093
Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,089	620	-	56,709	53,093
Payments					
Charitable activities	53,772	2,247	-	56,019	49,493
Bank charges	150	-	-	150	100
Subscriptions	432	-	-	432	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	194
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,354	2,247	-	56,601	49,787
Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,354	2,247	-	56,601	49,787
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,735	- 1,627	-	108	3,306
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	9,355	1,627	-	10,982	-
Cash funds this year end	11,090	-	-	11,090	3,306

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 £
Cash funds		11,090	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,090	-	-

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	0
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

RAVINA BHATNAGAR

Date of approval

04/10/21