

Charity No. 1170717

MASAMBIRO UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity Number	1170717
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ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 textbooks, 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

Throughout 2021 we continued to provide the school with our ongoing budgetary support that we have committed to long-term, alongside continued emergency Covid-19 support. We also developed and fundraised for a number of new projects. Throughout 2021 we continued to support Sydney Simumba, our project director who had a terminal cancer diagnosis.

General school support

Masambiro UK continued to support Kulyanja Secondary School with core budget support, including paying towards bursaries for students to attend the school and live at the girls' dormitory, as well as providing grants to Kulyanja graduates who were successful at obtaining university places.

Covid-19 emergency support

At the start of 2021 the Malawian government unexpectedly closed schools, resulting in significant financial hardship for the school as they were unable to collect school fees and pay

staff salaries and running costs such as water and electricity bills. Masambiro UK supported the school through the closure, ensuring they were able to pay teachers at least 50% of their salaries before the school reopened. The management also highlighted that the financial situation meant that there were more students requiring bursaries than we had previously budgeted to support. The number rose from 80 to 152 in total. We agreed in the short-term to provide a larger number of bursaries but in April we met with the project directors Sydney Simuba and Feston Singoyi together on Zoom, to impress upon them the need to get the school back onto a stable financial footing as Masambiro could not afford to increase its annual commitment long-term. We are pleased to report that the school was able to get back on track throughout the course of the year and did not have to ask Masambiro UK for any further additional funds.

Bore hole

The school has been suffering from hugely increased costs related to water supply, particularly at the girls' dormitory which is connected to a much more expensive water meter. As a result, the school had to shut off the water supply to the girls' dormitory forcing the girls to fill buckets to wash from and use for cooking. At the beginning of the year we successfully applied for funding from the George Oliver Foundation for the creation of a bore hole which would allow the school to pump water directly, making it a much more financially sustainable way for the school to have a large enough water supply.

Medical support for Sydney Simumba.

Whilst Sydney remained in relatively good health for the duration of 2021, towards the end of the year his health started to decline and at the very end of 2021 he travelled to Blantyre to undertake some life prolonging chemotherapy treatment. Masambiro agreed to fund this treatment and all the costs associated with it, including accommodation for Sydney and family members to live in so they could care for him whilst he was undertaking the treatment.

Visit to Malawi by Kunyanja Trustee Jason Strelitz

In November 2021 Jason Strelitz, one of Masambiro's trustees visited Malawi for the first time since prior to the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The trip was timed partly in relation to the borders opening up, allowing international travel to take place, but also in order to spend some time with Sydney whilst he was still in good health.

Jason spent time with both Sydney and Feston discussing new plans and ideas for the development of the trust. They agreed, in principle, subject to workable business plans and Masambiro being able to raise the funds required, two specific projects:

- 1) A health clinic to be created on the site of the school: The aim is for this to serve pupils at the school, particularly girls that are living in the dormitory on the site of the school. It will also be open to the local community who will pay a fee to use the clinic which will help generate some income. The clinic will aim to be as low cost as is feasible to allow it to remain accessible to as many people as possible.
- 2) The creation of a Teacher Training College: This has been a long-held dream of both Sydney and Feston given the very low numbers in Malawi that are able to access proper teacher training. Along with the trustees of Kunyana Educational Trust, Sydney and Feston located some appropriate land close to Nkhata Bay which they

felt was a good location and size. It was agreed that, in principle, subject to being able to raise the funds, we would purchase the land whilst it was available and that, in the eventuality of not being able to bring the plans into fruition the land would be resold, and the funds used for general budget support that is anyway committed by Masambiro UK to Kunyanja.

Whilst Jason was in Malawi the country was red listed due to a new variant of Covid-19 being discovered as having emanated from Southern Africa. As a result, significant additional unforeseen costs were incurred including having to book a new flight and then pay for quarantine in a hotel. However, the quarantine period presented an opportunity for Jason to raise some money and he ran a marathon which he collected sponsorship for, raising over £20,000 which the trustees have designated for the land required to build the teacher training college.

In February 2022 Sydney sadly passed away from cancer. He was buried in his village in the north of Malawi after a memorial ceremony at the school in Nkhata Bay. Masambiro UK held a memorial service for him in the UK, bringing people together to remember the amazing contribution he made to thousands of people in his short life. Once the mourning period and funeral were over Masambiro worked to ensure that Feston had the support he needed to ensure smooth continued running of the school in Malawi. In May 2022 the land identified for the purposes of building a teacher training college was purchased. With the support of Masambiro trustee, Sam, Feston also created a project proposal for the health clinic so we could start to present it to donors. The school has also faced some difficult financial challenges in 2022 as a result of global financial instability related to the war in Ukraine, resulting in significant inflation in Malawi. Masambiro UK has been working with Feston to agree how best to manage this.

Financial Review

In the year to 31 December 2021, we raised £60,899 from donations, grants and fundraising events. We made transfers to Kunyanja School of £28,350 and we were left with reserves of £37,211.

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 in order 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 easy to do as a result of Covid-19, but Jason Strelitz was able to make a trip for the first time since pre-pandemic and we now hope these trips will be back on track.

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. It has become apparent that spiralling inflation as a result of the Ukraine war and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have a dramatic impact on Kunyanja Educational Trust finances. We expect that we may be asked to provide additional support to help alleviate this situation and therefore we are making plans to ensure we can do so, if required.

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 2021 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 2021 to 31 December 2021

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: *Angela Wimborne*

Name: Angela Wimborne

Date: 13 October 2022

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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 2021


To

31 December 2021

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 2020 to the nearest £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	46,715	5,610	-	52,325	56,709
Fundraising events	8,575	-	-	8,575	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,289	5,610	-	60,899	56,709
Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,289	5,610	-	60,899	56,709
Payments					
Charitable activities	22,880	5,610	-	28,490	56,019
Bank charges	100	-	-	100	150
Fundraising events	1,893	-	-	1,893	-
Travel	4,296	-	-	4,296	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	432
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,169	5,610	-	34,779	56,601
Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,169	5,610	-	34,779	56,601
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,121	-	-	26,121	108
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	11,090	-	-	11,090	10,982
Cash funds this year end	37,211	-	-	37,211	11,090

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		37,211	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,211	-	-
Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
	Signature 	Print Name RAVINA BIJLANI	Date of approval 13/10/2022	