

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2022 to 30 August 2023

Rural Schools Water Project

Charity Number 1170858

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of Rural Schools Water Project as set out in its governing document are:

"For the public benefit, to relieve poverty and suffering in any part of the world through:

- 1. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, in particular, but not exclusively, in rural schools and surrounding communities;*
- 2. Promoting healthy lives and raising awareness and understanding of physical and mental health wellbeing for all at all ages;*
- 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all;*
- 4. Achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture, and;*
- 5. Promoting the reduction and elimination of inequality, and in particular gender inequality affecting women and girls living in poverty."*

The charity's main activities in relation to those purposes were:

A comprehensive evaluation of our water systems that we have sponsored in schools in Tororo district, Uganda. The bulk of the charity's costs supported this work. (May 2023)

We successfully underwent a rebranding and change of mandate, emerging as 'Rural Schools Water Project.' This new identity aligns more closely with our mission to provide sustainable water solutions to rural schools (August 2023).

Throughout the year the structure of the board of trustees was altered to bring expert engagement and renewed focus on our new objectives. We bid farewell to Rebecca Procter and Linda Watts, who retired after many years of dedicated service. We welcomed four new trustees: Kimberley Ducimo, Sharon Akech, Isobel Stewart, and Anabella Spanos, each bringing diverse skills and fresh perspectives to our team.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
		RSWP issues small grants to local actors in

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Uganda to enable their participation in evaluation and community engagement activities on topics of water, sanitation and hygiene. All grants issued in 2023 were paid after evidence of need was received, and only up to levels that were budgeted and agreed in advance of the activities taking place.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	RSWP does not make social or program-related investments

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our evaluation activities produced insights that are crucial in shaping the next phase of our programming to better meet the needs of the communities we serve.</p> <p>The legal and brand changes to the charity were successfully completed with the support of the charity commission. RSWP's new image provides a strong platform from which to make an impact in local, national and international WASH communities.</p> <p>The composition of our board of trustees brings a diverse and international range of perspectives to our dedicated team. This positions the charity well to make connections across continents to improve RSWP's effectiveness as well as the knowledge and resources available to beneficiaries.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	RSWP ended the year with cash of £808 (2022:£1,939). Trustee expenses of £1,979 (2022: £0) were paid to support evaluation activities in Tororo District, Uganda. The principal source of income was HMRC Gift Aid on donations of £829 (2022: £0).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	RSWP aims to hold reserves sufficient to continue operations for 12 months. At present the cost of operations is low enough that available cash is sufficient.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties over the charity's going concern status because the cost of its operations is negligible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post by existing board of trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rural Schools Water Project
Other name the charity uses	RSWP
Registered charity number	1170858
Charity's principal address	Cedar House, St. Francis Close, Buntingford SG9 9SH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Will Knapman	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
2	Baaladesh Singh	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
3	Matt Coote	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
4	Kimberley Ducimo	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
5	Sharon Akech	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
6	Isobel Stewart	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
7	Anabella Spanos	Trustee	Whole year	Board of Trustees
8	Linda Watts	Trustee	To 12 Jun 2023	Board of Trustees
9	Rebecca Procter	Trustee	To 6 Feb 2023	Board of Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

None


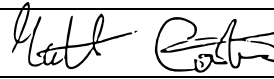
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	William Knapman	Matthew Coote
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	25/6/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rural Schools Water Project

No (if any)
1170858

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01 September 2022	To	31 August 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid	829	-	-	829	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	498
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	829	-	-	829	498
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	829	-	-	829	498
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	180	-	-	180	3,174
Foreign transaction fee	-	-	-	-	40
Administrative costs	12	-	-	12	84
Platform fees	-	-	-	-	119
Trustee expenses	1,979	-	-	1,979	-
Sub total	2,171	-	-	2,171	3,417
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,171	-	-	2,171	3,417
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,343	-	-	- 1,343	- 2,920
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,650	500	-	2,150	4,858
Cash funds this year end	308	500	-	808	1,939

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	308		-
	Sage grant for reading materials	-	500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	308	500	-