



RESOURCE UGANDA

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st December 2023

The trustees of Resource Uganda present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and with the charity's constitution.

Resource Uganda is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, no.1170995.

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Names of trustees:

Benjamin Peter Gordon
Daniel James Hoyle
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CHARITY STRUCTURE

Resource Uganda is formed of a core group of dedicated volunteers who believe passionately in the aims and the values of the organisation (outlined below). This group meets quarterly, often remotely, and remains in contact on an ongoing basis. During these meetings, the volunteers discuss charity priorities and activities, fundraising opportunities and finances. This approach allows for strong interactions with Ugandan partners and ensures that any decisions that are made regarding the management of the charity are informed by the views of those most committed to the mission of Resource Uganda. A General Meeting is held annually to develop the core mission and strategy of the charity, as well as undertaking regular business.

The charity trustees are selected from individuals who are involved with the charity and have demonstrated a commitment to the aims and vision of Resource Uganda. This ensures that those acting as trustees will be suitably involved in the work of the charity. In addition to this, trustees are also selected with due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the charity.

OUR AIMS

Resource Uganda is based on the belief that the local church has the power to change the world. Our aim is to resource the church to do more, and to have an even greater impact. The objects of Resource Uganda are:

- To advance the Christian religion in Uganda for the benefit of the public through providing grants to local NGOs, principally Ministry Resourcing International, enabling the organisations to provide Christian Bibles and resources to local churches, provide training on leadership and governance to churches, and setting up mutually reinforcing partnerships with these churches.
- To relieve poverty among women, men and children in Uganda through providing grants to local NGOs, principally Ministry Resourcing International, enabling the organisations to provide or assist in the provision of education, training and healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to combat inequality and enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

OUR VALUES

All of Resource Uganda's activities are guided by our values:

God-centred

First and foremost we are God-centred. God is the reason we do what we do and He breathes purpose and direction to everything we do.

Sustainable

We want to build things that will stand the test of time, which will bear fruit into the future. We'll always support and develop local leaders who will be there when we can't be.

Compassionate

We love and care for all people. All our projects are designed to serve the neediest with the help they so desperately need.

Local church

We believe the local church is the hope of the world and God's plan A. We will always forge strategic partnerships with local churches.

Transparent

We are committed to being a good steward of our donors' money and making sure every pound goes to where it's needed the most.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

There have been a lot of encouraging developments over 2023, made possible by the generosity of our donors and a huge amount of hard work from the team in Uganda.

These include:

- **Mukisa Women's Group** in Kisenyi has gone from strength to strength! In the last year, members saved over 19 million UGX (c. £4,000) and were able to invest in businesses,

and purchase items including a motorbike and a cow. The aim for 2024 is to save at least 30 million UGX.

- The Mukisa group received a grant worth from the Gordon Bridger Enterprise Fund to train 30 women in hairdressing, tailoring and baking. Following the training, **over 70% of participants are earning income through their newly acquired skills**; there are now four salons and five successful tailoring businesses in Kisenyi. Annet, who excelled at hairdressing, is doing a fantastic job working on women's hair from the shade behind Newlife Church.
- Our **Children's Ministry 'CANA club'** exists to support the spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing of underprivileged children in the Kisenyi area. In 2023, this ministry registered 207 children from 1 to 17 years old, divided into three groups. The Saturday programme continues to be very well attended, with over 120 children on the busiest days.
- In 2023, 85% of children in CANA Club were able to stay in school and finish the school year. This marks a huge change from years past where a large proportion of children living in Kisenyi were not attending school. Literacy and numeracy among the children has improved: 65% can now read and write which means improved grades at school. This year, two pioneer members of CANA Club (Agnes and Junior) have sat their Advanced level national examination, and are hoping to start at university next year.
- We also attend to the **medical needs** of the children in our ministry where possible. This ranges from providing medication for untreated malaria or infections, to other more complex issues. One 14 year old girl, Jean, was found to have a severe heart condition that required major surgery that could not be done in Uganda. We are so grateful to have been able to partner with **Chain of Hope**, an organisation that specialises in matching children with severe heart conditions with some of the best surgeons in the world. Jean received the life-saving surgery she needed in February 2023 in Barcelona and made a full recovery and is now reunited with her family in Uganda!
- This year, we continued our programme of **support to church leaders**. The network of partners we work with now includes over 250 churches, meaning an even greater opportunity to develop leaders across the nation.

FINANCES

The financial statements (annexed to this report) show net incoming resources for the year of £10,738. The principal source of income is charitable donations, accounting for 58% of Resource Uganda's income. Other sources include grants, sponsored events and sales of items made by the Mukisa Women's group.

The total expenditure for the year amounted to £9,989. 100% of expenditure went directly to Uganda through grants to Ministry Resourcing International.

Resource Uganda's Reserves Policy is to hold three months' committed expenditure of our main partner (Ministry Resourcing International) at any one time. Resource Uganda does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

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Receipt and Payment Accounts

For the period 1 January - 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments

Receipts				
	Unrestricted Funds To the nearest £	Restricted Funds To the nearest £	Total funds To the nearest £	FYE 2022 To the nearest £
Charitable donations	£6,250	£0	£6,250	£4,546
Sponsored events	£2,395	£0	£2,395	£0
Trading	£85	£0	£85	£130
Grants	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£2,000
Gift Aid ¹	£0	£0	£0	£801
Interest	£7	£0	£7	£1
Total receipts	£10,738	£0		£7,477
Payments				
Grants to Ministry Resourcing International	£9,989	£0	£9,989	£8,883
Administration	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising costs	£0	£0	£0	£35
Total payments	£9,989	£0	£9,989	£8,883
Net of receipts / payments	£748	£0	£748	£(1,407)
Transfers between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cash funds last year end	£1,749	£0	£1,749	
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	£2,497	£0	£2,497	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds

	Unrestricted Funds To the nearest £	Restricted Funds To the nearest £	Total To the nearest £
Cash in bank ²	£1,788	£0	£1,788
Reserves	£709	£0	£709
Total	£2,497	£0	£2,497

Other monetary assets

Nil

Investment assets

Nil

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Nil

Liabilities

Nil

Notes

¹ Gift aid of £1,225 has been reclaimed for this accounting period, but was debited in the 2024 financial year.

² Cash in the bank is reflective of our schedule for Grants to Uganda. The first payment is due on 1 January each year, a day after the end of the reporting period.

Accounts are prepared on a receipt and payment basis.

Amounts are rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Independent examination has not been carried out as income is below the required threshold.

For purposes of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, the trustees can confirm Resource Uganda has no outstanding debts or liabilities.

Signed by Daniel Hoyle on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Date: 16 January 2024