

Hope House Enju Ya Masiko

2023 Trustees Report

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Trustees Report
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Trustees	Jessica Pattison Stephanie Hirst George Cope Julie Cope Susan Hulme John Hulme Matthew James Pattison Margaret Fenton
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT Sort Code: 30-99-08 Account No 22335868

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Objects:

THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, RELIEF OF POVERTY AND RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND PRESERVATION OF HEALTH OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE KANUNGU DISTRICT OF UGANDA BY THE PROVISION OF ITEMS, SERVICES AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KINKIZI DIOCESE, CHURCH OF UGANDA.

The Charities achievements for this year:

In 2023, Uganda lifted the Ebola-related restrictions that had previously led to the early closure of schools. As a result, for the first time since 2019, education continued uninterrupted, allowing children to return to their regular timetables.

Hope House has expanded its sponsorship program, now supporting an additional 10 children, bringing the total to 95 children who are fully sponsored for their education and training. Additionally, 200 children receive partial fee subsidies through Hope House, with the subsidy programs managed by Nyarugunda Secondary School and Kambuga Primary School, which select the beneficiaries.

The "Sew Much Hope" project, which provides tailoring training to women living in poverty, has successfully completed three cohorts. Thanks to this initiative, 25 women have now established their own businesses. Follow-up reports indicate that all women we have contacted have increased their income, with some running highly successful businesses.

As part of the "Growing Hope" project, we fenced the land opposite the Hope House building and began establishing a banana and coffee plantation. This agricultural program aims to teach local youth and children better land use techniques for growing nutritious food and cash crops. The bananas and coffee produced will be sold to help Hope House achieve self-sustainability in the future.

We also gathered our students and their friends more regularly at Hope House on Saturdays and during school holidays for meetings, play, meals, study sessions, and sports activities.

Our coffee-growing project at the farm, which supports homeless boys and troubled young men, has been further expanded. We also increased our herd by purchasing more goats to provide families with livestock and acquired another cow to supply milk to the boys and local children.

The construction of Nyarugunda Secondary School's hall was completed, enabling the school to obtain a center number, which allows students to sit for examinations on-site rather than traveling long distances to another secondary school. The first group of 20 Senior 4 candidates took their exams, with results expected in 2024.

One generous sponsor built their sponsored a family a brand new house which was very much appreciated by the family.

We have renewed 12-month contracts for our sewing trainer and groundsman/guard, ensuring they are paid according to Ugandan salary regulations. Additionally, we employ casual laborers for farm and Hope House activities and a building contractor for infrastructure projects.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our efforts in Kanungu District. Your support is invaluable and makes our work possible.

Plans for the coming Year:

Looking ahead to 2024, we plan to further expand our work in Uganda, supporting more communities, educating more children, and making our programs even more sustainable.

Financial Review:

At the start of the financial year, on the 1 January 2023 the account balance stood as follows:

Lloyds Bank Account	£8075
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At the end of the financial year on the 31 December 20213 the account balance stood as follows:

Lloyds Bank Account	£16563
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Charity Income:

The majority (62% in 2023) of the income received by the charity is by regular bank transfer donations supporting individual children and the more general work of Hope House. In 2023 these regular payments amounted to £27,883

In addition other fundraising including events £3032, company and personal individual donations £12,435, and sponsored efforts and other small items £1304. Together these contributed £16770

Total income**£44,653****Charity Expenditure:**

Responsibility and control of expenditure

During 2023 9 payments were made to Uganda totalling £36100 as follows:

January - March	£8000
April - June	£10500
July - Sept	£11600
October – December	£6000

Other than a small payment of £66 this was our entire expenditure in 2023

Total expenditure**£36,166**

Details of how the money sent to Uganda was spent is as follows:

All figures are rounded amounts and shown below in Sterling. In practice all amounts are paid in local currency the Ugandan Shilling and reflect the currency fluctuations during the year and some transaction charges using WorldPay UK global payments service.. During 2023 1 UK Pound equalled between 4,400 and 4,800 Ugandan Shillings

£23,000 - School fees for 95 children for 1 year of education. This includes boarding fees, food programmes, equipment and uniform

£1,100 - Salaries for Staff

£2,000 - purchase of 20 sewing machines for tailoring project

£1,000 - running costs of Hope House i.e. food, animal feed, seeds, labour etc.

£1,500 - fencing land at Hope House

£5,500 - Sponsor building a house for a family.

£200 - Finishing Hall at Nyarugunda SSS

£400 - cow & goats

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£1,000 - sundries i.e. furniture for night watchman house, repairs to Hope House, bank charges, transport fees etc.

The Trustees would like to record their sincere thanks to every single person who has continued to contribute so generously both in money and support to the charity.

Risk Management

During every Trustee meeting, the Trustees review all areas of risk with the view to remove or mitigate the likelihood or affect for all risks affecting the charity. This would include Child Protection, Financial Risks and Trustees liability risks

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which is a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit and loss of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to: -
Select suitable accounting policies and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

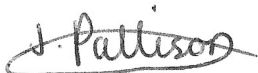
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Prepare accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 29th ~~November~~ October 2024

And signed on its behalf by

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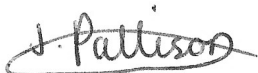
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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hope House Enju Ya Masiko.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope House Enju Ya Masiko for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As trustees for the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met: or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

As an addendum to this report are recommendations to enable a more robust examination process which the Trustees have confirmed will be implemented to ensure full compliance by 1st January 2025.

Signed: *K M Fendall*

Date: 31/10/2024

Name: Kenneth Mark Fendall, FCII

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Addendum to the 2023 Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hope House Enju Ya Masiko.

The complexities of the Ugandan banking system and the need to maximise the use of the funds provided means that making payments from a personal current account using Worldremit is considered to be the best option.

In order to ensure a more robust examination process the following actions are recommended:

1. There are currently two savings accounts to which the Trustees make payments. One of the savings accounts should be designated as exclusively for the purpose of receiving payments from the Charity
2. A dedicated personal current account should be opened and used exclusively for making payments from the Charity
3. A record should be maintained showing the date of and purpose of every transaction made from this account with, as far as is practical, receipts supporting each transaction.

These arrangements should be implemented as soon as possible but, in any event, to ensure full compliance for the start of 2025.

Signed:



Name: Kenneth Mark Fendall. FCII

12 Wakeling Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 6ES

Date:

31/10/2024