

Trustees' Annual Report for the period to 31 December 2024

Charity Name: **The Reach Foundation (UK) also known as Reach**

Registered charity number: **1171521**

Charity's principal address: **Unit N2, Blois Meadow Business Park, Steeple Bumpstead, CB9 7BN**

Trustees

The following trustees have served throughout the year:

- Helen Layton
- Nick Layton
- Claire Richardson

Structure, Governance & Management

- Reach is governed by a constitution
- It is a trust
- New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees

Objectives & Activities

The objects of our charity are:

- To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time for the public benefit in particular, but not limited to advancing the health, education and opportunities for people by making grants and awards to people living in extreme poverty or suffering hardship in any part of the world

Our main activities during the year have been:

- To maintain communications with our contacts in Malawi and Uganda to identify ways in which our charity can help theirs
- In the UK, to tell people about our experiences and the needs of Pashello
- To collect donations and to forward them monthly to Pashello in order to provide food for the children and salaries for the staff
- When needed, to consider requests for additional monies

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

Annual Impact and Achievements Report

The Reach Foundation UK exists to transform lives through education, health, and community empowerment. We work to improve access to education, nutrition, and safe maternal care in low-resource settings across Africa. Guided by principles of equity, dignity, and sustainability, our mission is to empower children and families living in extreme poverty to build brighter, self-reliant futures.

1. Sustained and Expanded Programmes: Education and Feeding

Over the past year, The Reach Foundation UK has sustained and strengthened six operational programmes across Malawi and Uganda, maintaining consistent delivery of high-impact, community-driven initiatives.

In Malawi, our four established programmes in the Chikwawa District (Chikwawa, Chibasala, Chizenga, and Mkumaniza) have continued to flourish, reaching approximately 340 children through combined feeding and education interventions. Each programme is directly linked to a local school, ensuring that nutritious daily meals support learning, attendance, and long-term educational outcomes.

In Uganda, we have sustained two education-linked programmes, both integrated within local schools in Namutumba District. Together they reach around 80 children through combined feeding and learning initiatives, ensuring children are nourished, supported, and equipped to focus on their studies. Collectively, our programmes now directly support around 420 children, improving school attendance, reducing hunger-related absenteeism, and strengthening pathways out of poverty.

All four programmes in Malawi and both in Uganda remain fully linked to education components, and we aim to expand their reach within the next year, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive in both health and learning.

An additional project in India also received funding this year – the construction of a rain water tank in an inaccessible location in Rajasthan. The project will benefit the families living in this area who spend part of the year without any access to drinking water.

2. Maternal and Newborn Health

Our maternal and newborn health initiative, known as The Sangalala Program, has continued to make measurable progress in promoting safe birth and maternal wellbeing.

By August 2025, we successfully distributed 100 birthing kits across Malawi and Uganda, achieving our original target a full year ahead of schedule. Each kit provides the essential sterile supplies needed for a safe delivery, directly supporting women living in extreme poverty and encouraging antenatal care attendance.

The Foundation has provided funding to Ngabu Rural Hospital in Malawi for essential point-of-care haemoglobin testing equipment, enabling clinicians to identify anaemia in pregnant women. This intervention is vital in identifying risks of postpartum haemorrhage and improving birth outcomes.

Additionally, we are supporting the creation of health-promotion murals at Ngabu Rural Hospital to increase awareness of safe pregnancy and newborn care among women attending antenatal clinics.

We are now in advanced discussions with a partner NGO in Mali, working in the Circle of Bodrum (north of Timbuktu), to extend our reach to nomadic women and children. This partnership will deliver nutrition support for an educational project and expand the distribution of birthing kits to communities living in extreme hardship.

3. Voices of Impact – From Our Partners

“The Reach Foundation UK has transformed lives in Namutumba, Uganda.

Through their support of the Sangalala Program, adolescent mothers have gained dignity, hope, and practical skills for a better future.

As a woman who faced many barriers to education, I see first-hand the change their support brings — empowering young mothers with knowledge, vocational training, and maternal health support.

The birthing-kit initiative has increased antenatal clinic attendance, reduced maternal infections, and encouraged safe deliveries at health centres.

Every child deserves love and opportunity, and through the partnership between The Reach Foundation UK and Legacy Children’s Initiative, that promise is becoming a reality.”

– Kasobya Sylvia, Director, Legacy Children’s Initiative (Uganda)

4. Fundraising, Governance, and Capacity Strengthening

Two new trustees elect joined the Foundation this year, bringing renewed energy and focus to fundraising and community engagement. They have led successful events that generated vital funds for our ongoing feeding programmes and enabled the delivery of school supplies, books, shoes, and educational materials to children in Malawi. They will become full trustees in 2025.

Our Global Advocates, George and Melissa Brewster, have continued to raise funds across the United States in support of our Ugandan projects, furthering our global outreach and donor engagement.

The Foundation’s website is being redesigned to better reflect our impact and provide transparent programme updates. Our first quarterly newsletter will launch in time for Christmas, strengthening communication with our supporters and partners worldwide.

We remain committed to ensuring that 100% of public donations directly support programme delivery, with all administrative and coordination work conducted on a voluntary basis.

5. Quantifiable Impact (2024–2025)

Indicator	Result	Progress
Children supported (Malawi + Uganda)	420	Growth from ~400 previous year
Birthing kits distributed	100	Target achieved 1 year early
Health facilities supported	1 (Ngabu Rural Hospital)	Diagnostic capacity strengthened
Maternal health murals installed	2	Health promotion reach expanded
New fundraising events held	≥ 4	Increased community engagement
New trustees in process of being onboarded	2	Governance and sustainability reinforced

6. Future Priorities (2025–2026)

- Expand education-linked feeding programmes to reach additional children in Malawi.
- Operationalise the Mali partnership, delivering birthing kits and food support in the Bodrum region.
- Scale up The Sangalala Program and extend maternal education outreach.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems to track learning, nutrition, and maternal outcomes.
- Publish quarterly updates to sustain transparency, donor confidence, and stakeholder engagement.

Conclusion

The Reach Foundation UK continues to demonstrate measurable, compassionate impact across Africa — advancing education, health, and dignity for hundreds of children and mothers each year. By investing in simple, evidence-based interventions — from school meals to clean birthing kits — we are helping communities not just to survive, but to thrive.

Our progress this year reflects our belief that lasting change begins with opportunity, empowerment, and local leadership — and together with our partners, we are building that future.

Financial Review

- We are holding a reserve in our account for funding larger projects. We aim to hold a minimum of £2000 in reserve at any one time to enable us to help in times of crisis. We are holding a significant financial buffer at the moment which we have begun spending on starting new feeding projects.
- None of our funds are materially in deficit

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Full name: Claire Richardson

Position: Trustee

Date: 27 October 2025

The Reach Foundation (UK)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year to 31 December 2024

Income Receipts

2024

Donations from individuals	£5,953
Donations from Companies/Organizations	£2,632
Gift Aid	£3,104

Total Receipts **£11,689**

Payments

Payments to Pashello Charitable Trust, Malawi	£8,975
Payments to Ngabu Rural Hospital, Malawi	£0
Payments to Legacy Children's Initiative, Uganda	£1,930
Payments to Chimnaram Dangi, India	£1,336

Money transfer charges £56

Total Payments **£12,297**

Net receipts for the year -£608

Bank Balance at 31 December 2024 £6,263