



**Street Children Iringa**

*Registered Charity No: 1171821*

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**PERIOD:**

**1 JANUARY 2020 – 31 DECEMBER 2020**



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### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Governing Document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### **RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES**

The trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act as a trustee, with the best interests of the charity at heart. The recruitment of trustees would come from contacts approved by existing trustees.

### **INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW TRUSTEES**

Training will involve briefing new trustees of the in detailed activities of Street Children Iringa and how these are best addressed. The training and induction provided for new trustees will depend on their existing experience.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Charity Objectives (as stated in the constitution)**

To relieve poverty among children living in Iringa, Tanzania, through the provision of housing, food, education and health care.

To provide care and support to children who have been orphaned, or who are from poor backgrounds that are unable to support themselves. Providing these children with a stable home environment and an education that they would not otherwise get, in order to have a better life.

The provision of financial support to children and young people between the ages of 3 and 22, by giving them access to quality education, housing and health care in Iringa. To assist in such ways as the Trustees think fit, in advancing the lives of these children by developing their mental, physical and moral capabilities through education.



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To advance provision of necessary support to children for educational and health needs, who can then contribute positively to society, for the public benefit in Iringa, as a means of fighting against poverty, ignorance and disease.

To advise and raise awareness to family members and relatives of these children, encouraging them to take their responsibilities, so that children can be supported, protected and cared for by their relatives and residences.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In setting objectives, planning for activities and delivering those activities the trustees have given due consideration to the Charities Act and Charities Regulations 2008 guidance and requirements, with the trustees having regard for these to ensure the public benefit while operating Street Children Iringa.

The activities taken to benefit the public have been that of providing previous street children between the ages of 11 - 19 with a home, food, education and medical needs. These children are raised by our Founder, Colette McMaster who is based in Tanzania and registered as their legal guardian. By having a stable home environment to live in, these children can excel in all other aspects of their life. They are provided with 3 meals a day along with a loving home, psychological, emotional and medical support. Street Children Iringa aims to raise these children to become positive influences and role models for change in their local communities, helping other street children also escape from a life of poverty.

Street Children Iringa has opened a second house, a safe house, where between 20 and 30 current street children come three times a week to gain food, guidance and support in a life away from the streets. Where possible these children are re-homed with relatives and supported from there. Since opening this house in October 2019 Street Children Iringa has successfully re-homed and supported another 11 children and young adults in a life away from the streets through the Safe House.

Street Children Iringa regularly responds to urgent cases from the Tanzanian social welfare office, police and regional officers to help children and young adults that are the most vulnerable.



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### ACTIVITIES

Activities undertaken during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 are those listed below.

### FUNDRAISING

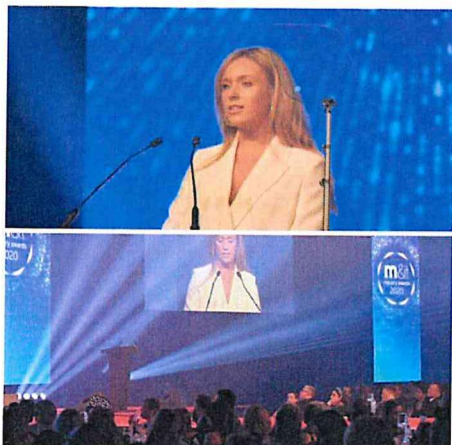
Due to the unexpected arrival of the coronavirus and nationwide lockdowns our annual fundraising ball had to be cancelled. This was a massive blow to us as it is one of the main sources of fundraising that helps with a lot of our yearly costs. Other fundraising opportunities and potential donors such as trust funds, grants and individuals were also more difficult to access due to everyone cutting costs as a result of the pandemic.

### M&IT AWARDS 2020

In February our Founder was invited to be the guest charity speaker at the M&IT Awards 2020, speaking in front of 1200 guests about Street Children Iringa and the amazing support received from Meeting Needs, who helped the charity have a more sustainable income on the ground in Tanzania. This was great publicity and we received lots of fundraising interest for Street Children Iringa, but unfortunately the coronavirus then meant a lot of these opportunities were unable to materialise.



Letty McMaster touches the hearts of 1,200 meeting industry professionals tonight with her presentation on how a grant from Meeting Needs has transformed her charity: Street Children of Iringa! #closetothecauses #eventprofslive #mitawards2020





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### **RESTRICTED GRANTS**

- In March 2020 we received a restricted grant of £5,600 from Meeting Needs in order to invest in two more tuk tuks. Again, due to the significant impact covid-19 had on our fundraising, the donor allowed us to use this grant as unrestricted funds. Any further grants from the donor would support our future sustainable growth.
- In October 2020 we received a restricted grant of £3250 from AFPA Trust to purchase another tuk tuk for our partner NGO in 2021.
- In November we received a restricted grant of £2,500 to be invested in a car for our partner NGO. This will be purchased in 2021 when a suitable car is located.

### **UNRESTRICTED GRANTS**

In December 2019 we received an unrestricted grant of £3,000 from Souter Charitable Fund.

### **NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

In October 2020 a newspaper article was released in the Daily Mail, Mirror and other national newspapers. It was also featured on GoalCast and LadBible which gave the charity a much wider audience raising over **£32,000** in unrestricted funding from generous donors. This helped to keep the charity carrying out its normal activities and supporting over 50 street children during the pandemic.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **THE HOME**

Since 2016 the home has provided a safe loving family environment for 11 children who were previously on the streets to live in. It has delivered, food, education and medical support to them all.

Street Children Iringa has been able to home and raise 11 wonderful children and young adults who are thriving in so many ways, an opportunity they would otherwise not have had.

This year we welcomed our 12<sup>th</sup> member of the family, Pascal, who never had the chance to study until now, aged 17. Pascal is now learning to read and write with a tutor and we hope within the near future we will be able to support him in a vocational course or with setting up a small business. This house has also been a home for 8 months to two other children who have now been relocated.



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### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

All the children and young adults in the house are supported in education or vocational training. Samson, Maggie and Kepha who live outside the house are studying at secondary boarding school and are supported by Street Children Iringa through their education. At the end of October two of the young adults that have lived in the house since 2016 have now moved out, become independent and found employment.

### GOSBERTH'S STORY

Gosberth is currently in his final year of the best secondary school in the region. He is still in first place in his class. When he recently completed an interschool mock GCSE examination he received the top marks in the region, out of 30,000 students. With his current results his teachers are predicting that he will be able to get a part scholarship into one of the best A level schools in Tanzania. He has come so incredibly far, we are so proud of him.

### EVA – THE DAY OF THE GIRL

We are so proud of our Eva who decided to share her story for the 'Day of the Girl' in order to inspire other younger girls living a life similar to the one she ran away from. Her story was featured on an account called 'Girl Effect', alongside many other inspirational stories. Hers was chosen as one of the favorites.

After this success she was asked to enter a competition for East Africa and record a video of herself telling her story. She was the only person from Tanzania to be chosen.

After this, the head of Restless Development Tanzania (International NGO) asked her to go around primary schools talking about the importance of education for young girls.

**SUPPOSED TO:** *"Be married to an older Masaai man at the age of 12 and be a housewife with lots of children."*

**CHOSE TO:** *"Run away and get an education."*





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*"I was born in Pawaga Village where when a girl is born, it is decided that she will be married off to an older man at the age of 12, in exchange for cows. At the age of 12 I ran away from my village to Iringa town as my relatives were trying to marry me off to an older Masaai man. When I got to Iringa town, I was taken to an orphanage where I started to gain an education. I stayed here for four years whilst being supported in primary school by my sister. When I finished primary education, I was supported by Street Children Iringa' who supported me in secondary and university education. I have just finished my certificate in business administration and I am starting my diploma in November. I am also Assistant Programme Coordinator for RUCU network. If I had not run away, none of this would have happened and I would have been a house wife with lots of children".*

Both Eva and her twin Lidia, have been supported by us for the past 7 years, through primary, secondary and university education. We are so proud of their success.

Eva's full story and video can be seen here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxUIBGCv9qs>

### THE SAFE HOUSE

The Safe House was closed from March – June due to the government of Tanzania's restrictions. After re-opening the Safe House in June it became a vital safe space for over 24 current street children and young adults. At the Safe House current street children and young adults are able to come for food, support and guidance in a life away from the streets. Since October 2019 we have supported 11 more street children off the streets.





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For the whole of August, this house acted as a safe space for 6 street children between the ages of 10 – 14 who were involved & witnesses to a rape case. During this time the Safe House acted as a witness protection area for the children involved, with the house and our guards keeping them safe and protected whilst having to give witness statements to the police.

Since opening in October 2019 we have successfully managed to re-home and support 11 children and young adults off the streets via the Safe House.

### **NIGHT VISITS TO THE STREETS**

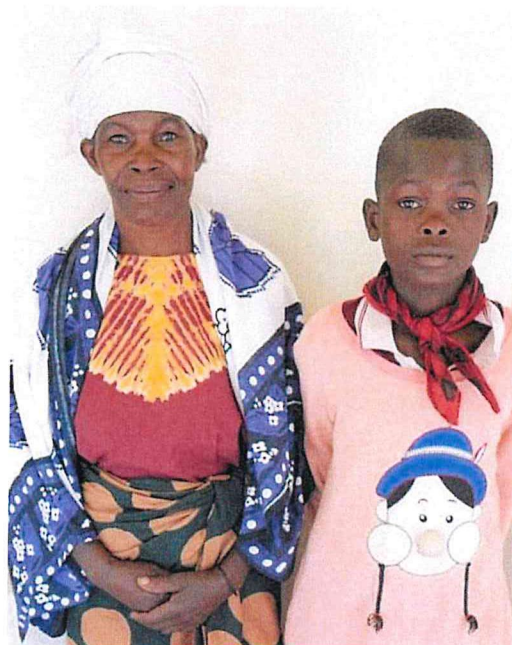
Street Children Iringa continues to carry out regular night visits to the streets where we make connections with new children and young adults, help feed them and give guidance on how to get away from a life on the streets.

Many children who come to the Safe House are met via the night visits. These visits are also very important in identifying cases of sexual abuse to street children and reporting them to the police.

### **REUNIFICATION**

#### **PHILLIPO**

Last year we managed to re-home Phillippo with his Grandma via the Safe House. We have been supporting Phillippo and his Grandma over the past year by providing them with monthly food packages and school needs.



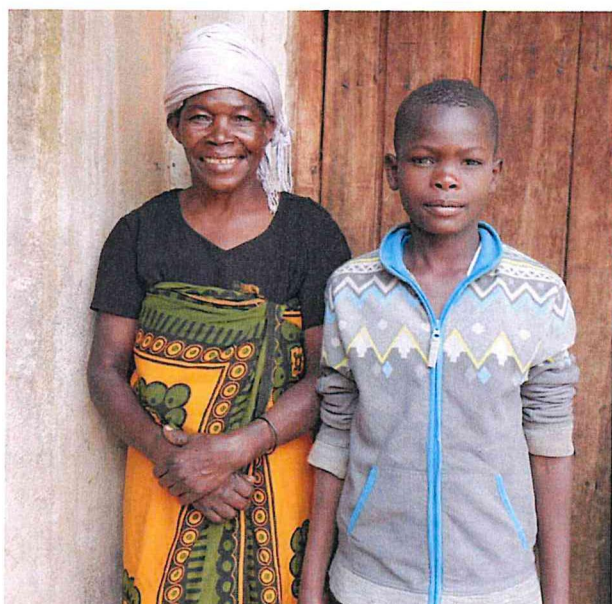


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We have now supported Phillipo's Grandma in opening up a small sustainable coal business, which will allow her to provide for Phillipo and her two other grandchildren.

We have also helped them with a year's rent, so that they can move out of the previous, unsafe location in where they were living.



### SAMSON

In October 2018 we found Samson on the streets searching for food for his mother and younger sibling. We were able to reunite him with his mother and support them with a small business, food and educational needs so that Samson could focus on his schooling.

Samson got amazing results in his primary school exams in 2019 which allowed him to receive a place at a private boarding secondary school. Here he is learning English and is in the top ten of his year, this is a fantastic start from him and we are so pleased to be able to support him with this education.

### NOELI & ISAAC

We were able to rehome Noeli aged 9 and his brother Isaac after learning about them via the Safe House. After assessing the reasons for them being on the streets it



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was clear that they were able to be rehomed with their mum and supported in educational needs so they could be accepted back into school.

#### **MUDI**

We came across Mudi on one of our visits to the streets in 2019. Since then, he has been coming to the Safe House for much needed food. In August 2020 we managed to re-home him with his Grandma and support him back into education.

#### **SOCIAL WELFARE CASES**

##### **HAMISI**

In February 2020 the District Officer of Iringa region asked our Founder for help in supporting a young adult called Hamisi, who was in his final year of A levels and had been kicked out of school for lack of fees/equipment. Due to his mother being sick, he was working day and night to get money for his school needs.

Street Children Iringa were able to support him with some of his school fees, transport and school equipment in order for him to get back to school and finish his A levels. We will continue to support Hamisi when he needs it, he hopes to start university in 2021.

##### **SAFE HOUSE WITNESS PROTECTION CASE**

In August we were asked by the social welfare and police to help in homing 6 street children who were involved in and witnesses to a rape case. During this time the Safe House acted as a witness protection area for them, keeping them safe and protected whilst giving their statements to the police.

#### **INVESTING IN BUSINESS**

This year we received a grant from AFPA trust to invest in a third tuk tuk business to create more of a sustainable income for our partner NGO to support all the activities on the ground in Tanzania.

#### **MEDIA**

The media article that was released in October gave Street Children Iringa worldwide exposure, leading to many more supporters.



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### **NEW TRUSTEES**

*This year we welcomed Nick Green to our board of trustees, joining on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

*On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 Our Chairperson Colette McMaster stepped down and David McMaster was elected by the board to take on the role as Chairperson.*

### **AMENDMENT**

In late 2019 we were incorrectly advised that we were able to engage an ex-trustee as a self-employed contractor. During the annual independent review, it was noted that this was incorrect advice as the ex-trustee should have been engaged under PAYE. In addition, permission was required from The Charity Commission. This is in the process of being corrected and all appropriate taxes will be paid retrospectively and the approval of the Charity Commission is being sought.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Receipts totalling £67,790 (2019: £47,541) were received during the period. Payments totally £45,544, (2019: £36,301) were made during the period. This leaves net income of £22,246 (2019: £11,034).

### **RESERVES POLICY**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain reserves of 5% of income to provide sufficient funds to cover unexpected costs.

### **FUTURE PLANS FOR 2021**

#### **Sustainable Income**

Street Children Iringa will be purchasing the fourth tuk tuk for our partner NGO which allows more sustainability for our activities on the ground in Tanzania.

#### **Fundraising**

Street Children Iringa hopes that when Covid-19 restrictions end fundraising events can once again take place. We hope that we can also focus on more trust fund and grant applications in order to increase the income of funds, allowing us to expand our activities.

#### **Beneficiaries**

Whilst supporting all the children in the home and the safe house, we plan to continue to support many more children and young adults living on the streets of Iringa, in whichever way best suits their needs.

Street Children Iringa will continue re-homing children with relatives and supporting them from there, where this is deemed safe and possible by the social welfare office. Street Children Iringa will also continue working closely with the local social welfare office, police and regional officers in Tanzania in order to help with cases of the most vulnerable children and young adults.



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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Registered Charity number**  
1171821

**Principle Address**  
Maplehurst  
Third Street  
Langton Green  
Tunbridge Wells  
Kent,  
TN3 0EN.

#### **Trustees**

C McMaster (*Resigned 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020*)  
D Phillips  
Nick Green (*Appointed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020*)  
D McMaster (*Appointed as Chairperson 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020*)  
A Hanley  
P McMaster

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank  
Business Banking  
BX1 1LT

Approved by Order of the Board of Trustees on <sup>31/10/21</sup> ..... date ..... and signed on <sup>31/10/21</sup> .....  
their behalf by:

D McMaster (Chairperson)



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Street Children Iringa**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 15 to 16.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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**STREET CHILDREN IRINGA ACCOUNTS PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	50,366		50,366	25,417
Grants received	3,000	11,350	14,350	10,500
Fundraising activities	3,074		3,074	11,624
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>56,440</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>67,790</b>	<b>47,541</b>

**Asset and investment sales,  
(see table).**

**Sub total** - - - -

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,440</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>67,790</b>	<b>47,541</b>
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<b>Payments</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	44,631		44,631	23,910
Fundraising costs	500		500	2,780
Sundry administrative expenses	413		413	110
Equipment purchased for charity partner			-	5,851
Loan repayment				3,650
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,544</b>	<b>36,301</b>



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	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
<b>Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
Asset purchases				206
				-
<b>Sub total</b>				206
<b>Total payments</b>	45,544	-	45,544	36,507
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	10,896	11,350	22,246	11,034
Transfers between funds	5,600	(5,600)	-	-
Cash funds last year end	10,033	3,000	13,033	1,999
Cash funds this year end	26,529	8,750	35,279	13,033

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		£
<b>Cash funds</b>	<b>Bank balance</b>	26,529      8,750
		-      -
		-      -
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	26,529      8,750
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		£
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		-      -
		Cost (optional)
	Details	
<b>Investment assets</b>	Camera	Unrestricted      206
		-