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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered on the 28th 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, for the public benefit in Iringa, who can then contribute positively to society, as a means of fighting against poverty, ignorance and disease.

To advise and raise awareness to family members and relatives of these children to take their responsibilities, so that children could 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 9 – 21 with a home, food, education and medical needs. 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.

Over the past five years this house has successfully supported 32 previous street children and youths in a life away from crime and poverty.

Street Children Iringa has opened a second house, a safe house, where 30 current street children come three times a week to gain food, guidance and support in a life away from the streets. Since opening this house in October 2019, Street Children Iringa has successfully re-homed and supported another 20 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 in Tanzania to help children and young adults that are the most vulnerable.



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ACTIVITIES

Activities undertaken during the period of 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021 are those listed below.

FUNDRAISING

Due to the unexpected arrival of coronavirus and nationwide our annual fundraising ball had to be cancelled for a second year in a row. This was once again, a massive knock 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.

RESTRICTED GRANTS

In March 2021 we received a restricted grant in of £2,500 from an individual donor supporting the yearly A level boarding school fees for one of our young adults, Gosberth.

In November 2021 we received a restricted grant of £2,500 from an individual donor supporting the purchase of a car for our partner NGO.

UNRESITRCITED GRANTS

In December 2021 we received an unrestricted grant of £2,000 from Meeting Needs UK.

This grant was put towards our charitable activities, supporting children and youths off the streets of Iringa, Tanzania.



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

THE HOME

On September 28th 2021 we celebrated five years of having a home. Five years since our Founder worked alongside social welfare and regional officers, to open the home for 9 previous street children that were unable to be re-homed. Five years since she became the legal guardian to 9 children, who would otherwise have been sent back to live on the streets. Over the past five years, this house has been a long term home for a total of 14 previous street children and supported another 18 children for shorter periods of time. This house has provided these children with a place to call home and a family, that the children call 'MUCU Family'.



We currently have 10 children and young adults living in the house between the ages of 9 –21. Because of our amazing supporters, when we find children on the streets in dangerous situations, we are able to take them straight to social welfare and the police where it is decided whether it is safe for them to be re-homed with relatives or if they should be welcomed into the home.

In some cases, when poverty is the main cause for children being on the streets, we are able to re home them with relatives and support their immediate needs such as food and school. Then, where we can, we will support them with a small sustainable business. Where this is not possible, and the reasons for the child being on the streets are much more complicated and dangerous than poverty, we welcome them into the family home, where they can begin building a life away from the streets.

In five years Street Children Iringa has achieved so much. Providing a family home for 32 previous street children and young adults, re-homing children with relatives where possible, helping many more (50+) children and young adults in a life away from the streets via the safe house, and helping support girls facing forced marriage with a chance of education.



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We are so incredibly grateful for all of Street Children Iringa's supporters over the years. Thanks to our supporters, we have provided children who were living at a very abusive orphanage with no love or safety, with an amazing family home to live in, where each child has received the love and support they needed to thrive in so many ways.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

All the children and young adults in the house are supported in education or a vocational course. Over the past five years we have supported 22 children and young adults through education, primary and secondary school, A levels and University.

Samson, Maggie, Pishon and Kepha live outside the home and study at a secondary boarding school. We also support Grace at University with her pharmacy course and Hamisi with his A level education.

By the end of November two more of the young adults who lived in the house since 2016 have now moved out, become independent and have found employment.

SAMSON

Our Founder came across Samson in the dump in 2018 and reunited him with his mother. Since then we supported Sam with school needs and his mother and younger brother with food and other costs. Now in 2021, Sam is in his second year of secondary boarding school in the top five in his year.

GOSBERTH FINISHING SECONDARY SCHOOL AND STARTING A LEVELS

Gosberth, who we have supported since he was 10 years old, achieved first place in his GCSEs at the best private secondary school in the region. From living on the streets and starting his education in a government primary school, to now coming first in the top private secondary school in the region, he made history in his school.

In May Gosberth was accepted into one of the very best A level schools in Tanzania, Feza Boys. In order to secure a place here, he had to achieve 10 As in GCSE, sit a very difficult exam and then have a face to face interview. Over 500 students applied and Gobserth was one of 87 who achieved a place to study PCM.

By October 2021 Gobserth had already achieved 5th place out of 87 students in his year. This is such a magnificent achievement as Gosberth is now studying with the very brightest students in the country, who have studied at international private schools since nursery. There are no words for how proud we are of Gosberth and how far he has come. From living on the streets, to claiming 5th position in his year at one of the best A level schools in Tanzania is an outstanding achievement.



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LIDIA

One of our girls Lidia, has now started university, studying a course in counselling. She spent the last two years re sitting two of her GCSEs and volunteering as a nursery school teacher at a private English nursery school. Here she has gained amazing experience and hopes to study more after this course to pursue her dreams of becoming a teacher or a social worker. Since starting university she has been chosen as class representative, organizing lecture timetables and students issues. Both Lidia and her sister Eva, ran away from child marriage at the age of 11. It is so amazing how far they have come.

EVA

Eva who has been studying at RUCU University for the past two years, and is currently in her last year of her business diploma, has taken every opportunity that has arisen at university. She received amazing marks in her coursework placing her in the top ten of her year of 250 students. She will receive a special mention in the graduation ceremony taking place in 2022. Along with achieving amazing grades she is also pursuing her dreams and is competing to become Miss University whilst also volunteering for international NGO Restless Development, providing training to younger generations.

FRED AND ELIAH FINISHING PRIMARY SCHOOL

In September 2021 Fred & Eliah graduated from primary school. This was an amazing achievement and marks over two years since Fred and Eliah were welcomed into the home. Fred will now start to study at one of the best football academy's in Tanzania, where he hopes to pursue his dreams of becoming a Tanzanian football player. We can't wait to see where he is in a few years time!! Eliah is sitting exams in the hope of getting a place at an English speaking secondary boarding school starting January 2022.

GRACE UNIVERSITY

After carrying out a social investigation report, in September 2021 Social welfare referred to us a case of a girl called Grace, aged 22, who was unable to continue her Diploma course in Pharmacy, due to her mother not having the funds to support her. Grace had been selling t shirts in order to pay off some of her debts at university, so she could sit her exams later in the year which would allow her to finish the second year of her diploma. Grace managed to earn a small amount from selling t shirts to put towards her university fees, but in order to sit these exams further outstanding university fees needed to be covered. Thanks to our amazing supporters we managed to raise this and Grace is now able to continue with her pharmacy course.



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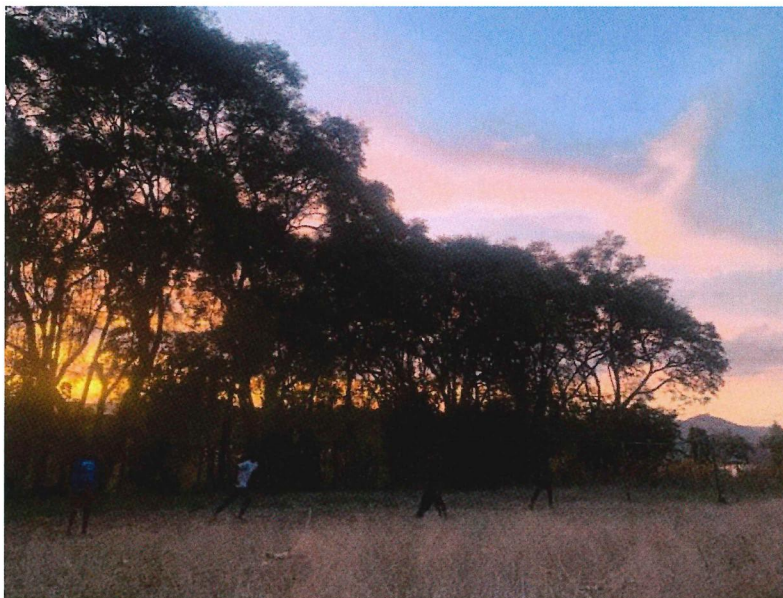
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THE SAFE HOUSE

The Safe house is a vital safe space for around 30 current street children and young adults. At the Safe House current street children and young adults are able to have three meals a day, sleep, wash, play football, whilst gaining support and guidance in a life away from the streets.

Along with the Safe House's usual activities and night visits to the streets, we welcomed 4 current street children into the Safe House as a temporary safe place to stay until another alternative could be found. The Safe House provided a safe and stable environment for these children to live in for 5 months. We were able to track down family members of these children and help them build back bonds with their relatives again, whilst re-homing them.

The Safe House continues to provide a Safe Haven for many current street children and young adults, being the first stage in supporting them with a life away from the streets.



Since opening in October 2019 we have successfully managed to re-home or support in different ways 20 children and young adults off the streets via the Safe House.



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VISITS TO THE STREETS

Street Children Iringa continues to carry out regular day and night visits to the streets where we take children to dinner to build trust and connections with new children and young adults and to help them with 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 to the streets where they are directed to the Safe House. These visits are also very important in identifying cases of sexual abuse to street children and reporting them to the police.

WELCOMING P*

In May 2021 we came across P*, aged 9 roaming the streets. After working alongside the police child protection department and social welfare to trace his relatives, it was deemed unsafe for him to be reunited with them.

P* was welcomed into the home and has been so happy ever since. Whilst settling into the home he was having daily tutor sessions with one of our girls Lidia, before starting school in January 2022. We are so happy to have welcomed P* into our family and we can't wait to see how he thrives living in a safe, loving environment. We are so grateful for all of our supporters. Without you we wouldn't be able to support as many children off the streets and provide them with a safe loving home to grow up in.

SOCIAL WELFARE CASES

WELCOMING B* INTO THE HOME

In December 2021 we received a call from the social welfare office asking us to take in a 9 year old boy who was left in hospital after his mum had passed away. After locating his relatives, social welfare decided it was not safe for him to be with them and asked us to welcome him into the home.

B* is the latest member of our family and has become best friends with P*, they will both be starting school together in January 2022.

INVESTMENTS

TUK TUK PURCHASE FOR PARTNER NGO

We were able to purchase another tuk tuk thanks to our amazing Corporate supporters Acquis. This allows our partner NGO to receive a daily income, which hugely helps with everyday costs.

CAR

Thanks to a restricted grant from an individual donor we were able to purchase a car for our partner NGO. This has been much needed for some time and now allows us to easily reach children and families further out of town and expand our activities.



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NEW TRUSTEES

No new Trustees were added to the board this year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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 2022

Sustainable Income

Street Children Iringa hopes to secure funding for our partner Tanzanian NGO to invest in more Tuk Tuk business, to create a larger sustainable income for all our activities on the ground.

Fundraising

Street Children Iringa hopes that when coronavirus restrictions end fundraising events can once again take place. We hope that we can host our annual fundraising ball and focus on more trust fund and grant applications in order to increase the income of funds, allowing us to continue supporting our current activities whilst also helping more children with a life away from the streets.

Beneficiaries

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

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28th October 2022

Approved by Order of the Board of Trustees on date..... and signed on their behalf by:

D McMaster (Chairperson)

STREET CHILDREN IRINGA
CHARITY NO: 1171821
Independent Examiner's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Street Children Iringa for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 15 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Dated: 28/10/22

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STREET CHILDREN IRINGA
CHARITY NO: 1171821
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts:				
Donations	38,446	2,500	40,946	50,366
Grants	2,000	0	2,000	14,350
Fundraising activities	0	0	0	3,074
	<u>40,446</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>42,946</u>	<u>67,790</u>
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	<u>40,446</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>42,946</u>	<u>67,790</u>
Payments				
Costs of charitable activities	57,937	833	58,770	45,044
Fundraising costs	0	0	0	500
Equipment purchased for charity partner	3,566	5,500	9,066	0
	<u>61,503</u>	<u>6,333</u>	<u>67,836</u>	<u>45,544</u>
Asset and investment purchases	0	0	0	0
Total payments	<u>61,503</u>	<u>6,333</u>	<u>67,836</u>	<u>45,544</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	(21,057)	(3,833)	(24,890)	22,246
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	26,529	8,750	35,279	13,033
Cash funds this year end	5,472	4,917	10,389	35,279

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CHARITY NO: 1171821
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Cash funds				
Bank balance	5,472	4,917	10,389	35,279
	<u>5,472</u>	<u>4,917</u>	<u>10,389</u>	<u>35,279</u>

There were no liabilities at the period end.

Receipts and payments accounts on pages 15-16 approved on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: 
Name: D McMaster (Chairperson)

Date: 28th October 2022