



Street Children Iringa

REG CHARITY NO. 1171821

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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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**

*Charitable 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.

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.



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#### **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. 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. Since opening this house in October 2019 Street Children Iringa has successfully re-homed and supported another 30 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.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Activities undertaken during the period of 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022 are those listed below.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

After two years of not being able to hold our fundraising annual ball we were over the moon to be able to host this once again. We had a great turn out of 127 guests and we raised £7290.

#### **RESTRICTED GRANTS**

In March 2022 we received a restricted grant of £2750 for the costs of Gosberth's A level education.

#### **UNRESTRICTED GRANTS**

In November 2022 we received an unrestricted grant of £5,000 from The Chalk Cliff Trust.

In December 2022 we received an unrestricted grant of £3,000 from The Souter Trust.

Both grants were put towards our charitable activities, supporting children and youths off the streets of Iringa, Tanzania.

#### **INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION**

In November 2022 we received International registration for Street Children Iringa in Tanzania - reg no I-NGO/R/4084.



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#### **THE HOME**

On September 28th 2022 we celebrated six years of having a home.

Over the past six years this house has provided previous street children and young adults with a safe and loving place to call home and a family. Six years since our Founder worked alongside social welfare and regional officers to open the home and become the legal guardian of 9 previous street children that were unable to be re-homed.

As of 2022, this house has been a long term home for 15 children and supported another 21 children and young adults for shorter periods of time.

In this time we have supported 15 children and young adults in the house through their primary and secondary education, with two now finishing University and one finishing A levels next year. This house has provided these children with a place to call home and a family, that the children call 'MUCU Family'.

Outside the home we support another 9 children and young adults through their education, 7 are in secondary school and two are now studying at University.

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 or the police and welcome them into the home, until we find the best solution for their situation.

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 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 work alongside the social welfare office to welcome them into the family home, where they can begin building a life away from the streets.

Over the past six years we have provided a family home for 36 previous street children and young adults, re-homing children with relatives and helped many more (50+) to move their lives away from the streets, and helped support girls facing forced marriage with a chance of education.

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, an amazing family home to live in, where each child has received the love and support they needed to thrive in so many ways.





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### **EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

All the children and young adults in the house are supported in education or a vocational course. Over the past six 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 medical laboratory course and Hamisi who we supported through his A level education and now University.

#### **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 2022, Sam is in his final year of secondary boarding school, and in the top five in his year.

#### **MAGGIE**

In 2019 we rescued Maggie, aged 14, who was being followed by older men every day on her way to school. The men wanted to kidnap her and sell her to an older man for marriage, in exchange for cows. We have supported Maggie since 2019 into a safe secondary boarding school where she is safe, happy and enjoying her education. She is now in her final year of secondary school.

#### **GOSBERTH A LEVEL EDUCATION**

Gosberth, who we have supported since he was 10 years old, through primary and secondary school, 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 made history in his school. This led to him receiving a place at the best A level school in the country.

Gosberth is now in his last year of A levels where he is consistently in the top ten of his year, where he studies with the brightest students in the country. Gosberth is always studying hard to get the best results he can in the hope of studying at a University outside of Tanzania.

#### **ELIAH**

We found Eliah on the streets in 2019 and since then have supported him through primary school. In 2022 he finished his primary school education and started studying at an English speaking secondary boarding school. Eliah is now in his second year of this secondary school and we are so proud of the beautiful caring person Eliah has become.



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#### **LIDIA**

One of our girls Lidia, who we supported through primary, secondary and University education, has now gained employment as a teacher at a private nursery school. Lidia ran away from child marriage at the age of 12 and our Founder supported her since 2013. She has now moved out of the house and started her independent life, but still comes to visit the family home regularly. We are so proud of how far she has come and all that she has achieved.

#### **EVA**

One of our girls Eva, who we supported through primary, secondary and three years of University education, has now finished her business diploma and is now waiting to start a paid internship with the government. When she starts this she will be moving out of the home and starting her independent life. We are so proud of all Eva has achieved since running away from child marriage at the age of 12.

#### **FRED FOOTBALL TRAINING & ENGLISH SCHOOL**

Since finishing primary school in 2021, Fred has been studying english at a local english language school whilst also having one to one football training in order for him to be accepted into one of the best Tanzania Football academies when he is 17. Fred dreams to become a football player and we believe with the right training he can succeed with his dreams. In 2023 when Fred is 16 he will start at a smaller football academy for a year.

#### **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, 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 medical laboratory course.

#### **HAMISI UNIVERSITY**

In 2019 we received a call from the head of Iringa region asking for us to help a boy called Hamisi who's mum was unable to support him in his education. Since then we helped Hamisi with school fees and needs until he finished his A levels and this year he started his degree at the University of Dar Es Salaam. Here he has received a loan from the government and we support him whenever he needs with living expenses.



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### **THE SAFE HOUSE**

The Safe house was opened in 2019 and is near to the family home. It acts as a middle ground where current street children and young adults are able to visit and receive three meals a day, sleep, wash, play football, watch tv and relax after harsh days on the streets.

It is a vital safe space for around 30 current street children and young adults to gain support and guidance. Over the past four years we have supported over 30 children and young adults away from the streets via the Safe House, rehoming them with relatives where safe, renting them a room, supporting them in vocational courses and businesses in order for them to become independent.



Street Children Iringa operates the only Safe House in the region for vulnerable children and young adults, many who have been victims of abuse, witness to crime and who's parents have passed away or are in jail. In 2021, the local police asked the Safe House to act as a witness protection area for children who were involved in rape cases occurring on the streets.

The Safe House provides immediate and temporary shelter for current street children, giving them access to food, support and guidance in a life away from the streets. At the Safe House, children and young adults are able to relax and engage in games and sport whilst we work alongside the local social welfare to re-home them with a safe place to thrive.



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### **OUTREACH**

Outside of the home and the Safe House we support young adults with a room to live in for £10 per month. This is very helpful in supporting them to independently remove themselves from street life. In 2022 we have supported three young adults in this way, helping them to get away from addiction and gangs on the streets.

### **NEW CHILDREN INTO THE HOME 2022**

Via the Safe House, Social Welfare and our day and night street visits, we welcomed another 3 children into the Home.

One boy aged 13 was referred to us via social welfare to stay with us for a few months until he finished his primary school education, after this he then returned to live with his relatives.

Another two boys were welcomed into the home via the Safe House where we supported them for 3 months before they were both reunited with relatives.

### **THE NEED FOR STREET CHILDREN IRINGA**

Iringa is a large town in the region of Iringa in the southern highlands of Tanzania in Sub-Saharan East Africa. Iringa town has a population of approximately 151,000 people, and the Iringa region is one of 31 regions in Tanzania.

On the Global Hunger Index 2022, 22.6% of the population of Tanzania are undernourished and 31.8% of children under five have stunted growth indicating chronic undernutrition. According to the UK's international Consortium for Street Children, only 19% of births in Tanzania are registered, which means that the majority of children are unaccounted for and children who end up on the streets disappear. Street children are the world's most vulnerable and most invisible population. When given a loving family home these children and young adults are able to thrive.

Children in Iringa end up on the streets because they have travelled from surrounding villages to escape rural poverty, or they have left home to escape domestic violence, abuse and forced marriage. Many children are orphaned; an estimated 2 million children in Tanzania have lost their parents to HIV AIDS.

In Iringa, street children survive by begging, searching in rubbish dumps for items they can sell to buy food and clothes. Involvement with street gangs is a means of survival and many children use drugs and alcohol to numb hunger and pain. The home and the safe house enables these children to get out of this cycle of poverty and street life. Here they are able to transform their lives and become self sufficient, proud members of society.



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## **NEW TRUSTEES**

No new trustees

## **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 2023**

### **FUNDRAISING**

We plan to host our fundraising ball in March 2023. This is a very important event for us to increase the exposure of Street Children Iringa's activities and raise vital funds needed to support the children and young adults in Iringa, Tanzania.

### **TRUST FUNDS**

In 2023 we hope to expand our network of trust funds and grant donations. We aim each year to increase our focus on trust fund and grant applications in order to raise the income of funds, allowing us to continue supporting our current activities whilst also helping more children with a life away from the streets.

### **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

We are so grateful to Acquis Insurance who have been an incredible support to us since 2019. We are always looking to connect with more corporate sponsors to support the work of Street Children Iringa.

### **BENEFICIARIES**

In 2022 9 children and young adults live in the Home full time, 30 children and young adults benefit from the Safe House and another 9 are support in secondary and University education. On top of this we support three young adults with a room to live in whilst they are working in their chosen jobs.

The numbers of beneficiaries regularly fluctuates due to us supporting new children and young adults referred to us through social welfare, the safe house and our street visits.

Street Children Iringa will 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 no.**

1171821

**Principle Address**

Maplehurst  
Third Street  
Langton Green  
Tunbridge Wells  
Kent  
TN3 0EN

**Trustees**

D McMaster (Chairperson)  
D Phillips  
A Hanley  
P McMaster  
Nick Green

**Bankers**

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Approved by Order of the Board of Trustees on 26th October 2023.and signed on their behalf by:

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D McMaster (Chairperson)

**STREET CHILDREN IRINGA**  
**CHARITY NO: 1171821**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Street Children Iringa for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 14 to 15.

**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**

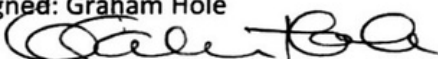
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did 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: Graham Hole

Dated: 26 October 2023



Graham Hole

**GMBC LLP**

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**STREET CHILDREN IRINGA**  
**CHARITY NO: 1171821**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary receipts:				
Donations	45,176	2,750	47,926	40,946
Grants	8,000	0	8,000	2,000
Fundraising activities	7,290	0	7,290	0
	60,466	2,750	63,216	42,946
<b>Assets and investment sales</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	60,466	2,750	63,216	42,946
<b>Payments</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	59,422	7,667	67,089	58,770
Fundraising costs	3,280	0	3,280	0
Equipment purchased for charity partner	0	0	0	9,066
	62,702	7,667	70,369	67,836
<b>Assets and investment purchases</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>	62,702	7,667	70,369	67,836
Net payments	(2,236)	(4,917)	(7,153)	(24,890)
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	5,472	4,917	10,389	35,279
Cash funds this year end	3,236	0	3,236	10,389

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

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank balance	3,236	0	3,236	10,389
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	3,236	0	3,236	10,389

Liabilities at the year end amounted to £1,260.

Receipts and payments accounts on pages 14-15 approved on behalf of the Trustees by:

**Signed: D McMaster**  
**Name: D McMaster (Chairperson)**

**Date: 26 October 2023**