



# Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

2022/2023

The Trustees of **Change through Education in Africa** present their sixth annual report and accounts, covering the period between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and the end of its financial year, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 ('the period').

## Reference and Administration Details

**Change through Education in Africa**, also known as '**CEDA**', is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The charity's registration number is **1172971**.

The charity does not have any formal offices or other premises within the UK. Our registered address during the period was: **5 Spruce Close, Leigh Sinton, Worcestershire, WR13 5FD**.

The names of all those who have served as the charity's trustees during the period and subsequently are given below:

Trustee name:	Office:	Start:	End:
Emilie Larter	UK/Uganda	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	n/a
Hana Valúšková	Czech Republic	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	n/a
Veronika Panská	Czech Republic	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	n/a
Jacqueline Larter	UK	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	n/a
Sheeba Khan	India/Uganda	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	n/a
Joseph Waiswa	Uganda	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	n/a

## Structure, Governance and Management

During the period, there was no change with the charity trustees. Emilie Larter and Hana Valúšková are founders of CEDA. Sheeba Khan and Joseph Waiswa reside in Uganda where the charitable projects take place. Emilie Larter is the charity's chairperson and Hana Valúšková is the charity's treasurer.

Any new trustees will be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the current charity trustees.

CEDA's governing document is our Constitution which guides us in all our decision making as a charity.

## Objectives and Activities

We established CEDA as a non-profit organisation with the aim of striving towards helping to end the cycle of poverty in Uganda. Our mission is to provide children with sustainable, quality education opportunities to break the cycle of poverty in their families once and for all.

Our objectives, as set out in our constitution, remain unchanged:

- *To relieve poverty by providing the funds and equipment for training and skill development for families in rural areas of the Busoga Kingdom, Uganda, to bring the quality of life of the beneficiaries to a reasonable standard.*
- *To provide relief to those in need by reason of age, ill health and financial hardship by providing care facilities to children who are unable to be supported from their home.*

During the reporting period from 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023, our activities and work in Uganda evolved due to the changed circumstances. This marked the first full academic year since the reopening of schools after the prolonged closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The children were at school for the entire year, allowing us to intensify our efforts in providing quality education and extending our focus to the wider community children as well.

All trustees continued to work on a volunteer-basis. Waiswa Joseph remained in Uganda, overseeing projects, while Emilie Larter took charge of the main fundraising activities in the UK.

We have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, as well as planning our future activities. The public benefit of CEDA lies in supporting vulnerable children from rural Uganda by providing an education where otherwise they would not receive one. The Trustees confirm that CEDA has complied with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 in regard to the public benefit requirement.



## Achievements and Performance

'The period' marked a significant chapter for CEDA, highlighted by our effective utilisation of the fundraising platform DonorSee. Through compelling video-based campaigns, we successfully raised over \$20,000, a substantial portion of our funds for the year. This financial support empowered us to undertake various impactful initiatives:

**Expansion of CEDA Home School:** With the funds raised, we were able to welcome 10 new day students to CEDA Home School, furthering our commitment to providing quality education.

**Community Outreach:** Over 40 children in the community benefited from our efforts, ranging from quadruplet toddlers needing school fees and uniforms, to teenagers facing challenges in returning to school after COVID-19 closures. Unfortunately, many of these children had lost their parents due to various reasons, including some to COVID-19. Others encountered financial hardships when their parents' businesses collapsed during lockdown.

**Uniform Distribution:** All our students, including the new day students, received brand new uniforms, ensuring a sense of equality and pride among them.

**Holistic Community Support:** Beyond education, we extended our assistance to the broader community by providing essential items such as food, clothing, beds, and support for starting small businesses. A notable case was George William, a previously successful blacksmith who unexpectedly inherited the care of his three nieces and nephews when his brother tragically passed away during the lockdown. This responsibility arose during challenging times, exacerbating the difficulties faced by many. George, having used up all his capital to provide for the children, found himself in financial hardship, and his business went under. Recognising the exceptional circumstances and the deserving nature of his case, we provided support to help him restart his blacksmith business by supplying the necessary materials.

**Christmas Presents:** Through the generosity of donors, we were able to provide Christmas presents to the children we fundraised for, creating joyous moments for them during the festive season.

**Continued Support for Dan's Health:** Our commitment to Dan's well-being continued, ensuring he receives monthly check-ups and daily medication for his kidney disease. This support aims to maintain his health and focus on his education.

**Emergency Fundraising for CEDA Home School Property:** During the period, we faced the imminent seizure of our rental property for CEDA Home School and boarding house. Responding swiftly, we launched a targeted fundraiser on DonorSee. The raised funds allowed us to start essential construction work on our owned land, which included building a perimeter wall, acquiring timbers, and making a significant deposit for the roofing of the boarding house. Additionally, we obtained temporary solar panels to ensure sufficient lighting.

These achievements reflect our ongoing dedication to breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering positive change within the communities we serve.



## Financial Review

This year marked a significant increase in our overall funds raised, largely attributed to our effective use of DonorSee. This source of income constituted restricted funds, allocated for specific projects, as we engaged donors with video updates showcasing the impact of their contributions.

Child sponsorship remained a vital and personal avenue for acquiring funds, enabling donors to establish meaningful connections with individual children. Sponsors actively contribute to covering the daily needs of these children, encompassing school-related expenses for attending CEDA Home School, as well as essentials such as food, toiletries, and other necessities. In instances where full sponsorship was not achieved, shortfalls were effectively addressed through fundraising on DonorSee.



General donations, constituting our unrestricted income, covered our staff salaries in Uganda, administrative, and overhead costs. They also played a pivotal role in covering Dan's medical expenses. Despite having sponsors, his unique condition incurs significantly higher costs. Our unrestricted funds are earmarked for what we deem most important, and ensuring Dan's health and well-being during the period was a huge priority.



Looking ahead, we aim to create specific fundraising for Dan, allowing us to open up our general donations to be used on whatever is required during the period. This strategic shift ensures flexibility in addressing immediate needs while maintaining our commitment to comprehensive support for all the children in our care.

Adhering to our Reserves Policy, our aim is to maintain unrestricted funds equivalent to six months' worth of running costs, ensuring stability for our charitable activities and creating a buffer against potential income reductions. However, during this period, reaching the intended reserve

level was challenging as our unrestricted income was allocated to necessary costs not covered by restricted funds. The majority of our income, coming from restricted sources like DonorSee fundraising campaigns and child sponsorship, could not be held as reserves. Despite this challenge, as our charity grows and anticipates increased unrestricted income, we remain committed to building and maintaining this crucial reserve.

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

## Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
General Donations	14,569	-	-	11,631	7612
Child Sponsorship	-	12,681	-	12,681	16,351
Gift Aid		-	-		3723
Fundraising Campaigns	-	23,329	-	23,329	4711
<b>Sub-total</b> (Gross income for AR)	14,569	36,010		50,579	32,397
<b>Payments</b>					
Administration Costs (UG)	679	-	-	679	159
Administration Costs (UK)	1601	-	-	1601	1260
Community Outreach	-	4592	-	4592	269
Transport	2640	-	-	2640	2766
Salaries & Wages	7447	-	-	7447	4629
School Costs	1655	-	-	1655	485
Utilities & Bills	-	-	-	-	285
Food & General (Children)	-	12,322	-	12,322	13,760
Medical Costs	-	606	-	606	554
Medical Costs (Dan)	-	4279	-	4279	10,446
Building & Grounds	-	8770	-	8770	3191
CEDA Football Club	-	130	-	130	874
Fees & Charges (UG)	540	-	-	540	428
Fees & Charges (UK)	4770	-	-	4770	1054
<b>Sub-total</b>	19,332	30,699	-	50,031	40,160
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Purchase of Fixed Assets			-		580
<b>Sub-total</b>			-		580
<b>Total payments</b>			-		
<b>Net of receipts/payments</b>			-		
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			-		
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>			-	758	9101
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>			-	1292	758


## Section B: Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptops x2	-	-	-
	Printers x2	-	-	-
	Bicycles x2	-	-	-
	School Furniture	-	-	-
		-	-	-

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts above.

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:*



**Emilie Larter**

Chair



**Hana Valúšková**

Treasurer

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Trustees  
Change Through Education In Africa  
5 Spruce Close  
Leigh Sinton  
Malvern  
WR13 5FD

Dear Sirs

**Re: Independent Accountants Review Report for Income and Expenditure 2022 2023**  
**Charity No: 1172971**

We write to you in connection to your instruction to conduct an independent review of the financial records for "Change Through Education In Africa" for the year ending April 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

We report in respect of the examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out the examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

We have completed the examination and can confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which give us cause to believe that, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Trusting that you are happy with our service we look forward to working with you next year should you require it.

If you require any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



**Steve Phillips**  
**MAAT**

