



The Friends of Potter's Village (FoPV) is a funding organisation based in the UK, which provides financial support for the Potters' Village Ministry (PVM), a Christian project operating under the auspices of the Anglican Diocese of Muhabura in Kisoro, South West Uganda, with a Ugandan board managing the project on the ground. PVM was set up to provide a Crisis Centre to receive and nurture abandoned or orphaned babies. Over half the babies will return to their extended family, with others being fostered or adopted. A few, usually with special needs, are eventually resettled in other residential facilities, elsewhere in Uganda. A social worker is employed to oversee all this, check on children up to the age of 5 after their return home and ensure compliance with Ugandan law and requirements.

At the end of June 23 there were 41 children on community support, and 17 children resident in the Crisis centre. Those being monitored in the community attend the site monthly, to have their weight and general progress checked, and to pick up on any problems. Our social worker also does regular home visits to check on those who find it difficult to attend.

The Crisis Centre at Potter's Village is entirely funded by FoPV mainly through regular sponsorship and through donations from our supporters and supporting churches and other organisations. We also make applications to grant making trusts. Towards the end of the financial year 22 -23 it became apparent that our income was not matching the expenditure at PVM and so we stated to take steps, with the support of Idah Kyarimpah, the administrator at PVM, to reduce expenditure and increase our income for the following financial year. This necessitated closing the third babies' room in the Crisis Centre and not renewing some temporary staff contracts.

PVM also has a Paediatric Medical Centre which is designed to be self-funding, with all users paying an appropriate fee. Some funding for medical equipment, staff salaries and support for poorer patients is raised in the UK and is channeled through the FoPV bank account and we also receive help from a UK based charity, 'Health Tree Uganda'.

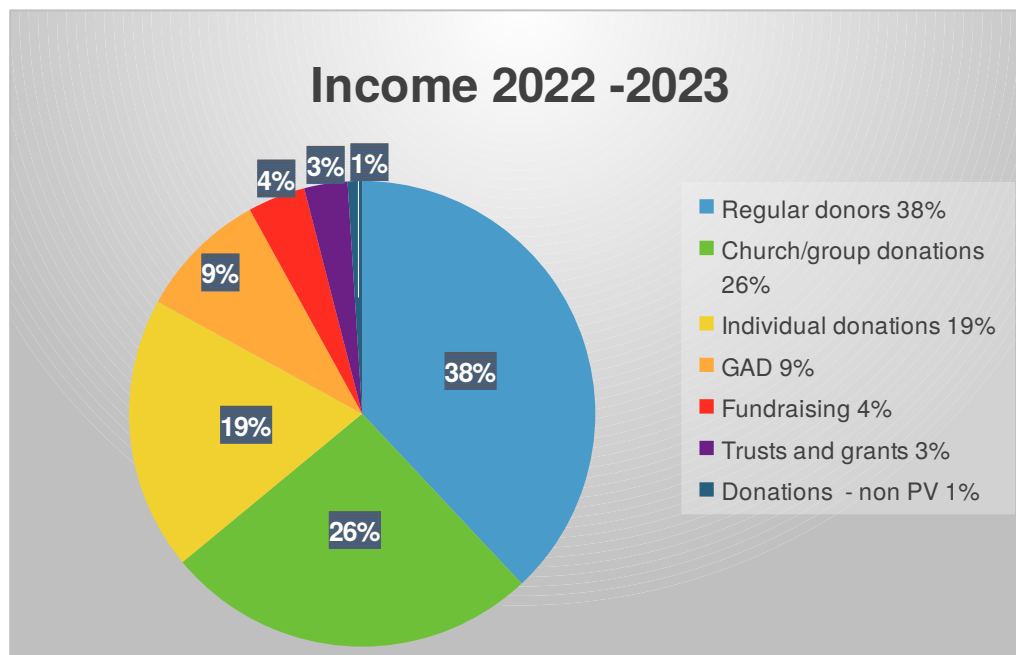
This is the only facility in the district to offer neonatal special care. It also offers inpatient and outpatient facilities for all children in the district, up to the age of 12. It offers ante and post-natal care and the occasional delivery, supervised by our midwife. There have been big changes in the medical centre because for the first 8 years of its existence there has been a CMS doctor from the UK in overall charge, but in May 23 the current doctor returned to the UK and has not been replaced, so clinical care has now passed to three clinical officers.

PVM runs a Nutrition unit within the Medical Centre and a Community Nutrition program which seems to be very successful. Studies have shown that the great majority of mothers attending it manage to keep their child well nourished on return home. There is also an immunisation program, and they support around 10 mothers who require injections to keep mental health problems in check.

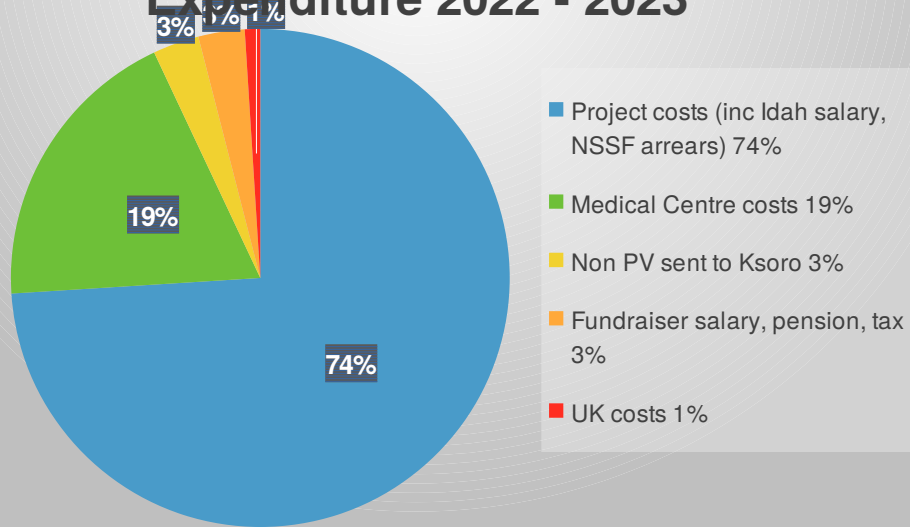
A Disability Rehabilitation Unit provides a basic level of therapy for disabled children and their families. For most of these children it is the only stimulation of any kind that they receive, and it is growing in popularity. It is staffed by two nurse therapists who have received special training. However, it is proving difficult to recruit and retain a trained physiotherapist. We hope to be able to report success on this in next year's report.


In January 2023 6 trustees of FoPV visited PVM for the first time since the Covid epidemic. We met with senior staff and the Ugandan Board of Governors and were able to see the work at first hand. We were satisfied that generally the money we were sending was being used wisely. It was the first time we had met Idah since she took over as administrator and we were extremely impressed with her capabilities. It was disappointing to learn that in the past there had been mistakes with accounting for National Insurance and some tax payments, which meant there were liabilities amounting to several thousand pounds which FoPV had to meet. This contributed to the financial shortfall mentioned above.

The breakdown of total Income and Expenditure for the year is shown below. Included in that is an Income of £26664.00 in funds restricted for the Medical Centre and an expenditure of £32071 on Medical Centre costs.



Expenditure 2022 - 2023



Friends of Potter's Village Trust		Receipts and Payments Accounts		
Charity Number 1173948		Year ended 30th June 2023		
	Notes	Unrestricted F	Restricted Funds	Total funds
		£	£	£
				2021/22
				£
A1 Receipts				
General donations		55,670		55,670
Child Sponsorship		27,873		27,873
Restricted donations			29,299	29,299
Fund raising - sales etc		3,617		3,617
Interest received		1,462		1,462
Gift Aid tax recovered		11,824	0	11,824
Receipts on behalf of third parties			684	684
Transfer from Potters Village Trust				0
Other				0
		100,446	29,983	130,429
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc		0	0	0
Total receipts		100,446	29,983	130,429
A3 Payments				
PVM Capital costs				0
PVM Running costs		132,922	7,210	140,132
Medical Equipment and repairs			13,921	13,921
Fund raising costs		5,575		5,575
Charity running costs		3,137		3,137
Legal expenses				0
Payments from receipts on behalf of third parties			4,705	4,705
Sub total		141,635	25,836	167,471
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc				
Total payments		141,635	25,836	167,471
Net receipts/ (payments)		-41,189	4,147	-37,042
A5 Transfer between funds		0		
A6 Cash funds last year end		82,538	50,155	132,693
Cash funds this year end		41,349	54,302	95,651
Section B		Statement of assets and liabilities at end of the year		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds
		£	£	£
	CAFBank current	0	45,171	45,171
	COIF Account	47,343	9,131	56,474
	Assets	47,343	54,302	101,645
	Liabilities			
	less held for PVM	-5,994		-5,994
	Net assets	41,349	54,302	95,651
PVM Funds held by FoPV 30/6/23				
Community Support	CS Spreadsheet	23,740,300		
Staff Saving Scheme	Draft audited account	3,744,964		
Funds held for PVM 30/6/23		27,485,264	ugx	
Exchange rate		4,586	ugx to £1 - June 2023	
Funds held for PVM		£5,994		
				
Malcolm Crawford CPFA Treasurer, Friends of Potters Village 25th March 2024				



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

FRIENDS OF POTTILL'S VILLAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1173948

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income ~~exceeded~~ £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a ~~qualified~~ member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. ~~Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Stephen Reynolds

Date:

26 March 2024

Name:

STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

F.C.A.