

Promise of Education - Uganda



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Annual Report 2024

Trustees and Constitution:

- Chairman Melanie Horn
- Treasurer Gary Bircher
- Trustee Committee: Jacob Horn, Ellie Freer
- Representative in Uganda Makaka Vestar
- Trustees are recruited through personal recommendation and subsequent agreement by the existing trustees
- The Charity is governed via a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees

Registered Address:

- 46 Barkers Mead, Yate, Bristol. South Gloucestershire. BS37 7LF

Charity aims:

- To advance the education of adults and children in Uganda by providing financial support to establish and run a school or schools and to enable adults and children to access education and training.
- The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in Uganda by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training programmes, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
- The provision of educational materials for schools and other organisations in the UK, relating to life in Uganda and our activities to reduce hardship.
- Carry out fundraising events in the UK to support activities to raise the standard of living in Uganda.

Fundraising:

- The charity received a generous donation from Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church for Bibles and Sunday School books to be given out at its trainings in Uganda.
- Donations were received via its website and Facebook profile.
- Two generous donations were received from donors to boost the trainings in the summer, towards the safe boat travel and towards Melanie Horn's flight as specified by the donor.
- It also hosted two fundraising events; a disco 28 June 2024 and a quiz night 23 November 2024.

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Raising Awareness

- The charity has continued to maintain a website and social media pages to inform investors and promote awareness, including photos and dialogue from people within the village communities.
- Members of the congregation of Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church express an interest in the community trainings in Uganda and supports the charity's fundraising events and knits baby blankets and garments for Melanie Horn to take to the communities when she visits.
- Melanie Horn posted on the South Gloucestershire Council Staff noticeboard about her visit to Uganda (with permission from the council) and staff also donated knitted blankets for her visit.
- Melanie Horn held an information stand about the charity at the lunchtime Christmas fayre at the South Gloucestershire Council building with permission from the council.

What has happened this year:

- The charity continued with the mobile schooling project (Inspire) that is aimed to teach kitchen planting and farming to support the villages and suburbs struggling with famine as many people flock back to the villages from Kampala.
- Melanie Horn visited Uganda in July-August 2024 and supported the delivery of training to communities in Kitanda and Kitungwa in Gombe, Kanjuki in Luwero and Nsazi Island Lake Victoria and Mbale as well as a taster session at a school in Mityana. During these trainings, Promise made the decision to push for the local children in P5 and P6 to attend the trainings in order to reach out to the new generation with a positive mindset about farming.
- The taster session based on the sack garden was presented to 60-80 P6 children at a government school of 1500 children. The school has requested the charity to return and teach the whole training programme. The charity gave the school sacks and seeds to continue planting more gardens.
- Many positive testimonies were gathered about the impact of the training and income sustainability established by their farming from them and other previous delegates.
- Similarly, gardens showed that delegates had listened to the importance of clearing rubbish such as batteries and plastics. The gardens at Nsazi Island had flowers as borders around the vegetable gardens.
- The Inspire Project was delivered to representatives from 500 families/farmers, each programme ending with a celebration and testimonies about what they had achieved. Some of these testimonies were recorded and uploaded to the website with permission from the student. They were given seeds to begin planting.

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- Vestar Makaka and the volunteers met with the Broadcast team of Tim Sebati of Spirit FM Uganda to discuss the idea of creating a programme for outreach to a wider audience. He agreed to donate an hour's broadcasting time each week if we covered the production costs including the cost of a cameraman that would shoot 4 weeks' worth of footage during one training.
- Melanie Horn and Vestar Makaka visited the malnutrition unit at Mulago Hospital to deliver blankets and clothing to the babies and infants in need.

Public Benefit

- The charity has engaged with many people about the Inspire Project and the need for education about planting, composting and irrigation in Uganda and has delivered a programme of nine sessions to needy families in the community who are then encouraged to go on and share their knowledge and experience with their wider family and neighbours.
- Children in the UK are developing a global awareness about life in Uganda and how they can make an impact now and in the future by being directly involved with the charity.
- Children in the UK are learning about different techniques for art, music and cooking.
- The charity has linked churches to hold meetings together, share resources and provided Bibles and other books for their Sunday School children and teachers to aid the delivery of children's ministry.
- When teaching on Nsazi Island, communities from neighbouring islands were also invited to attend the training, nurturing relationships between the fishing islands.

Finances:

- Funds have been used to purchase printing of teaching documents, tools, overalls, seeds, associated travel expenses and refreshments for volunteers to be used by team delivering the sessions about planting to the community.
- An annual fee for the website domain has been paid for this year.
- The charity has no debt financing.

Message from the Trustees:

We would like to thank you all for caring about the future of these disadvantaged children and their families in Uganda by supporting online fundraising events, making individual donations and helping to raise an awareness of the charity.

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Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Melanie Horn (Chair)

Gary Bircher (Treasurer)

Date 21.09.25

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No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-24

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 £
A1 Receipts					
	3 949	-	-	3 949	2 967
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3 949	-	-	3 949	2 967
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3 949	-	-	3 949	2 967
A3 Payments					
	4 970	-	-	4 970	2 678
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4 970	-	-	4 970	2 678
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	450
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	450
Total payments	4 970	-	-	4 970	3 128
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1 021	-	-	- 1 021	161
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2 486	-	-	2 486	2 647
Cash funds this year end	1 465	-	-	1 465	2 486

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Account, Paypal, and cash in Uganda	1 465	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1 465	-	-
	(please ensure these assets are included in the payments and receipts account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer and peripherals		450	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Melanie Horn
Gary BircherDate of
approval24-Sep-25
24-Sep-25