



FAMinternational
STRONGER FAMILIES - SAFER CHILDREN.

FAMINTERNATIONAL
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ending 5th April 2025
Charity Number: 1176909



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For the year ended 5th April 2025

Reference and Administrative details

Charity number: 1176909

Registered office: 4 Livingstone Road, Christchurch BH23 1HL

Bankers: Lloyds Bank,

Independent Examiner of Accounts: Sue Wintle FMAAT
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Directors and Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows: -

The Board of Trustees

Trinity Park
Catherine Butlin
John Butlin

Key management personnel

Mr John Butlin and Catherine Butlin

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5TH April 2025

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.



Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Faminternational is a charitable incorporated organisation registered on 30 January 2018 and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees can be appointed at any time during the year. New Trustees would be appointed if it was felt by the existing Board that the new appointee would add value to strategic thinking and leadership. It would not normally be expected to appoint more than two new trustees at any one time because of induction and training.

Trustee Induction and Training

The induction process for a new Trustee is as follows. A Trustee will meet with the new Trustee to explain all aspects of the Charity and to provide all relevant information regarding it. The Trustees will write to the new Trustee with a copy of the Memorandum of Association governing the Charity and a copy of the last set of accounts and Annual Review. The Trustees will also provide all assistance and information necessary for the new Trustee to become familiar with the activities of the Charity.

Organisation

The board of Trustees, which can have up to 8 members, administers the charity. The board formally meets once per year. To facilitate effective operations, the key manager meets with Individual Trustees regularly throughout the year (usually monthly) and has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the Trustees for operational matters.

The Charity will work with other related parties and co-operate with other organisations where and when it is deemed to be of mutual benefit and in developing and supporting the various projects.

None of our Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

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The charity has established links with FAMadagascar, a charity based in Madagascar working closely with them to achieve their aims.

Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises: -

All potential risks being categorised against high, medium or low potential levels of impact with appropriate steps to mitigate the risks being discussed and recorded.



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Before any volunteers are taken abroad a thorough risk assessment is conducted including areas of activity, travelling, medical facilities, food and accommodation.

Volunteer Services

The charity relies on voluntary help and during the year the charity benefited from 40 hours of services provided by volunteers and 1000 hours of Trustee time, most of this provided by John and Cath Butlin, who voluntarily manage and work for the charity in a part-time capacity. The Trustees thank all volunteers for the contribution to the charity's activities.

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RESERVES POLICY

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level sufficient to cover operating costs for at least 3 months. Unrestricted reserves as of 5th April 2025 amounted to around 6 months operating costs.

Our purposes and activities

FAMinternational's purposes are: -



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- 1) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
- 2) The advancement of education of children and adults in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by awarding sponsorship, maintenance allowances or grants to enable them to access education and by the provision of educational materials and resources.
- 3) The relief of sickness and the preservation of health by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities, services and access to medical treatment.
- 4) The relief and care of children and young people without families and those whose families are unable to properly care for them by promoting the provision of high quality foster care for such children and by supporting foster carers themselves by way of training, support and practical advice in matters relating to the care and upbringing of children and young people. This purpose to be furthered in cooperation and partnership with the relevant local and national authorities in the country where working.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 5 April 24–5 April 25

Between April 2024 and April 2025, FAMadagascar achieved remarkable progress in strengthening Madagascar's child protection system, advancing family-based care models, and promoting systemic reform. Guided by its mission to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, loving, and supportive



family environment, FAM continued to lead the national movement toward deinstitutionalization and the development of trusted family-based alternatives to residential care.

Expanding Reach and Impact

During this period, FAMadagascar supported more than 100 children through its various programs across the country. Of these, around 50 children benefited directly from gatekeeping and family reintegration initiatives, implemented in partnership with the child protection center Akany Avoko, which FAM supported in developing Life Care Plans and Life Project Plans for each child. These tools ensure that every child has an individualized pathway toward family reintegration, education, and sustainable well-being.

Across Madagascar, it is estimated that over 5,000 children still live in residential institutions, many of whom could safely be reintegrated into families with proper support and coordination. FAMadagascar's ongoing gatekeeping and foster care pilot programs aim to serve as practical models for reducing this number and strengthening family-based solutions nationally.

Strengthening Systems Through Partnership and Advocacy

One of FAMadagascar's key priorities remains advocating for systemic reform within the national child protection framework. Throughout 2024–2025, FAM worked closely with the Government of



Madagascar, particularly the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Population, Social Protection, and Promotion of Women, to advance discussions on:

- Establishing formal gatekeeping mechanisms at court and community levels, to prevent unnecessary institutional placements.
- Developing a legal and regulatory framework for foster care, introducing the concept of “trusted families” as an officially recognized form of family-based care.

All pilot programs implemented under the Gatekeeping and Foster Care Systems are carried out in alignment with governmental priorities and serve as demonstration models for the national reform of the child protection system.

Building Strategic Partnerships and Global Engagement

FAMadagascar continues to benefit from strong collaborations with international and local partners, including the Martin James Foundation, Hope and Homes for Children, Child’s i Foundation, and Akany Avoko. New partnerships were also strengthened with the Embassy the French Embassy in Madagascar, supporting family-based care pilot project and advocacy.

On the international stage, FAM remains an active member of Transform Alliance Africa (TAA) and other networks driving the deinstitutionalization movement across the continent. In 2024, FAM’s Country Director took part in a Training of Trainers program in Uganda, gathering 20 African experts to enhance their capacities in transitioning children from institutional to family-based care. This expertise continues to shape FAM’s national training programs and community engagement strategies.

The Continuation of the “Trusted Families” Initiative



One of the most significant milestones of the year was the continuation of the Trusted Families Initiative, supported by the Martin James Foundation. This innovative program promotes safe, nurturing, and culturally rooted family-based care for children who cannot remain with their biological families. It represents a crucial step toward sustainable family strengthening and deinstitutionalization in Madagascar, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow within a loving and supportive environment.

Looking Ahead: A Shared Vision for Reform and Reintegration

FAMadagascar remains steadfast in its vision of a **Madagascar where every child grows up in a family, not an institution**. Our long-term strategy focuses on:

- **Scaling up gatekeeping and foster care pilots** across regions.
- **Advocating for family-based care** within national legislation.
- **Strengthening community resilience** through education, livelihoods, and parenting support.
- **Building capacity among social workers and government actors** to sustain reform efforts.

By combining local leadership, evidence-based practice, and international collaboration, FAMadagascar continues to lead the movement for child protection system reform ensuring that no child is left behind and that the family remains the heart of care in Madagascar.

1. Strengthening Family Reintegration with Practical Support (2024-2025)

At the core of FAMadagascar's mission is the belief that *every Malagasy child deserves to grow up in a loving family rather than an institution*. To make this a reality, FAMadagascar actively identifies



children placed in residential care who have *living relatives capable of care*, and then works intensively with those families to *reunite and sustain them*.

Before reintegration, FAMadagascar conducts thorough home visits and interviews with children and their relatives to *evaluate caregivers' capacity* and needs (economic, psychosocial, health, education). Based on this, the team develops a *Life Care Plan* a personalized roadmap for support.

- **Daily material support for 70 families:** We provide *essential resources* such as food packages, school materials, hygiene products, and access to health services for families preparing to reunite with their children.

- **Psychosocial support for around 80 families:** Trained social workers offer ongoing counseling to families to strengthen relationships, help children adjust after reintegration, and prevent breakdowns in care.

Often children are placed in institutions simply because their families lack basic supports not because families do not care. By addressing *the root causes of separation*, FAMadagascar helps prevent unnecessary separation and ensures that reunification is *safe and lasting*.

2. Advancing Deinstitutionalization with Evidence-Based Systems

FAMadagascar is pioneering a shift away from residential institutional care which research shows limits children's emotional and social development toward *family-centered care*.

Concrete actions taken:

- **Gatekeeping services which helps to avoid more than 50 children ending up in institutions:**

FAMadagascar established the *first specialist gatekeeping service in Madagascar*. This means that



when a child is brought before a judge or social services for abandonment or neglect, FAM's trained team conducts structured assessments to *determine the best care pathway*, ensuring placement in an institution is only considered when absolutely necessary.

- **Promoting alternatives:** Our team supports families at risk of separation by providing *parenting guidance, economic support, and referrals to community services*, so institutional placement becomes the *last resort rather than the default*.

Concrete partnerships & support:

3. Deep Government Engagement for Sustainable Reform

FAMadagascar works hand in hand with government authorities to ensure that child protection reforms are nationally supported, sustainable, and aligned with international standards. Over the period April 2024 to April 2025, this collaboration deepened significantly through renewed agreements, joint advocacy, and technical partnerships aimed at transforming Madagascar's child protection framework.

Concrete partnerships & achievements:

- **Renewal of formal agreements:** during this period, FAMadagascar renewed its collaboration agreement with the Ministry of Justice, allowing the organization to continue operating gatekeeping services in partnership with judges in the Children's Department. This renewal formalizes FAM's role in supporting case assessments, family tracing, and decision-making to ensure that institutional placements are used only as a last resort.
- **Strengthening the foster care system:** The renewed partnership also covers the implementation and expansion of the foster care model, known as the "Trusted Family" system, which offers safe, temporary or long-term family environments for children who cannot immediately return to their biological families.
- **Ongoing legal and policy advocacy:** FAMadagascar continues to support the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry responsible for Social Protection in advancing the national child protection reform



agenda, particularly the development of the Decree on Foster Care and Gatekeeping that has been under technical consultation since 2018. This legal instrument will provide an official framework recognizing trusted family care as a formal alternative to institutionalization.

- **Advocating for deinstitutionalization:** In line with its long-term advocacy, FAMadagascar actively engages government counterparts to promote the national transition away from institutional care. Through policy dialogues, workshops, and technical guidance, FAM encourages the government to prioritize family-based care within all future strategies and budgetary planning.
- **Capacity building:** FAMadagascar provides *hands-on training* for judges, social service workers, and local authorities to implement *gatekeeping processes* effectively. This includes assessment tools and case management practices used in child care decision-making.

4. Expanding Family-Based Care Models with Measurable Support

FAMadagascar continues to scale up structured, family-based care that offers stability, protection, and emotional support beyond what institutions can provide.

Specific initiatives:

- **Temporary 15 foster care assessment and 13 approvals:** FAMadagascar assesses families willing to provide foster care checking *housing conditions, caregiver readiness, background clearances, and ongoing support requirements* before approving them to host children.
- **Support to foster families:** Once approved, foster families receive *regular home visits, psychosocial guidance, and practical supplies* to help children adapt and thrive in their new homes. This multi-layered approach helps ensure that families whether biological parents or foster caregivers have the *resources and support networks they need*.



5. The “Trusted Families” Initiative with Concrete Outcomes

The *Trusted Families Initiative* is one of FAMadagascar’s flagship programs. Supported by partners such as the **Martin James Foundation, French Embassy in Madagascar** and international donors, this program turns community members into *recognised caregivers* for children who cannot remain with their birth families. It allowed 13 trusted families able to take care for children in danger or victim of abuse situation.

How the program works:

- **Identification and training:** FAMadagascar identifies family who express interest in caring for children and conducts *comprehensive training* in child development, trauma-informed care, and family strengthening, etc. Therefore, in 2024-2025, FAMadagascar conducted not less than 7 training sessions for those foster families identified.
- **Monitoring and evaluation:** Each placement is monitored regularly by professional social workers to ensure that standards of care are met and that child well-being and safety are maintained.
- **Community building:** Trusted families are connected with each other in *peer support networks*, sharing experiences and strengthening local capacity. FAMadagascar did it through workshop.

This initiative is not just about placing children in homes; it is about building *a community movement that values family care* and invests in *long-term protection and stability* for children.

CONCLUSION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025YE Total £	2024YE Total £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2	13,411	80,000	93,411	56,070
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		13,411	80,000	93,411	56,070
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Charitable activities:					
Charitable Activities		21,125	42,399	63,524	61,817
Supportive Costs	3	1,711	0	1,711	6,549
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5	22,836	42,399	65,235	68,366
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(9,425)	37,601	28,176	(12,296)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
		Unrestricted (b/fwd)	Restricted (b/fwd)	Total	BS Funds Total
Funds Brought Forward from Prior Year		7,465	2,284	9,749	
Current Year Funds		(9,425)	37,601	28,176	37,925
Total Funds Carried Forward	5	(1,960)	39,885	37,925	-

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank		37,925	9,749
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,925</u>	<u>9,749</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,925</u>	<u>9,749</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds	5	(1,960)	7,465
Restricted funds	5	39,885	2,284
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>37,925</u>	<u>9,749</u>

Accounts Approved by the Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Signature

Mrs Trinity Park (Treasurer)

Date : 26 January 2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts - General Income	13,411	14,930
Martin James - Restricted Income	80,000	41,140
	93,411	56,070

2. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs of projects 5 /5.1	63,524	61,817
Support costs -3	1,711	6,549
	65,235	68,366

3. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

Bank Charges	474
Admin, Postage, Sundries	1,236
Total Support Costs	1,711

4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

The trustees did not receive any emoluments or reimbursed expenses during the year.

5. MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

		OP Balance	Income	Expenditure	CL Balance
		06/04/2025	2025YE	2025YE	05/04/2025
		£	£	£	£
(a) Unrestricted funds:	5.1				
General reserve		7,465	13,411	(22,836)	(1,960)
(b) Restricted funds:	5.1				
Martin James Foundation		2,284	80,000	(42,399)	39,885
Total Fund		9,749	93,411	(65,235)	37,925

5.1 (a) Other Projects: Family Preservation to prevent Child Abandonment. (22,836)

5.1 (b) Martin James Foundation: A fund for initiating foster care and Ensuring Children Stay in Families (Gate Keeping). (42,399)

30th January 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to trustees of FamInternational, on accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - b. Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed...*Sue W*.....

Date... 30/1/2026.....

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