

CONGO FREE POVERTY

(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)

ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity registration Number: 1177569

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year of the charity for the year ended 31March 2022.

Registered charity name: Congo Free Poverty (Congo Sans Pauvreté)

Charity registration number: 1177569

Registered office: Flat 44
Crossmount House
Bowyer Street
LONDON
SE5 0XB

The trustees:

Currently the Charity has 5 trustees and they are as follows:

Mr Wete Biawete (Chairperson)
Ms Julia Lestine Diambu
Miss Gisele Kiamuangana
Mr Santana Pedro Makuntima
Mr Esia Baleze

Accountants:

GM ACCOUNTANCY
Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit 15, Ansty Court
46 Kenyon Street, Jewellery Quarter
Birmingham B18 6AR

Bankers:

Barclays Bank
Octagon House
Gadbrook Park, Northwich
CW9 7RB

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing document & governance**

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 16th March 2018 and its governed as CIO - FOUNDATION charitable organisation. Its governing document was first adopted in 2018 and amended on 8th June 2019. Its governing document was adopted and amended on the 1st January 2022 for the second time.

The charity has a management committee of 5 people who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Trustees recruitment, induction and training

The trustees of the charity also known as management committee are elected at the charity Annual General Meeting.

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been encouraged to take up volunteering hours at our operational centre. Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Training covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the constitution.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives.

Risk management

The board of trustees has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients/beneficiaries and visitors.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity undertake all kind of charitable activities aimed at relieving poverty, promoting and advancing education / languages among Congolese children in the United Kingdom and among orphans & rejected poorest / needy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Charity promote, protect, teach Congolese dialects, history and Congolese culture to those who are Congolese children born in the UK to speak Parents dialects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Advice, information and guidance

The advice, information and guidance (AIG) project is based at our operational centre in Woolwich, the Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich Dockyard, London SE18 5QL and provide help and support to members of the Congolese community and other members of the public. The charity held events during the Christmas and Easter period to promote culture and to celebrate in Congolese way with songs in the Congolese dialects and story telling sessions. The charity wish to create a better understanding of culture and tradition. After two successful years 2019 and 2020, where around 198 people were seen face-to-face to celebrate, all the events went cancelled since March 2020 and then our Saturday classes went on-line via ClassDojo and via telephone because of the pandemic. We are fully back to our activities and we are going to celebrate with songs in the Congolese dialects and story telling sessions in this Easter period 2023. There is no funding for this project and is run on goodwill of volunteers.

Children homework club and Congolese dialects classes.

The aim of this project is to support and assist children and their families by providing help on how to do homework, provide extra support to children who struggle and lag behind their peers in classes in core subjects including Maths, Science, and English. Also, help children to know where they or their parents come from by learning a Congolese dialect.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Against the limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has been a difficult year to plan or develop services and activities.

Principal funding sources

The principal source of funding for the charity is members' monthly donations.

Investment policy

No material investments are held at this time. The trustees will consider an appropriate investment policy in the future as unrestricted funds are raised.

Reserves policy

The Management committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. But as it stands the charity has no free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees of the Congo Free Poverty (Congo Sans Pauvreté) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice). The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each reporting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; ●
Observe the methods and principles in Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- State whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wete Biawete', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wete Biawete

Member of the board of trustees and Chairperson

Date: 06 April 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
- YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	restricted
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCE		
Members' donations	3.050	-
Total Receipts		
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Children classes activities	950	-
Volunteers' expenses	800	-
Refreshments	200	-
Purchase of Laptop	<u>650</u>	
Total resources expended	<u>2600</u>	
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>0</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	450	
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	0

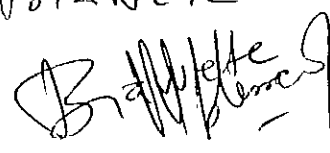
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 450

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	0	0
CURRENTS ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank	450	-
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	450	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT		
LIABILITIES	450	-
NET ASSETS	450	-
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	450	-
TOTAL FUNDS	450	

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 6th March 2023 and were signed-on its behalf by: **WETE BIAWETE**

Wete Biawete / Member of the board of trustees



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
MARCH 2022**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis will all incoming resources and outgoing resources shown on a cash basis.