

**CONGO FREE POVERTY  
(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)**

**ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity registration Number: 1177569**

# CONGO FREE POVERTY

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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 31 March 2023.

**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 Santana Pedro Makuntima

Ms Julia Lestine Diambu

Mr Wete Biawete (Chair)

Mr Esia Baleze

Ms Gisele Kiamuangana

**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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and it's governed as CIO - FOUNDATION charitable organisation. Its governing document was first adopted in 2018 and amended on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Its governing document was adopted and amended on the 1<sup>st</sup> of 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 storytelling sessions. The charity wishes 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 storytelling 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 its stand 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:

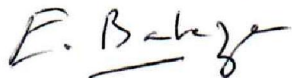
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Observe the methods and principles in Charities SORP;

- 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:

~~Wete Biawete~~ **ESIA BALEZE**  
Member of the board of trustees and ~~Chairperson~~



Date: 28 December 2023



**CONGO FREE POVERTY / CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>
<b><u>INCOME RESOURCE</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Members' donations	3,450	-
People' Health Trust	12,000	-
Pay Pal' donations	80,00	-
London Community Foundation	7,200	-
Christ Winner Church donations	2,000	-
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b><u>24,730,00</u></b>	
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>		
Children classes activities	1,200	-
Volunteers ' expenses	1,400	-
Refreshments	500	-
African Festival	4,200	-
Sewing group activities	8,300	-
Purchase of Laptops	900	-
Total funds brought forward	0	-
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>16,500</u></b>	-
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
(Total funds brought forward)	<u>400</u>	



**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** **8,630**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Tangible assets		
<b>CURRENTS ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Cash Bank	<b>8,630</b>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Amounts failing due within one year	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>8,630</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,630</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>8,630</b>	

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 28/12/2023 and were signed-on its behalf by:

Wete Biawete  
Member of the board of trustees

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH  
2023**

**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.