

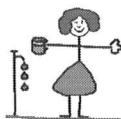
# Water for Kids

*Helping people get safe drinking water for the first time*

## **Annual Report Including Accounts**

**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1178084



# Water for Kids

## Annual Report 2020-21

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## Charity Information

### Trustees

Richard Hall Chairman  
 (Richard Hall retired in May 2021 and was replaced as chair by Sara Emanuel)  
 Patrice Panella Secretary  
 Jason Cox Treasurer  
 Greg Warwick Vice-Chairman  
 Tom Jackson  
 Barbara Lucas  
 Sara Emanuel

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Emma Hill-Brookes

### Charity Registration Number

1178084 (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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24 April 2018

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## **Water for Kids**

### **Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **1. The Charity's Object**

The preservation and protection of the health and wellbeing of children and communities in low income countries through the provision of safe water, good sanitation and other related public health measures where current provision is absent or inadequate.

#### **2. Governance**

Water for Kids' governance is laid down in its Constitution dated 24 April 2018. The policy and operating decisions of Water for Kids are decided by the trustees, who meet three times a year and hold conference call meetings on three other occasions in the year.

In 2018 the charity changed its status using Charity Commission guidance. The charity is now a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

New trustees are elected each year by the Board of Trustees at its AGM. The charity uses Charity Commission guidance to assist with choosing new Trustees, taking into account how their skills and experience match identified needs. Co-opted Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees. The current trustees are listed above.

#### **3. Policy for Overseas Projects**

Water for Kids adopts a holistic approach to the prevention of waterborne disease which we call the 'three-legged stool'. The first leg is the provision of safe water, the second is ensuring there is improved sanitation and the third is hygiene education. The Board of Trustees always considers the provision of water, sanitation (toilets, hand washing facilities etc.), hygiene education, community involvement and sustainability before agreeing to fund a project. This approach is effective in reducing the spread of disease and in saving lives.

Water for Kids considers sustainability to be the essence of its projects. We believe that there is no point in supporting a project unless it's going to last. We involve the local community from the start. Wherever we can, we use local labour and materials. We discuss how the community will maintain the installation in the future and make arrangements for them to take ownership of the new system on completion.

Water for Kids works in close partnership with inspirational local people and community groups in Uganda and Zambia. It supports their ideas and plans for improving the health and well-being of communities, many of whom are living in poverty. The projects are managed on behalf of Water for Kids by local Environmental Health Professionals (EHPs).

In the past Water for Kids Trustees regularly visited projects overseas to ensure they were completed satisfactorily, and that money was well spent. In this year of COVID that has not been possible, so more regular digital meetings with colleagues abroad have been taking place and photos and videos of new installations have been shared. Although trustees will hopefully be able to visit projects in-country again soon, these closer digital links will continue providing better, more up-to-date exchange of information.

Water for Kids funds projects managed by Tanzania Rural Revival, an organisation we know and trust which also involves health professionals in their projects.

Water for Kids is also working collaboratively with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) North East branch (NE) in Kenya to help fund the provision of safe water and toilets at schools.

#### 4. Our Impact

In spite of Covid, Water for Kids was able to provide sustainable water supplies and hygiene education in two countries in Africa this year, mainly in neglected rural areas. This improved the lives of many thousands of people, in 13 communities, in those two countries. Many of the projects were linked with schools, as well as communities, which has the added benefit of making it possible for more children to attend school because of better health and because children need not spend time - sometimes hours - fetching water during the school day.

It did this by:

- installing solar batteries to ensure that water is available on cloudy days for more than 3000 people in Uganda
- repairing a solar panel at a school in Zambia to ensure that safe water was available
- protecting 10 springs in Uganda and repairing one
- restarting the borehole servicing programme in Uganda
- drilling two boreholes in Zambia
- building washrooms for older girls at a school in Uganda

The total cost in 2020-21 was just over £64,000

##### 4.1 Uganda

Water for Kids has been working in Uganda since 2005, mainly in the rural area around the market town of Iganga. The projects here are managed by Muzamiru Bidondole (Muz) who is also a Public Health Officer working for the Council. Water for Kids, working with Muz and his team in Uganda, have developed a new strategic way of working. In 2019-20 we worked in a holistic way in a defined community area, to improve water supply, toilet facilities, rainwater harvesting and hygiene and water committee training. This more targeted approach in a geographical area, has had a greater impact and we have continued with this way of working wherever funds allow.

This has been an extremely challenging year for our team in Uganda who are part of the local front line response to Covid and therefore extremely busy as well as needing to ensure that all Water for Kids project work is done in a Covid safe way. In spite of this the team made really good progress and Water for Kids has provided PPE to enable the team to work safely.

In Uganda during 2020-21, Water for Kids protected ten spring water sources and repaired one. Protection of spring water sources involves building a dam to convert a contaminated pond (created by a natural spring), into a source of safe water, which can be collected easily from a pipe passing through the dam. Final works were completed at our large project at

Naitandu Village, including fencing and painting, and a solar battery was funded and installed to ensure that the 3000+ using the water source would have access to water on cloudy days.

A washroom for older girls was built at Buniantole School, to facilitate better attendance. For some girls this makes the difference between being able to attend school and not.

The very important regular programme of borehole servicing that Water for Kids carries out was interrupted by Covid but was able to start again towards the end of 2020 and will continue. Unfortunately the borehole at Magogo was a victim of the suspension of service but repairs were carried out and it is now functioning again providing safe water to the community.

We were lucky enough to be very successful in the Big Give campaign raising more than £16,00 for a holistic water and hygiene project in Busera in Uganda. Planning the works is well advanced and the WfK team are working with the community to ensure that local needs are met and that there is community buy-in.

## 4.2 Zambia

Water for Kids has worked extensively throughout Zambia since 2005, often in very remote areas. The projects here in Zambia are managed by the Executive Committee of the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH) who work closely with Water for Kids. Philomen Yona, who is a member of ZIEH and an experienced health professional has worked for several years with Water for Kids as our trusted project manager.

Working in remote rural areas/communities in Zambia was unbelievably challenging in 2020/21. Not only were there the difficulties of working safely because of Covid, but also heavy, prolonged rains led to flooding nationally and made travel impossible throughout the five month "rainy season".

But in spite of this some good progress has been made. Work this year in Zambia includes:

- 6 boreholes were scheduled to be drilled in Chisamba District north of Lusaka in November but this was put on hold because of the heavy rains. These are in Nyanga, Lufusa, Bubala, Kalangwe in the Mushwishi area and in Libusha and at Masaka Community School. Hygiene training, water committee training and associated infrastructure works will take place in these 6 villages when the water points are drilled.
- A final borehole was drilled in Mwanjabantu in Njanjande. The handover there following a successful 2 year project is currently on hold due to transport difficulties
- The solar panel at Nkonje School which was struck by lightning has been replaced and lightning rods fitted.
- A borehole was drilled at Shamatintu in Chongwe District. This is the second much needed water point that Water for Kids has provided in this very large village.

## 5. Progress in the UK

The past year has been a challenging one and has given us a chance to test our policies and procedures in difficult circumstances. We finalised our 2020-23 strategy which focuses on sustainability in all areas - fundraising in the UK, projects abroad and succession planning for both trustees and partners abroad. We are more aware than ever of how external events can impact Water for Kids and how important it is that we are resilient.

A new Equal Opportunities policy has been drafted and the Complaints policy has been revised.

A new more robust risk register has been drawn up and forms part of the discussion at every trustees meeting.

## 6. Fundraising

Fundraising in a global pandemic was always going to be a challenge and although our income is less than pre Covid we have had some real successes this year. We'd like to thank our fundraiser, Emma Hill-Brookes, who has gone above and beyond to help realise that success.

Our strategy of working to increase our sustainable income stream has been successful and income from trusts and foundations and Corporate Supporters is more than 45% of our income again due in part to generous support from the Jusaca Trust and the Franklin Trust.

Donations, from both individuals and the Big Give, have contributed £33,000+ - more than 50% - of our income this year due in part to a very successful Big Give matched funding campaign which was generously backed by the Coles Medlock Foundation and by Killgerm. Our loyal supporters outdid themselves with generous donations to this campaign. We also received generous donations from Ged Pike and the Market Harborough Third World Group.

Taking a more professional approach to fundraising, developing stronger relationships with corporate supporters, increasing our profile through social media and a much-improved website, has proved a successful strategy. We have heard again and again that our website, provided by [9th Planet Design](#), has attracted supporters looking for a water charity to Water for Kids. We also worked with Pictoria, [www.pictoriapictures.com](http://www.pictoriapictures.com), who made 4 fundraising videos for us which have been very successful in helping us attract donations.

We are incredibly grateful to our Corporate Supporters who have provided funds and services in this very difficult year:

Killgerm Group Ltd.	Craggan Outdoor Activities
Mellors Catering	Machin & Toplass
Grime Reaper Products	Jones Solicitors
Vindomora Luxury Lodges	Sundried
PHS (Plumbing and Heating Services)	
9th Planet Design	

## 7. Finance

As always we are dependent on the generosity and commitment of loyal supporters to enable our work. But this year has been one of the most challenging ever because of the global impact of Covid 19. In spite of that our income was almost £63,000 in part because we were fortunate enough to be included in The Big Give Christmas Challenge in December 2020, a matched funding campaign, which raised more than £16,000 to fund a holistic water project in Busera in Uganda. Due to the dedication of our project managers in-country, who are health professionals on the Covid front line but they have still found time to do Water for Kids work, we were able to spend more than £64,000 on projects in Zambia and Uganda. We also funded PPE for our project managers and their teams in Zambia and Uganda to ensure that they could work safely.

We are proud to say that 85% of expenditure went directly into water and sanitation projects overseas and only 15% was spent in the UK on governance, fundraising, administration, etc.

At the end of the year the reserves are £44,126; of this approximately £5k is committed to help fund ecosan toilets in Kenya in 2021/22 and £11,358 is committed to fund a holistic water project in Uganda. This is a larger reserve than we would normally have but spending on projects has been difficult because of the restrictions in place due to Covid 19. In order to meet our commitments in the UK and to partners in Uganda and Zambia, the Trustees aim to maintain a level of reserves that will protect the charity against any dramatic fall in income or unexpected rise in expenditure. During 2020-21 the reserves were maintained well above our minimum level of £10,000.

## 8. The Year Ahead

Although the UK has a successful vaccination programme and all adults are predicted to be vaccinated by autumn 2021, this is not the case in Africa where vaccinations are in short supply and only a tiny percentage of the population has been vaccinated. Our project managers are health professionals on the Covid front line so time to spend on Water for Kids projects may be limited but clean water is an important tool in the fight against Covid so they will be prioritising our work wherever possible. We will continue to provide PPE so they can work safely. Trustees are unlikely to be able to visit projects in person in 2021-22 but the successful digital links we have used in 20-21 will continue to keep us in close contact with the teams in Uganda and Zambia.

Fundraising, both individual donations and support from corporates, is likely to be more challenging. Many businesses are struggling as a result of Covid and are less likely to be able to offer support to charities. Government policy on international aid means some funding streams may dry up. But providing safe water and hygiene training is a key element of fighting COVID-19 so the work we have always been doing is even more important now and will hopefully lead to new funding streams. The Franklin Trust and the Jusaca Trust, who are both regular supporters of Water for Kids will continue to cover all overheads so all additional income will go straight to projects.



We will continue to deliver the Water for Kids 2020-2023 Strategy. This will include work on trustee succession planning and regular review of policies aiming to ensure the sustainability of the charity in the UK and its work overseas,

### **In Uganda**

The holistic Busera project will be completed providing a safe water supply, helping the community provide better toilet facilities and providing hygiene and water committee training for this large community.

We hope to do another large holistic project similar to Busera in another community in Uganda subject to funds.

We will continue with spring protections and rainwater harvesting projects. We have an ambitious target of more than 12 spring protections.

And we will continue with our regular and very important borehole and spring monitoring and repair programme.

### **In Zambia**

We will continue to work in partnership with the Executive of the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health. We expect to be able to:

Drill the 6 scheduled boreholes and carry out training of water committees, pump menders and hygiene promoters in Chisamba district as soon as the rains allow.

Identify another area of Chisamba to work in and deliver water points and training to 6 more communities.

Investigate the possibilities of working in a new area, Chitambo, where a former Water for Kids project manager is now based who will be able to work with us there. This is a remote area with great need of water.

**Approval**

We present this Annual Report of Water for Kids for 2020-21 with great pleasure.

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

  
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Jason Cox, **Treasurer**

  
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Patrice Panella, **Secretary**

  
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Sara Emanuel, current **Chair**

**Date:** 7 October 2021

## Our Impact at a Glance

We assist in the provision of safe drinking water, good sanitation and other public health related measures to protect the health of children and communities in the developing world. This is more important than ever during a global pandemic.

In 2020-21, in spite of Covid, Water for Kids worked in Uganda and Zambia to deliver the charity's aims. Here are some key impacts made within the year:

### Impact Table 2020-2021

Country	Project
Uganda	<p>Finished our holistic project in Naitandu providing safe water, better hygiene and training to a community of more than 3000 people.</p> <p>Provided a solar battery for Naitandu</p> <p>Protected 10 springs</p> <p>Repaired one borehole</p> <p>Built a washrooms for older girls at a school</p>
Zambia	<p>Provided PPE to our project managers and other colleagues working on our projects.</p> <p>Installed a final borehole as part of a 2 year project in Mwanjabantu, a very remote community in Eastern Zambia, benefitting some of the most water deprived households in the country.</p> <p>Installed a much needed second water source in a large village</p> <p>Put in place plans for drilling 6 boreholes in Chisamba District including one at a school.</p>

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Period  
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

	2020/21			2019/20
Annual Income	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	
Donations (1), (2)	16,654.08	16,402.65	33,056.73	32,167.39
Trust Donations (3)	26,600.00	-	26,600.00	46,185.48
Gift Aid (4)	-	-	-	-
Corporate Support (5)	2,459.00	-	2,459.00	11,916.10
Miscellaneous (6)	16.05	-	16.05	36.55
'In Memory' (7)	785.00	-	785.00	450.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>46,514.13</b>	<b>16,402.65</b>	<b>62,916.78</b>	<b>90,755.52</b>
Annual Expenditure	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	
Zambia Projects (8)	18,343.22	-	18,343.22	8,734.14
Uganda Projects (9), (10)	25,431.35	11,358.50	36,789.85	48,825.07
Tanzania (11)	-	-	-	3,618.00
Fundraising Costs (12)	5,820.00	-	5,820.00	9,231.10
Administration Fees (13)	2,016.00	-	2,016.00	2,165.74
Miscellaneous (14)	1,449.23	-	1,449.23	2,347.53
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>53,059.80</b>	<b>11,358.50</b>	<b>64,418.30</b>	<b>74,921.58</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>			<b>(1,501.52)</b>	<b>15,833.94</b>

Statement Of Assets & Liabilities	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
Co-operative Bank Account	-	-
CAF Gold Account	13,995.27	39,642.47
CAF Cash Account	27,158.52	3,012.84
Bank balances	41,153.79	42,655.31
Gift Aid Debtor (15)	3,369	-
Somerbys Creditor	(396.00)	(396.00)
Total Funds Available	44,126.79	42,655.31

### Notes to the Accounts

1. Generous donations were received from Ged Pike, Market Harborough Third World Group, Renwell Water and all supporters who contribute by regular standing orders.
2. Restricted donations are for the Team Ndhiwa Project, in Kenya, raised on Virgin Money Giving (£298.10 in 2020/21) and raised on The Big Give that are being ring-fenced for Busara holistic project.
3. Given by the JUSACA Charitable Trust and Franklin Charitable Trusts.
4. Gift Aid for 2018-20 yet to be claimed. Claim to HMRC has been submitted.
5. Corporate support provided by Machin & Toplass, Sundried Ltd, Grime Reaper, PHS, Vindomora Country Lodges, Mellors Catering North Durham College, Craggan Outdoors and Jones Solicitors.
6. Misc includes interest received from the two of the Charity's bank accounts with the CAF Bank Ltd.
7. Received from Sally Foster in memory of Denise Foster.
8. The payments related to work in Zambia:

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
14/04/20	PPE for covid protection of health workers nationwide.	1,000.00
09/07/20	Final borehole for Katoba project.	2,724.20
16/11/20	Four boreholes and assessment of villages for future boreholes in Chisamba District.	10,377.25
08/02/21	Boreholes in Lubashi village and Masaka School.	4,241.77

9. The payments related to work in Uganda.

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
27/04/20	Borehole servicing and travel costs.	2,011.46
11/05/20	Uganda trip expenses.	400.00
28/05/20	Protection of springs at Bukogo and Kabira, general expenses and team allowances.	4,241.71
07/07/20	Protection of springs at Buliganwa and Buwaiswa, Naitandu extras.	3,812.76
10/08/20	Protection of springs at Nauko, Bukidibi and Bufulubi.	3,584.39
24/09/20	Buniantole Primary School, team allowances, Naitandu solar power battery back-up.	5,256.41
09/10/20	Additional costs due to COVID and Naitandu shortfall.	2,194.58
16/03/21	Team allowances.	655.31
26/03/21	Protection of springs at Nabidhonga, Bukoba and Mumore B.	3,274.73

10. Remainder of the funding from the Randal Charitable Foundation for Naitandu and funds raised during the Big Give Christmas campaign were allocated and are being spent on the Busera borehole project.

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
27/04/20	Naitandu solar power project.	2,128.00
21/01/21	Busera borehole project.	5,517.17
16/03/21	Busera borehole project.	3,713.41

11. Funds supplied to Tanzania Rural Revival to fund the Madihani-Kipagalo and Milundikwa Projects for (2019/20).
12. Fundraising costs include Fundraiser's fee and commission, monthly account fee to JustGiving, costs incurred in the course of fundraising events and purchase of t-shirts.
13. Services provided by the Charity's part-time administrator and cost of stationery and other office expenses.
14. Miscellaneous expenses include liability insurance, registration of domain names and website hosting, display materials, membership subscription to NCVO and IFEH, cost of independent examination of the report and accounts.
15. HMRC GiftAid claim submitted (1,600) and Big Give GiftAid (1,769).
16. 87.6% of total expenditure was spent directly on our overseas projects.
17. In March 2021 funds were committed to projects in Kenya and expenditure on a major project that was previously scheduled for Summer 2020. However these plans have been delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**WATER FOR KIDS**

**31 MARCH 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Water For Kids**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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13 October 2021