



# Water for Kids

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

## **Annual Report Including Accounts**

**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1178084



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## Charity Information

Trustees  
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Greg Warwick  
Patrice Panella  
Jason Cox  
Tom Jackson  
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**Water for Kids**  
**Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

## **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 online meetings on three other occasions in the year.

Water for Kids first registered as a charity in 1996. In 2018 the charity changed its status using Charity Commission guidance, to 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 mainly 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).

Water for Kids Trustees regularly visit projects overseas to ensure that they are completed satisfactorily and that money was well spent, however, when that wasn't possible during Covid we put in place regular online meetings and virtual visits to projects which has made monitoring remotely much more effective. Trustees visited Zambia in late 2022 and visited Uganda in 2023 and will be visiting again soon but we're aware of our carbon footprint so are keen to do as much remote monitoring as possible to reduce flights.

## 4. Our Impact this year

This year we provided safe water to schools, clinics, markets and communities in Uganda and Zambia directly benefiting nearly 35,000 people.

We protected 26 springs and drilled two boreholes providing safe water to 28 communities and more than 18,400 people in Uganda. We provided hygiene training to these communities.

We completed a holistic project in Uganda including drilling a borehole at the school, washrooms for mature girls and latrines for boys, water tanks for washing and drinking and a project for local people to make sanplats for latrines. This helped 900 people at the school and in the community, but also benefited a market with as many as 4000 visitors on market day.

In Zambia we completed a large project providing water and a distribution system which benefited 1000 school pupils and patients at the clinic (including more than 250 under-fives) as well as 1291 people in local communities.

We rehabilitated 12 boreholes in central Zambia and provided hygiene and water committee training in those communities, benefitting more than 5,800 people.

We provided boreholes and water distribution to two schools in northern Zambia including training the school health club, as well as water committee and hygiene training. This benefitted more than 2200 school pupils and 1065 community members.

### 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. This year Muz welcomed Steven Baita, the deputy mayor of Iganga, onto the team. Steven is a long term supporter of Water for Kids, and his position in local government ensures that we're working as sustainably as possible.

This year, two Water for Kids trustees, Tom Jackson and Barbara Lucas, were able to visit the team and the projects in Uganda for the first time since the pandemic. They were able to visit both of our previous large holistic projects in Nakavumbi and Busera as well as several of the spring protections. They were impressed with how well the water sources have been looked after and how the communities have benefited.

They were able to spend time with the whole team and discuss how Water for Kids can support them to carry out their important work. This included funding software upgrades for laptops and extra storage to keep our data safe. It was also a really good opportunity to see for ourselves the impact of our projects and how they transform lives.

We have a programme of routine monitoring and maintenance of water sources and this year we have funded and carried out a number of small repairs. Doing small repairs in a timely fashion means that water sources continue to provide safe water for many years.

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. In Uganda this is a very successful and sustainable way of providing clean water to communities.

This year we protected 26 springs and drilled two boreholes providing hygiene training and safe water to more 18,476 people.

### Spring protections

● Olowa	451 people	● Mutewe	542 people
● Buseyi	745 people	● Buluzige	700 people
● Iwawu	450 people	● Nabiriya	741 people
● Bukosi	506 people	● Olwenyi	471 people
● Bugwanadala	567 people	● Geresu	672 people
● Eryasa Buwongo	612 people	● Itulula	521 people
● Nampirika	562 people	● Nondwe	751 people
● Kalitusi	521 people	● Nambale	408 people
● Mufugi	750 people	● Nabitovu	801 people
● Namusenwa	567 people	● Namunkesu B	651 people
● Iduma Memorial	800 people	● Namunkesu A	523 people
● Bulukumu	650 people	● Lwerera	784 people
● Iwumbwe	721 people	● Nasuti	471 people
● Borehole Goodwill School	775 students 562 community		
● Magongo Borehole	450 students and 751 community		

### Wasimba Holistic project

We carried out a holistic project at Wasimba which included drilling a borehole at the school, hygiene training , building a mature girls washroom and a boys latrine, providing water tanks for drinking and washing and a project for the community to build sanplats for latrines. The community has around 700 people, the school has 200 pupils and there is a market which has as many as 4000 people attending on market day who all benefited from this project.

We piloted a soap making project last year in a couple of communities and although this was successful, this is an initiative supported by a number of other charities so we've decided to keep our focus on water and hygiene.

## 4.2. Zambia

In Zambia we work with the Zambia Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH) which is made up of Environmental Health professionals from across Zambia. Our local project managers are members and ZIEH is our way in to working with local communities in some of the most remote and water challenged areas. We were fortunate to be working with Edgar Mulwanda who has worked with Water for Kids for many years and Chishala Mutamba who was managing his first project for us.

Last year, Zambia's new president made education free for all children which has significantly increased enrolments. While this is a very welcome development, extra funding hasn't been provided so schools are facing major water and sanitation challenges. This has been a very successful year for us in Zambia and we've been able to provide water and hygiene training to several schools, clinics and communities.

Zambia is at the sharp end of climate change, and severe flooding during the rainy season led to a major cholera outbreak. Because our project managers are involved in all areas of public health and were therefore very involved in dealing with this outbreak, we provided funding to support them in this work in Lusaka, the capital.

### Tusano

Tusano is a community in Sioma in the far west of Zambia. It was part of a major international initiative, A Pilot Project for Climate Change Resilience, but the water project was never completed, leaving the school, clinic and community without access to safe water. In order to provide water we needed to drill a borehole, install a pump and provide a water distribution system to the existing infrastructure. This was a technically complex project because of the geology of the area and took some time, but was successfully completed providing water and hygiene training for:

- school pupils – 350
- monthly clinic outpatient attendance – 650 including 258 under-fives
- nearby communities population – 1,291

### Chalilo in Chitambo borehole rehabilitation

We completed a successful project in Chitambo in central Zambia a few years ago and were happy to receive an application for another project as Chitambo is a fast growing area with huge water and sanitation challenges. Borehole rehabilitation is a very cost effective way to provide water to communities since there is no cost for drilling. Part of the project is providing robust training for community water committees to ensure that the refurbished boreholes are looked after. As part of our previous project we trained pump menders for all of the districts in Chitambo so we were confident that there would be local help on hand in Chalilo for minor repairs. We successfully rehabilitated 12 boreholes in Chalilo ward in Chitambo:

- Chalilo Primary School            813 pupils
- Moses Makosa                      381 people
- Binwell Mutemba Village        642 people
- Chalilo Bus Stop                   863 people
- Mitondo Village                    322 people
- Mulembo Market                  631 people

● Kasanka Checkpoint	386 people
● Chalilo FRA Depot	333 people
● Misumba Market	555 people
● Lamba Village	296 people
● Ben Chomfwe Village	282 people
● Misamfu Village	322 people

## **Mwansabombwe**

Because one of our project managers was working in the far north of Zambia on the border with Tanzania we were able to complete two projects there this year.

### **Mukamba School Mwansabombwe**

This successful project included the following:

- Sinking of one borehole,
- Construction of overhead tank stand,
- Installation of one 10,000 ltrs UPVC tank
- Connections to four stand points within the school and two communal points with two taps each to the surrounding communities.
- Training of school hygiene club and water point committees for the community water points.

This benefitted:

- 1,102 pupils
- 308 community members

### **Kalasa School Mwansabombwe**

Because the first project was so successful and completed so quickly we were able to do a second project at another school in Mwansabombwe in Kalasa.

The project included the following:

- Construction of an overhead tank stand.
- Installation of one 10,000 ltrs UPVC tank.
- Connection to two communal hand wash facilities with 10 taps each, a tap for the school fruit and veg garden and a shower room for older girls and three waterpoints for the local community.

It also included training of the school hygiene club and water point committees for the community water points.

This benefitted:

- 1103 school pupils
- 757 members of local communities



## 5. Progress in the UK

Trustees had an Away Day in November to discuss how we keep Water for Kids sustainable and fit for the future.

- We did a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis taking an in depth look at how Water for Kids fits into the current national and international situation.
- We discussed how things will look in 2 years and 5 years both here and abroad.
- We discussed recruiting new trustees - a challenge for every charity.
- We discussed the remit and scope of our projects

We are confident that Water for Kids is robust and sustainable. We will retain our focus on the provision of safe water, ensuring there is improved sanitation and hygiene education and not expand beyond that. We hope to make our board more diverse and are putting in place a plan to recruit more trustees.

The robust Risk Register is reported on at each Trustees meeting and revised to reflect the latest position in these testing times as new problems arise, or are foreseen by Trustees.

Our policies relating to Diversity and Travel have been reviewed to ensure we are up to date.

The Fundraising Strategy we drew up in 2021-22, together with the Budget Projection have continued to be of benefit in focussing on sustainability in all areas of the charity to meet challenges as they arise.

## 6. Fundraising

Fundraising continues to be a challenge for every charity in the current global situation. We hoped to recruit a part time fundraising contractor to help us find more sustainable sources of income and although we did have some input from a fundraiser we weren't able to find someone who fits just what we need. We will continue to look for someone who can work with us to ensure that our income is sustainable.

In spite of this our income was more than £103,000 this year which is a record high. This was due to the amazing commitment and generosity of our supporters, especially the Jusaca Trust.

Water for Kids is a member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising.

The Charity has maintained strong relationships with some of our corporate supporters who provide a steady income which allows us to do successful forward planning.

Our excellent website, provided by [9th Planet Design](#), continues to attract supporters looking for a water charity.

Water for Kids was the chosen charity once again for the annual Pest Control News/Killgerm dinner. It raised nearly £7,900. The directors and staff at Killgerm have been very generous and loyal supporters, soon after the founding of Water for Kids, 27 years ago. As always, we would like to give them a big vote of thanks.

Generous donations were received from, Our Lady Of Victories Church, Hari Shukla, Iganga Reunion and Jubilee Celebration Group, Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club.

We are also incredibly grateful to our Corporate Supporters who have provided funds and services for us:

Killgerm Chemicals Ltd

Machin & Toplass

9th Planet Design

Plumbing and Heating Services

Lil Smilers UK

## 7. Finance

In spite of the very challenging global situation and significant inflation in the UK, we have raised a record amount this year, exceeding £103,000. This was mainly due to generous grants from the JUSACA and Franklin Trusts, including an extra grant from the JUSACA Trust. Our dedicated in-country teams in Zambia and Uganda have managed to deliver more than £92,997 worth of project work. A record amount, in spite of most of them being very busy health professionals on the front line.

We are proud to say that 93.7% (91.8% in 2022/3) of funds went directly to overseas project work this year. The rest covers fundraising, admin and governance. At the end of the year our reserves were £60,230.

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 2023-24 the reserves were maintained well above our minimum level of £10,000.

## 8. The Year Ahead

We hope to recruit a freelance fundraiser who will work with us to attract new corporate supporters, apply for a grant for a holistic project and work with the trustees to update our Fundraising Strategy.

We will build stronger links with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (UK) to increase our supporter base and recruit new Corporate Supporters.

We will recruit new trustees.

### In Uganda

- We will protect at least 24 spring sources to bring safe water to communities in the Iganga area.
- We will deliver at least one large holistic project.

### In Zambia

- We will deliver at least one more borehole rehabilitation project.
- We will deliver another project in Sioma district.
- We will deliver another project in Mwansabombwe.

## 9. Our impact this year at a glance

We protected 26 springs and drilled two boreholes in Uganda and trained the communities

We finished 1 large holistic project in Uganda

We rehabilitated 12 boreholes in central Zambia and trained the communities

We provided water and water distribution, improved hygiene and training at 2 schools and local communities in northern Zambia

We provide water and water distribution to a school, clinic and community in western Zambia

**In 2023/24 we helped more than 34,500 people in communities across Zambia and Uganda get access to safe water and hygiene.**

## Approval

We present this Annual Report of Water for Kids for 2023-24 with great pleasure.

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

*J D Cox*

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Jason Cox, **Treasurer**

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Patrice Panella, **Secretary**

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Sara Emanuel, **Chair**

**Date:**

## Appendix 1

### Income and Expenditure Accounts

1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023/24			2022/23
Annual Income	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
Donations (1)	19,933.96	-	19,933.96	18,243.54
Trust Donations (2)	73,000.00	-	73,000.00	68,000.00
Corporate Support (3)	8,810.12	-	8,810.12	9,975.97
Miscellaneous (4)	1,294.12	-	1,294.12	3,883.79
Total Income	103,038.20	-	103,038.20	100,103.30
Annual Expenditure	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
Zambia Projects (5)	32,056.97	-	32,056.97	34,072.74
Uganda Projects (6)	60,941.93	-	60,941.93	41,918.72
Kenya (7)	-	-	-	10,756.12
Fundraising Expenses (8)	90.00	-	90.00	826.00
Fundraisers Fees (9)	3,800.00	-	3,800.00	3,373.99
Miscellaneous (10)	2,339.72	-	2,339.72	3,552.68
Total Expenditure	99,228.62	-	99,228.62	94,500.25
Excess of Income over Expenditure			3,809.58	5,603.05

## Statement Of Assets & Liabilities

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
CAF Gold Account	60,401.69	55,926.75
CAF Cash Account	3,637.61	4,302.97
Bank balances	64,039.30	60,229.72
Gift Aid Debtor	-	-
Somerbys Creditor	(498.00)	(480.00)
Total Funds Available	63,541.30	59,749.72

## Notes to the Accounts

1. Generous donations were received from, Our Lady Of Victories Church, Hari Shukla, Iganga Reunion and Jubilee Celebration Group, Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club.
2. Donations from the JUSACA Charitable Trust, Sydney Franklin No 2 Charity Trust and S E Franklin Charitable Trust.
3. Corporate support provided Lil Smilers UK, Machin & Toplass, Plumbing and Heating Services, Killgerm (via the annual Pest Control News Dinner).
4. Misc includes interest received from the two bank accounts that the Charity holds with the CAF Bank Ltd.
5. The payments related to work in Zambia:

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
20/07/23	Aqua-Tech – Mukamba School Water Project	2,667.14
15/12/23	Aqua-Tech – Mukamba School Water Project – retention payment	653.04
15/01/24	Aqua-Tech – Kalasa School Project	3,796.43
17/01/24	Funds to contribute to fighting the Cholera epidemic	1,200.00
22/01/24	Funds to contribute to fighting the Cholera epidemic	319.52
15/02/24	ZIEH for Nakatambo and Kalasa School Project	9,355.83
08/03/24	Aqua-Tech – Kalasa School Project	1,893.33

## 6. The payments related to work in Uganda.

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
12/04/23	Uganda Trip Contribution – Tom Jackson	400.00
04/07/23	Uganda Trip Contribution – Barbara Lucas	400.00
18/07/23	Bugwanandala, Eryasa Bugwongo, Napirika A and team expenses	6,752.53
24/07/23	Uganda Trip Expenses – Tom Jackson	32.00
24/07/23	Uganda Trip Expenses – Barbara Lucas	206.54
25/07/23	Wasimba Borehole	6,284.80
12/09/23	Spring protection - Iduma Memorial, Namusenwa, Mufugi, Kalitusi	5,579.07
07/11/23	Spring protection – Bulukuma, Iwumdwe, Mutuwe, Buluzige and team expenses	7,710.86
06/12/23	Wasimba latrines / sanplats	6,966.47
29/12/23	Goodwill school borehole	7,249.47
23/01/24	Spring protection – Itululu, Nabirya, Olwenyi, Geresu and team expenses	8,044.68
05/02/24	Magongo borehole, Nondwe spring, Nambale spring, Nabitovu	11,315.51

7. No funds supplied to Kenya projects in 2023/24.
8. Fundraising costs include monthly account fee to JustGiving, costs incurred in the course of fundraising events.
9. Services provided by the Charity's fundraiser, cost of stationery and other office expenses.
10. Miscellaneous expenses include liability insurance, registration of domain names and website hosting, display materials, membership subscription to Fundraising Regulator, National Council for Voluntary Organisations and International Federation of Environmental Health, cost of independent examination of the report and accounts.
11. 93.7% of total expenditure was spent directly on our overseas projects.
12. £2,850 was carried over as committed funds for the Kalasa Project in Zambia. It is the retention for the contractor payable six months after completion (March 2024), subject to satisfactory performance.



**WATER FOR KIDS****31 MARCH 2024****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 2024, which are set out on pages 4 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.


**AM West, FCA****Somerbys Limited****Chartered Accountants****30 Nelson Street****Leicester****LE1 7BA**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2024