



Water for Kids

Helping people get safe drinking water for the first time

Annual Report Including Accounts

Year to 31st March 2025

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1178084



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Charity Information

Trustees:

Sara Emanuel	Chair
Greg Warwick	Vice Chair
Patrice Panella	Secretary
Jason Cox	Treasurer
Tom Jackson	(retired March 31,2025)
Barbara Lucas	
Elaine Rudman	
Eilidh Naismith	(joined 15 April, 2024)

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Water for Kids
Annual Report 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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 was 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.

At the end of this year, Tom Jackson, who has been a trustee since 2009 retired from the board. Tom has been absolutely key to making Water for Kids what it is today particularly with the programme in Uganda and will be sorely missed. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication and wish him all the best in the future.

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 wellbeing 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 visit projects overseas from time to time 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 early 2024 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 the Charity has:

- protected 26 springs in Uganda and trained the communities
- finished 1 large holistic project in Uganda
- refurbished toilets at a busy market in Uganda
- drilled a borehole in Uganda providing safe water and training to a school and local community
- rehabilitated 15 boreholes in Chitambo, central Zambia and trained the communities
- rehabilitated 14 boreholes in Luampa, Western Province Zambia and trained the communities
- rehabilitated 11 boreholes in Mwansabombwe, northern Zambia and trained the communities
- provided water distribution, improved hygiene and training to a school and community in northern Zambia

In 2024/25 we helped more than 37,200 people in communities across Zambia and Uganda get access to safe water and hygiene for the first time.

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. He works with Steven Baita, the deputy mayor of Iganga. Steven's position in local government ensures that we are working as sustainably as possible.

We have a programme of routine monitoring and maintenance of water sources and, as usual, 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.

This has been a very successful year for the Uganda team who have:

- Protected 26 springs providing clean water to 16,706 people in those communities.
- Carried out a large holistic project providing clean water to 1,676 people (including 849 school pupils) as well as building latrines and providing training.
- Drilled a borehole providing water to 1,518 people (including 567 school pupils).
- Refurbished market toilets providing improved hygiene to a busy market and surrounding businesses.

Making a total of 19,900 people who now have access to clean water.

Spring protections

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, sustainable and cost effective way of providing clean water to communities.

This year we protected springs in 26 communities:

Budondo, Bukalogo, Butitili, Mwesigwa, Wamango, Namatooke Central, Namatooke A, Kanyaka, Wakadala, Nabanji, Muyenga, Mpumu, Madhingandele, Nawandyo B, Nyenga B, Namulondo, Nawandala, Kabi, Basitosi, Bukaye, Kazalabulwa, Ivunamugongo, Walumbe, Nagwe and Bufala.

As a result of these projects 16,706 people have access to clean water for the first time.

Bubogu Primary School and Community Water and Sanitation project

Water for Kids were successful in being chosen for the [Big Give Christmas Challenge](#) 2024 which raised £23,971.84, more than the £22,000 that we'd targeted. We would like to thank all of our donors, however big or small, who have helped fund this amazing project.

The Bubogu community has a population of 827 plus a school of 849 pupils and staff, the majority of both being women and girls. The community is vulnerable to disease without access to safe water and sanitation. This project installed, for the first time, a safe, accessible and sustainable water source for the community and the school through the provision of a borehole. It provided the school handwashing stations and drinking water containers for the classrooms. In addition, the sanitation programme renovated a latrine block to provide toilets for the boys and built a new larger latrine block for girls with a washroom for mature girls. A school health club, formed of students and teachers was trained to provide hygiene and handwashing advice to the school and community. A water committee was trained to maintain the borehole and equipment to ensure sustainability.

This project has enabled mature girls to stay on at school longer and means that children no longer have to miss school to fetch water. The community is able to focus on income generating activities and the runoff from the borehole helps irrigate farming. Everyone in the school and community have improved health because they have a source of clean water. This is a project that has transformed Bubogu.

Mutukula Market Iganga toilet block refurbishment

Mutukula Market is a thriving timber market with several small thriving businesses nearby. It was previously abandoned so there were no functioning toilets. Water for Kids refurbished the toilet block but worked with local businesses and asked the timber traders for a contribution to the costs to encourage a feeling of local ownership to ensure that the toilet block is well looked after.

Bunagwe borehole

This project installed a borehole with a hand pump and provided water committee and hygiene training in Bunagwe, Iganga, Uganda. It benefits the community and a nearby market providing water to 951 people. It also benefits the school and its 567 pupils.

Because of the large number of people using this water source a borehole was deemed the most efficient and sustainable way to provide water. The community and school were previously using a water source a long distance away and this borehole means that people in the community as well as people visiting the market can now focus on work and children at the school can focus on learning.

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. Almost all rural clinics and local Councils have EHPs. Our local project managers are members and ZIEH is our way into working with local communities in some of the most remote and water challenged areas. We were fortunate to be working with Kennedy Mulele (now an executive member of ZIEH), a long time supporter of Water for Kids, as project manager and with the current ZIEH executive who are really engaged with Water for Kids. Kennedy undertook an epic journey across the length of Zambia by bus to visit completed projects, meet the communities and local professionals looking after the water points and produced a comprehensive report on the impact of projects for trustees.

This has been a very successful year for Water for Kids in Zambia. We have done more projects than we have ever done before. We completed four projects and have started two others. We have provided clean and accessible water to 18,984 people directly but many others in the surrounding communities have also benefited.

Borehole rehabilitation is a very cost effective way to provide water to communities since there is no cost for drilling. Pump menders are trained as part of each project to ensure that minor repairs can be done in a timely fashion to keep the boreholes up and running. And community water committees are trained at each water point to ensure that the refurbished boreholes are looked after and that they contribute to improved sanitation.

Nakatambo in Chitambo Borehole Rehabilitation Project

As part of previous projects we trained pump menders for all of the districts in Chitambo so we were confident that there would be local help on hand in Nakatambo for minor repairs. We successfully rehabilitated 15 boreholes in Nakatambo and Chitambo wards and provided training to the local communities in:

Chitambo hospital outpatients, Chansa market, Chitambo hospital market, Chitambo Primary School, Mabonde School compound, Katikulula C-center A, Katikulula C-center B, Fisonge Primary School, Kashalyanshi Primary School, Kashinge Village, Chipaata Village, Chipaata Primary School, Mukanga Village, Nakatambo Village and Nunda Village.

This project provided clean water to 8,501 people including 2,680 school pupils at their schools.

Luampa Borehole Rehabilitation Project (Mwanawasa and Mbanyutu wards)

Luampa district has a population of 66,295, with only about 120 functional boreholes. This poses a serious challenge to access to the clean water supply.

We successfully rehabilitated 14 boreholes in Luampa and trained a water committee at each point in:

Namapombwe Primary School, Liyoyelo Village, Chinkome Village, Kalimbwe Village, Simakando Village, Simataa Village, Saono Village, Mupeli Village, Chinika Village, Sapato Village, Saliwoyo Village, Kawenya Village, Sinonge Village and Katunda Market.

We also trained 8 area pump menders who will do minor repairs and keep these boreholes and others in the area working and providing safe water.

4,904 people benefited directly from the new water points which includes 1,021 school pupils but the surrounding community also benefited.

Mwansabombwe Borehole Rehabilitation project.

The population of Mwansabombwe district is estimated at above sixty thousand (60,000) but it has only 196 functioning boreholes leaving a number of areas without safe drinking water. We have worked here before and have a very successful relationship with the local council team. We successfully rehabilitated 11 boreholes here in:

Kafumbe primary school, Nsesema village, Kashita village, Lushinga village, Chisha village, Fwifwi village, Sesa school, Sesa village, Kambikambi village, Kamekela village and Mfwaenda village.

This directly benefited 3,779 people as well as others in the surrounding areas.

12 area pump menders have also been trained who will do minor repairs and keep these boreholes and others in the area working and providing safe water. A water point committee was also trained for each water point.

Mwansabombwe Kafumbe School Water Distribution Scheme

This project included installing a water tank and stand with piping to 3 double sided communal taps, 1 stand tap for gardening and 2 double sided mass handwashing stations with 10 taps on each station. A mature girls' washroom was constructed with a shower and a hand-washing basin.

This project benefited 1000 pupils as well as 800 others in the community. Gardening is an important source of income for rural Zambians and the school was able to create a significant garden using this water. This will both generate income and give pupils the skills they'll need later in life.

Projects in progress

We have started two more major projects in Zambia that will complete next year. One is in Silwana in Sioma and will provide solar powered distribution from a borehole to a school, a clinic and villages. Two mass hand wash stations and an older girls washroom will be provided at the school.

The other is at Nanga School in Mazabuka and will provide solar powered distribution from a borehole to two mass hand wash stations, water points and an older girls washroom for the school as well as water points for the community. There will also be training for the school health club and the local water committee.

5. Progress in the UK

We are confident that Water for Kids is robust and sustainable and have systems in place to ensure this is the case. We 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 recruiting new trustees. Eilidh Naismith joined us this year bringing a wealth of experience of fundraising and knowledge of providing water and sanitation in African countries..

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 safeguarding policy and trustee safeguarding statement have been reviewed and updated this year. We take issues of safeguarding very seriously. The volunteer policy, complaints procedure and equal opps policy have all been reviewed. We discussed our finance policy in detail to ensure that we are able to cope with any financial eventuality in these turbulent times.

We have started work on a new fundraising strategy and that, along with the budget projection, will continue 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 and this year has been particularly difficult. We are very lucky to have recruited Emanuela Brahamsha as a part time contract fundraiser to work with us to find more sustainable sources of income. She will be focussing initially on finding trusts that would like to work with us to provide safe water and hygiene.

This year she successfully bid for us to take part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, the UK's largest match funding campaign. The weeklong campaign saw every donation doubled by generous donors including Machin and Toplass and the Jusaca Trust and our Big Give Champion – Dormywood Trust. We exceeded our target and raised an amazing £23,971 for our holistic project in Bubogu, Uganda providing access to clean water to a community of over 1600 people. Many thanks to the Big Give and everyone who donated to the campaign.

Our income this year was more than £107,000 this year which is a record high. This was due to the amazing commitment and generosity of our supporters, especially the Jusaca and Franklin Trusts.

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 more than £8,100. The directors and staff at Killgerm have been very generous and loyal supporters, going back to soon after the founding of Water for Kids 28 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, Rotary Club of Leicester, Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club, Ged Pike and the Acorn Project. We would also like to thank all supporters who contribute by regular standing order.

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

Killgerm Chemicals Ltd
Machin & Toplass
Lil Smilers UK
Northern Display

9th Planet Design
Vindomora Bridge End Lodges
PHS plumbing and heating

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 £107,000. This was mainly due to generous grants from the JUSACA and Franklin Trusts. Our dedicated in-country teams in Zambia and Uganda have managed to deliver more than £141,000 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 90.3% of funds went directly to overseas project work this year. The rest covers fundraising, admin and governance.

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 2024-25 the reserves were maintained well above our minimum level of £10,000.

8. The Year Ahead

We will build stronger links with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (UK) to increase our supporter base and find new corporate supporters which will fund projects like ours..

We will complete the Fundraising Strategy.

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.

This is subject to successful fundraising.

In Zambia

- We will deliver at least one more borehole rehabilitation project.
- We will finish our project in Sioma district.
- We will finish our project in Mazabuka.
- We will deliver one or two more projects selected from those proposed by members of ZIEH.
- We will produce an impact analysis of our projects.

Approval

We present this Annual Report of Water for Kids for 2024-25 with great pleasure.

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

J D Cox

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Patrice Panella, **Secretary**

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Sara Emanuel, **Chair**

Date: 10/01/2025

Appendix 1 – Financial Accounts

Income and Expenditure

Accounts for the Period
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	2024/25			2023/24
Annual Income	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
Donations (1)	13,790.59	19,202.89	32,993.48	19,933.96
Trust Donations (2)	61,500.00	4,500.00	66,000.00	73,000.00
Corporate Support (3)	880.00	4,580.00	5,460.00	8,810.12
Miscellaneous (4)	1,005.97	2,093.25	3,099.22	1,294.12
Total Income	77,176.56	30,376.14	107,552.70	103,038.20
Annual Expenditure	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
Zambia Projects (5)	47,094.76	-	47,094.76	32,056.97
Uganda Projects (6)	53,292.70	27,304.80	80,597.50	60,941.93
Fundraising Expenses (7)	287.44	-	287.44	90.00
Fundraisers Fees (8)	9,809.76	-	9,809.76	3,800.00
Miscellaneous (9)	3,662.01	-	3,662.01	2,339.72
Total Expenditure	114,146.67	27,304.80	141,451.47	99,228.62
Excess of Income over Expenditure			-33,898.77	3,809.58

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
CAF Gold Account	22,173.89	60,401.69
CAF Cash Account	7,966.64	3,637.61
Bank balances	30,140.53	64,039.30
Gift Aid Debtor	-	-
Somerbys Creditor	(540.00)	(498.00)
Total Funds Available	29,600.53	63,541.30

Notes to the Accounts

1. Generous donations were received from Our Lady of Victories Church, Rotary Club of Leicester, Glanford & Lindsey Lions Club, Ged Pike, and all supporters who contribute by regular standing orders. Acorn Project donation which is restricted for Bunagwe Borehole in Uganda. Also generous support from the Big Give during the Charities main fundraising campaign.
2. Donations from the JUSACA Charitable Trust, Sydney Franklin No 2 Charity Trust and S E Franklin Charitable Trust.
3. Corporate support provided Machin & Toplass, Cairngorms Activities, Killgerm (via the annual Pest Control News Dinner) and Vindomora Bridge End Lodges.
4. Misc includes HMRC Gift Aid for the Big Give Campaign, and interest received from the two Charity's bank accounts with the CAF Bank Ltd.
5. The payments related to work in Zambia:

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
01/05/24	Kalasa School retention to contractor - AquaTech	543.38
03/07/24	Silowana Project	9,061.22
06/08/24	Mwansabombwe borehole rehab and Luampa borehole rehab	21,128.43
15/08/24	Kalasa School, Mwansabombwe - retention to contractor	623.20
08/01/25	Nanga school, Mazabuca / Kafumbe school, Mwansabombwe / Silowana school, Sioma	15,738.53

6. The payments related to work in Uganda.

DATE	REASON	AMOUNT
04/04/24	Nammunkesu A/B, Lwerera, Wasuti, borehole servicing	6,879.52
01/05/24	Springs: Budondo, Butitili, Bukalogo, Mwesigwa, Evaluation of soap making	6,032.43
04/06/24	Springs: Namatooke, Namatooke Central, Wamango, Kanyaka	6,496.82
01/07/24	Springs: Springs: Bufula, Naigwe, Nakabale & St Adonia School shallow well	5,512.68
14/08/24	Springs: Wakadala, Nabanji, Muyenga, Mpumu	6,385.28
06/09/24	Springs: Madhingandele, Nawandyo B, Nyenga	3,359.34
06/09/24	Springs: Madhingandele, Nawandyo B, Nyenga	373.26
27/09/24	Iganga Market toilets upgrade	1,653.96
17/10/24	Springs: Namulondo, Nawandala, Kabi, Basitosi	5,499.03
04/12/24	First payment for Bubogo Holistic Project	7,777.78
17/01/25	Bunagwe Borehole	6,858.71
21/01/25	Big Give funds for Bubogo Holistic Project	5,542.73
31/01/25	Big Give funds / Leicester Rotary for Bubogo Holistic Project	7,927.52
03/03/25	Team Allowance	1,028.16
03/03/25	Third payment for Bubogo Holistic Project	4,444.57
31/03/25	Bubogo final payment	4,389.98
31/03/25	Vehicle maintenance	435.73

7. Fundraising costs include monthly account fee to JustGiving, costs incurred in the course of fundraising events.
8. Services provided by the Charity's Fundraiser's fee, cost of stationery and other office expenses.
9. 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.
10. 90.3% of total expenditure was spent directly on our overseas projects.
11. Committed funds of £2,571 were carried over to 2025/6 for the Big Give project in Bogogo, Uganda, which was completed in May 2025.

WATER FOR KIDS

31 MARCH 2025

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 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 14.

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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