

Gambian Projects Overseas

Chairman's Annual Report for the AGM. 20th May 2024

Dear Trustees and Supporters,

I am pleased to present the annual Chairman's Report for the year 2023 - 2024. As we reflect on our accomplishments and challenges, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and commitment to Gambian Projects Overseas.

Financial Health

Our financial position remains strong. Despite the global economic uncertainties and general fall in charitable giving, we have managed to maintain a healthy reserve fund. Our fundraising efforts, including sponsored walks, regular giving, targeted giving, Sevenoaks Council Play Events, larger donors and cash donations, have contributed significantly to our financial stability. A number of projects are planned for the coming year, including a sponsored walk, a sponsored cycle event, 3 play events and some Crowd Funding with Just Giving, so we hope to maintain this position going forward.

Projects and Achievements

Sinchu Annexe and Playground Completion

I am delighted to announce the successful completion of the Sinchu Nursery Annexe project, in so far as major building works is concerned, Thanks to our dedicated team and generous donors, we were able to complete the extension of the electricity supply to the new classrooms, installing lighting, fans and electric sockets. In addition a large upgrade of the IT computers equipment and resources was achieved, including broadband connection, plus a resource library added to the room too. Then with a much-needed playground completed, the Sinchu school and local community had big smiles on their faces and those of the children too.

Infrastructure Improvements

As mentioned, a major achievement was addressing critical infrastructure needs, including drainage and IT upgrades. These investments will enhance our operational efficiency and ensure a better experience for our schools and wider community.

Solar and Garden Allotments

Our commitment to sustainability continues with the implementation of solar panels and garden allotments. These initiatives not only reduce our environmental impact but also provide educational opportunities for the community.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain focused on our mission. Our website donation section is being updated to streamline the giving process, and we are exploring a new look to better represent our values and impact.

Future trips are also on the horizon. These experiences allow us to connect with our beneficiaries directly and gain valuable insights into their needs.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to our board members, volunteers, and donors. Your dedication drives our success, and together, we will continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

David Bennie

Chairman,

Gambian Projects Overseas Charity

20th May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Gambian Projects Overseas	No (if any) 1178497
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Carried over balance	4,527	-	-	4,527	3,663
CAF Bank	7,828	-	-	7,828	-
Fund Raising	1,560	-	-	1,560	-
Donations	4,367	-	-	4,367	-
Total Income 22 - 23	-	-	-	-	8,989
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,282	-	-	18,282	12,652
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,282	-	-	18,282	12,652
A3 Payments					
Building	5,923	-	-	5,923	-
Transport	989	-	-	989	-
Container	936	-	-	936	-
Teacher Expenses	740	-	-	740	-
Training	253	-	-	253	-
Fund Raising	216	-	-	216	-
Solar	1,141	-	-	1,141	-
IT	1,551	-	-	1,551	-
Total Spending	-	-	-	-	13,063
Sub total	11,749	-	-	11,749	13,063
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,749	-	-	11,749	13,063
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,533	-	-	6,533	- 411
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,533	-	-	6,533	- 411

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Account	6,616	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,616	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	