

MAD4Kids Trustees' Annual Report for period 1st Jan 2023 to 31st December 2024
(Charity no.1180390)

Charity's purpose

As stated in the charity's Trust Deed our main purpose remains: 'the relief of poverty and the advancement of education of children living in Zambia, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of funds and items to the Good Samaritan Ministries School in Lusaka, Zambia

Governance

There was no change to the charity's structure during the year, 4 trustees were subsequently reappointed for a further 3 year term and the trustees continued to meet both informally and formally throughout the year, to co-ordinate fund-raising activities and agree expenditure.

Summary of activities in the year

Fund Raising

Funds totalling £32,342.52 were raised during the course of the year.

We were very thankful to the 90 supporters who contributed throughout the year to our support fund which helps us meet our ongoing commitment to paying teachers' salaries and the daily feeding programme at the Good Samaritan Ministries School, Lusaka, Zambia.

In the course of the year we also raised money through a number of well attended events including a plant sale, our annual Carols by Candlelight evening and 2 quiz nights.

We were extremely grateful to the numerous individual donors who generously supported us financially in the year and in particular to two private donors who financed the water and school garden projects at Hamunyangwa and Namilongwe schools in the Monze District of Zambia.

Full details of the funds raised and their source are shown in the attached accounts for the year.

Expenditure

Expenditure during the year was £32484.42

£18,066.09 was paid to the Good Samaritan Ministries School in Lusaka for salaries, feeding and some major repairs to roofs, doors and windows. A solar panel installation helped to overcome the intermittent electricity supply difficulties associated with recent droughts in Zambia. Cooking equipment was purchased and exam fees paid for some of the poorest pupils. In addition sanitary products were bought and distributed to the older female pupils.

Following a visit to Zambia by two of the trustees in 2024 some further support was given to pupils at Malomo and Namununga schools, previously supported by MAD4Kids. Shoes for pupils at those rural schools who had long distances to walk each day were purchased together with more text books, exercise books and sanitary products.

Following several unsuccessful bore hole drilling attempts at Machinga and Mweena schools, two successful bore holes with solar powered pumps and fully fenced school gardens were installed at Hamunyangwa and Namilongwe schools through our partners Zambia Women and Girls Foundation based in Monze in Zambia's Southern Province. Pupils and teachers at the school started immediately to cultivate vegetables and crops to support both feeding at the schools and to generate small additional funds for use by the schools.

Communication

We have endeavoured to keep our supporters up to date through our website, facebook postings and our newsletters.

Regular communication takes place with our Zambian partners Timothy Malama (GSM) and Charles Dinda (ZWaGF), mainly through online chats, e-mail and video conferencing discussions.

Projects supported during the year, and their impact:

1. Good Samaritan School, Lusaka

This school, situated on the outskirts of the capital city, Lusaka, has now been supported by trustees for over 19 years. Despite its continuing financial struggles, through its dedicated team of professionally qualified teachers it provides free quality education to more than 450 orphans and vulnerable children from pre-school to Grade 7.

MAD4Kids continues to pay a monthly allowance to all the teachers at the school, fund the daily feeding programme at the school and is the school's main benefactor.

Two of the trustees were able to spend time at the school in 2024 to meet all the staff and pupils and to agree what further support was required to help the school in future years. They were delighted to meet Timothy Malama again, this time as Director of the school and some of the longer serving members of staff met during previous visits. The visit helped a great deal in understanding the day to day struggles faced by the school.

2. Sponsoring a gifted pupil

MAD4Kids has continued to help a disadvantaged ex-GSM school pupil, described by the Minister of Education as the 'cream of the nation'. Post GSM he attended Chongwe High Boarding School and continued to do well in his secondary education. He has now secured a place to study Medicine at the University of Zambia and MAD4Kids have agreed to support him in his ambitions to become a doctor.

3. Namununga Community School, near Monze, Southern Province, Zambia.

Following trustees' ambitions to support other schools in Zambia, MAD4Kids partnered with Zambia Women and Girls Foundation in Monze, Zambia. The first school helped was Namununga Community School, a community built school in a rural area of Southern Province, Zambia. The initial report showed a school with 250 children which was built (in 2001) and funded entirely by the local community was desperately in need of external support. There was no

water at the school, 6 unqualified teachers, only 27 desks and little in the way of resources.

In the last few years the charity has been able to refurbish a 2 classroom and a 3 classroom block at the school, install a bore-hole with a solar powered pump and school garden and build 2 teachers houses to enable qualified teachers to be recruited and paid by the Government. In a visit, trustees were able to meet Albert who founded and gradually built up the school and through whom the original request for help was made.

3. Malomo school

The borehole and school garden installed at the school were also visited by trustees who met with the elders of the village to understand the difference they had made to both the school and its community. The trustees were keen to continue their support as and when funds allowed, in particular to build a teacher's house in the future to accommodate teachers currently living in one of the classrooms.

4. Hamunyangwa and Namilongwe schools

Two private donors agreed to help extend the range of schools supported by the charity and to pay for the installation of clean water supplies at these two rural schools. Completion of the projects took the total number of children now benefitting by having clean drinking water provided through the charity's funding to over 2000.

Future Plans

Trustees have personally supported the Good Samaritan School for over 19 years and it remains the main priority for MAD4Kids. The school has continued to grow and the charity is fully committed to its continuing success.

As and when additional funds allow, the charity would like to continue its recent endeavours and support more schools in the Monze region where needs are initially identified by our partners working there, informed by their regular discussions with local department of education representatives.

2024 Accounts - M.A.D.4Kids

Acct period 1.1.24 to 31.12.24

2024**Income:****32342.52****Expenditure:****32484.42****Income:**

GSM support fund

9861.1

Fund raising events:

Plant Sale

1302.35

Donations

829.71

Cottage use

310

Carols by Candlelight

1786.61

Grants/Donations over £1000

12000

Gift Aid/Small Claims

4119.75

Quiz 1

1240

Quiz 2

893

Total income**32342.52****Expenditure:****GSM School:**

GSM school salaries & feeding:

11464.28

GSM Projects

5819.69

Resources

782.12

Total GSM**18066.09****Total Namununga****795.24****Malomo Schol Garden/Water****1046.13****Bank charges****84.05****New Projects: Namilongwe & Hamunyangwa****12492.91****Total expenditure****32484.42****Bank balance 1.1.24****28652.27****Bank balance 31.12.24****28510.37**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of MAD4Kids Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the MAD4Kids Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

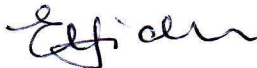
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination 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 Trust 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.

Signed:  (EMMA HICKS)

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address: 3 EVENLODE AVENUE, PENARTH, CF64 3PD.

Date: 13 SEPTEMBER 2025.