



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/04/2022
Period end date

Period start date To 31/03/2023

Charity name:The Kora Trust

Charity registration number: 1181515

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The relief of poverty and advancement of education of people living in Kafountine and the surrounding areas in the Casamance, Senegal through support and funding for projects
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing funding to organisations running projects that meet the Charity's criteria. Occasional help in kind (eg tools, equipment)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This is incorporated in the Charity's Constitution. All Trustees have signed a document confirming that they understand the requirements

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Chair of the Trust lives part of the year in Kafountine and the other Trustees are regular visitors. The Trust is therefore well integrated with the community in Kafountine and aware of its needs and aspirations. Trustees will consider support for any project that (a) supports and is consistent with the aims of the Trust and (b) originates from and/or has significant support within the local community. They will also have regard to whether a project has the potential to become self-supporting and/or whether supporting it can unlock other funding sources (e.g. other charities), so as to maximise the effectiveness and

		sustainability of the help given. However we recognise that the lack of resources within Kafountine means that this cannot always be guaranteed and will not be a condition of funding. In practice the Trust will have limited funds available to it and a more complex and detailed application and decision-making process is not considered appropriate or proportionate at this time
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity has no paid staff. Most donor activity is financial help, although occasional donations in kind, or hands-on help with a project also take place.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Since it was established in 2019 the Charity has supported four projects.</p> <p>The Youssouph Kalagan Diatta Pre-School</p> <p>With help from The Kora Trust, the school has built up from just a handful of children in 2010 to over 120 today. Resources are scarce and one of the ways in which guests of the Kora Workshop and supporters of the Trust have been able to support the school has been by donating simple appropriate equipment and learning resources.</p> <p>The community-run pre-school prepares children for entry into the local primary school. Most children only speak a local language at home and are taught first steps in French, personal hygiene and social skills. This enables them to focus their energies more effectively on learning when they enter primary school.</p> <p>The Trust supports the salaries of two teachers and helps build and maintain the facilities at the school, including help to</p>

		<p>build a new classroom as well as accommodation for the teachers.</p> <p>The Souda Coly Pottery</p> <p>Souada Coly is a potter who sustains traditional pottery skills, a trade, unusually, led by women and who also provides a very necessary product. This once-thriving pottery needed investment to maintain its viability.</p> <p>The Trust is helping to build a new kiln for Souda, and a simple undercover showroom where Souada can display her work and run workshops.</p> <p>With the above improvements, Souada has been able to increase her output and regularly supply her functional earthenware pots to local markets, as well as create new work, which can sell to passing visitors. She was one of the last in a line of potters and her skills were in danger of being lost. Her daughters couldn't see a future in the declining business but now with a revamped set up, two of her daughters have decided to learn the traditional skills that have sustained their family for many years.</p> <p>Kalilu</p> <p>Kalilu is a women's cooperative, using a plaiting technique to recycle cuttings from local tailors to make a strong and colourful fabric which can then be used to make bags, clothes, etc.</p> <p>The Trust financed the purchase of a heavy duty sewing machine, necessary to work with the thick material.</p> <p>Nature Vert</p> <p>This is a project, developed and managed by local woodworkers to guarantee supply of wood for future generations. They have joined forces with a local farmer to pilot a tree-planting project.</p> <p>They aim to persuade the Marie (the local Council) to allocate land to this project but need to demonstrate its viability for this to happen. At present the pilot is being run on a beautifully tended market garden, growing a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, just outside Kafountine.</p>
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		<p>The trees are <i>Acacia mangium</i>, Australian black wattle, a non-native but naturalised species not considered invasive. They are unusually fast growing for a hardwood, growing to a usable size in five years. They also have the huge advantage of being termite resistant.</p> <p>Our funding initially was to buy 700 reusable sachets in which seeds (which are collected from around existing trees) were planted.</p> <p>In addition, through the work of one supporter in particular the Trust has supplied woodwork and shoemaking tools to local tradespeople</p> <p>With the help of residents in his home village of Bamford in Derbyshire, Philip Taylor collected together around 25kg of woodwork and shoemaking tools which have now been distributed around Kafountine.</p> <p>These tools are helping families to become more self sufficient and increase productivity and prosperity.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We essentially respond to local needs as our limited resources allow. We do not believe that a target-driven performance culture is appropriate for this organisation
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	On 31/3/22 the charity's bank balance stood at £2250.01. Income during the year was £2754 and expenditure £4027. Expenditure exceeded income largely because an accumulated balance and the promise of a large donation enabled us to fund significant building works in the pre-school. Our income from Standing Orders was £1075, which represents a stable base for our expenditure. Our one ongoing commitment is to the salaries at the pre-school, which amounted to £2979. Our balance would cover 9 months salaries, without any income, plus, in accordance with Senegalese requirements, we have lodged a sum equivalent to three months' salaries in an account linked to the school. We therefore view the charity's financial position as stable, with additional projects dependent on future income. Such projects, of course also offer opportunities for additional fund raising.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not hold separate reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The financial size of the Charity and the fact that it has no fixed costs (buildings employees etc) does not warrant holding reserves, over and above a prudent positive bank balance.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None with current levels of support and expenditure

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations, primarily from people who have visited Kafountine, through standing orders. Occasional one-off fund-raising events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal	Para 1.46	Low risk of disruption caused by political upheaval in Senegal. Low because (a) historical stability of Senegal (b) Kafountine

risks facing the charity		is in a quiet rural area.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trust Deed
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO whose only voting members are its Trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<p>(a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person.</p> <p>(b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or • if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause [12(1)(e)]. Of the Constitution <p>(c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.</p> <p>(d) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed [for a term of [three] years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(e) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees able to appoint further Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		We regard it as essential that any Trustee
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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	should have visited and be familiar with the community of Kafountine
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Kora Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1181515
Charity's principal address	12 Grosvenor Road, London, N10 2DS, UK

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Katherine Pickering	Chair		
2	Nigel Hamilton	Treasurer		
3	Jack Hamilton			
4	Annie Menter			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Nigel Hamilton

Nigel Hamilton	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Treasurer	
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Date

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Receipts & Payments Account

Current account

	Total	Unrestricted	School	Payee	Kurila	Hardwood	Residing	Spare fund 6	Spore fund 7	Spore fund 8	Spore fund 9	Spore fund 10	Spore fund 11
Receipts													
Standing order	1,075.00	1,045.00	30.00										
Single donation	1,874.00	1,874.00											
Fundraising													
Gift aid													
Amazon Smile	5.00	5.00											
Receipt - spare 6													
Receipt - spare 7													
Receipt - spare 8													
Receipt - spare 9													
Receipt - spare 10													
	2,954.00	2,924.00	30.00										
Payments													
Wages	2,975.86		2,975.86										
Vehicle													
School resources													
Building materials and labour	1,047.55		1,047.55										
Administrative costs													
Volunteer support													
Equipment													
Payment - spare 8													
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	4,027.41		4,027.41										
Net receipts / (payments)	(1,073.41)	2,724.00	(1,303.41)										
Transfer													
Balance brought forward	2,250.01	10,166.76	17,803.77	(20.96)									
Balance carried forward	976.60	12,800.76	(11,803.24)	(20.96)									
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[Signature]
N. Hamilton
Treasurer
30/6/24