

KIDS OF MALAWI UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1183319

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH AMONG CHILDREN LIVING IN MALAWI THROUGH ASSISTING AND SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND THOSE WHO PROVIDE THEM, IN PARTICULAR BY MAKING GRANTS, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE, RAISING AWARENESS AND CARRYING OUT RESEARCH, THE USEFUL RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: Kids of Malawi aims to improve the health of children in Malawi through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- Malawi
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,960	£5,867	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,628	£6,666	-	-
2023-03-31	£11,660	£25,697	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,959	£9,832	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,250	£5,144	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Shantha Ganesh Shanmugalingam	Chair	2019-04-04
Dr Catherine Bradshaw		2019-04-04
Dr Michael Tremlett		2023-11-01
Dr Sarah Morgan		2019-04-04
Professor Mark Wilson		2019-04-04

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: KIDS OF MALAWI UK

Charity registration number: 1183319

The Trustees present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements.

Objectives and Activities

As laid out in our constitution the object of Kids of Malawi UK is the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of good health among children living in Malawi through assisting and supporting health care services and those who provide them, in particular by making grants, providing information and advice, raising awareness and carrying out research, the useful results of which will be published for the public benefit.

Kids of Malawi aims to improve the health of children in Malawi through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres.

In this reporting period we continued to support nursing at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH).

The trustees allocate grants from our unrestricted funds on the basis of the receipt of suitable applications from Malawian partners and meet regularly throughout the year to review applications and make grants accordingly. Grants of £5005 were approved during the year. These were to continue support of a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse at KCH (£4821) and to cover travel costs for one of the consultant paediatric surgeons in KCH to attend a 2 day hypospadias course in Johannesburg, to enable her to provide a better service for these children who require technically challenging surgery (£184).

As trustees we confirm we pay due regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance and this has been followed when making decisions on the use of the charities funds and activities undertaken.

Achievements and Performance

Since 2020, the trustees have continued to assess the highest priority need for our support as a charity and have concluded this remains supporting nursing provision in Malawi. Kids Of Malawi UK have supported a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse (PSQUIN) role from March 2020, via the Moyo Children's Initiative (MCI), a Malawi registered NGO with an MOU with Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH).

Mr. Martin Chingedwe, remained in this role in 2024/25 and his role continues to drive up the quality of nursing across paediatric surgery at KCH and contributes to research activities to improve children's care. Martin won the best oral presentation prize at the 2024 Kamuzu Central Hospital, Research Dissemination Conference.

Photos: 1 Mr Martin Chingedwe, Paediatric Surgery Quality Improvement Nurse, funded through Kids of Malawi UK



Photos: 2 Mr Chingedwe's award at the 2024 Kamuzu Central Hospital, Research Dissemination Conference



Context Challenges and Future plans

In the final quarter of 2024/25 we met challenges connected with changes in senior management at KCH in Malawi and a dramatically changing global aid and development funding landscape. This led us to conclude, as trustees and partners, it was not feasible to submit a planned high value THET funding bid. Instead we agreed to adopt a watching brief on other opportunities, but refrain from actively seeking to expand KoM UK unless circumstances change.

Therefore, as trustees, with our established UK/NHS and Malawian / KCH partners we have agreed to consolidate our focus to solely supporting the PSQUIN role in 25/26 while we review the shifting context and assess our ability to raise funds, secure grants and implement projects as a partnership

Financial Review

The income for the 2024/25 year was £2960 as compared to the previous year of £3628. All income this year was from unrestricted sources. The expenditure for the year was £5867 as compared to £6666 in 23/24.

£4752.34 was received from THET in previous years as a Global Health partnerships bursary. Final pending payments totalling £862 were made with the remains of this THET grant in 2024/25, thus clearing this liability shown in last years account.

Unrestricted grant spending of £5005 was made in 2024/25, as outlined above for the paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse role and final costs associated with a travel

bursary. We ended the financial year with £11309 in our UK bank account as compared to £14,216 in the previous year.

In the 24/25 reporting period the principal source of funding has been unrestricted donations from private individuals and we thank all our regular donors who enable our work.

Kids of Malawi UK had no documented policy in 24/25 for holding reserves, given it had insignificant liabilities. However, in awarding grants from unrestricted funds the trustees ensure they consider the ability to maintain the charity as a going concern on the basis of forecasted income. Trustees have agreed to formally document a reserves policy in 2025/26 as part of an overall governance review.

The charity does not own and/or lease land or property. The charity does not hold any investments beyond cash deposits held at UK banks. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity. No trustees claimed expenses in this financial year. No admin costs were incurred this year.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, with a consolidated focus on the PSQUIN role funded from regular donations. For this reason, they continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements. The ongoing regular private donations and lack of liabilities support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern. Charity trustees regularly review and assess the risks faced by the charity. As a small charity, with no paid staff, our principal risks remain trustee capacity to manage the charity and volatility of securing restricted and unrestricted funds to plan additional or longer term projects.

Structure, Governance and Management

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), our governing document is the Kids of Malawi UK constitution, last amended 30th March 2019.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO Foundation. The Kids of Malawi UK constitution sets out there must be at least three 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. 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.

Kids of Malawi UK has policies which cover the following areas:

- Complaints and incident handling
- Conflicting interests
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Internal risk management policy and procedures
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Volunteer management

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	KIDS OF MALAWI UK
Registered charity number	1183319 (CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 08 May 2019)
Charity's principal address (In 23/24 reporting period)	37 PRIOR PARK ROAD BATH BA2 4NG


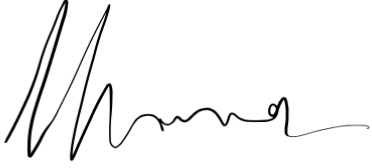
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Shantha Ganesh Shanmugalingam	Trustee	Chair until 31 st October 2024 when retired from this role	By resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
Professor Mark Wilson	Trustee		
Dr Catherine Bradshaw	Co-Chair	Appointed co-Chairs 31 st October 2024 taking over from prior chair	
Dr Sarah Morgan	Co-Chair		
Dr Jonathan Dean	Trustee		
Dr Michael Tremlett	Trustee		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)



Sarah Morgan	Shantha Shanmugalingam
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Position

Co-Chair	Trustee
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Date

26/09/2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		KIDS OF MALAWI (UK)		1183319		CC16a
		Receipts and payments accounts				
		For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025	
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						
Donations		2,960	-	-	2,960	2,757
Grant income		-	-	-	-	871
		-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	2,960	-	-	2,960	3,628
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
N/A		-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	Total receipts	2,960	-	-	2,960	3,628
A3 Payments						
Grant spending		5,005	862	-	5,867	5,694
Admin		-	-	-	-	972
		-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Sub total</i>	5,005	862	-	5,867	6,666
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
N/A		-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	Total payments	5,005	862	-	5,867	6,666
	<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 2,045	- 862	-	- 2,907	- 3,038
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		13,354	862	-	14,216	17,254.00
	<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	11,309	-	-	11,309	14,216
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	Cash in bank	11,309	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	11,309	-	-		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK		
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £		
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
B3 Investment assets	N/A	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A	-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)		
B5 Liabilities						
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval		
		Dr Sarah Morgan		26/09/2025		

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Kids of Malawi aims to improve the health of children in Malawi through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres.

In this reporting period we continued to support nursing at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH) and completed reporting on a nursing capabilities assessment at the same hospital, through a THET funded bursary. This will inform the next stage of our work.

The trustees allocate grants from our unrestricted funds on the basis of the receipt of suitable applications from Malawian partners and meet regularly throughout the year to review applications and made grants accordingly. Grants of just over £2500 were approved during the year. These were to continue support of a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse at KCH (£2000) and to cover travel costs for one of the consultant paediatric surgeon's in KCH to attend a 2 day hypospadias course in Johannesburg, to enable her to provide a better service for these children who require technically challenging surgery.

We acknowledge the contribution made by NHS volunteers to our activities. UK based volunteers who took part in our THET funded projects continue to take an active interest in developing our future work and support trustees in developing plans. Two NHS volunteers from our first THET grant have formally joined the board as trustees.

As trustees we confirm we pay due regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance and this has been followed when making decisions on the use of the charities funds and activities undertaken.

Achievements and Performance

In 2020, the trustees concluded the highest priority need was supporting nursing provision in Malawi. Kids Of Malawi UK have supported a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse (PSQUIN) role from March 2020, via the Moyo Children's Initiative (MCI), a Malawi registered NGO with an MOU with Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH). After the first nursing grant recipient, Mr Kenedy Kachingwa left to do a Bachelor's degree we extended the grant to cover Mr. Martin Chingedwe, who remained in role in 2023/24. This role continues to drive

up the quality of nursing across paediatric surgery at KCH and contributes to research activities to improve children's care.

Kids of Malawi UK has a successful funding relationship with The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET). In March 2020, we won a grant from THET's Africa Mother and Child Grants Programme, supported by the Johnson and Johnson Foundation. This allowed us to deliver Paediatric Anaesthesia training for Anaesthetic Clinical Officers (ACOs) at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH) by sending NHS volunteer consultant paediatric anaesthetist to Malawi to provide training for ACOs and sending Malawian ACOs for work experience in Kijabe Hospital Kenya. This training initiative has seen a lasting improvement to the practice of the ACOs involved. In August 2022 we secured a bursary for Health Partnerships, funded by Health Education England and managed by THET. Two volunteer NHS nurses undertook a two-week placement at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH). This was a first step scoping deployment to develop future projects to build specific surgical high-dependency capacity. However, the NHS nurses also delivered teaching sessions for nursing staff and in addition to the in-person visit, virtual mentoring has been established with key members of the Malawian surgical nursing team.

Through both these THET funded projects key relationships between NHS volunteers and Malawian health workers were built and continue, even in the absence of specific funded project work. The assessments and evaluations gathered through these projects also continue to inform our own and other partners ongoing improvement work in KCH.

Kids of Malawi UK participated in the THET Health Partnership Capacity Development Programme to improve our partnership work between UK/ NHS and Malawi based stakeholders, in order to deliver the best quality programmes to improve children's health. We continue to seek to implement our learning through this programme.

Future plans

As trustees, with our established UK/NHS and Malawian / KCH partners, we plan in 24/25 to:

- Build on our track record with THET and attempt to secure more grant funding and implement the findings of our scoping project and capacity development programme learning
- Continue our activities in improving nursing at KCH, through our unrestricted private funds and any restricted funds we can secure.
- Consider how we can continue to support improved ACOs practice in KCH
- Consider way to support training and travel bursaries that improve paediatric surgery in KCH from both unrestricted and restricted funding.

To enable all these activities we will continue as a board to evaluate our own skills as trustees and whether additional training, or additional board members, are needed to meet our aims.

Financial Review

The income for the 2023/24 year was £3628 as compared to the previous year of £11,660. All but £31 of income this year was from unrestricted sources. The expenditure for the year was £6666 as compared to £25,697 in 22/23.

In 23/24 we completed the final financial reporting for the THET bursary for Health Partnerships, which took place in 22/23. £4721.50 was received from THET in 2022/23 in advance of activities and the final report showed a total expenditure for this grant of

£4752.34. THET transferred £31 to Kids of Malawi UK for the additional grant spend above the amount received in 22/23. Payments totalling £862 were pending to be made on this grant in 2024/25, and this amount shows in the accounts as a liability.

Unrestricted grant spending of £2,504 was made, as outlined above for the paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse role and a travel bursary. We ended the financial year with £14,216 held in our UK bank account as compared with £17,254 in the previous year. In the 23/24 reporting period the principal source of funding has been unrestricted donations from private individuals and we thank all our regular donors who enable our work.

Kids of Malawi UK has no policy for holding reserves and had insufficient liabilities to necessitate developing a reserves policy in the 23/24 reporting period. However, in awarding grants from unrestricted funds the trustees ensure they consider the ability to maintain the charity as a going concern on the basis of forecasted income.

The charity does not own and/or lease land or property. The charity does not hold any investments beyond cash deposits held at UK banks. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity. No trustees claimed expenses in this financial year. Admin costs for the year totalled £132, for the hire of a venue for an in person trustee meeting, paid from the unrestricted funds.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements. The ongoing regular private donations and lack of liabilities support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern. Charity trustees regularly review and assess the risks faced by the charity. As a small charity, with no paid staff, our principal risks remain trustee capacity to manage the charity and volatility of securing restricted and unrestricted funds to plan longer term projects.

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Kids of Malawi UK has policies which cover the following areas:

- Complaints handling
- Complaints policy and procedures
- Conflicting interests
- Financial reserves policy and procedures
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Internal risk management policy and procedures
- Paying staff
- Risk management
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries

- Serious incident reporting policy and procedures
- Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
- Trustee expenses policy and procedures
- Volunteer management

Reference and Administrative details

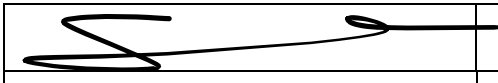
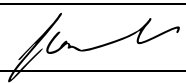
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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Shantha Ganesh Shanmugalingam	Chair		By resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
Professor Mark Wilson	Trustee		
Dr Catherine Bradshaw	Trustee		
Dr Sarah Morgan	Trustee		
Dr Jonathan Dean	Trustee	Appointed 01 November 2023	
Dr Michael Tremlett	Trustee	Appointed 01 November 2023	
Dr Andrew Blevin	Trustee	Retired in 23/24 reporting period.	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Sarah Morgan	Mr Shantha Shanmugalingam
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co Chair, on behalf of all Trustees	Trustee

Date 19/01/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

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					
Donations	2,757	-	-	2,757	2,624
Grant income	840	31	-	871	9,035
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,597	31	-	3,628	11,660
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,597	31	-	3,628	11,660
A3 Payments					
Grant spending	2,504	3,190	-	5,694	25,697
Admin	132	840	-	972	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,636	4,030	-	6,666	25,697
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,636	4,030	-	6,666	25,697
Net of receipts/(payments)	961	- 3,999	-	- 3,038	- 14,037
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,393	4,861	-	17,254	31,292.00
Cash funds this year end	13,354	862	-	14,216	17,254

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	Cash in bank	13,354	862	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,354	862	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	THET global bursary	Restricted	862	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Dr Sarah Morgan	19/01/2025	
		Mr Shantha Shanmugalingam	19/01/2025	

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KIDS OF MALAWI UK – ANNUAL REPORT 2023



*Paediatric ward at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Lilongwe.
Photo Credit: Ismael Osman*

In 2023, we saw continued progress in Malawi. For Kids of Malawi, we continued to support nursing at Kamuzu Central Hospital and completed a nursing capabilities assessment at the same hospital. This crystallises a need for continuity in our support for nursing, and a need for strategic assessment of where best to apply our resources.

A) Overview

Each of our annual report's starts with a reminder of our objectives as these inform our core activities. We were set up 4 years ago as feedback from practitioners in Malawi highlighted a discrepancy between the work of NGOs/ donors and the needs in public hospitals. Our aim was to focus on helping children through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres. The specific activities that the charity seeks to undertake are:

- Raising awareness of health care issues faced by children in Malawi: The charity will put on events to highlight the issues of children in Malawi. We will also ask healthcare workers to share experiences through talks, blogs and articles to show how simple measures can radically improve health care delivery in Malawi. This will be done in the UK primarily
- Issue grants to healthcare organisations in Malawi to provide health care services, training and supplies: This will be one of the main activities of the charity. Each year the charity will set priorities for grant programmes. We will seek to raise funding for the grant programmes through traditional fundraising routes (e.g. events, sponsorship and funding for specific activities such as nurses)
- Development of training materials for healthcare staff: Where we feel we can improve training of healthcare staff through commissioning the development of training materials.
- Issue grants for research on improving healthcare in Malawi

In 2023, we continued to deliver our first grant programme to healthcare organisations, funded by our donors in the UK. In addition, we focused on assessing nursing capacity in Malawi through a THET funded bursary. Both of these inform the next stage of our work.

B) Charitable activities

Kids of Malawi UK - Grant programme

In 2020, the trustees evaluated the options for our first grant programme and concluded the highest priority need was supporting nursing provision in Malawi. The focus of the first grant programme was a Healthcare Service Grant, as set out in the Kids of Malawi UK Operating Manual.

Kids Of Malawi UK started to support the paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse (PSQUIN) role from March 2020, via the Moyo Children's Initiative (MCI). MCI are a Malawi registered NGO with an MOU with Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH), with a track record of employing staff who work in KCH and providing human resources support.

Our first nursing grant recipient, Mr Kenedy Kachingwa left to do a Bachelor's degree. Subsequently Kids of Malawi UK have extended the grant to cover Mr. Martin Chingedwe, who partners in country have appointed to continue the role.

THET Global Placement Bursaries for Health Partnerships

In August 2022 Kids of Malawi UK secured a bursary for Health Partnerships, funded by Health Education England and managed by THET. The primary goal was to assess the need and optimal approach to improve the care and capacity for high-acuity paediatric surgical patients. Over the course of this project key relationships between volunteers and local health workers were built, and information gathered about the current care of high-acuity paediatric surgical patients.

Two volunteers undertook a two-week placement at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH). They observed the current management of high-acuity surgical patients and engaged with the multi-professional paediatric surgery team and key stake-holders. They were able to observe the current criteria for categorising high-acuity patients, clinical documentation used both by nursing and medical staff, record keeping and communication pathways between nursing and medical staff to raise concerns. They were also able to collect data on numbers of high-acuity patients seen per month and assess the current staffing levels, existing resources and availability of equipment that would impact on capacity and care of these patients.

Three teaching sessions for nursing staff and multiple ad hoc bedside teaching sessions were facilitated. Feedback suggested that this was useful to refresh and develop clinical knowledge and skills.

"Following this visit, the continuous professional development activities among other exercises conducted during the scoping project have yielded somewhat change in the day-to-day delivery of surgical healthcare to children."

Martin, Surgical Quality Improvement Nurse

A multi-professional workshop was facilitated for the paediatric surgical team to discuss views on the current management of high-acuity patients and gather opinions on how to

improve this care and increase capacity. This has engaged and empowered the local team to reflect on current practices and address concerns. Additionally this is the first step to develop future projects to build specific surgical high-dependency capacity.

In addition to the in-person visit, virtual mentoring has been established with key members of the surgical nursing team. Further weekly teaching, led locally but supported virtually, with the medical staff also been established and will be ongoing.

Over the course of the project, the team were able to work with 32 nursing staff, 10 nursing students and 13 other health professionals.

C) Overall financial position

Whist this annual report covers 2023, our financial reporting year runs from Apr 2022 – Mar 2023. Our annual return to the Charity Commission relates to this period and is available online [add hyperlink once annual return submitted].

For our financial year 2022/23, our closing balance was approximately £17,250. Of these funds, approximately ~£7,000 is committed towards a further year of the nursing grant and payments arising from the THET global bursary. The remainder is uncommitted funding.

We have had limited fundraising as we assess where to focus our resources.

Income

For FY 2022/23, our income was broadly split:

- Grant funding: around £9,000
- Individual donations: around £2,600

While our income was lower than the £25,000 threshold for accounts to be checked by an independent examiner, we nonetheless felt it would be good practice to do so. Details of their findings can be found in our annual return on the Charity Commission website.

Expenditure

The main area of expenditure for the financial year 2022/23 were final payments on the THET Mother & Child programme from prior financial year. We also paid £4,000 for the nursing. No admin expenses were incurred in 2022/23

D) Year Ahead

The THET grant and ongoing collaborations with staff at Kamuzu Central Hospital are helping us crystallise our future strategy. We will report shortly on this. As ever, we would like to thank all our private donors and THET staff for their continued collaboration and support.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2021		31/03/2022

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					
Donations	2,624	-	-	2,624	3,740
Grant income	-	9,035	-	9,035	27,218
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,624	9,035	-	11,660	30,959
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,624	9,035	-	11,660	30,959
A3 Payments					
Grant spending	4,000	21,697	-	25,697	9,695
Admin	-	-	-	-	137
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,000	21,697	-	25,697	9,832
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,000	21,697	-	25,697	9,832
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,376	- 12,662	-	- 14,037	21,127
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,789	17,523	-	31,312	10,185
Cash funds this year end	12,413	4,861	-	17,274	31,312

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	Cash in bank	12,413	4,861	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,413	4,861	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	N/A		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	THET global bursary	Restricted	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			3,322	01/09/2023
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		S SHANMUGALINGAM	25/02/2024	
		S MORGAN	25/02/2024	

KIDS OF MALAWI UK

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Our second year of operation saw us successfully starting to deliver on our mission. Despite ongoing COVID set ups, our first grant programme went live and the summer saw us finally get our THET Mother & Child grant with some great feedback. While Omnicron closed the year with further uncertainty, we're looking forward to 2022 as a year where we will be able to help more and more children in Malawi.

A) Overview

Kids of Malawi aims to improve the health of children in Malawi through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres. The specific activities that the charity would undertake are:

- Raising awareness of health care issues faced by children in Malawi: The charity will put on events to highlight the issues of children in Malawi. We will also ask healthcare workers to share experiences through talks, blogs and articles to show how simple measures can radically improve health care delivery in Malawi. This will be done in the UK primarily
- Issue grants to healthcare organisations in Malawi to provide health care services, training and supplies: This will be one of the main activities of the charity. Each year the charity will set priorities for grant programmes. We will seek to raise funding for the grant programmes through traditional fundraising routes (e.g. events, sponsorship and funding for specific activities such as nurses)
- Development of training materials for healthcare staff: Where we feel we can improve training of healthcare staff through commissioning the development of training materials.
- Issue grants for research on improving healthcare in Malawi

In 2021, we started delivering our first grant programme to healthcare organisations and were about to deploy our THET Mother & Child grant focused on training.

B) Charitable activities

Kids of Malawi UK - Grant programme

In 2020, the trustees evaluated the options for our first grant programme and concluded on supporting nursing provision in Malawi.

The focus of the first grant programme will be a Healthcare Service Grant (as set out in the KOM UK Operating Manual). Currently one nurse can be

responsible for up to 60 sick children in Malawian hospitals. In such circumstances it is barely possible to give routine drugs. Routine observations and nursing care which are essential to improved care are usually not done. This often results in serious consequences. These grants will provide funding for additional nursing staff, medical staff, anaesthesia staff, or other support staff needed to improve quality of care.

Our first grant sponsored Kenedy *[Bip can you add some lines on what Kenedy dd and some stats too please]*.

THET Mother and Child Grant

In March 2020, Kids of Malawi UK applied and were successful in an application to THET's Africa Mother and Child Grants Programme which is supported by the Johnson and Johnson Foundation. This grant allows us to deliver Paediatric Anaesthesia training for Anaesthetic Clinical Officers (ACOs) at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi and is worth around £40k. The programme has been designed with Kijabe Hospital in Keyna who will provide onsite training for these ACOs.

Through the course of 2020/21, THET and Johnson and Johnson Foundation have shown amazing flexibility on the grant programme as COVID impacted our ability to (i) send UK volunteers to Malawi to provide training for ACOs and (ii) work with Kijabe Hospital.

We were eventually able to start the grant programme in June with Dr Jonty Dean becoming our first volunteer to visit Kamazu Central Hospital to help train ACOs. Jonty published an interesting blog on his time in Malawi on our website (available [here](#)). Some key stats from his session in Lilongwe:

- 4 ACOs trained
- 140 anaesthetic courses given
- 25 specialist paediatric anaesthetic interventions

We have another volunteer going out early in 2022 with several other activities planned for the year.

THET capacity grant

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D) Overall financial position

Our financial year runs from Apr 2020 – Mar 2021 and our annual return to the Charity Commission relates to this period. For our financial year 2020/21, our closing balance was approximately £10k. This reflects a period where we made our first grant but, otherwise, maintained a steady approach to fundraising and expenditure as much of the year was impacted by COVID19.

Income

For the year so far, our income has come from two sources:

- Direct debits: 95% of income
- Individual donations: 5% of income

In line with Charity Commission guidance, we do not propose auditing or getting independent verification of this year's financial accounts.

Other expenditure

Outside our grant making activity, our only expenses related to maintenance of the website.

Full year 2021

After our financial year closed in April 2021, we started the THET Mother & Child grant programme and received income related to this in the summer. We will report on this income and expenditure related to the THET grant in the 2022 annual report.



Receipts and payments accounts

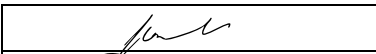

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Donations	3,740	-	-	3,740	4,250
Grant income	-	27,218	-	27,218	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,740	27,218	-	30,959	4,250
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,740	27,218	-	30,959	4,250
A3 Payments					
Grant spending	-	9,695	-	9,695	5,032
Admin	137	-	-	137	112
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	137	9,695	-	9,832	5,144
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	137	9,695	-	9,832	5,144
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,604	17,523	-	21,127	- 894
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,604	17,523	-	21,127	- 894

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	Cash in bank	13,769	17,523	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,769	17,523	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
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	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	THET AGP grant award	Restricted	17,523	June 202
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Shantha Shanmugalingam	25/01/2023	
		Sarah Morgan	26/01/2023	

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I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I would make one recommendation and that is to start claiming Gift Aid, this could boost your income by 25% on income from any UK income tax payer.

Kind regards,

Lenka Ellman

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lenka-ellmann-57553398/>

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Recipient of KOM's first grant programme: Kenedy Kachingwe with a patient and his mother

Our second year of operation saw us successfully starting to deliver on our mission. Despite ongoing COVID setbacks, our first grant programme went live and the summer saw us begin to deliver our THET Mother & Child supported anaesthesia training project. Both projects have received great feedback. In addition, we were also accepted on to the THET Health Partnership Capacity Development Programme. We are looking forward to 2022 as a year where we can build on our success to date, develop our strategy and so help more and more children in Malawi.

A) Overview

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Our first grant sponsored Mr Kenedy Kachingwe. Kenedy had been working as a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse in Kamuzu Central Hospital since 2017, but his funding had run out. Because of government nursing rotations it is difficult to keep specialist skills within the unit, and

Kenedy provided this continuity of care. The KoM UK grant award allowed Kenedy to remain in and develop the specialist surgical nurse post for 12 months from January 2021 to January 2022.

Kenedy was an essential link between the nursing, surgical, medical, nutrition and radiology teams. Due to a lack of a consistent nursing staff, basic observations were not being done and investigations not followed up. Kenedy did much more than be a good, consistent and reliable member of the team. His contributions were:

- To oversee scores of procedures each week
 - These included dressing changes, wound cleaning and other technical procedures, such as rectal washouts.
- Advocacy role to the parents
 - They could ask him questions and express difficulties and concerns that they were sometimes reluctant to express to the medical team.
- Administer the social fund
 - In this role he assessed the financial needs of families and offered them small grants to assist with out of pocket expenses incurred during their hospital stay.
- Oversee the nurse-led care of gastroschisis
 - This is a condition where babies are born with a defect next to the umbilicus and the bowels protruding outside of the abdomen. Kamuzu Central hospital had a near 100% mortality rate (in high income settings mortality is unusual; 1.4% mortality rate). As part of a multicentre research project with Kings College Hospital, the hospital trialled bedside management allowing the bowels to be returned to the abdomen without surgery. These children require a high level of nursing care which government nurses are unable to give and Kenedy would augment this care. Also as the districts learnt of the first few survivors more and more patients arrived. It was not possible for the single surgeon to manage all of these so a few nurses were trained in resuscitation and care of the child. Kenedy was the nurse who performed most of this work. KCH has seen improvement in the mortality rate thanks to this new approach and having Kenedy in the team.
- Training of other nurses and junior doctors
 - Kenedy was the only continuity in the paediatric surgical team other than the consultant. Over four years he developed experience and knowledge which he shared with his colleagues. He acted as a point of referral, a source of information and training to the other paediatric teams and nurses, as well as the junior doctors that would rotate through paediatric surgery. He was trained to be trainer on the gastroschisis research project, and led sessions teaching teams from district hospitals about the care of these children

ii) THET Mother and Child Grant

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- 4 ACOs trained
- 70 training days delivered
- 140 children that have been treated by trained ACOs
- 25 specialist paediatric anaesthetic interventions (e.g. caudal analgesia) carried out by the trained ACOs

We have a second volunteer in Malawi from Jan 2022 to continue delivery of this programme.

iii) THET Health Partnership Capacity Development Program

(<https://www.thet.org/get-involved/health-partnership-capacity-development-programme/>)

In July 2021, our partnership with Malawi was accepted on to the THET Health Partnership Capacity Development Programme. This is a 2-year programme aimed at building and strengthening health partnerships. Through this programme we have gained insights into changing global health systems, principles of successful partnerships and key elements for sustainable change. By learning alongside like-minded people and organisations we have begun to explore and grow our network and reach. Using this knowledge and mentorship, we are looking to build upon our strategic plan and prepare for future projects over the next year.

D) Overall financial position

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Income

For the year so far, our income has come from two sources:

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Full year 2021

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Year Ahead

In the coming year we will complete the THET Mother & Child grant programme and report on it. We will also invite applications for new KoM grant awards, e.g. to continue to support a specialist surgery nurse at KCH.

As part of the THET Health Partnership Capacity Development Program, we will work with key stakeholders in Malawi to set priorities for the medium and long term and understand the place of KoM UK in delivery of those goals. This will allow us to develop our fundraising and spending strategies in line with the needs of children requiring medical care in Malawi.



THET Mother & Child Grant volunteer, Dr Jonty Dean, with ACOs in Kamuzu Central Hospital.



Receipts and payments accounts

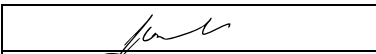

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Grant spending	-	9,695	-	9,695	5,032
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Sub total	137	9,695	-	9,832	5,144
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		-	-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
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		Shantha Shanmugalingam	25/01/2023	
		Sarah Morgan	26/01/2023	