



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	05	04	To	04	04
		2022			2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name **Mercy Hands Uganda UK**

Other names charity is known by **MHU UK**

Registered charity number (if any) **1183703**

Charity's principal address **111 Milby Drive**

Nuneaton

Warwickshire

Postcode

CV11 6GD

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	Andrew Blaxhall	Chair of Trustees		
2	Elisabeth Blaxhall	Trustee		
3	Christopher Edwards	Trustee		
4	Jayne Edwards	Trustee		
5	Norman John Mugleston	Trustee		
6	Agnes Elaine Mugleston	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation- foundation model
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

N/A

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit, the relief of those in need in Uganda by way of but not exclusively relieving poverty and the advancement of education and health through the provision of financial assistance.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- To support the purposes of Mercy Hands Uganda (MHU) for the public benefit in the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health, the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage, living in rural and deprived communities in Uganda.
- The relief of poverty within local communities and among the world's deprived and needy peoples, with particular focus on Uganda or as determined by the Trustees from time to time.
- To raise awareness, gather and send funds and resources to MHU for them to provide buildings, facilities and items including clothing, food, educational resources, payment of staff and teachers, and other services and goods in the promotion of education and healthcare, clean water, training, and equipment.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All Trustees work on a voluntary basis for Mercy Hands Uganda UK and receive no financial benefit for their time or work.
Trips to visit the projects benefitting from the grants are made by the Trustees and other volunteers who cover all their own costs incurred.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

No trustee or team visits were made to Uganda this year but regular, almost daily, contact was made with Daniel Waddimba – CEO of MHU in Uganda.

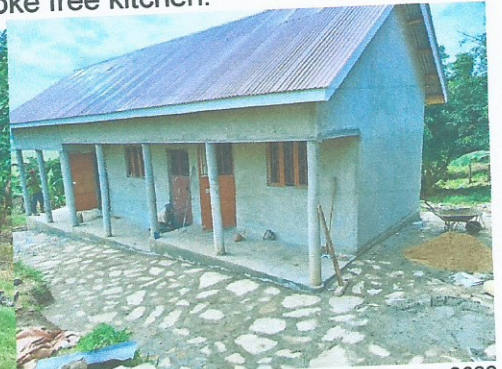
All donations and funds raised were forwarded in line with the charities' grant making policy to Mercy Hands Uganda and the spending of the funds was regularly accounted for through photographic evidence and receipts.

Regular donations were forwarded periodically for paying staff (teachers, cooks and a matron) salaries at the Kafumu Project.

In addition to some loyal regular donors, OMA has again been donating funds on a monthly basis, and these funds have been used to help complete some specific projects, the most significant one being the full completion of the cookhouse, store and warden's room. This year we saw the completion of the roof, flooring, paving to protect the foundations, doors and windows, and fitting of fireplaces. This has been a huge benefit to them, finally being able to move from the 'temporary wooden structure' cookhouse to a safer, smoke free kitchen.

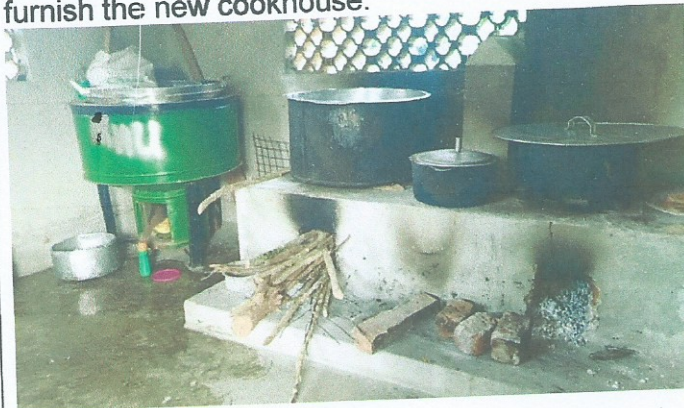


Temporary cookhouse built using wood from first classrooms ~ 2010



New cookhouse, store and warden's room - 2022

One of our long term volunteers asked for donations to MHU UK in lieu of wedding gifts this year. These donations were sent to MHU in Kafumu to furnish the new cookhouse.



By the end of the year some 240 children were attending Mercy Hands Nursery & Primary School in Kafumu, with 3 vulnerable children being residential, some children travelling 5 kms on foot, and around 85% from families unable to pay the small fees to attend. 15 members of staff teach these children, and live onsite as the project is in a remote rural area.

Funds were sent from MHU UK to pay for the registration of the Nursery School licence.

The community needs are huge and MHU UK is only able to make grants as and when monies come in. The work at the project is successful due to the volunteer support on the ground and by the CEO of MHU and his family who sacrifice much in order to help the

community of Kafumu. Volunteers have run sports days, music events, and assisted the teachers. A sustainable kitchen garden has been developed to teach new skills to the children. The elderly are visited and given soap, paraffin, bread, oil and bananas. The Waddimba family have established a chicken & pig farm, training families to build their own business of farming, and egg production supports the project financially too.

MHU UK as a grant making charity is inspired by the work of the MHU Kafumu project and is looking to increase fundraising and regular donors to help fund the transformation of lives through education, health, business enterprise, upskilling and more. Electricity and clean water are an urgent need for them, once infrastructure is within reach.

Becoming a registered national exam centre for the Primary 7 exams – gateway to secondary school level – will benefit the project by reducing costs of transporting children to other exam centres, enhancing the students experience and academic ability and also generate income from other pupils coming to the exam centre.

We are grateful to our donors for giving funding and they can be assured that every penny is sent 100% to fund such projects, as we work as volunteers and cover all costs of fundraising, accounting, administration and travel. We receive regular updates from Uganda on how the funds have been spent.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

MHU UK does not intend to hold reserves as all donations are forwarded to the beneficiaries in line with the grant making policy and in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The larger amount of residual funds at the end of this financial year were used during the following financial year. They were mainly restricted funds from a significant donor OMA and were held back to be used for the next larger project.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

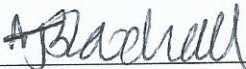
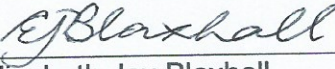
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew John Blaxhall	Elisabeth Joy Blaxhall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees for MHU UK	Trustee of MHU UK
Date	12.02.2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
MERCY HANDS UGANDA UK

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	05.04.2022		04.04.2023

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					
Regular donations	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
One off donations	1,925	800	-	2,725	-
OMA donations	-	10,820	-	10,820	-
Paypal fundraising donations	400	401	-	801	-
Gift Aid reclaim	1,819	-	-	1,819	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,244	12,021	-	19,265	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,244	12,021	-	19,265	-
A3 Payments					
Grant to MHU - Kafumu Project	1,510	-	-	1,510	-
Grant to MHU - Kafumu Project	2,010	-	-	2,010	-
Grant to MHU - Kafumu Cookhouse	-	3,010	-	3,010	-
Grant to MHU - Kafumu Project	1,510	-	-	1,510	-
Grant to MHU - Kafumu Project	760	-	-	760	-
Grant to MHU - Nursery registration	-	800	-	800	-
Grant to MHU - cookhouse stove & pots	-	400	-	400	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,790	4,210	-	10,000	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,790	4,210	-	10,000	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,454	7,811	-	9,265	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	646	-	-	646	-
Cash funds this year end	2,100	7,811	-	9,911	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Andrew John Blaxhall
Elisabeth Joy Blaxhall

Print Name

Andrew John Blaxhall
Elisabeth Joy Blaxhall

Date of approval

12.02.2024
12.02.2024