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**EKICA
FUNDRAISING**

*Supporting the education and well-being of
children and young people in Arusha, Tanzania*

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Trustees Annual Report 2022-2023

Chairs Annual Report

The head of the school, Jenifa, and her staff have worked incredibly hard again this year, which means the school continues to grow, and at the same time achieving brilliant outcomes not only for the pupils of the school but also for the surrounding community. The school was inspected in March and received a good report.

In my report last year, I said that our two main priorities for this year, were to purchase a minibus for the school and to improve the toilet facilities at the school. I am pleased to report that both of these priorities have been achieved. The purchase of the minibus has allowed children who used to walk long distances to school can now be collected, and children who lived too far away to walk can now attend the school. Also, the weather during the rainy season stopped pupils attending, but this is now not the case because they can now be collected. As regard to the toilet facilities at the school, a new larger cesspit has been dug and the existing toilets have been refurbished.

Due to the economic climate that we are all facing the trustees are very aware that fund raising for charities is difficult at the moment, so we are extremely grateful to our supporters for the sponsorship of pupils and for the one off donations that we receive. Two examples of young people making a real effort in giving up their time to raise funds for the charity were a young man who rode his bike for 1 hour a week for 15 weeks and raised over £1137.00, and a young who ran the Alcester 10K race and raised over £650.00. We also have a 200 club which is a great help in raising funds, we still have some numbers available if anyone is interested in joining. Also, on sponsorship and donation monies, we are able to claim back gift aid from the Government which again increases funds.

I am sure many of you are aware that Sue and Tadge visited the school in June, which is a brilliant way for the Trustees and supporters to get first hand reports about the school's progress, and Sue and Tadge's continued enthusiasm encourages us all to continue our support for the school.

I would like to finish by saying a big thank you to all Trustees and supporters who have helped the Ekica Charity this year, we have achieved so much since the charity started and we need to carry on building on these great achievements.

Please look at our website where you will find information, not only about the school, but also how you can help us through support, donations, sponsoring a child or joining the 200 club.

Secretary Annual Report

School

The school is now at full capacity with seven primary classes. This current academic year, primary school pupils number 150, with an additional 188 children in day care and pre-primary classes. Classes 5,6,& 7 have under 20 pupils per class, with children in the lower year groups numbering between 22 and 30. Children coming through into primary in future years will be nearer 30 than 20. This has implications for spending, with more books and desks being required over the next few years.

The school was inspected earlier in the year and was good overall. Inspectors commented positively on the behaviour of the children and the moral code within the school as well as the teamwork of the staff.

Students in class 7 are now in the final year at Ekica school and much emphasis has been on additional teaching to ensure their success in the national examinations, just taken a couple of weeks ago. Our gratitude and thanks have been passed to the dedicated teachers and the children have been congratulated on their commitment to their studies. We are all hopeful of them passing this important examination.

The team of teaching staff has remained relatively stable, with a new teacher replacing the class 7 teacher back in March. Many of the staff, including non-teaching, have been with Jenifa for many years.

Parents who are able to, pay fees, but this cannot be relied on as regular income, as fortunes fluctuate widely. Since the purchase of the minibus at the

close of 2022, the school has been able to increase the intake of children whose families can pay school fees, as they can now be collected from further afield. The school still intends to keep its 50:50 paying and non-paying children to ensure it meets its ethos of providing education for the poorest children.

The minibus has been of great benefit to the school and has ensured children arrive at school and return home safely. Those who can afford to pay a fare do so. They were also able to continue their attendance at school during the rainy season. However, the local road did partially collapse which took its toll on the suspension of the bus, which had to be upgraded during our visit. Also, as a consequence of the purchase the school has employed an additional night watchman to ensure the security of the school campus after the battery belonging to the bus was stolen.

Thankfully prices, especially for food, have become more stable towards the end of this accounting year. The sewing project has been successful with some women graduating, empowered with new skills and a couple of them setting up their own small businesses as a result.

Charity

We have secured one new sponsor for two children in day care, over the course of the year, and increased our 200 club by 7 numbers.

We reported last year that 16 new, additional toilets were also needed costing in the region of £2,500. However, we funded the refurbishment of the current toilets and, due to health and safety concerns, paid for the cesspit that was currently being used to be filled in and a new, larger one dug. This has eliminated the need for the regular emptying of the pit, as had become a necessity with the old one, and allowed all toilets to be functional again. This should delay the need for new toilets as a priority, although undoubtedly more will be needed at some point.

We funded the facilitation of a safeguarding seminar Jenifa held in the school for staff and parents and carers. It was well attended and is something they wish to repeat.

Fundraising during this accounting period included:

A stall at Brailes funday in June; Laura's 10k run; Christmas raffle; Lenten appeal at both Shipston and Kineton churches; talk at Tredington & Blackwell W.I. A quiz night was arranged but was cancelled due to lack of support.

Finally, Tadge and I were invited by the Chair of the British Tanzanian Society to attend a celebration in London to mark the 60th anniversary of Tanzanian independence and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jules Nyerere, considered one of Tanzania's founding fathers. The High Commissioner of Tanzania spoke positively, and we were encouraged to hear her saying that the country is on the rise, with an increasing number of people being educated to degree level. We feel privileged to be playing a small part in this positive change.

This concludes the secretary's report for the accounting year to the end of March 2023.

Financial Report

Notes to the Consolidated Accounts for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Income: This year combined fundraising donations decreased by 11.5% to £11,861 and sponsorship fell by 6% to £7,685. Total income decreased by 9% to £19,546 (£22,766 less transfers of £3,220)

Funds Transferred to Tanzania: During the year under review the charity was able to transfer £20,909 to Tanzania, £127 less than the funds remitted to Tanzania last year.

Bank Balances: The charity changed its bankers in 2023 from Barclays Bank to CAF Bank. The charity is pleased with the service that CAF Bank is providing. Bank account balances at the end of the year were healthy and robust and stood at £4,609.

Presentation of Accounts: In accordance with best accounting practice, transfers between the charity bank accounts are shown separately in the Income and Expenditure Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Examination of Accounts and Financial Statements: The Accounts and Financial Reports for the period were examined by a professional accountant and certified as true and correct.

This concludes the Trustees Annual Report for 2022 to 2023

EKICA FUNDRAISING AND EKICA 200 CLUB**Consolidated Profit & Loss Account**

1.4.22 to 31.3.23

1.4.21 to 31.3.22

£**£****INCOME**

Donations - Ekica Fundraising	8116.43	9882.27	
“ Ekica 200 Club	3745.00	3525.00	
Sponsorship	7685.00	<u>8168.00</u>	
Transfers from 200 Club	3220.00		
Total Income		22766.43	21575.27

EXPENDITURE

Funds to Ekica Tanzania	20909.00	21036.00	
Insurance	100.80	100.80	
Bank Charges	120.00	120.00	
Transfer to Ekica Fundraising	3220.00		
Prizes 200 Club	465.00	<u>656.00</u>	
Total Expenditure		24814.80	<u>21912.80</u>

SURPLUS INCOME/EXPENDITURE		-2048.37	<u>-337.53</u>
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BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balances:

Ekica Fundraising	6658.20	6950.73	
Ekica 200 Club	0.00	6658.20	<u>45.00</u>
			6995.73

Closing Balances:

Ekica Fundraising	4549.83	6658.20	
Ekica 200 Club	60.00	4609.83	<u>0.00</u>
			6658.20

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the books and records prepared by our bookkeeper, as presented to me

Signed: Sue Sabatowski

Date: 23rd September 2023