

# **The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust**

**Report and financial statements**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Charity no. 1184049**

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## **Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the charity for the year to 31 December 2024.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are as follows: 1. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing financial and practical support for equipment, teaching staff, accommodation and all aspects of schooling and education, mainly to the children and orphans at the Good Samaritan School, Wakiso, Uganda, but also in encouraging further development of educational establishments in the district. 2. To relieve the charitable needs of children, families and communities throughout Uganda as the trustees think appropriate.

The charity receives income from churches and Rotary Clubs in East Lancashire, individual donations as well as Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Blackburn (QEGS). The link with QEGS was established in 2011 when a party of schoolchildren raised funds and visited Uganda to complete maintenance work on school buildings at the Good Samaritan School. This arrangement provided funds for the charity, improved school facilities in Uganda and resulted in significant educational and skills benefits for students at QEGS. Visits to Uganda usually take place every other year.

The Good Samaritan School is a primary school in Wakiso District outside Kampala. Students are mainly from local families who attend on a fee paying basis. There is a mix of day pupils and boarders. The school also takes in orphans from families who have been affected by AIDS. These children do not pay fees and require accommodation. Whilst the trust provides some funds for running expenses at the school, its main expenditure is in the form of grants for capital projects.

### **Achievements and performance**

The school currently has just over 200 pupils of whom approximately 75% pay fees. This level of fees allows the school to operate at a small surplus on a day to day basis. There are 10 classes on site from the nursery school through to Primary 7. Academic performance continues to be very good as is evidenced by the number of students progressing to secondary education and examination results.

In 2024 capital expenditure, funded by grants from the trust, has been focussed on the construction of a sick bay. This facility is now fully functional and staffed by a full-time nurse. In 2025 the focus of the trust's expenditure will be to fund the construction of a perimeter wall. A small regular income for the trust has been continues through the website. Other individuals and organisations support our ongoing projects.

## **Financial review**

The charity has adequate cash reserves on hand at the year end (£7,543). The trustees monitor cash flow closely and time the commencement of future projects to coincide with known and expected inflows of cash from fundraising. Sufficient reserves are held to allow for unforeseen expenditure and events in addition to planned projects.

Funds are transferred to Uganda as requested by local management and against pre-agreed expenditure and projects with appropriate documentation.

## **Structure governance and management**

The charity has been active since 1993 originally under the auspices of St Anne's Church, Fence. As a result of an increase in the scale of operations, it was decided to formalise arrangements and The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. It was registered on 21 June 2019.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 3 years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. There shall be a minimum of 3 trustees and a maximum of 12.

Formal trustee meetings are held biannually at which trustees consider broad strategy and areas of activity for the trust, including consideration of grant making, cash flow and reserves, risk management and performance. Day to day administration is delegated to trustees individually. The trust has no employees.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their decisions during the year.

## **Reference and administrative information**

### **Trustees**

Paul NH Wright  
J Anthony L Briggs  
Andrew Buckingham  
Anthony R Brierley

### **Principal office**

Myrtle Grove, Wheatley Lane Road, Fence, Burnley, BB12 9EA

**Charity number** 1184049

**Bankers** – Barclays Bank, Manchester City 2, Leicester, LE87 2BB.

### **Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the



trustees



Full name                      **Paul N H Wright**

**Anthony R Brierley**

Position                      Trustee

Trustee

Date                              16 October 2025

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## Statement of financial activities For the year to 31 December 2024

Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total Funds	12m to 31 Dec
	£	£	£	2024	2023
				£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
QEGS	200			200	280
Website	2,579			2,579	1,895
Individual donations	6,740			6,740	4,409
St Anne's Church	500			500	800
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,019</b>			<b>10,019</b>	<b>7,384</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Grant for sick bay construction	9,510			9,510	-
Grant for teacher's houses	-			-	4,967
Grant towards teachers' subsistence during Covid	-			-	750
Website development	-			-	683
Repairs and maintenance	-			-	560
Other expenses	105			105	106
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,615</b>			<b>9,615</b>	<b>7,066</b>
Net receipts	404			404	318
Cash funds last period end	7,139			7,139	6,821
<b>Cash funds this period end</b>	<b>7,543</b>			<b>7,543</b>	<b>7,139</b>

## Statement of assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Bank account	7,543	7,543	7,139
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