

Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31st 2022

Hope and Life Missions Africa UK

Charity Registration No: 118516

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

The Objects:

For the public benefit, in Uganda and such other parts of the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time determine:

- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of the Christian faith; and
- the prevention and relief of poverty.

All objectives are being supported mainly through a sponsorship programme. Donors support a child to complete their education and other associated needs, such as health care, to prepare them for tertiary training which will lead to long term employment and financial security.

Other donations received have been used to support the sponsorship programme as well as other 'one off' events to promote Child protection and the Christian faith.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31 December 2022

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
Voluntary Receipts	960	11,196	12,156	11,943
GIFT AID		1074	1074	815
TOTAL INCOME	960	12,270	13,230	12,758

Unrestricted funds are gifts given for general use which includes facilitating the sponsorship programme in Uganda as well as 'one off' events in line with charity objectives.

Restricted funds are mainly those used for child / youth sponsorship.

PAYMENTS

Cost of Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
Grants to Uganda	1099	11633	12,732	11817
Governance Costs		832	832	
Administrative Expenses (UK)		97	97	72
Bank Charges (UK)		156	156	140
Insurance Costs (UK)		299	299	281
Sundry Expenses (UK)		12	12	963
Website Costs (UK)		149	149	149
Total Payments	1099	13178	14,277	13422

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(139)	(908)	(1047)	1790
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	1070	720	1790	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	931	(188)	743	-

Financial Statement

	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
Bank Account	743	1790
Debtors	0	0
Creditors	0	(525)
TOTAL	743	1265

Report on Visit of Margaret Bagley to HALMA Uganda September 7th-22nd 2022

General Observations

The team in Uganda work very hard to care for the sponsored children to ensure their welfare and appear to have a very good relationship with the children, youth and parents/guardians.

Primary School Children

The primary schools where the children studied were visited. Classrooms were seen and some of the staff spoken to. Some of the sponsored children need to be in the boarding section of the school due to the distance of travel to their homes. The dormitory was very full and had a matron who slept in the dormitory to care for the children.

The team were concerned that all the responsibility of taking the children back to school was on them rather than the parents/guardians and this was to be discussed at the parents/guardians meeting.



Dormitory Accommodation



Pre-primary class

Health of the Children

Generally, the children looked well and happy. The importance of the team's welfare checks, and the sponsorship programme was highlighted as 2 children had been ill while at home. They were sent to local clinics and received a level of treatment that their parents could afford but it was not helping. The team took the children to better equipped clinics and the children received the appropriate treatment and were soon recovering.

The HALMA team was going to discuss these issues at the parents/guardian meeting to prevent such occurrences again. Parents/guardians will be asked to report any health concerns to the team so that appropriate treatment could be given sooner according to medical advice.

Secondary School

The Secondary School is a well-established and organised government school where 2 students are sponsored by HALMA UK. I met with some of the staff and one of our students as the other was absent that day.

During our discussion, it was discovered that one of the students had a debt of school fees prior to his sponsorship which was making life difficult for him at school. After discussion at a HALMA UK meeting, it was decided to pay the debt from general funds which would then be repaid through sponsorship.

Tertiary Education

All students and places of study were visited. One was in a polytechnic studying electrical engineering, one at a university studying nursing and another studying biomedical engineering in a different university.



Halma Team Meeting

There was a meeting with the team to discuss the sponsorship programme and another online meeting with the HALMA UK team which was very useful.

Parents/Guardians Meeting

It was encouraging that most of the parents/guardians were represented at the meeting though one was absent due to illness. The meeting was very useful highlighting areas that need to be addressed such as their role in taking the children back to school, providing for the children and communication with the HALMA team.

The HALMA team were asked to leave towards the end of the meeting to give an opportunity for parents/guardians to express any concerns or complaints. No concerns or complaints were received but much appreciation of the support of the HALMA team and HALMA UK were given. It was very encouraging that a number of them had attended the Child Protection Training funded by HALMA UK and were greatly appreciative of it, expressing a desire for more training.



Administration

The previous accounts were reviewed, and it was agreed that record keeping needed to be improved. Advice was given and the team were requested to improve the records as requested. However, since 2022 there has been a huge improvement in record keeping and administration which has been appreciated by the HALMA UK team.

General Summary

The team in Uganda are very committed to the welfare of those being sponsored and their education programme. Each child is assessed as an individual and there is obviously a good relationship with the team, the sponsored children/youth and their parents/guardians.

It is obvious that the HALMA team in Uganda want to do the best they can for those being sponsored. However decreasing exchange rates and increasing prices means that the support given to Primary pupils in particular needs to be reassessed.

The HALMA team sometimes work in difficult circumstances and with limited resources to fulfil the objectives. Most transactions need to be done in person and there are few online facilities to process required administration which makes such things very time consuming and demanding. Some areas of record keeping were discussed, and the team agreed to some changes which would help with their efficiency and were appreciated.

There is a good working relationship between the HALMA team in Uganda and the HALMA UK team. HALMA UK has an email that is available to all trustees and the treasurer which helps with communication. Calls are also made regularly between Uganda and the UK via WhatsApp or telephone. There are also online meetings with both teams as appropriate.

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Child Protection Training

One of our aims is to improve both the understanding of Child Protection and its implementation for both our partner team and the carers of the sponsored children. To this end, we facilitated training on 13th July 2022 when representatives from Compassion came to Mubende to work with the team in Uganda and the carers. The team also invited a member of the local police who works with child safety, and they were happy to attend and take part.

Some of the topics covered included an awareness of legislation relating to child protection, what could constitute a threat, definitions and categories of child abuse, spiritual abuse, identifying vulnerable children, Biblical examples of child protection, expectations of our organisation, minimising risks, facilitating an attitude of "it could happen here," and making all stakeholders aware of how to report concerns.

For many of the carers, this was new information, and their response was overwhelmingly positive. Some of the feedback was, "I greatly appreciate the training and hope we will do more in the future." Also, "I am eager to share what I have learned, including avoiding corporal punishment and taking more proactive strategies."

Due to the positive feedback, as a charity, the trustees in the UK have agreed to support further annual training for the Mubende team and the carers, covering a variety of topics related to the well-being and care of the sponsored children. The particular topic will be suggested by the Mubende team and approved by the HALMA UK.



Communication with donors

In addition to regular updates throughout the year, donors are informed in real time about relevant changes or events as appropriate.

A zoom meeting was held on 13th October which all donors were invited to. It was very much appreciated by those who were able to attend.

Future Developments

The need for more local facilities in Uganda for those with special needs was identified in 2021 and we plan to raise funds to support a teacher who is able to sign so that primary education may be offered to those with hearing impairments.