



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Jan 2024 **Period start date** **To** Dec 2024 **Period end date** 31st December

Charity name: Rural Education Network International

Charity registration number: 1186152

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit to advance the education of children in Uganda, particularly but not exclusively, to support Willow School specifically by constructing more classroom blocks, community library, boys' and girls' dormitory, school dining hall, school assembly hall, paying teachers wages and other co-curricular activities
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>All our charitable activities focus on fundraising in order to advance the education of the vulnerable children in rural remote Northern Uganda.</p> <p>From 2016 to 2020, our activities focused on supporting Willow School have a more permanent structure for classrooms, teachers' accommodation and girls and boys dormitories.</p> <p>The year 2021 to 2022, our main activities focused on developing and implementing our teaching and learning policy. We ensured our teachers had training to support teaching and learning especially for the English Language.</p> <p>Another key aspect we focused on was leadership and management. We have been working very closely with School Management Committee and Parents Teachers Association, as a result, our school attendance has remind consistently high.</p> <p>In 2023, we were focused ensuring the school farm is running, this is still a work in progress but the school is now using the food grown in the school farm to feed the children and teachers.</p>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	yes

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	At the moment we don't have assets to invest but if we do then we will ensure we have a policy to guide us.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers are an integral part of REN Intl; their work is highly appreciated and they are from diverse backgrounds and they bring along rich professional experience.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Since the school was founded, the impact has been beyond believe.</p> <p>The children now attend school regularly and in decent classrooms.</p> <p>The children's rights to education has been safeguarded by the charity supporting the school as a result child marriages have been avoided.</p> <p>The school is a community focal point, not just for social and cultural functions but for political expression.</p> <p>The community has a clean source of drinking water from the borehole at the school.</p> <p>The children are learning a life skill through the school farm.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has managed to maintain supporting the school regardless of a lack of secure funding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We don't have a policy for holding reserves but if we do have reserves then we will develop a policy suitable.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We rely on the generosity of our donors who can only support us month by month.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	none
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Funding remain a key uncertainty but we review our income against the expenditure annually to ensure we are not in deficit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principle funding is monthly donation from individuals and corporations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Funding remain a key uncertainty but we review our income against the expenditure annually to ensure we are not in deficit
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		CIO Foundation
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The organization is a charitable incorporated organization governed by a constitution whose voting members are its charity trustees. The charity was founded in June 2016 and registered with Charity Commission in November 5 th 2019.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The founding director of the organization is also a charity trustee and there are two other appointed charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and have voting powers.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	REN Intl has three trustee members and one fundraising volunteer. The trustees are trained on their duties and responsibilities for the charity. The trustees are offered training by professional training bodies to ensure standards are met.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	As per REN Intl's governing document, the trustees They meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the trustees are responsible for fundraising, secretarial work and day to day running of the charity in the UK. The trustees are from diverse backgrounds and they bring along rich professional experience.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Head Teacher and the Deputy Head Teacher are accountable for day to day responsibilities of running the school in Uganda. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met, whilst reporting regularly to supporters and other trustees.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rural Education Network International
Other name the charity uses	REN Intl
Registered charity number	1186152
Charity's principal address	39 Sher Afzal Close Cowley Oxford OX4 2FA

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	Moreen Pattison	Chairperson		
2	Kay Sage	Treasurer		
3	Peter Hockley	secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Moreen Pattison

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Moreen

Full name(s)

Moreen

Pattison

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairperson and trustee

Date

03/09/2024