

METRO KIDS AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1187245

Details

Other names MKA

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS AND FOR THE PROJECTS DELIVERED WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS:1. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT, BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;B) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;C) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND OTHER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE THE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, POVERTY, SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR SUCH PERSONS. 2. THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES BY PROVIDING ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

Activities: At the moment we operate in South Africa and Uganda. We run school and after school programmes, teaching life skills to children from 4 to 12 years old. Teenagers who have been through the programme are taught leadership skills and trained to lead and care for the younger children. We also visit the children's families, offering emotional and food support where necessary.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- South Africa
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£111,425	£127,465	-	-
2024-03-31	£104,402	£100,125	-	-
2023-03-31	£102,192	£99,806	-	-
2022-03-31	£109,454	£108,248	-	-
2021-03-31	£112,058	£99,514	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Edminston		2017-02-13
Callum Street		2022-08-01
Nicola Edmiston		2026-06-09
Patience Ojima Abdul		2024-11-12
Valerie Hill		2022-08-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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The trustees

Mr P Young
Mr A Edmiston
Ms V Hill
Mr C Street
Ms P O Abdul (appointed 12/11/2024)

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Mission, Vision and Values

Our Mission

Metro Kids Africa exists to empower children and young people in vulnerable communities across Africa by providing life-skills education, mentorship, recreational programmes and poverty-relief support through locally-led teams rooted in a Christian ethos.

Our Vision

To see children and young people equipped with the confidence, character and opportunity to thrive, contribute to their communities, and live transformed lives.

Our Values

Faith-driven, locally-empowered, transparent, accountable, and committed to sustainable impact.

Structure, governance and management

Metro Kids Africa (UK) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 7th January 2020 (charity number 1187245).

The charity is governed by its Constitution. Trustees meet regularly to oversee governance, financial stewardship, risk management, and strategic direction.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed following a policy to ensure appropriate skills, experience, and integrity. The Board currently aims for 5–8 trustees. All trustees are over 18, not disqualified, bankrupt or recently convicted, in line with Charity Commission guidance.

Objectives and activities

The charity works, within a Christian ethos, to:

1. Support young people (up to age 18) in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries through educational, recreational and life-skills programmes that develop capacity, independence and wellbeing.
2. Prevent or relieve poverty by providing items, services and support to individuals and partner organisations working with vulnerable communities.

The trustees confirm they have complied with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

UK Operations

The UK team has continued to provide governance oversight, training, coordination, monitoring, and accountability for partner teams in South Africa and Uganda. We continue to invest in developing local Indigenous staff and strengthening operational systems across all countries.

Uganda

- Programmes delivered in **203 schools**, reaching approximately **66,300 children weekly**.
- Schools continue to report increased attendance and engagement when MKA sessions take place.
- Teacher mentoring materials were piloted in **four schools**.

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South Africa

- **8 after-school clubs**, serving around **3,100 children weekly**.
- Weekly home visits to ~9,000 children and families.
- Around **150 teenagers** participated in the Leadership Development Programme (LDP).
- Approximately **500 children** received support via the child sponsorship programme.

Organisational Development

- Continued refinement of governance, safeguarding and reporting structures.
- Ongoing work to strengthen cross-country operational alignment.
- Metro Kids Africa (UK) remains listed with the **Fundraising Regulator**, reflecting our commitment to best practice in fundraising.

Board Summary Statement

The trustees are grateful for another year of meaningful impact across Uganda and South Africa. The charity faced financial pressures toward the end of the year, with an overspend primarily due to overseas transfers and reduced year-end cash reserves. The Board is taking these matters seriously and has begun a strategic review of income generation, cashflow management, and reserve rebuilding to ensure the charity remains financially sustainable.

The year was also particularly challenging in South Africa following the passing of Vuyo, a beloved and highly respected staff member. His contribution to the children, families, and colleagues he served was immeasurable, and his absence has been deeply felt across our teams. The charity has provided support to staff, volunteers, families, and children during this period, and operations have continued in a manner that honours Vuyo's legacy.

Despite these challenges, the charity continued to reach tens of thousands of children weekly through school programmes, after-school clubs, home visits, and leadership development. The Board remains encouraged by the resilience and dedication of local teams, whose work continues to build hope and create lasting change in their communities.

Looking ahead, the charity will focus on strengthening financial foundations, supporting sustainable growth overseas, and maintaining robust governance. The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all donors, partners, staff, and volunteers whose support makes this work possible.

Financial review

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity recorded a deficit of £16,040, compared with a budgeted deficit of £3,959. Income exceeded expectations, but expenditure on overseas transfers was higher than planned.

Year-end cash balances reduced to approximately £9,700, which is lower than in previous years and presents short-term cash flow pressures. Trustees will closely manage transfer scheduling and UK expenditure to ensure liquidity.

The 2023-24 Annual Report and Accounts were filed on time with the Charity Commission.

Risk Management

The trustees have undertaken their annual review of the major risks facing the charity, including financial sustainability, safeguarding, reputational risk, and operational oversight of overseas partners. Appropriate mitigation measures are in place, including financial controls, reporting requirements for partners, safeguarding policies and regular Board oversight. The trustees consider the current systems to be appropriate for the charity's size and complexity.

Safeguarding Statement

Given the nature of our work with children and young people, safeguarding remains a priority across all locations. Staff in Uganda and South Africa receive safeguarding training appropriate to their context, and the UK trustees review safeguarding policies and incident reporting annually.

Plans for future periods

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For 2025-26 the key priority areas are:

- Strengthening financial planning and forecasting across UK, Uganda and South Africa operations
- Reviewing the schedule and level of overseas transfers to ensure liquidity in the UK
- Growing income through diversified fundraising channels and reinforcing unrestricted income
- Continuing the farm project in Uganda (first anticipated crop yield)
- Scaling our teacher mentoring pilot programme in Uganda to a broader number of schools
- Maintaining high-quality overseas programmes while rebuilding UK reserves

The current staff complement remains: 13 staff in Uganda, 9 + 2 interns in South Africa, and 3 in the UK.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees' are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements, ensuring they give a true and fair view, maintaining proper accounting records, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Approval

Approved by the trustees on 12/1/2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Callum Street – CPFA
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 21.1.26

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2025 Total £	Year to 31.03.2024 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	22,887	88,283	111,170	104,243
Interest receivable	255	-	255	159
	23,142	88,283	111,425	104,402
Total Income	23,142	88,283	111,425	104,402
Payments				
Direct costs	-	44,938	44,938	20,576
Salaries & national insurance contributions	-	70,272	70,272	65,549
P11d – national insurance contributions	12	-	12	-
Pension	-	3,567	3,567	3,368
Subscriptions	50	-	50	50
Printing, postage & stationery	2,028	-	2,028	954
Computer costs	424	-	424	898
Telephone	426	-	426	100
Accountancy	1,320	-	1,320	1,260
Staff training	-	-	-	10
Travel & subsistence	3,140	-	3,140	4,576
Entertainment	-	-	-	12
Legal & Professional	684	-	684	1,182
Sundries	-	-	-	282
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-
	8,084	118,777	126,861	98,817
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	-	-	-	728
Creditor payments	604	-	604	687
Cash held as debtor	-	-	-	(108)
	604	-	604	1,307
Total payments	8,688	118,777	127,465	100,124
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,454	(30,494)	(16,040)	4,278
Transfers between funds	(30,494)	30,494	-	-
Cash funds last year end	25,767	-	25,767	21,489
Cash funds this year end	9,727	-	9,727	25,767

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	9,727	-	9,727	25,766
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	26	-	26	-
Co-op bank debtor		-		
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	4,066	-	4,066	4,066
Fixtures and Fittings	1,388	-	1,388	1,388
Total Assets	15,207	-	15,207	31,220
Liabilities				
Expenses owed	-	-	-	34
Accountancy	1,392	-	1,392	1,320
Legal & Professional	126	-	126	120
Payroll liabilities	2	-	2	2
Phone Creditor	254	-	254	678
	1,774	-	1,774	2,154

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12/1/2026 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr C Street
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	88,283	(118,777)	30,494	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>88,283</u>	<u>(118,777)</u>	<u>30,494</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	87,317	(89,493)	(2,176)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>87,317</u>	<u>(89,493)</u>	<u>(2,176)</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The expenditure on staff costs for the charity was £79,524 (2024: £68,917) of which £nil was unrestricted and £79,524 was restricted (2024: £Nil unrestricted and £68,917 restricted).

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: 60,000). The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2024: 3).

3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and key management personnel

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2024: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2024: £nil).

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £68,561 (2024: £64,980).

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

For the public benefit through the provision of grants and for the projects delivered within a Christian ethos:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries, as the trustees see fit, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
 - a) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
 - b) Relieving unemployment.
 - c) Providing recreational and other leisure time activity in the interest of social welfare for people living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries who have the need by reason of their youth, age, poverty, social or economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life for such reasons.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries by providing items and services to individuals in need and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Appointment of trustees

The purpose of this policy is to guide MKA in the appointment of trustees to protect the integrity of the MKA's decision-making process. This is important to enable stakeholders and donors to have confidence in the organisation's integrity.

Having an effective board is also imperative if MKA is going to effectively work towards its vision.

1. Identifying Possible Trustees

- 1.1 The current trustees need to identify the skills that are needed within the board of trustees. This will vary depending on the present situation.
- 1.2 The current needs may also be discussed with the CEO of MKA so that they can also help find suitable candidates.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of all the current trustees to have an awareness of possible additions to the board.
- 1.4 MKA may choose to advertise but this would not be the normal approach.
- 1.5 The MKA board must have at least three people on it, but we would prefer to have five to eight people on the board at any time.
- 1.6 In line with Charity Commission guidelines anyone identified must be over 16 years old, but preferably over 18 years old. They must not have been declared bankrupt, not been disqualified from acting as a trustee and must not have a recent criminal conviction.

2. Initial Steps

- 2.1 Once a possible candidate for a trustee position has been identified, the person who knows them best should approach them in this regard.
- 2.2 A conversation should be had where the vision of MKA is laid out and the way in which the candidate can make a difference to MKA, and consequently to the lives of many children and their families.
- 2.3 The process of an application form, interview, references and decision by the current board should all be laid out, so the person doesn't assume they are automatically accepted.

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2.4 If they are agreeable to this the candidate can be sent the application form.

3. Next Steps

3.1 Once the current trustees have received the application form, they must go through the form carefully.

3.2 The board should discuss if the candidate seems suitable for the role.

3.3 If the board feel the candidate is suitable, they should interview the candidate. The interview can be conducted by one or more current trustees and may include the person who recommended them. However, it cannot be conducted solely by the person who recommended them.

3.4 After the interview the references should be contacted.

3.5 If after the above steps the board is still happy with the candidate, they can offer them a role on the board of trustees.

Grant Making

Metro Kids Africa (UK) has a policy in place to guide the grants that it makes. While Metro Kids Africa does accept requests for grants, its funding is generally granted to partner Metro Kids Africa organisations. These organisations follow the same vision and mission and are aware of the accountability required by the UK trustees.

Memorandum of Agreement

Although Metro Kids Africa (UK) has the same vision and mission as Metro Kids Africa in other countries, currently South Africa and Uganda, we have a memorandum of agreement. This is to give a more formal framework to the relationship and ensure integrity in the relationship.

Future Plans

We have continued reviewing and improving the structures, governance and programmes that we operate. We always want to be the best that we can be, for the benefit of those we serve and so continue to strive to get better.

In The UK

The staff in the UK have overseen and co-ordinated the staff in South Africa and Uganda. Along with the board Metro Kids Africa (UK) has overseen the work of Metro Kids Africa as a whole, ensuring that integrity and legal responsibility is maintained. All on the ground staff in South Africa and Uganda are local, Indigenous people who we seek to empower and so time is taken on training and mentorship.

Overseas

School Assemblies

We continue to collaborate with multiple schools in Uganda, taking assemblies, teaching life skills and principles for life. The numbers have continued to grow, and we now have approximately 45,000 children attending our programmes in 140 schools in Uganda.

After School Clubs

In South Africa the after-school clubs have continued, taking our total to ten, serving approximately 3,500 children each week.

Leadership Development Programme (LDP)

Teenagers who have been helped by the children's programme can join the LDP where time is spent weekly and monthly, investing in their future. We teach them leadership and self-discipline while encouraging them to remain in school and grow in their social responsibility.

Sponsorship Programme

The child sponsorship programme helps support children and their families. The level of support is determined by the sponsor with some providing food, school supplies etc. and others less. Up to now this has only run in South Africa, but we are now trialling it in Uganda on a small scale to ensure we

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have the right standards in place.

Compassionate Care

As with any community some families have more than others. There are times when we supply short term relief while being careful not to encourage dependency on MKA.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In Uganda we partner with 140 schools, working with 45,000 children per week. For many this is the highlight of the week and the schools we work with have seen attendance at school rise on the days the MKA staff are there. We also continue to see some schools growing in number of children attending due to the programme operating in the school.

In South Africa we run 10 after school programmes, with around 3,500 children attending per week. We visit each child at home each week to build support relationships with the families and currently visit around 9,500 children.

In South Africa we have around 150 teenagers on the Leadership Development Programme, LDP. Many of these say they would have dropped out of school, joined a gang or been on drugs if it was not for MKA.

Children on the sponsorship programme (approximately 500), have received food, school supplies, birthday presents, Christmas presents and letters from sponsors.

Financial review

The statement of receipts and payments on page 6 shows net receipts of £4,277 and cash held at the year-end of £25,766. The statement of assets and liabilities on page 7 shows assets of £31,254 and liabilities of £2,120.

We have a reserves policy in place. We have no deficits and operate with no overdraft facilities or credit facilities. We have 4 vehicles in South Africa which were saved for and then bought cash.

At the end of the fiscal year, we had £14,000 in our UK savings account.

Much of the donation pool give lesser amounts; therefore, we do not envision there being any financial difficulty and can be considered a going concern.

Plans for future periods

We are looking to keep growing at a sustainable rate in South Africa and Uganda. We now have 13 staff members in Uganda, 9 in South Africa and 3 in the UK to work with our increased attendances.

The farm in Uganda should yield its first crop in the next year.

The teacher mentoring is going well with us now trialling the material in 5 schools.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27.12.2024 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Mr Callum Street - CPFA
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2024 Total £	Year to 31.03.2023 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	16,926	87,317	104,243	102,106
Interest receivable	159	-	159	86
	17,085	87,317	104,402	102,192
Total Income	17,085	87,317	104,402	102,192
Payments				
Direct costs	-	20,576	20,576	21,040
Salaries & national insurance contributions	-	65,549	65,549	63,894
Pension	-	3,368	3,368	3,206
Subscriptions	50	-	50	50
Printing, postage & stationery	954	-	954	904
Computer costs	898	-	898	1,399
Telephone	100	-	100	84
Accountancy	1,260	-	1,260	1,200
Staff training	10	-	10	4,450
Travel & subsistence	4,576	-	4,576	1,185
Entertainment	14	-	14	39
Legal & Professional	1,182	-	1,182	990
Sundries	282	-	282	325
Bank Charges	-	-	-	20
	9,326	89,493	98,819	98,786
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	728	-	728	249
Creditor payments	687	-	687	365
Cash held as debtor	(108)	-	(108)	406
	1,306	-	1,306	1,020
Total payments	10,632	89,493	100,125	99,806
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,453	(2,176)	4,277	2,386
Transfers between funds	(2,176)	2,176	-	-
Cash funds last year end	21,489	-	21,489	19,103
Cash funds this year end	25,766	-	25,766	21,489

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	25,766	-	25,766	21,489
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	34	-	34	74
Co-op bank debtor	-	-	-	406
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	4,066	-	4,066	4,066
Fixtures and Fittings	1,388	-	1,388	660
Total Assets	31,254	-	31,254	26,695
Liabilities				
Accountancy	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Legal & Professional	120	-	120	516
Payroll liabilities	2	-	2	2
Phone Creditor	678	-	678	1,365
	2,120	-	2,120	3,203

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on
27.12.2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr C Street
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	87,317	(89,493)	2,176	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 1 Apr 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	76,695	(89,640)	12,945	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>76,695</u>	<u>(89,640)</u>	<u>12,945</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The expenditure on staff costs for the charity was £68,917 (2023: £67,100) of which £nil was unrestricted and £68,917 was restricted (2023: £Nil unrestricted and £67,100 restricted).

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: 60,000). The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 3).

3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and key management personnel

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2023: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2023: £nil).

During the year, A Edmiston, a trustee of the charity, received payment of £nil (2023: £1,200) in his capacity as consultant for the Teaching Project.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £64,980 (2023: £62,721).

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Metro Kids Africa (referred to as MKA in the trustees' report)

Charity registration number 1187245

Principal office

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Mr C Street (Appointed 01/08/2022)
Ms K Brown (Resigned 18/05/2022)
Ms A Wilson (Resigned 15/09/2022)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management

Metro Kids Africa is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 7th January 2020 (charity number 1187245). Metro Kids Africa is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Objectives and activities

For the public benefit through the provision of grants and for the projects delivered within a Christian ethos:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries, as the trustees see fit, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
 - a) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
 - b) Relieving unemployment.
 - c) Providing recreational and other leisure time activity in the interest of social welfare for people living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries who have the need by reason of their youth, age, poverty, social or economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life for such reasons.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries by providing items and services to individuals in need and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Appointment of trustees

The purpose of this policy is to guide MKA in the appointment of trustees to protect the integrity of the MKA's decision-making process. This is important to enable stakeholders and donors to have confidence in the organisation's integrity.

Having an effective board is also imperative if MKA is going to effectively work towards its vision.

1. Identifying Possible Trustees

- 1.1 The current trustees need to identify the skills that are needed within the board of trustees. This will vary depending on the present situation.
- 1.2 The current needs may also be discussed with the CEO of MKA so that they can also help find suitable candidates.
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- 1.6 In line with Charity Commission guidelines anyone identified must be over 16 years old, but preferably over 18 years old. They must not have been declared bankrupt, not been disqualified from acting as a trustee and must not have a recent criminal conviction.

2. Initial Steps

- 2.1 Once a possible candidate for a trustee position has been identified, the person who knows them best should approach them in this regard.
- 2.2 A conversation should be had where the vision of MKA is laid out and the way in which the candidate can make a difference to MKA, and consequently to the lives of many children and their families.
- 2.3 The process of an application form, interview, references and decision by the current board should all be laid out, so the person doesn't assume they are automatically accepted.

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3. Next Steps

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3.3 If the board feel the candidate is suitable, they should interview the candidate. The interview can be conducted by one or more current trustees and may include the person who recommended them. However, it cannot be conducted solely by the person who recommended them.

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3.5 If after the above steps the board is still happy with the candidate, they can offer them a role on the board of trustees.

Grant Making

Metro Kids Africa (UK) has a policy in place to guide the grants that it makes. While Metro Kids Africa does accept requests for grants, its funding is generally granted to partner Metro Kids Africa organisations. These organisations follow the same vision and mission and are aware of the accountability required by the UK trustees.

Memorandum of Agreement

Although Metro Kids Africa (UK) has the same vision and mission as Metro Kids Africa in other countries, currently South Africa and Uganda, we have a memorandum of agreement. This is to give a more formal framework to the relationship and ensure integrity in the relationship.

Future Plans

We have continued reviewing and improving the structures, governance and programmes that we operate. We always want to be the best that we can be, for the benefit of those we serve and so continue to strive to get better.

In The UK

The staff in the UK have overseen and co-ordinated the staff in South Africa and Uganda. Along with the board Metro Kids Africa (UK) has overseen the work of Metro Kids Africa as a whole, ensuring that integrity and legal responsibility is maintained. All on the ground staff in South Africa and Uganda are local, Indigenous people who we seek to empower and so time is taken on training and mentorship.

Overseas

School Assemblies

We continue to collaborate with multiple schools in Uganda, taking assemblies, teaching life skills and principles for life. The numbers have continued to grow, and we now have approximately 33,848 children attending our programmes in 110 schools in Uganda.

After School Clubs

In South Africa the after-school clubs have continued with one added, taking our total to ten, serving approximately 3,500 children each week.

Leadership Development Programme (LDP)

Teenagers who have been helped by the children's programme can join the LDP where time is spent weekly and monthly, investing in their future. We teach them leadership and self-discipline while encouraging them to remain in school and grow in their social responsibility.

Sponsorship Programme

The child sponsorship programme helps support children and their families. The level of support is determined by the sponsor with some providing food, school supplies etc. and others less. Up to now this has only run in South Africa, but we are now trialling it in Uganda on a small scale to ensure we

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have the right standards in place.

Compassionate Care

As with any community some families have more than others. There are times when we supply short term relief while being careful not to encourage dependency on MKA.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In Uganda we partner with 110 schools, working with 33,848 children per week. For many this is the highlight of the week and the schools we work with have seen attendance at school rise on the days the MKA staff are there. We also continue to see some schools growing in number of children attending due to the programme operating in the school.

In South Africa we run 10 after school programmes, with around 3,500 children attending per week. We visit each child at home each week to build support relationships with the families and currently visit around 9,500 children.

In South Africa we have around 150 teenagers on the Leadership Development Programme, LDP. Many of these say they would have dropped out of school, joined a gang or been on drugs if it was not for MKA.

Children on the sponsorship programme (approximately 500), have received food, school supplies, birthday presents, Christmas presents and letters from sponsors.

Financial review

The statement of receipts and payments on page 6 shows net receipts of £2,386 and cash held at the year-end of £21,489. The statement of assets and liabilities on page 7 shows assets of £26,695 and liabilities of £3,203.

We have a reserves policy in place. We have no deficits and operate with no overdraft facilities or credit facilities. We have 4 vehicles in South Africa which were saved for and then bought cash.

At the end of the fiscal year, we had £18,000 in our UK savings account.

Much of the donation pool give lesser amounts; therefore, we do not envision there being any financial difficulty and can be considered a going concern.

Plans for future periods

We are looking to keep growing at a sustainable rate in South Africa and Uganda. We now have 13 staff members in Uganda, 9 in South Africa and 3 in the UK to work with our increased attendances.

The farm in Uganda should yield its first crop in the next year.

The teacher mentoring is going well with us now trialling the material in 5 schools.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 12.01.24 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Mr Callum Street - CPFA
Trustee (Treasurer)

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 16.1.24

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2023 Total £	Year to 31.03.2022 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	25,411	76,695	102,106	109,451
Interest receivable	86	-	86	3
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-
	25,497	76,695	102,192	109,454
Total Income	25,497	76,695	102,192	109,454
Payments				
Direct costs	-	21,040	21,040	24,150
Salaries & national insurance contributions	-	63,894	63,894	60,653
Pension	-	3,206	3,206	3,254
Subscriptions	50	-	50	50
Printing, postage & stationery	904	-	904	878
Computer costs	1,399	-	1,399	724
Telephone	84	-	84	172
Accountancy	1,200	-	1,200	1,140
Staff training	2,950	1,500	4,450	13,674
Travel & subsistence	1,185	-	1,185	2,405
Entertainment	39	-	39	-
Legal & Professional	990	-	990	336
Sundries	325	-	325	812
Bank Charges	20	-	20	-
	9,146	89,640	98,786	108,248
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	249	-	249	1,757
Creditor payments	365	-	365	-
Cash held as debtor	406	-	406	-
	1,020	-	1,020	1,757
Total payments	10,166	89,640	99,806	110,005
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,331	(12,945)	2,386	(551)
Transfers between funds	(12,945)	12,945	-	-
Cash funds last year end	19,103	-	19,103	19,654
Cash funds this year end	21,489	-	21,489	19,103

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	21,489	-	21,489	19,103
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	74	-	74	74
Co-op bank debtor	406	-	406	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	4,066	-	4,066	2,206
Fixtures and Fittings	660	-	660	540
Total Assets	26,695	-	26,695	21,923
Liabilities				
Accountancy	1,320	-	1,320	1,200
Legal & Professional	516	-	516	540
Payroll liabilities	2	-	2	2
Phone Creditor	1,365	-	1,365	-
	3,203	-	3,203	1,742

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12.01.24 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr C Street CPFA
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	76,695	(89,640)	12,945	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>76,695</u>	<u>(89,640)</u>	<u>12,945</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 1 Apr 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	10,545	76,115	(88,057)	1,397	-
	<u>10,545</u>	<u>76,115</u>	<u>(88,057)</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The expenditure on staff costs for the charity was £67,100 (2022: £63,907) of which £nil was unrestricted and £67,100 was restricted (2022: £Nil unrestricted and £63,907 restricted).

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: 60,000). The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2022: 3).

3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and key management personnel

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2022: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2022: £nil).

During the year, A Edmiston, a trustee of the charity, received payment of £1,200 (2022: £10,150) in his capacity as consultant for the Teaching Project.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £60,154 (2022: £59,022).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1187245

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number 1187245

Principal office

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Future Plans

We have continued to develop and improve the structures, governance and programmes that operate in order to strive for the best standards that we can and so serve our beneficiaries as well as possible.

In The UK

The staff in the UK have overseen and co-ordinated the staff in South Africa and Uganda. Along with the board Metro Kids Africa (UK) has overseen the work of Metro Kids Africa as a whole, ensuring that integrity and legal responsibility is maintained. All on the ground staff in South Africa and Uganda are local, indigenous people who we seek to empower and so time is taken on training and mentorship.

Overseas

School Assemblies

We continue to work with multiple schools in Uganda, taking assemblies, teaching life skills and principles for life. The numbers have been growing after the Covid lockdowns ended and we now have approximately 27,260 children attending our programmes in 88 schools in Uganda.

After School Clubs

After the Covid lockdowns in South Africa, where large groups were not allowed to meet, Our After School Clubs have been able to reopen. They have maintained their strength in the community and local councillors have engaged with staff to thank them for their input. They are also exploring how we can help in other communities.

Leadership Development Programme (LDP)

Teenagers who have been helped by the children's programme can join the LDP where time is spent weekly and monthly, investing in their future. We teach them leadership and self-discipline while encouraging them to remain in school and grow in their social responsibility.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Sponsorship Programme

The child sponsorship programme helps support children and their families. The level of support is determined by the sponsor with some providing food, school supplies etc and others less.

Compassionate Care

As with any community some families have more than others. There are times when we supply short term relief while being careful not to encourage dependency on MKA.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In Uganda we now partner with 88 schools, working with 27,260 children per week. We continue to support and encourage both the children and the teachers. In South Africa we were able to open 8 after school programmes when Covid restrictions eased, working with approximately 2,500 children per week. We have around 150 teenagers on the Leadership Development Programme, who serve, care and look out for the younger children in their communities. Children on the sponsorship programme (approximately 500), have received food, school supplies, birthday presents, Christmas presents and letters from sponsors.

Financial review

The statement of receipts and payments on page 6 shows net payments of £551 and cash held at the year end of £19,103. The statement of assets and liabilities on page 7 shows assets of £21,923 and liabilities of £1,742.

We now have a reserves policy in place. We have no deficits and operate with no overdraft facilities or credit facilities. We have 3 vehicles in South Africa which were saved for and then bought cash.

We have a small reserve and continue to operate in a prudent way, that will hopefully see the Metro Kids Africa reserves grow.

Plans for future periods

Through all the uncertainty that is going on in the world we have been able to keep paying 24 staff, 10 in South Africa, 11 in Uganda and 3 in the UK, which we are very grateful for. Through modern technology we have also been able to keep in touch with everyone and encourage each other through hard times.

The teams in South Africa and Uganda have risen to the challenges in front of them and have worked thoughtfully and proactively to find solutions as they move forward.

The exploring of mentoring teachers has gone well, with monies donated to help move this forward. Through hours of discussions and trails the concept has been honed and videos filmed that will hopefully help the Ugandan children we serve now and also future school children.

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Mr P Young
Trustee

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Date:

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2022 Total £	Year to 31.03.2021 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	33,336	76,115	109,451	81,321
Interest receivable	3	-	3	8
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	11,181
	33,339	76,115	109,454	92,510
Total Income	33,339	76,115	109,454	92,510
Payments				
Direct costs	-	24,150	24,150	11,000
Salaries & national insurance contributions	-	60,653	60,653	59,958
Pension	-	3,254	3,254	2,479
Advertising	3,550	-	3,550	50
Printing, postage & stationery	878	-	878	716
Computer costs	724	-	724	780
Telephone	172	-	172	128
Accountancy	1,140	-	1,140	1,320
Staff training	10,174	-	10,174	-
Travel & subsistence	2,405	-	2,405	-
Legal & Professional	336	-	336	618
Sundries	812	-	812	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	80
	20,191	88,057	108,248	77,129
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	1,757	-	1,757	449
Loan repayments	-	-	-	2,500
	1,757	-	1,757	2,949
Total payments	21,948	88,057	110,005	80,078
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,391	(11,942)	(551)	12,432
Transfers between funds	(1,397)	1,397	-	-
Cash funds last year end	9,109	10,545	19,654	7,222
Cash funds this year end	19,103	-	19,103	19,654

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	19,103	-	19,103	19,654
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	74	-	74	27
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	2,206	-	2,206	449
Fixtures and Fittings	540	-	540	540
Total Assets	21,923	-	21,923	20,670
Liabilities				
Accountancy	1,200	-	1,200	1,134
Legal & Professional	540	-	540	84
Payroll liabilities	2	-	2	1,071
	1,742	-	1,742	2,289

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on _____ and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr P Young
Trustee

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Year ended 31 March 2022

1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	10,545	76,115	(88,057)	1,397	-
	<u>10,545</u>	<u>76,115</u>	<u>(88,057)</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 1 Apr 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	69,578	(59,033)	-	10,545
	<u>-</u>	<u>69,578</u>	<u>(59,033)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,545</u>

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The expenditure on staff costs for the charity was £63,907 (2021: £62,437) of which £nil was unrestricted and £63,907 was restricted (2021: £14,404 unrestricted and £48,033 restricted).

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: 60,000). The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2021: 3).

3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and key management personnel

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2021: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2021: £nil).

During the year, A Edmiston, a trustee of the charity, received payment of £10,150 (2021: £nil) in his capacity as consultant for the Teaching Project.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £59,022 (2021: £59,028).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1187245

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Metro Kids Africa (referred to as MKA in the trustees' report)

Charity registration number 1187245

Principal office

23 Shepherds Cote Drive
Hepscott Park
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The trustees

Mr P Young
Ms A Boucher
Mr A Edmiston
Ms K Brown
Ms A Wilson (appointed 04/01/2021)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Metro Kids Africa is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 7th January 2020 (charity number 1187245). Metro Kids Africa is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Objectives and activities

For the public benefit through the provision of grants and for the projects delivered within a Christian ethos:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries, as the trustees see fit, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
 - a) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
 - b) Relieving unemployment;
 - c) Providing recreational and other leisure time activity in the interest of social welfare for people living in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries who have the need by reason of their youth, age, poverty, social or economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life for such reasons.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries by providing items and services to individuals in need and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Appointment of trustees

The purposes of this policy is to guide MKA in the appointment of trustees so as to protect the integrity of the MKA's decision-making process. This is important to enable stakeholders and donors to have confidence in the organisation's integrity.

Having an effective board is also imperative if MKA is going to effectively work towards its vision.

1. Identifying Possible Trustees

- 1.1 The current trustees need to identify the skills that are needed within the board of trustees. This will vary depending on the present situation.
- 1.2 The current needs may also be discussed with the CEO of MKA so that they can also help identify possible candidates.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of all the current trustees to have an awareness of possible additions to the board.
- 1.4 MKA may choose to advertise but this would not be the normal approach.
- 1.5 The MKA board must have at least three people on it but we would prefer to have five to eight people on the board at any time.
- 1.6 In line with Charity Commission guidelines anyone identified must be over 16years old, but preferably over 18. They must not have been declared bankrupt, not been disqualified from acting as a trustee and must not have a recent criminal conviction.

2. Initial Steps

- 2.1 Once a possible candidate for a trustee position has been identified, the person who knows them best should approach them in this regard.
- 2.2 A conversation should be had where the vision of MKA is laid out and the way in which the candidate can make a difference to MKA, and consequently to the lives of many children and their families.

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2.3 The process of an application form, interview, references and decision by the current board should all be laid out so the person doesn't assume they are automatically accepted.

2.4 If they are agreeable to this the candidate can be sent the application form.

3. Next Steps

3.1 Once the current trustees have received the application form they must go through the form carefully.

3.2 The board should discuss if the candidate seems suitable for the role.

3.3 If the board feel the candidate is suitable, they should interview the candidate. The interview can be carried out by one or more current trustees and may include the person who recommended them. However, it cannot be carried out solely by the person who recommended them.

3.4 After the interview the references should be contacted.

3.5 If after the above steps the board is still happy with the candidate, they can offer them a role on the board of trustees.

Grant Making

Metro Kids Africa (UK) has a policy in place to guide the grants that it makes. While Metro Kids Africa does accept requests for grants, its funding is generally granted to partner Metro Kids Africa organisations. These organisations follow the same vision and mission and are aware of the accountability required by the UK trustees.

Memorandum of Agreement

Although Metro Kids Africa (UK) has the same vision and mission as Metro Kids Africa in other countries, currently South Africa and Uganda, we have a memorandum of agreement. This is to give a more formal framework to the relationship and ensure integrity in the relationship.

Future Plans

We will continue to develop the work of MKA, continuing with the old as well as developing new ways of working to reach and serve the children with whom we work. If necessary relevant policies will be developed to provide guidance and structure.

The ongoing global pandemic (COVID-19) has forced us to look at "remote working", however this has worked well. We have been able to keep in touch with staff and effectively offer support remotely.

In The UK

The staff in the UK have continued to carry out the management and work of MKA during this global pandemic. However, we have successfully managed to continue to support and co-ordinate the staff in South Africa and Uganda, ensuring that the work with the children is ongoing within the framework and values of MKA, mindful of our legal responsibilities. All on the ground staff in South Africa and Uganda are local, indigenous people who we seek to empower and so time is taken on training and mentorship.

As with many parts of the world, the staff in South Africa and Uganda have been adversely affected by the pandemic however, their continued employment with Metro Kids Africa has abled them to continue supporting themselves and their families in many ways.

Overseas

School Assemblies

Due to the global pandemic and other priorities, the Ugandan Government closed the schools for the whole of this reporting period and so we had no assemblies during this time.

The staff in Uganda have been in lockdown a lot of the time. However, whenever possible the staff have visited families, teachers and school directors to offer support and help in whatever area had the greatest need.

After School Clubs

The Government felt it necessary to close all 'after-school' clubs, they also banned all gatherings during this reporting period.

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Year ended 31 March 2021

Thankfully, MKA staff came up with innovative ways to keep in touch with the children and families, within the remit of the law. Staff members have been allowed to visit children and families and deliver much needed food parcels to the most vulnerable, offering much needed practical and moral support.

Leadership Development Programme (LDP)

Teenagers who have been helped by the children's programme can join the LDP where time is spent weekly and monthly, investing in their future. We teach them leadership, life skills and self-discipline while encouraging them to remain in school and grow in their social responsibility.

Thankfully, these have been able to continue in Cape Town depending upon the lockdown level, providing much needed stability.

When the groups have taken place MKA have made sure that we adhered to the local Laws and legislation in respect of COVID-19, making sure young trainees and staff and supported and safe.

Sponsorship Programme

The child sponsorship programme helps support children and their families. The level of support is determined by the level of giving by the sponsor with some providing food, school supplies, pens, pencils and paper.

We are happy to report that during this very difficult time globally, the level of giving for food has risen as people have given additional money to support their sponsor children through the pandemic.

Compassionate Care

As with any community some families have more than others. MKA have been able to provide somewhat "targeted support" for people. During this very trying time we have been able to re-direct some of the funds from the programmes not able to run, offering additional practical support where we can and where necessary. This has been done with the utmost respect for people we are serving. The levels of poverty suffered by the people we often come into contact with is huge therefore, MKA are mindful of the level of support we are able to offer.

MKA are not able to help all of the people, but we have been able to increase real support to more people during this time.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

We are glad to report it has been a successful year, if somewhat difficult, due to world events.

In Uganda we have not been able to run any programmes in schools as they have been closed. We have been incredibly fortunate that our donors have continued to support our work so we can pay our staff throughout this difficult year.

In South Africa our after-school programmes have not been able to run but again we have been fortunate that our donors have continued to support us and so be able to pay their salaries.

In South Africa we have around 200 teenagers on the LDP. Many of these say they would have dropped out of school, joined a gang or been on drugs if it was not for MKA. This has been able to continue for some of the year depending on lockdown levels.

Children on the sponsorship programme (approximately 500), have received food, birthday presents, Christmas presents and letters from sponsors. The amount of food parcels given out has roughly quadrupled as many donors gave extra monies for their sponsor child and also others who had no one to support them.

Financial review

The statement of receipts and payments on page 7 shows net receipts of £12,432 and cash held at the year end of £19,654. The statement of assets and liabilities on page 8 shows assets of £20,670 and liabilities of £2,289.

We have no deficits and operate with no overdraft facilities or credit facilities. We still have 3 vehicles in South Africa which were saved for and then bought cash.

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We have no official reserves at this time but we do have an account in the USA with \$22,500. This money has been allowed to build up and sits there if needed but if not, it will continue to build. Because a lot of people give small amounts, we have had very little drop off through the last year and do not envision there being any difficulty in continuing in the year ahead.

Plans for future periods

We envision opening up our programmes again as countries restrictions ease. This could take time though and we recognise that we will have to move slowly and in line with local government guidelines in order to keep people safe.

We also see that the pandemic has brought different needs to the fore and we would like to be able to keep donating food and schooling where required.

The reserve that we do keep is small and not adequate, but it is a start and we would like to keep growing that.

The training of school teachers in Uganda did not go as required due to the pandemic, but foundations have been put in place which gives us hope that this will get off the ground when the schools open. After the schools have been shut for so long we see this as an important initiative to work on, for the children's wellbeing.

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The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Ms A Boucher
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul Newbold FCA
Torgersens

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Date:

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2021 Total £	Period 07.01.2020 to 31.03.2020 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	11,743	69,578	81,321	19,548
Interest receivable	8	-	8	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	11,181	-	11,181	-
	22,932	69,578	92,510	19,548
Asset and investment sales				
Loan received	-	-	-	2,500
	-	-	-	2,500
Total Income	22,932	69,578	92,510	22,048
Payments				
Direct costs	-	11,000	11,000	11,000
Salaries & national insurance contributions	14,138	45,820	59,958	9,701
Pension	266	2,213	2,479	476
Advertising	50	-	50	-
Printing, postage & stationery	716	-	716	19
Computer costs	780	-	780	169
Telephone	128	-	128	-
Accountancy	1,320	-	1,320	-
Staff training	-	-	-	20
Travel & subsistence	-	-	-	888
Legal & Professional	618	-	618	72
Bank Charges	80	-	80	40
	18,096	59,033	77,129	22,385
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	449	-	449	-
Loan repayments	2,500	-	2,500	-
	2,949	-	2,949	-
Total payments	21,045	59,033	80,078	22,385
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,887	10,545	12,432	(337)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	7,222	-	7,222	7,559
Cash funds this year end	9,109	10,545	19,654	7,222

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	9,109	10,545	19,654	7,222
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	27	-	27	184
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	449	-	449	-
Fixtures and Fittings	540	-	540	540
Total Assets	10,125	10,545	20,670	7,946
Liabilities				
Accountancy	1,134	-	1,134	1,416
Legal & Professional	84	-	84	-
Payroll liabilities	1,071	-	1,071	3,787
Loan	-	-	-	2,500
	2,289	-	2,289	7,703

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on _____ and are signed on their behalf by:

Ms A Boucher
Trustee

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Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	–	69,578	(59,033)	-	10,545
	<u>–</u>	<u>69,578</u>	<u>(59,033)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,545</u>

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 7 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	–	16,914	(21,178)	4,264	-
	<u>–</u>	<u>16,914</u>	<u>(21,178)</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 3)

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £59,028 (2020: £9,878).

3. Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2020: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2020: £nil).