

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1187245

**METRO KIDS AFRICA
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Page
Trustees' annual report	1 – 4
Independent examiner's report	5
Statement of receipts and payments	6
Statement of assets and liabilities	7
Notes to the financial statements	8

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Trustees' Annual Report

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.

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
Stannington
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 6FN

The trustees

Mr P Young
Ms A Boucher (Resigned 22nd August 2022)
Mr A Edmiston
Ms K Brown
Ms A Wilson

Accountants

Torgersens
Chartered accountants
Somerford Buildings
Norfolk Street
Sunderland
SR1 1EE

Bankers

Nationwide
6/8 Market Square
Sunderland
SR1 3HW

The Co-operative Bank
5/6 Fawcett Street
Sunderland
SR1 1RF

METRO KIDS AFRICA

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

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 16 years 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.

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

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 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.

METRO KIDS AFRICA

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 trials 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

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

Somerford Buildings
Norfolk Street
Sunderland
SR1 1EE

Date:

METRO KIDS AFRICA

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

METRO KIDS AFRICA

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

METRO KIDS AFRICA

Notes to the Financial Statements

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).