

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1187245

METRO KIDS AFRICA
UNAUDITED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

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

Charity registration number 1187245

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

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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.
- 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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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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').

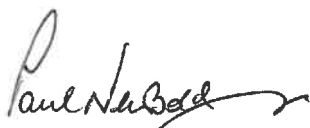
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: 2.1.25

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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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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).