

METRO KIDS AFRICA
UNAUDITED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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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.

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 2025

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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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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

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 12/11/2026 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

Year ended 31 March 2025

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).