

# **RIVERS INTERNATIONAL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1187466**

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### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1187466
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st January 2023
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st December 2023
<b>TRUSTEES SERVING DURING AND AFTER THE YEAR</b>	Isabelle Dawn Clark - Chair Maxwell Bateman Kevin Clark Dr James McGill Rousseau
<b>Date of Registration</b>	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 20 Jan 2020
<b>OBJECTS</b>	(A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT. (B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISIONS OF GRANTS, ITEMS OR SERVICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.
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**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Rivers International aims to restore dignity, relieve poverty and revive spirituality. Rivers International aims to do this by relieving financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, services and Christian teaching.

In 2023 our mentoring and support of Pastor Asaram in Mumbai India continued with online meetings with the Pastor, his team and church. Christian teaching was given during these online meetings which was an encouragement for those attending. The charity further supports a feeding project as run by the local church.

The charity continued to build links with South Africa through a Christian pastor named Johan and worked on a project with him to help a ministry in Jagersfontein get back up and running again by helping the pastor with an essential repairs so that he can effectively serve his congregation and local area. In Bloemfontein, essential goods of clothing and food were supplied to a care home. In Cape Town, the charity funded a new kitchen ceiling for a community project that provides cooked food for people living in poverty from the neighbouring informal settlement.

Locally in the UK, the art group outreach continues and it is an inspirational time for the community to gather around painting and conversation. The premises for Rivers International is serving the charity well as from these premises the charity undertakes activities such as the packaging of food and essential parcels and the holding of support ministry prayer meetings. The charity continues to support individuals and families with food and toiletry supplies in the local community. Essential supplies continued to be provided to a place of safety and the Christmas gifts to the place of safety was a highlight.

The closing Funds for the year were £27,267 compared to £33,070 for 2022.

**TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees  \_\_\_\_\_, Trustee.

Print name: ISABELLE CLARK

Date: 27/09/2024

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of RIVERS INTERNATIONAL on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 6 to 8.

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:



Date:

30.9.24

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS :</b>					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	45,480	0	45,480	38,641
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>45,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,480</b>	<b>38,641</b>
<b>PAYMENTS :</b>					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	50,683	0	50,683	40,226
Governance Costs	3b	600	0	600	540
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>51,283</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,283</b>	<b>40,766</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>-5,803</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,803</b>	<b>-2,125</b>
Balances Brought Forward		33,070	0	33,070	35,195
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>27,267</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,267</b>	<b>33,070</b>

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31.12.23 Total £	31.12.22 Total £
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Cash Funds:</b>				
General Account	27,267	0	27,267	33,070
	<b>27,267</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,267</b>	<b>33,070</b>

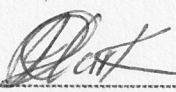
### LIABILITIES

Independent Examiners Fee	630	0	630	540
	<b>630</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>540</b>

### TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 7 and 8

Approved by the Trustees on 27/09/2024 and

Signed on their behalf by , Trustee.

Print name: ISABELLE CLARK

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

**2. RECEIPTS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>a) Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations	44,781	0	44,781	37,847
Gift aid	663	0	663	794
	<b>45,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,480</b>	<b>38,641</b>

**3. PAYMENTS**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>a) Costs of Charitable Activities</b>					
Outreach South Africa		3,266	0	3,266	1,602
Love in Action India		4,000	0	4,000	4,800
Love in Action UK		8,975	0	8,975	4,355
Jewish Mission		550	0	550	330
Building and Utilities		23,943	0	23,943	20,774
Equipment		4,010	0	4,010	3,880
Insurance		1,877	0	1,877	1,712
Training		210	0	210	258
Professional fees and Subscriptions		458	0	458	926
Postage & Stationery		281	0	281	236
Building Maintenance		2,211	0	2,211	970
Bank Charges		401	0	401	382
Sundries		394	0	394	0
		<b>50,683</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,683</b>	<b>40,226</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>					
Independent Examination		600	0	600	540
		<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>540</b>

**4. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

There were no restricted funds in this financial year

**5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period, other than reimbursement for small items paid for on behalf of the Charity. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

**6. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.