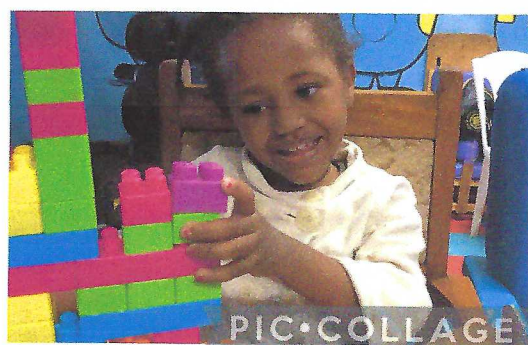
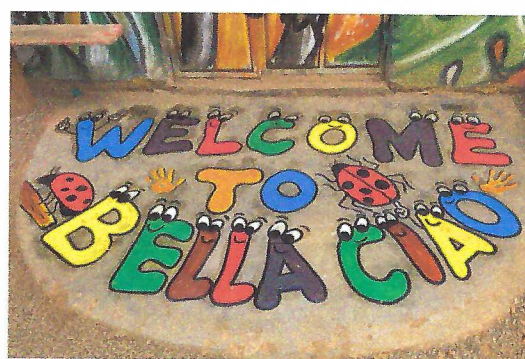
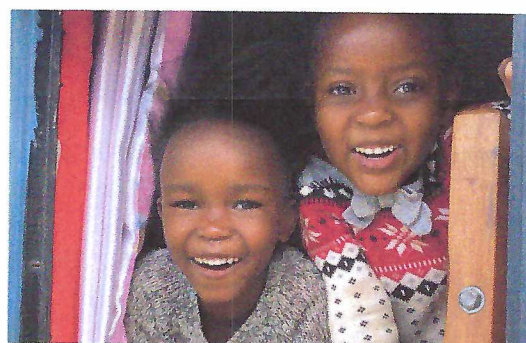




Marafiki Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended
31 Dec 2022

Registered Charity Number 1187949



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MARAFIKI TRUST
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The Trustees present their Annual report and accounts of the Marafiki Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Structure

Marafiki Trust, also known as MT (the Charity) is registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1187949. The Charity was originally formed in December 2019 and became a registered charity on 13 February 2020.

Governance and Management

The Trustees manage the affairs of the Charity. The trustees who held office during the year are listed on page 2. The Charity's constitution requires a minimum of two trustees.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

The Charity does not have any employees. The Trustees carry out all day to day management of the Charity.

Objects

The prevention and relief of poverty in Kenya or the UK by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty and/or provide educational opportunities.

Our Vision

A world where all children have the opportunity to access a formal education no matter their age, sex, religion, background or ability.

Activities, achievements and performance

Marafiki Trust was born out of a desire on the part of its founding Trustees (Nicola and Liz) to support projects in Kenya to provide education and facilities for disadvantaged groups of children living in poverty in the slum areas of Nairobi. On a trip through Africa in 2016, the founding Trustees met the founders of the Real Hope Community Youth Organisation ('RHYCO') and subsequent visits cemented a deep friendship between the Trustees and the founders of RHYCO, which is currently the main beneficiary of funding from the Charity. In addition, the Trustees help to fund a small project — Joyful Hearts Centre ('JHC') established to support a small group of children with cerebral palsy.

The Trustees desire a 'hands on' approach to their support and giving to RHYCO and JHC and want to ensure that their donations are maximised without overheads in the UK. The Trustees ensure that all donations and grants are used for the charitable purposes they are

intended for. The Trustees cover all administration expenses in the UK e.g. the website hosting fee and the Trustees personally cover all expenses (including accommodation and food) relating to any trips they make to Kenya.

The Covid pandemic having prevented visits to the projects between February 2020 – December 2021, the Trustees were delighted to resume regular visits and to start a volunteer programme for sponsors and supporters of all ages.

Sponsorship

Of the 109 children in the RHYCO programme at the end of the year, 58 children had UK sponsors through the Charity. The remaining children are sponsored through International Needs UK, International Needs Canada and through RHYCO direct.

During 2022, RHYCO sponsorship in the UK was £20 per month (with Gift Aid where appropriate) and JHC full sponsorship was £40 per month. Of the 12 children registered at JHC, 1 child has a full £40 monthly sponsorship, and 3 children have part sponsors at £20 per month. The Trustees continue to seek sponsors for the JHC children and continue to look for more sponsors for new RHYCO children needing to join the programme as well as focussing on dual sponsorship for those children at the top end of Primary School heading to High School (in the old educational system). The RHYCO children have written to their sponsors twice this year and sponsors are kept regularly up to date with photos of their sponsored children. The Trustees facilitate a letter exchange programme and deliver gifts when they visit.

With the help of sponsors, the Charity funds monthly joint birthday parties for all the children having a birthday in the given month.

BELLA CIAO (meaning 'beautiful welcome'):

In December 2020, the RHYCO team took up a 2-year tenancy of new premises ('Bella Ciao') in Kawangware. Moving from shared facilities at Kabiro Community Centre, the team renovated and refurbished spacious exclusive-use premises in a more desirable location in Kawangware, which now enables provision for more children to access the year-long programme at the drop-in centre prior to formal education, as well as continuing with after-school provision and holiday provision for the children who are registered at the centre.

The two year lease contained provision for RHYCO to purchase the premises by the end of October 2022. The agreement gave RHYCO first right of refusal at a fixed price of 30,000,000 KSH (approximately £200,000). As a 'Community Based Organisation', RHYCO was not legally entitled to acquire and own property so during 2022, the organisation engaged the services of lawyers through a child-focussed legal group ('Legal Sister') to firstly register the organisation as a 'company limited by guarantee' (formerly registered as Real Hope Community Foundation (RHCF) but still known as RHYCO). Upon successful completion the process began to purchase the premises which was completed on 19 October 2022. Funds were provided by International Needs Canada and the Charity jointly. INCA had a single donor fund their half share. The Charity was able to raise over half of their share of the purchase costs (which in addition to the purchase price included legal fees, registration costs and stamp duty totalling £117,601.83). The remainder of the funds for the Charity's share of the purchase costs was loaned to the Charity by a donor who wishes to

protect their identity and is to be repaid (interest free) as soon as possible, when funds are available.

Bella Ciao continues to offer respite residential care in the form of a safe house for those children for whom home life becomes unacceptably difficult. The safe house can accommodate up to 25 children who are cared for by a resident housemother and social worker. In addition to the safe house, the premises includes accommodation for 2 resident staff and 2 security guards, a dining/meeting hall, a library and classrooms, wash facilities and toilets, kitchen and laundry facilities and accommodation for volunteers, which it is hoped will continue to generate income as well as providing an immersive experience for volunteers.

JHC continues to operate independently within separate accommodation in the Bella Ciao compound with both groups benefiting hugely from the interaction between the children and economies of scale and staff overlap.

Fundraising

In 2021, the Trustees set up an ongoing JustGiving campaign page - *Buying Bricks for Bella Ciao* (www.justgiving.com/campaign/buyingbellaciao) to raise funds for the purchase of Bella Ciao. A number of fundraising initiatives throughout the year contributed towards the ongoing running costs as well as the purchase price and the Trustees are grateful to all those who have and continue to assist with this.

During the purchase process, links between RHYCO and the owners of the Organic Farmers Market in Karen, Nairobi, Kenya grew and evolved such that primary school fees are being met as well as a weekly contribution towards fruit and vegetables. This has been an immense help in enabling the Charity to focus on raising funds for the purchase of Bella Ciao.

In December 2020, the Sullivan family kindly committed to finance the provision of counselling services through the Charity for the RHYCO project for 2 years to commence in March 2021. A counselling room was set up and the professional services of a trained counsellor are available 3 days per week. The Trustees are delighted to be able to support this important and essential service and hugely grateful to the Sullivan family who have continued to support it.

At the start of the year, folk/punk band *Ferocious Dog* held a concert in their hometown of Warsop delighting fans and raising over £6000 towards the purchase of Bella Ciao. Lead singer, Kenny Bonsall gave an emotional speech about his visit to Kawangware. Huge gratitude to his wife Karen who did so much behind the scenes to organise the event, band members and support acts, Luke Wheatley (lighting and sound) and to Bob Cheatham (a child sponsor) who through *VicsGigs* facilitated advertising, ticket sales and a video shown on the night.

Thank you to newly appointed Trustee, Becky Smith for her Tansor Snowdrop event in February 2022 and as always to Margaret Hunter who continues to support the Charity through sales of her fairies and other sewing items.

Vince Hayward has made regular additional donations and now funds the Charity's share of monthly birthday parties.

An Educational Empowerment JustGiving campaign succeeded in funding secondary school fees for the first of the Marafiki sponsored children to graduate to High School in January.

The Kajatawa Foundation generously donated £20,000 towards the purchase of the Bella Ciao premises and the Charity also received donations from the Hudson Trust and Forrester Foundation during the year.

Farah Sharp and Caroline McEvoy entertained a delighted audience at Oundle's Stahl Theatre during their '*60 MINUTES to SELF DESTRUCT*' comedy night raising funds for the purchase of Bella Ciao.

Rob White completed a cycle ride from Crays Pond to Lands End raising funds for the Charity.

Child sponsor, Jane Booth held a hula hoop fundraising challenge and inspired the children at Bella Ciao to do the same in September. Over £3000 was raised in these combined initiatives.

Welland School of Ballet donated a significant amount of ballet clothes facilitated by Laura Hector, a former student.

Helen and Iain Russell held a fabulous tennis tournament fundraiser in September.

The Trustees spoke at the Oundle Rotary Club AGM, after which a £100 donation was made to the Charity.

Links between Uffington Primary School and Bella Ciao grew with zoom chats and fundraisers as well as pen pal letter exchanges.

Oundle Primary School had a fundraising day, triathlon event and children have also been writing to children at Bella Ciao.

Oundle School held a Christmas concert with proceeds from ticket sales and donations on the door being generously donated to the Charity.

Sue Wood donated the proceeds of weekly yoga classes in Wadenhoe, and a Wadenhoe resident received donations for plants that were offered outside his home.

Tom Jelpke's 'Christmas 'turkey trot' in Nottingham raised funds at the end of the year.

Throughout the year, funds have been received through 'Amazon Smile' and 'Give as You Live' customers nominating the Charity. Disappointingly Amazon Smile have recently stopped this service.

The Trustees would like to express our huge appreciation to all our supporters, child sponsors and donors without whom this valuable work would not have been possible.

Volunteers

Our volunteer programme got off to a great start with 18 year old school leaver Oscar Hughes's planned 4 week visit in January being extended to 4 months because he was enjoying his experience so much! He was joined by Olliy Barron and Ruth Warwick at Easter and the three of them (by virtue of a fundraiser organised by Ruth) took a large group of children from RHYCO and JHC to the giraffe centre in Nairobi.

Camille Kynoch and family also visited over Easter and provided yoga equipment and 'Young Yogis' training during a number of sessions at Bella Ciao.

Oliver Cunliffe and Evie Phillips visited in June and took a group of children on scout camp.

Other visitors, in addition to the Trustees included Amanda Lovett, Nick Turnbull, Amelie Holtby and Tom Denny.

'My experience of volunteering was one of the most inspiring things I've done. Within the first few hours of arriving and meeting the kids, I was already looking to extend my stay! I've been following the work the Marafiki Trust are doing for a few years now, but I wasn't aware of the full impact that the Charity has had until I went out to see it first hand. Everyone was so welcoming and I instantly understood why the Trustees refer to the staff as their 'Kenyan family'. I was only there for 3 weeks but in that time it felt like a second home and I will be back.' Olliy Barron

Financial Review

Total income received during the period was £ 131670. Total expenditure during the period was £151872, including grants of £145433 to RHYCO and £1696 to JHC, totalling £147,129.

As a result the Charity has generated a net deficit of £20202.

A major part of the expenditure in the later part of this financial year were grants to fund the purchase of the property that the projects were leasing, to give secured premises for the future.

As a registered charity Marafiki Trust is exempt from corporation tax and income tax on the charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to aim to maintain a sufficient level of general reserves to enable the Charity to continue to support at least three months running costs in the general RHYCO and JHC Funds. In addition, the Charity hold monies allocated for unrestricted Marafiki Trust use. The estimated free reserves required, on a prudent basis, is £5,000.

As at 31 December 2022, the Charity held £2,308 of unrestricted reserves and £1,586, in the RHYCO and JHC general funds. This is lower than ideal but funding was very tight to support the purchase of the premises and additional efforts to raise funds will be made in 2023.

As anticipated, donors in Canada (through International Needs Canada) are supporting the full running costs of JHC beyond the monthly sponsorship money pledged by Marafiki donors.

Risk Assessment

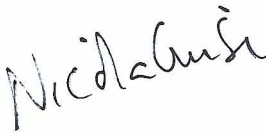
The Trustees regularly monitor risks at each meeting. The cost of living in Kenya has remained high since the Covid pandemic.

The Future

The hope for the future is to acquire funding to pay off the purchase loan for the Bella Ciao premises in Kawangware as soon as possible whilst continuing to meet the ever increasing running costs of the centre. A cap has been put on new children joining the centre until sponsors are secured for all existing children. Due to cost of living issues in the UK a few sponsors have had to suspend their contributions during 2022. Costs of secondary school education are significantly higher than primary and are not covered by the generous OFM donations so dual sponsorship or asking sponsors to increase their donations is the only way to meet these costs and make support sustainable in the long term.


"To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care." MANDY HALE

This report was approved by the Trustees on 13 September 2023 and signed by



Nicola Guise

Trustee



Elizabeth Turnbull

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Marafiki Trust (the "Charity") for the period ending 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 can 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 are not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



Judie Woods FCA DChA BFP
13 September 2023

Receipts and Payments Account
For year ending December 2022
Charity Number 1187949

	Year ending 31/12/2022			Year ending 31/12/2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	
Income from:				
Donations	8,710	82,792	91,502	17,525
Fundraising		40,168	40,168	17,510
Total income	8,710	122,960	131,670	35,036
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	175	-	175	-
Charitable activities	14,776	136,921	151,697	37,571
Total expenditure	14,951	136,921	151,872	37,571
Net income/(expenditure)	(6,241)	(13,961)	(20,202)	(2,536)
Balance brought forward	8,549	17,706	26,256	28,791
Balance carried forward	2,308	3,746	6,054	26,256

Balance Sheet

For year ending 31 December 2022

Charity Number 1187949

Balance Sheet	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash in bank and in hand	6,054	26,256
	6,054	26,256
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Net current assets	6,054	26,256
Total assets	6,054	26,256
Funds		
Unrestricted income fund	2,308	4,092
Restricted income fund	3,746	22,164
Total funds	6,054	26,256

Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Charity Information

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Receipts and Payments Account when the Charity receives the cash or monies directly into its account.

Donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value i.e. The amount the Charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure. No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the Charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include administrative costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity. allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

2. Control

The Charity decisions are made by the Trustees as a body which is detailed on page 2 of this report. No one trustee or group of trustees has dominant control.

3. Analysis of income

	12 months to Dec 2022 Total funds	12 months to Dec 2021 Total funds £
Income from:		
Donations	76,859	17,525
Child Sponsorship	14,643	12,286
Events	14,668	79
Raffles	-	1,745
Grants received	25,500	3,400
Total Income	131,670	35,036

4. Payments to Trustees

The Trustees cover trip costs and any other administrative expenses like website charges, printing, postage etc. themselves.

5. Analysis of funds

Analysis of Funds	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure		Designated funds	Transfers between funds	Net movement	Balance 31 December 2022
			Grants	General				
Unrestricted reserves								
Unrestricted Marafiki	4,092	8,534	(10,198)	(681)	0	0	(2,346)	1,746
Unrestricted RHYCO JHC	4,458	176	(4,010)	(61)	0	0	(3,895)	562
Total unrestricted	8,549	8,710	(14,208)	(743)	-	-	(6,241)	2,308
Restricted funds								
RHYCO Child sponsorship	861	13,630	(13,567)	0			62	924
RHYCO general	2,758	4,034	(5,206)	0			(1,172)	1,586
JHC Child sponsorship	87	1,224	(1,375)	0			(152)	(64)
JHC General	0	300	(300)	0			0	0
PEP	2,176	0	(1,350)	0			(1,350)	826
Counselling	1,559	0	(1,200)	0			(1,200)	359
Childrens Gifts	108	1,312	(1,323)	0			(11)	97
Bella Ciao purchase	10,157	102,461	(112,599)	0			(10,138)	19
Total	17,706	122,961	(136,921)	0	0	0	(13,960)	3,746
TOTAL FUNDS	26,256	131,670	(151,129)	(743)	0	0	(20,201)	6,054

Notes on funds

Unrestricted Marafiki: Funds with no restriction than for our charity, i.e., could be used for a project other than RHYCO or JHC (Joyful Hearts Centre). We aim to keep a minimum of £500 in this fund for unforeseen issues/projects.

Unrestricted RHYCO JHC: Funds that can be used for any aspect of RHYCO or JHC

RHYCO child sponsorship: Funds donated specifically for RHYCO children sponsored by individuals (£20/month per child). Most donors give monthly though some donate annually so there is money carried forward each month.

RHYCO general: Funds raised for any aspect of RHYCO but not JHC or other projects.

JHC child sponsorship: Funds donated specifically for JHC children sponsored by individuals (£40/month per child divided between two sponsors)

JHC general: Funds raised for any aspect of JHC but not RHYCO or other projects.

Parental Empowerment project (PEP): Funds raised by a grant to cover a year of support in the programme to enable families (usually Mums) to set up in small businesses allowing them to start providing for themselves.

Counselling: Funds donated specifically to provide counselling in the new centre, particularly for children who have undergone significant trauma and abuse through the recent period when the centre had to be closed because of the pandemic.

Children gifts: Funds donated for specific children or for birthday parties or Christmas gifts.

Bella Ciao Purchase: Funds donated specially to support the purchase of the new premises. Some of these funds were donated specifically after the purchase to help pay off the loan.