



Marafiki Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended
31 Dec 2023

Registered Charity Number 1187949



MARAFIKI TRUST
Charity Information

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The Trustees present their Annual report and accounts of the Marafiki Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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. Becky Smith was formally registered with the Charity Commission as a Trustee in February 2023.

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

'Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right to dignity and a decent life.' Nelson Mandela

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 a Community Based Organisation - **Real Hope Community Youth Organisation ('RHYCO')** - who are now formally registered in Kenya as a 'company limited by guarantee' (**Real Hope Community Foundation (RHCF)**) and subsequent visits cemented a deep friendship. In December 2021, new Trustee (Becky

Smith) visited Kenya as a sponsor and after a successful trip was invited to become a third Trustee of the Charity. In addition to RHCF, the Trustees help to fund a small project - **Joyful Hearts Centre ('JHC')** established to support a small group of children with cerebral palsy, who are based within the same compound as RHCF.

The Trustees desire a 'hands on' approach to their support and giving to RHCF 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 travel, accommodation and food) relating to any trips they make to Kenya.

The Trustees have been delighted to continue with regular visits to Kenya in 2023 and to expand the volunteer programme for sponsors and supporters of all ages.

Sponsorship

'Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.' Mother Teresa

Of the 126 children in the RHCF programme at the end of the year, 66 children had UK sponsors through the Charity with 7 children dual sponsored as they continued/were due to begin High School in January 2024. The remaining children are sponsored through **International Needs Canada (INCA)** and through RHCF direct (with support from other individual international donors and the **Organic Farmers Market (OFM)** in Karen, Nairobi, Kenya). Initially, RHCF sponsorship in the UK was £20 per month (with Gift Aid where appropriate) and JHC full sponsorship was £40 per month. During 2023, the Charity increased sponsorship to £25 per month (with Gift Aid where appropriate) for any new sponsors/sponsored children.

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 continued to seek sponsors for the JHC children and to look for more sponsors for new RHCF children needing to join the programme with priority being given to securing dual sponsorship for those children at the top end of Primary School heading to High School (in the old educational system). From January 2024, children will no longer transition to High School but instead will move from Primary to Junior Secondary School at the end of Grade 6 and it is anticipated from JSS to boarding Senior Secondary Schools either after Grade 8 or 9. This is still awaiting clarification from the Kenyan Government's Education Department.

The RHCF children have written to their sponsors twice this year and sponsors are kept regularly up to date with photos of their sponsored children through email and WhatsApp. The Trustees facilitate a letter exchange programme and deliver gifts when they visit. At the end of the year, in addition to receiving letters and Christmas decorations, sponsors received reports on their children's progress at school. With the help of one of its sponsors, the Charity funds monthly joint birthday parties for all the children having a birthday in the given month.

BELLA CIAO (meaning 'beautiful welcome')

'Home is not a place, it's a feeling.' Cecilia Ahern

On 19 October 2022, upon expiry of their 2-year tenancy of premises ('Bella Ciao') in Kawangware, the RHCF team, having renovated and refurbished these spacious exclusive-use premises, were able to purchase Bella Ciao with pro-bono legal support provided by Kenyan child-focused legal group ('Legal Sister'). Funding was provided jointly by INCA and the Charity. INCA's share was funded by one donor. After considerable fundraising efforts with events and donations and a sizeable grant from the Kajatawa Foundation, the Charity was able to raise over half of its share of the purchase price (which including legal fees and stamp duty equated to £117,601.83). The remainder of the required purchase funds (£50,000) were loaned (interest free) to the Charity by a donor who wishes to protect their identity and is to be repaid as soon as possible. By 31 December 2023, the Charity had successfully repaid £21,000 with £29,000 remaining to be repaid.

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 was designed to accommodate up to 25 children to be cared for by a resident housemother and social worker. Due to a shortage of institutions in the Kawangware area, the local Children's Department determined the centre could hold 40 children. At the end of 2023, there were 33 children residing at Bella Ciao, although in the previous weeks an emergency caused by a fire in a neighbouring centre, saw the premises at full capacity. In addition to the safe house, the premises include accommodation for a resident social worker and his family as well as two security guards, a dining/meeting hall, a library and classrooms, wash facilities and toilets, kitchen and laundry facilities, offices and a playroom alongside 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

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's these little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.' Desmond Tutu

During the purchase process, links between RHCF and the owners of OFM grew and evolved such that primary school and JSS fees are being met as well as a significant 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 and repayment of the loan for Bella Ciao, alongside the other running costs. OFM has purchased other items for the centre including a much needed (and appreciated by the Housemother Lucy) washing machine. RHCF volunteers are employed at the Saturday and Sunday markets and offer car parking, hosting and set up as well as running a children's activity area.

From March 2021- February 2024, the Sullivan family through **The Emma Sullivan Trust**, have kindly financed the provision of counselling services through the Charity for the RHCF and JHC children, staff, parents and volunteers. A counselling room was set up and the professional services of a trained counsellor continue to be available three 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, local and UK volunteers, staff and older children undertook a sponsored **Hike for 'Real Hope'** through the Ngong Hills raising over £2500 to support the running costs of Bella Ciao.

The 2022 Christmas appeal enabled all the children to return to school in January in new tracksuits.

Fifteen children joined school for the first time in January 2023 after spending time in the drop-in centre. This would not have been possible without engaging new sponsors to support their education.

An 'Educational Empowerment' JustGiving donation page enabled the second of the Charity's sponsored children to graduate to High School, where fees and boarding requirements are significantly more than can be raised through a single sponsorship. The Charity decided to focus on looking for dual sponsors for its two High School sponsored children and for the five preparing for High School in 2024.

Two former pupils from **Oundle School** (Rosanna Close-Smith and Clemmie Senior) held a charity hockey match in February and raised over £1500 for the Charity.

The Charity was delighted to be featured for a second time in the popular **Oundle Life** magazine.

April saw the online **Marafiki Easter Duck Race** raise over £300.

In April, the Charity began to fundraise for a 16 year old in Gilgil town who was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Her single-mother is unable to fund her High School special needs education and bursary funding in Kenya is limited. It is planned for her to start school in January 2024.

A huge thank you to child sponsor, Bob Cheatham of **VicsGigs** and Stevie Jones who put together a **Charity Acoustic Showcase** at The Talbot Hotel in May raising nearly £500.

A pupil at **Wellingborough School**, Rory Hunt and his House mates from **Cripps House** raised over £1200 at their sponsored rowing event.

The Charity has also received generous donations from **Nancy's Yogi's**, **Oundle Rotary Club**, **Uffington Primary School's** Treasure Hunt, Tansor bakers, **Howard Russell Construction** and **Chancerygate**, **Oundle School Music Department**, **Kenton College, Nairobi** (who funded food parcels and Christmas gifts directly).

A generous donation of clothes enabled Laura and Sarah Hector to raise funds through Vinted sales and a clothes sale in Tallington in the Autumn.

Vince Hayward has made regular additional donations and now funds the Charity's share of monthly birthday parties. In June, he generously received gifts in lieu of birthday presents raising nearly £3000 at his **'Birthday Bash'**.

A Charity 'tea and scones' event with **Peterborough Flute Choir** in July was enjoyed by visitors to Wadenhoe.

Congratulations to Jacob Dillarstone and Hannah Lewis who tied the knot in July and chose the Charity as one of three charities to receive donations in lieu of gifts.

The **Kajatawa Foundation** generously donated £5,000 and the Charity also received a donation of £350 from the **Hudson Trust**.

St James' Place provided a grant for the reintegration programme which RHCF will embark upon in 2024. Bella Ciao is a respite safe house and not a children's orphanage or permanent home. The Kenyan Government's Children's Department requires that RHCF children are considered for reintegration back to their homes with parents, extended family or in some cases kinship/community based care. This will be a long process requiring careful implementation to ensure children are kept safe.

Helen and Iain Russell held the second fabulous tennis tournament fundraiser in September raising over £1000 and Susie Valentine-Pyle and her husband cycled from London to Brighton raising nearly £1200.

Olivia Blakey (aka '**Mamma Shoes**') and husband Chris ('**Babba Shoes**') facilitated huge donations of hundreds of pairs of shoes and toys for Christmas whilst out working in Kenya.

The Christmas appeal this year was to raise funds to pay for all the Charity's sponsored children to enjoy a field trip to Lake Nakuru which took place on 8 December with Trustees, Becky and Liz able to attend too.

The American Orthodontics donated in excess of £10,000 in December as part of their annual Christmas giving programme.

Throughout the year, funds have been received through '**Give as You Live**' customers nominating the Charity.

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

Volunteers

'Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.' Muhammed Ali

The volunteer programme grew from strength to strength with extended visits from Caroline Andrews, Christabelle Nicholls, Sara the dentist and friend Annabelle (both from Spain), Lily Berry, Annette Berry, Hope Dillarstone, Will Varcoe, Amanda Lovett and Nic Cunliffe, Polly Potter, Archie Atkinson, Rachel Barritt, Nick Turnbull and visits from pupils and staff from **Oundle School** in October and **Healing Little Hearts** in November.

Lily commented, *'Travelling to Kenya was life changing! My experience volunteering with Marafiki Trust was so fulfilling and left me with such admiration and love for the amazing team and all the children at Bella Ciao. I was so excited to see Ishmael go to his High School after helping him to prepare for his KCPE exams and look forward to seeing everything he will accomplish in the future. I'm counting down the days until I get to visit everyone at Real Hope and Joyful Hearts who made my time there so special!'*

Financial Review

Total income received during the period was £77,389. Total expenditure during the period was £56,356, including grants of £35,040 to RHYCO and £1,303 to JHC, totaling £36,343.

Included in the grants total is the ongoing repayment of the loan which financed the purchase of the Bella Ciao premises. £17,000 has been paid off this year, with £29,000 outstanding.

As a result, the Charity has generated a net profit of £21,033.

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

Donors in Canada (through International Needs Canada) continue to be the major supporters of JHC. Marafiki Trust continues to send £100 sponsorship monies per month which is donated specifically for JHC children.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy aims 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 RHCF and JHC Funds. In addition, the Charity holds monies allocated for unrestricted Marafiki Trust use. The estimated free reserves required, on a prudent basis, is £5,000. A £5000 donation was received in mid-December which was spent in January 2024, but elevated the end of year free reserves figure.

As at 31 December 2023, the Charity held £11,315 of unrestricted reserves and £390, in the RHCF and JHC general funds.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees regularly monitor risks at each meeting. The cost of living in Kenya has continued to rise significantly. The exchange rate has fluctuated considerably.

The Future

Following a period supporting growth in numbers of children, supporting staff and the acquiring of premises, over the next year or so, the Charity will be consolidating its efforts to ensure its long term sustainable support of the RHCF and JHC programmes. The emphasis has always been upon quality provision and the cap placed on no new children joining the centre until sponsors (and future dual sponsors) are secured for all existing children will remain in place. Our fundraising partners (INCA) in Canada are working on fundraising to purchase a small piece of land adjacent to Bella Ciao to facilitate larger premises for JHC and build better boarding facilities as the Charity continues to fundraise to meet ever increasing running costs and to pay off the loan secured to purchase Bella Ciao.

"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

Marafiki Trust Annual Report 2023

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2024 and signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Guise'.

Nicola Guise, Trustee

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line.

Elizabeth Turnbull, Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith'.

Becky Smith, 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 2023.

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

Date: 30 July 2024

Receipts and Payments Account
For year ending December 2023
Charity Number 1187949

	Year ending 31/12/2023			Year ending 31/12/2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
Income from:				
Donations	29,694	2,466	32,160	91,502
Fundraising	5,060	40,168	45,228	40,168
Total income	34,754	42,634	77,389	131,670
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	987	-	987	175
Charitable activities	22,517	32,852	55,370	151,697
Total expenditure	23,504	32,852	56,356	151,872
Net income/(expenditure)	11,250	9,782	21,032	(20,202)
Balance brought forward	2,308	3,746	6,054	26,256
Balance carried forward	13,559	13,528	27,086	6,054

Balance Sheet
For year ending 31 December 2023
Charity Number 1187949

Balance Sheet	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash in bank and in hand	27,087	6,054
	27,087	6,054
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	 -	 -
 Net current assets	 27,087	 6,054
 Total assets	 27,087	 6,054
 Funds		
Unrestricted income fund	13,559	2,308
Restricted income fund	13,528	3,746
 Total funds	 27,087	 6,054

Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2023

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

	Year ending Dec 2023	Year ending Dec 2022
Income from:		
Donations	38,971.88	76,858.91
Child Sponsorship	23,282.01	14,643.19
Events	5,059.86	14,668.19
Grants received	10,075.00	25,500.00
Total Income	77,388.76	131,670.28

4. Payments to Trustees

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

5. Analysis of funds

Analysis of Funds	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure		Net movement	Balance 31 December 2023
			Grants	General		
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted Marafiki	1,746	29,603	(19,047)	(987)	9,569	11,315
Unrestricted RHYCO JHC	562	5,151	(3,470)	-	1,681	2,243
Total unrestricted	2,308	34,754	(22,517)	(987)	11,250	13,559
Restricted funds						
RHYCO Child sponsorship	924	16,517	(15,398)	-	1,119	2,042
RHYCO general	1,586	2,191	(3,535)	-	(1,343)	243
RHYCO Sec Sch spon'ship	-	6,398	(2,523)	-	3,876	3,876
JHC Child sponsorship	(64)	1,317	(1,203)	-	115	50
JHC General	-	248	(100)	-	148	148
PEP	826	-	-	-	-	826
Counselling	359	1,900	(1,040)	-	860	1,219
Childrens Gifts	97	454	(432)	-	22	119
Peru Fundraiser	-	963	-	-	963	963
Xmas Nakuru/Annual Trip	-	2,158	(764)	-	1,394	1,394
Reintegration programme	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
Bella Ciao purchase	19	7,988	(7,858)	-	130	149
Total	3,746	42,634	(32,852)	-	9,782	13,528
TOTAL FUNDS	6,054	77,389	(55,370)	(987)	21,032	27,087

Notes on funds

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

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

RHCF child sponsorship: Funds donated specifically for RHCF children sponsored by individuals (£20 or 25/month per child). Most donors give monthly though some donate annually so there is money carried forward each month.

RHCF general: Funds raised for any aspect of RHCF 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 RHCF 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.

Peru Fundraiser: Funds raised specifically for a child in Gilgil who needs additional support for secondary school She is personally known to the Trustees through Gilgil Special School.

Xmas Lake Nakuru/ Annual Fundraiser: Funds raised for Christmas gifts, to enable the children to have an annual educational trip.

Reintegration: Funds raised specially to help with the programme to reintegrate children who have been staying at Bella Ciao back into their extended families.

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.