

CENTENNIAL OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1189685

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AT CENTENNIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MATTRU JONG, BONTHE DISTRICT, SIERRA LEONE, BY PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BOYS AND GIRLS AT THE SCHOOL, TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES AND POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND SIERRA LEONE AS A WHOLE. 2. TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT CENTENNIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL BY PROVIDING A SAFE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, EQUIPPED WITH THE RELEVANT RESOURCES. 3. TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF BOYS AND GIRLS AT CENTENNIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, MATTRU JONG BY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN IN NEED AT THE SCHOOL SO AS TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN THE FUTURE.

Activities: Centennial Old Students Association is geared towards raising funds to provide scholarships for deserving students who successfully complete their school leaving examination and are qualified to enter University. We also undertake the development of the school's infrastructure which was badly damaged during the last civil war in Sierra Leone. We provide assistance to some of our elderly members.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- Sierra Leone

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£16,751	£6,570	-	-
2024-03-31	£980	£5,000	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,067	£3,500	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,700	£550	-	-
2021-03-31	£600	£2,620	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ELIZABETH FALEY	Chair	2025-10-07
Mary Sesay		2020-03-29
Noah Deen-Jalloh		2020-03-29
Ramatu Koroma		2025-10-07

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Trustees' annual report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name *Centennial Old Students Association*

Other names charity is known by *CeOSA*

Registered charity number (if any) *1189685*

Charity's principal address *74 Scotney House*

Mead Place

London

Postcode

E9 6SW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	<i>Elizabeth Faley</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>From July 2025</i>	
2	<i>Mary Sesay</i>	<i>Deputy Chair</i>	<i>From 01/04/24 to 21/03/25</i>	
3	<i>Noah Deen Jalloh</i>	<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>From 01/04/24 to 21/03/25</i>	
4	<i>Ramatu Koroma</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>From July 2025</i>	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank	<i>Metro Bank</i>	<i>CLAPHAM JUNCTION. 4-8 ST. JOHN'S RD. LONDON. SW11 1PN</i>

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	<i>Constitution 27 May 2020</i>
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	<i>incorporated association</i>
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<i>Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in July</i>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

Relationship with any related parties

Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them

<i>NIL</i>

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of children at Centennial Secondary School in Matru, Bonthe District, Sierra Leone, by providing equal opportunities to boys and girls at the school teaching and learning resources and positive encouragement and to develop their potential and contribution to their communities and Sierra Leone as a whole.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

- 1. Providing conducive learning environment.*
- 2. Development and improvement of infrastructure.*
- 3. Providing scholarship to boys and girls with the aim relieving poverty and financial hardship of boys and girls at Centennial Secondary School.*
- 4. Donated £100 to the MIND Charity in UK to support their contribution to the public in UK.*

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

Policy on grantmaking

Policy programme related investment

Contribution made by Volunteers

We are grateful to our well-wishers who attend our fund raising event in London; and without them, we would not have been able to achieve the development work that we are undertaking at our alma mater.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Sponsorship: Funded 2nd year tuition fees and accommodation for 3 university students (2 boys and 1 girl) who are undertaking a four (4) year degree program in various fields such as Health care and education.

Infrastructure: Undertook the renovation of the school auditorium which included (a) replacement of leaking roof zinc (b) replacement of the ceiling, electrical wiring, (c) replacement of broken windows and door glasses, (d) painting of the whole auditorium, and (e) constructed a performance or event stage.

School Furniture: Provided 160 chairs and desks for the auditorium and junior secondary school classroom.

Fundraising: Successful annual fund raising event (dinner and dance).

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at the Bank is spent on specific agreed projects by all members. Withdrawal for any spending is normally signed by two signatories as agreed by members. Signatures are held by the Bank.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details: (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been entrance and activity fees for participation in our annual fund raising dinner and dance. Another source of funds comes from annual membership subscriptions.

Our expenditure in this reporting year promoted aim of sponsoring students' education and renovating the auditorium to high standard. The chairs and desks created a conducive learning environment for the students.

Other optional information


Future Plans

The coming year, we will undertake the renovation of the students and staff toilets, key dormitories, and the dining room. We will continue with fund raising and soliciting grants.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Faley	
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	23 rd January 2026	

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Centennial Old Students Association (CEOSA)

Trustees Report

For Year Ending 31st December 2024

Organisational structure

This has remained the same: As mentioned in previous reports, the charity which gained registration status in May 2021 is under the management of a board of trustees which meets regularly to plan and implement fund raising programmes. They also have the responsibility of identifying specific development projects that the association should undertake on a yearly basis.

Risk management

A system of control is still in place whereby the authorisation, payment and monitoring of the association's programmes and activities are monitored. Consequently, the payment of any amount of money from the Association's fund must be approved and ratified by the majority of members.

Our Vision:

Our vision remains the same in which we continue to renovate the infrastructure of our school (Centennial Secondary School) which was vandalized during the Sierra Leone Civil War. Renovation work carried out this year includes:

Our ongoing renovation work Centres around the school's auditorium. We have spent a total of £2000 on renovating this all-important building on the school's campus. This particular renovation exercise is currently being supervised by one of our members who is now based in Sierra Leone.

We are pleased to announce that the results of the GCSE results of the 2023/2024 academic year were extremely good as some of students from Centennial Secondary School made the grade to pursue higher education in our institutions of higher learning. Consequently CEOSA/UK awarded scholarships to three successful students to pursue higher education in our institutions of higher learning. The total cost of the scholarships awarded to the three students was £3000.

We also support other charitable organisations that support the welfare of youths in England. In this respect we donated the sum of £100 including various items of clothing to a charity called "MIND"

Our Mission:

Our mission remains the same which is our ardent wish to restore our school to its former glory. From its inception in 1955 on to the late 1980's, Centennial Secondary School was one of the best schools in Sierra Leone. We are determined to recreate that golden era with the provision of services that will attract very bright students and highly competent and qualified teachers. Consequently, as mentioned in previous reports we have collaborated with other branches of Centennial Old Students Association to the school's administration with a revolving fund that can be utilised in

providing teachers' salaries as when payment of their salary payment is delayed by the central government. In addition to the above our mission also includes the following:

- a) Through the provision of facilities that will encourage aspiring students to achieve academic excellence, such as the supply of much needed text books, scholarships and employing competent and devoted teachers.
- b) Recreational and leisure activities will also be provided. This includes supplying the school with sports equipment and prizes for winning participants in sports competitions.

General Summary

After gaining registration status with the Charity Commission both the board of trustees and the executive members of the association drew up a plan of activities that will cover a five-year period that came into effect on the 1st of June 2020. This plan will be the guiding principle for our activities in the next five years. The plan includes raising funds raising funds to support our projects.

CEOSA continues to carry out fundraising activities annually through the organisation of a dinner and dance. Our next fundraising dinner and dance is scheduled for the 7th of June 2025.

The renovation of the school's infrastructure is still an ongoing programme. CEOSA is still engage in the arduous task of completely reroofing all the classrooms in the school. As mentioned last year, Sierra Leone is prone to heavy rain storms and a leaking roof does not provide the right atmosphere for learning. However, we are determined to resume the renovation of the school's infrastructure.

Our Strategic Objectives

Our strategic objectives are still being pursued with a renewed vigor, despite the fact that we still have a long way to go in the achievement of these objectives.

Objective 1: The provision of scholarships to students who pass their GCSE and gain admission to university.

Achievement

We are pleased to announce that another two of the students we have been sponsoring have graduated from university at the end of the 2023/2024 academic year.

Future Plans

We have encouraged all alumni of the Centennial Secondary School all over the world to continue to make positive financial and material contributions towards the development of the school.

Achievements: The school celebrated its 70th anniversary and former students from all over the world congregated in the school's campus in January this year to celebrate this

all-important event

Achievement: The auditorium which has been fully renovated is now in use. This has been used by drama students to stage plays. It is also a venue for holding important meetings pertaining to the school.

A word of appreciation to our donors

The effort to improve the infrastructure of Centennial is solely dependent on those who patronise our fundraising efforts. Thanks to their generous contributions we have made giant strides towards the regeneration of our school.

We also express our thanks and appreciation to those who have made individual contributions towards the development of the school. For instance, we can now boast of one of the best school libraries in the Sierra Leone thanks to the individual members who are still supplying the library with much needed books.

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CENTENNIAL OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CEOSA)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES FINANCIAL--2022-2023
CHARITY NUMBER: 1189685

Incoming Resources

Proceeds from Annual Dinner and Dance:	£6500
Members annual contributions:	£450
Income from supporters and well-wishers.....	<u>£700</u>
Total Incoming resources.....	<u>£7650</u>

Resources Expended for students and the school's infrastructure

University Scholarships payment:	£1800
Renovation of the Auditorium:	£1500
Provision of furniture:	£1000
Sundry Charitable Donations:	£400
Contributions to other organisations:	<u>£450</u>
Total Resource expenditure.....	<u>£5150</u>

Current Assets

Chair covers for our events:	
Total funds of the organisations:	£24,973.37

This statement was prepared by the Chairman of Centennial
Secondary Old Students Association
Mr Emmanuel Gannette Young

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Centennial Old Students Association (CEOSA) Trustees Report For Year Ending 31st December 2022

Organisational structure

The charity which gained registration status in May 2021 is under the management of a board of trustees which meets every three months to plan and implement fund raising programmes. They also have the responsibility of identifying specific development projects that the association should undertake on a yearly basis.

Risk management

A system of control is in place whereby the authorisation, payment and monitoring of the association's programmes and activities are monitored.

Our Vision:

We envisage the renovation of the infrastructure of our school (Centennial Secondary School) which was vandalized during the Sierra Leone Civil War. We also provide incentives to the student population such as prizes for students who achieve high grades in their examinations. This includes providing scholarships for students who qualify to enter university. We also support charitable organisations that support the welfare of youths in this England.

Our Mission:

CEOSA has the ardent wish to restore our school to its former glory. Centennial Secondary School was one of the best schools in Sierra Leone in its heydays. We wish to provide services that will attract very bright students and highly competent and qualified teachers.

Our Object:

To advance in life and relieve needs of young people in London through: by donating to charitable organizations that cater for the needs of the youthful population in London.

To improve the educational standards of Centennial Secondary and to restore its former status as one of the best schools in Sierra Leone:

- a) Through the provision of facilities that will encourage aspiring students to achieve academic excellence, such as the supply of much needed text books, scholarships and employing competent and devoted teachers.

- b) Recreational and leisure activities will also be provided. This includes supplying the school with sports equipment and prizes for winning participants in sports competitions.
- c) The provision of musical instruments for a ceremonial school band.

General Summary

After gaining registration status with the Charity Commission both the board of trustees and the executive members of the association drew up a plan of activities that will cover a five year period that came into effect on the 1st of June 2020. This plan will be the guiding principle for our activities in the next five years. The plan includes raising funds raising funds to support our projects.

After the relaxation of the restrictions over the Covid-19 pandemic, CEOSA engaged in a fundraising activity in 2022 by organising a dinner and dance held in June 2022. However, the event was poorly attended and our gate takings for the event was very minimal. Our meagre gate takings were £800. This year members subscriptions dropped down to £550. Our expenses towards our scholarship funds for deserving student together with the provision of prizes for the annual Speech Day still remained the same. So, the total expenses of those events was at £1650.

The renovation of the school's infrastructure is still an ongoing programme. CEOSA is still engage in the arduous task of completely reroofing all the classrooms in the school. As mentioned last year, Sierra Leone is prone to heavy rain storms and a leaking roof does not provide the right atmosphere for learning. However we are determined to resume the renovation of the school's infrastructure.

Current Activities

Our current activities have been carried out in accordance with the government's guidelines of social distancing since restrictions were eased. However if there is another period of lock-down we will still continue to implement our scholarship programme and to renovate some of the buildings in the school.

Our Strategic Objectives

Our strategic objectives are still being pursued with a renewed vigor, despite the fact that we still have a long way to go in the achievement of these objectives.

Objective 1: The provision of scholarships to students who pass their GCSE and gain admission to University.

Achievement

Two of the students we have been sponsoring graduated from university at the end of the last academic year.

We also provided funds for the purchase of instruments and uniforms for a ceremonial band

Future Plans

We have encouraged all alumni of the Centennial Secondary School all over the world to continue to make positive financial and material contributions towards the development of the school.

Achievements

A former old student of CSS now living in the United States of America recently bought a motorised lawn mower for the school.

We also sponsored a “Speech Day” and Prize giving ceremony for academic and sporting excellence

Future Plans

- For individual members to purchase much needed text books form the school Library.

Achievement: We were able to collect over a thousand text books which were shipped home to the Centennial Secondary School Library.

Objective: To provide extra tuition for students who are studying for their GCSE.

Achievement: Teachers were encouraged to hold special classes for fifth form students who are attempting the GCSE this academic year.

Achievement: The revolving door fund which was provided to pay teachers’ salaries promptly at the end of the month is still in place. This is particularly helpful because teachers’ salaries in Sierra Leone in general are not paid on time.

A word of appreciation to our donors

The effort to improve the infrastructure of Centennial is solely dependent on those who patronise our fund raising efforts. Thanks to their generous contributions we have made giant strides towards the regeneration of our school.

We also express our thanks and appreciation to those who have made individual contributions towards the development of the school. For instance we can now boast of one of the best school libraries in the Sierra Leone thanks to the individual members who bought books for the library project.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The United Kingdom's Recommended practice.

In both England and Wales, Trustees are required to prepare a financial statement for each financial year. This statement should be a true and accurate reflection of the charity's state of affairs such its incoming resources and how these resources are applied including the income and expenditure for the charity in that period. This is based on the law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. In preparing those financial statements, trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Our Mission:

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Our Objects:

1. To advance the education of children at Centennial Secondary School in Mattru Jong, Bonthe District, Sierra Leone, by providing equal opportunity to boys and girls at the school, teaching and learning resources and positive encouragement so as to develop their potential and contribution to their community and Sierra Leone as a whole.

2. To improve the quality of education at Centennial Secondary School by providing a safe teaching and learning environment for boys and girls, equipped with the relevant resources.
3. To relieve poverty and financial hardship of boys and girls at Centennial Secondary School, Matru Jong, by providing scholarship and financial support to children in need at the school so as to improve their conditions of life and become productive citizens in the future.

General Summary

After gaining registered status with the Charity Commission, both the board of trustees and the executive members of the association drew up a plan of activities that will cover a five-year period that came into effect on the 1st of June 2020. This plan will be the guiding principle for our activities in the next five years. The plan includes raising funds raising funds to support our projects.

Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic CEOSA was not able to raise funds in 2020 and 2021. Our total income was £600 which was mainly from members' contributions. We spent a total of £1840 on scholarships, the provision of a school band and prizes for the annual "Speech day" for the school.

Based on government directives, all face to face activities such as our annual fund raising dinner and dance were suspended for the years 2020 and 2021. All general meetings for CEOSA were held online via zoom.

The pandemic has had a very negative impact on our activities as a charitable organisation because it deprived us of our main source of income which is the hosting of a "dinner and dance". We had initially started renovating some of the classroom in the school. Regrettably most of the ceilings of the classrooms were badly damaged by "Rebel Warriors" who routinely fired scores of high calibre bullets into the ceilings as a source of entertainment. CEOSA now has the arduous task completely reroofing all the classrooms in the school. Sierra Leone is prone to heavy rain storms and a leaking roof does not provide the right atmosphere for learning. However we are determined to resume the renovation of the school's infrastructure.

Current Activities

Our current activities have been carried out in accordance with the government's guidelines of social distancing since restrictions were eased. However if there is another period of lock-down we will still continue to implement our scholarship programme and to renovate some of the buildings in the school.

Future Plans

We will provide a revolving fund which is will be used to pay teachers' salaries promptly at the end of the month. This is particularly helpful because teachers' salaries in Sierra Leone in general are not paid on time.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with Charities Commission and the Statement of Recommended Practice in the United Kingdom.

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They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our Strategic Objectives

Due to the global pandemic, we were unable to achieve all our strategic objectives. We know that we still have a long way to go in the achievement of these objectives.

Objective 1: The provision of scholarships to students who pass their GCSE and gain admission to University.

Achievement

Two of the students we have been sponsoring graduated from university at the end of the last academic year.

We also provided funds for the purchase of instruments and uniforms for a ceremonial band

Future Plans

We have encouraged all alumni of the Centennial Secondary School all over the world to continue to make positive financial and material contributions towards the development of the school.

Objective 2: For individual members to purchase much needed text books for the school Library.

Achievements

A former old student of CSS now living in the United States of America recently bought a motorised lawn mower for the school.

We were able to collect over a thousand text books which were shipped home to the Centennial Secondary School Library.

We also sponsored a "Speech Day" and Prize giving ceremony for academic and sporting excellence

Objective 3: To provide extra tuition for students who are studying for their GCSE.

Achievement:

Teachers were encouraged to hold special classes for fifth form students who are attempting the GCSE this academic year.

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Statement of Financial Activities
Accounting Period ending 31st March 2021

Incoming Resources

Membership Contributions	600
Total Incoming resources	600

Resources Expended

Internet Zoom cost	120
Payment for Hall	450
Scholarship fees	2050
Total Resources expended	2620

Statement of assets as at 31st March 2021

Fixed assets


Projector	200
200 chair covers for fund raising events	<u>250</u>
Total fixed assets	450

Currents Assets

Cash and Bank Balance	6314.70
Total Funds for the organisation	6314.70

The Financial statement is approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Trustee: Mr Emmanuel Young


15/10/2021