

# **ACTION GUINEA BISSAU**

Charity registration no. 1189956

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

## ACTION GUINEA BISSAU

### CHARITY INFORMATION

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Trustees	Michelle Helena Ruas	(Appointed 26 May 2020)
	Linda Jane Ruas	(Appointed 26 May 2020)
	Matthew David Palmer	(Appointed 26 May 2020)
Incorporation date	CIO registration from 15 June 2020	
Charity registration no.	1189956	
Registered office	18 Borkwood Park	
	ORPINGTON, KENT	
	BR69LD	
	Recognised by HMRC for gift aid	
Auditors	None	
Charitable object	THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN GUINEA BISSAU BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.	

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2024.

#### Principal activities

**The principal activity of the charity is providing grants for prevention or relief of poverty in Guinea-Bissau.**

Purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN GUINEA-BISSAU BY PROVIDING: GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

**IN ADDITION, THIS CAN BE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: The advancement of education, the advancement of health, the advancement of environmental protection / improvement, developing educational programmes for schools.**

Summary of the main activities (photographic and short video evidence on our AGB website in the blogs and project gallery:

<https://www.actionguineabissau.org.uk/project-gallery>:

Main projects for this tax year have been the continuation of: building a new primary school in Nhacra; roof repairs for schools in Farim, Catio and Bubaque; scholarships for females to study at university, at secondary schools, at primary schools, and at a college that runs short vocational courses.

#### Contribution made by volunteers:

**All our AGB projects (except construction eg. roof / school / well / toilet repair, where we pay local rates) are conducted by volunteers. The trustees are working voluntarily, as are the managers, Ali Djau and Bacar Djau in Bissau. Others in Guinea-Bissau have worked voluntarily with us eg. Mariza for menstruation project**

#### Summary of main achievements, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and society:

This last year we have again focussed on big construction works, repairing and building schools: in Nhacra, near Bissau; in Catio; in Farim; and in Bubaque. Due to several complications (the attempted coup / political instability, rising costs, and health issues of our managers), these project took a lot longer than anticipated. The Nhacra school (very generously funded by Armah Consultants) is now completed and running, so the local children no longer have to walk for hours to school or study in the makeshift teaching area under a tree. The other school repairs are almost complete and will provide much needed school facilities for local children in several areas.

We have continued to provide sponsorship money to enable women to study at university, and girls to continue studying at school. We have also helped girls study at short professional courses in Bissau, helping them get jobs after school. Other projects this year include continuing with the menstrual health products, working with the generous menstrual health products company SAALT. These period pants, which teenage girls in Bissau are now receiving regularly, have really helped girls continue to go to school while they have their period.

2 or 3 of the trustees Linda Ruas and Michelle Ruas visited Guinea Bissau in March / April 2024 to check on the construction projects and girls / women receiving scholarships, research further needs, and restructure the AGB project managers in Bissau. The trustees visited several schools, interacted with children and staff (eg. reading stories and singing songs), and participated in several events training English teachers. Photos and blogs are available on the AGB website.

#### Financial review

At the end of March 2024, AGB was in a healthy financial position, with a total of £ 3,959 received in the year since April 2023, and £4,968 sent to Guinea-Bissau for projects, leaving a net outgoing of £1,008. Trustees withdraw and send money to our managers in Bissau as soon as projects are approved, to make use of the money as soon as possible. There are more fundraising events planned to bring in further income for the following year.

Trustees agreed to keep £2000 (from June 2021) as reserve fund in a separate Savings Account, especially to ensure money is available in future years to continue the university scholarships for women.

No deficit.

#### Charity's principal sources of funds:

No specific fund-raising events during this past year, as work was delayed on our big projects. However, we have received monthly donations from supporters, and [have planned some fund-raising events for later in 2024 \(Sustainability raffle and sewing event – Linda Ruas & Sponsored half marathon – Michelle Ruas\)](#)

as detailed on our webpage: <https://www.actionguineabissau.org.uk/fundraisers> We now have several regular donors

(some of which are CAF work-based donations and show in our account as PayPal).

#### Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing document is a Constitution

The charity is a CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The original 3 trustees formed the charity in 2020. No further trustees selected so far.

**Approved by the trustees on 27th January 2025 :**



Trustee : Linda Ruas



Trustee: Michelle Ruas



Trustee: Matthew Palmer

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	12 months ended 2024 (£)
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>	
Donations received	3,959
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>	
Cost of generating funds	0
Charitable activities :	4,968
Education	4796.75
Construction	1362
Medical	128
<b>Net (outgoing) / incoming resources</b>	<b>1,008</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets		0
Cash at bank and in hand		1,690
Investments		0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,690
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors amounts falling due within one year		0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		0
<b>NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<hr/> 1,690 <hr/>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>		
Restricted income funds		0
Unrestricted income funds		0
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<hr/> 0 <hr/>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

All funds are paid into the bank account.

To send money for projects in Guinea Bissau, Matthew Palmer and Linda Ruas

withdraw the agreed funds to their own bank accounts, to transfer via Western Union or Ria.

## Action Guinea Bissau Bank Transactions 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

Date	Reference	Transaction Ty	In	Out	Balance	Total Expenditu
5/31/2023	CAF2305251711	BACS Payment	£5.00		£2,680.19	
5/19/2023	AMAZON EURC	BACS Payment	£44.10		£2,675.19	
5/5/2023	Payment to Ali -	Card Transaction		£171.00	£2,631.09	Construction
5/2/2023	JUSTGIVING 31	Inward Payment	£4.75		£2,802.09	
5/2/2023	JUSTGIVING 31	Inward Payment	£19.42		£2,797.34	
5/2/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£75.00		£2,777.92	
6/29/2023	CAF2306263931	BACS Payment	£5.00		£3,469.19	
6/27/2023	MS L J RUAS L	Inward Payment	£1,000.00		£3,464.19	
6/27/2023	CAFGYE110007	BACS Payment	£450.00		£2,464.19	
6/15/2023	2nd university p	Card Transaction		£716.00	£2,014.19	Education
6/1/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£2,730.19	
7/28/2023	CAF2307254941	BACS Payment	£5.00		£3,141.96	
7/25/2023	JUSTGIVING 33	Inward Payment	£1.42		£3,136.96	
7/18/2023	JUSTGIVING 33	Inward Payment	£16.96		£3,135.54	
7/17/2023	JUSTGIVING 32	Inward Payment	£74.39		£3,118.58	
7/14/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£475.00	£3,044.19	Construction
7/3/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£3,519.19	
8/31/2023	CAF2308251431	BACS Payment	£5.00		£3,143.96	
8/25/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£503.00	£3,138.96	Education
8/25/2023	CAFGYE110007	BACS Payment	£450.00		£3,641.96	
8/1/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£3,191.96	
9/28/2023	CAF2309253061	BACS Payment	£5.00		£3,428.95	
9/27/2023	CAFGYE110007	BACS Payment	£225.00		£3,423.95	
9/19/2023	JUSTGIVING 34	Inward Payment	£4.99		£3,198.95	
9/1/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£3,193.96	
30/10/2023	JUSTGIVING 34	Inward Payment	£33.93		£2,519.80	
30/10/2023	CAF2310251681	BACS Payment	£5.00		£2,485.87	
25/10/2023	JUSTGIVING 34	Inward Payment	£3.56		£2,480.87	
18/10/2023	JUSTGIVING 34	Inward Payment	£4.75		£2,477.31	
13/10/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£400.75	£2,472.56	Education
13/10/2023	Payments to Bar	Card Transaction		£475.00	£2,873.31	Education
10/6/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£188.00	£3,348.31	Education
10/3/2023	JUSTGIVING 34	Inward Payment	£7.35		£3,536.31	
10/2/2023	JUSTGIVING 33	Inward Payment	£50.01		£3,528.96	
10/2/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£3,478.95	
30/11/2023	CAF2311273671	BACS Payment	£5.00		£2,168.80	
28/11/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£822.00	£2,163.80	Education
27/11/2023	CAFGYE110007	BACS Payment	£450.00		£2,985.80	
11/3/2023	MR M PALMER	Inward Payment	£34.00		£2,535.80	
11/3/2023	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£68.00	£2,501.80	Education
11/1/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£2,569.80	
14/12/2023	Paid to Bacar to	Card Transaction		£128.00	£2,090.80	Medical
12/1/2023	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£2,218.80	
1/30/2024	CAF2401251561	BACS Payment	£5.00		£2,146.50	
1/29/2024	JUSTGIVING 36	Inward Payment	£4.70		£2,141.50	
1/25/2024	CAFGYE110007	BACS Payment	£450.00		£2,136.80	
1/9/2024	Paid to Bacar, gi	Card Transaction		£459.00	£1,686.80	Education
1/2/2024	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£2,145.80	
1/2/2024	CAF2312278021	BACS Payment	£5.00		£2,095.80	
2/29/2024	CAF2402264481	BACS Payment	£5.00		£1,639.50	
2/21/2024	Ms Linda J Ruas	Outward Faster Payment		£562.00	£1,634.50	Education
2/1/2024	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£2,196.50	
3/28/2024	CAF2403255751	BACS Payment	£5.00		£1,694.50	
3/1/2024	EDYTA GURGU	Inward Payment	£50.00		£1,689.50	
SUM			£3,959.33	£4,967.75		