



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31.12.2023
Period end date

Charity name: The Happiness Project Ghana

Charity registration number: 1190295

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1. Advancing the education of the pupils at Kankaboom Children's School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education</p> <p>2. Helping to prevent or relieve poverty in Ghana, West Africa 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 selfsufficient</p> <p>3. Creating a world in which all children are free to develop and flourish. Helping to shape a society in which all children have access to education and medical care.</p> <p>4. Supporting families struggling with various challenges and give them the assistance they need to encourage self-sustainability</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity supports the community through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- High quality education from kindergarten 1&2 till basic 3 in Kankaboom Children's School which is built by the charity and is regularly adjusted to meet the needs of our students, staff and the local community.- Family social support to encourage families to help themselves in the long run, e.g., by us providing microgrants, loans, or resources to start businesses to support their own families in the future.- medical care for families in rural communities (after assessment and if logistically and financially possible) to provide transportation to hospital assist in purchasing treatments to most common illnesses. Where possible the Happiness Project Ghana will

		<p>take community members to the hospital and covers their costs as well as educating them on how to spot symptoms in the future and the importance of health care. The charity also organises clinics to be run through the community to test community members for illnesses such as HIV, Malaria or Diabetes for free and provide treatment if tested positive.</p> <p>- Guaranteed free medical insurance, for students and staff of Kankaboom Children's School: Which does not cover all treatment/medication but does reduce the cost of most. The cost of medical insurance for a child is £2.50 per year. Every student is enrolled in the Ghanaian medical insurance system.</p> <p>- Implemented feeding program which guarantees every student a healthy and nutritious lunch during the school day.</p> <p>- Constant access to clean drinking water for students and staff of Kankaboom Children's School which is not accessible in rural communities. Clean drinking water protects our students and staff from water-borne diseases that can be fatal when ingested, such as typhoid, cholera, and Hepatitis A & E. The charity ensures, that the access to clean water is constantly given for our staff and students.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have been provided with access to the Public Benefit Guides produced by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2023, The Happiness Project Ghana focused on consolidating stability and strengthening the educational environment for all beneficiaries. Following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the school successfully re-established regular operations and expanded its capacity. Additional teachers were recruited, enabling improvements to both the curriculum and the school meal programme.</p> <p>These developments built on the significant infrastructure improvements completed in 2022, when the school was fully renovated and a new canteen was constructed. The recruitment of additional teaching staff has positively transformed daily school operations and enabled the establishment of structured routines that support effective teaching and learning.</p> <p>During the summer holidays, a Summer School programme was implemented. This initiative provided continued educational opportunities for all students, with a particular focus on children with additional learning needs. The programme also ensured that children had access to a safe and supportive learning environment during the holiday period while their parents were working.</p> <p>As a result of these efforts, clear progress has been achieved. Students' educational outcomes have improved significantly, and the sense of community within Kankaboom has been strengthened. Teachers have received training and professional development, enabling them to deliver higher quality education and further improve the learning environment.</p> <p>In addition, the regular provision of school meals has had a positive impact on students' wellbeing. Improved nutrition has contributed to better health, increased concentration, and stronger engagement in the classroom.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period, The Happiness Project Ghana remained in a stable and positive financial position. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the organisation experienced an increase in donations, which strengthened the charity's financial capacity throughout the year and towards the end of the reporting period. At the same time, it was anticipated that expenditure in 2023 would be significantly higher than in 2022. This increase was primarily due to the school operating throughout the full year, the recruitment of additional staff, and the expansion of the school meal programme. As a result, the organisation reassessed its fixed operating costs and adjusted its financial planning accordingly. In order to ensure financial stability, a portion of the reserves from 2022 was carried forward into 2023. Combined with the increased level of donations, this enabled the charity to consistently cover its fixed operational costs and maintain the stability of its programmes. In addition, the improved financial position allowed the organisation to undertake minor renovation and maintenance works at the school, further strengthening the learning environment for the beneficiaries.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Happiness Project Ghana maintains financial reserves in order to ensure the continued and stable operation of the school and its programmes. Based on the organisation's experience over recent years, operating costs have increased significantly. In addition, Ghana has experienced periods of high inflation, which has affected the cost of staff, food supplies and general school operations. Given that the operation of a school requires consistent and reliable funding, the charity considers it essential to maintain a level of reserves. These reserves ensure that the school can remain open and continue to provide education, meals and a safe learning environment for its beneficiaries, even in periods of financial uncertainty or rising costs. Holding reserves therefore enables the organisation to meet its responsibilities, maintain financial stability and ensure the continuity of its educational programmes..
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The total reserves, including the 2022 reserves as well as income and expenditure in this financial period are: £10.397,76.

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopting the Charity Commission's model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are appointed by a decision of the charity trustees- The decision is based on skills, knowledge, experience and passion towards the charity's purposes, work, and visions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Happiness Project Ghana is led and managed by volunteer Trustees. In the financial period there are 3 volunteer trustees and 10 paid staff members in Ghana, working for the school.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity works independent and is not related to any other party.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Happiness Project Ghana
Other name the charity uses	HPG
Registered charity number	1190295
Charity's principal address	290 Andover Road RG20 0LL Newbury

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	Shadee Faye Gerayesh-Nejad	Chair		
2	Hannah Meyer	Trustee		
3	Philip LLOYD	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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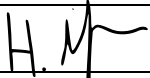
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Hannah Meyer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee (Treasurer)	
Date	06.03.2026	

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for The Happiness Project Ghana (1190295)

Financial Period 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023

Income	£	Expenditure	£
UK Donations	5,927.03	School Operations	3,410.00
German Donations	18,650.97	School Meals	8,188.00
Grants	0	Staff Costs	5,741.00
Fundraising Income	0	Maintenance & Renovations	3,290.00
Other Income	0	Administrative Costs	1,200.00
Total Income	24,578.00	Total Expenditure	21,829.00
Net Income for the Year			2,749.00

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

Assets	£
Bank Account	10,397.76
Cash in Hand	0.00
Total Assets	10,397.76
Funds / Equity	
Opening Balance (Funds carried forward from previous years)	7,648.60
Net Income for 2023	2,749.16
Total Funds	10,397.76

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and include all income received and expenditure paid during the financial year. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable charity accounting guidance.

2. Income

The charity's income during the year consisted mainly of voluntary donations from supporters in the United Kingdom and Germany.

3. Expenditure

Expenditure during the year relates primarily to the support and operation of the school project, including school operations, school meals, staff costs, maintenance and administrative expenses.

4. Reserves

At the end of the financial year the charity held reserves of £10,397.76 in its bank account. These reserves include funds carried forward from the previous year (£7,648.60) and the surplus generated during the current financial year.

5. Trustee Remuneration

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Approved by the Trustees on: [06.03.2026]

Name: Hannah Meyer

Signature:

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