



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31 December 2024

Charity name: GROW EDO SUPPORT GROUP

Charity registration number: 1190758

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Grow Edo Support Group is a small grant making charity helping, with modest sums, to fund charities in Nigeria to establish their own projects to combat human trafficking in endemic trafficking areas by way of awareness raising, training, jobs and small business start-ups. The Charity originally operated as part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark but then it was established as a separate charity and the funds held by the Archdiocese were transferred to the charity
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	Trustees have had discussions with the Congregation of The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus concerning work to raise awareness of human trafficking across Edo State and certain projects and the Archdiocese of Benin City and the Diocese of Auchi concerning training /job projects
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to public benefit guidance

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The policy is to make modest donations to Catholic dioceses and religious congregations in Nigeria typically by way of one off grants towards them establishing their own locally owned and managed projects for training and employment to combat human trafficking.
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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>There were no grants made this year and discussions continue with the congregations and diocese about supporting existing projects and developing new ones.</p> <p>An update on the projects is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benin Archdiocese - a 200+ acre training farm: training continues (small scale produce/ some fish for supermarkets) but training/ food production is constrained by Fulani incursions/ kidnappings and the farm's distance from viable markets and poor roads. The Board concluded further investment now may make the farm a greater target. 2. Auchi Diocese – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Auchi Town Poultry – continues to function well within a secure church compound. From 1 poultry shed initially, there are now 3 large poultry sheds in operation – supporting and training 6 trainees per c 8 month rotation and helping them set up small businesses; 2.2. Auchi Town Poultry Feed production project – the Diocese had not yet completed the agreed building work. It seems that nearby Fulani incursions and related economic issues have impeded progress. Revised proposals are awaited from the Bishop. 3. Sisters of The Sacred Heart, Benin, Uromi and Auchi dioceses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Following support to the Sisters for their mission to combat trafficking by

		<p>presentations in schools/ colleges and at public events, their work continues satisfactorily.</p> <p>3.2. Uromi Town – palm oil manufacturing (for which Grow Edo donated funding for machinery) is struggling because Fulani incursions restrict palm nut harvesting but some palm oil is being produced; the machinery can also be used to mill casava, so it continues to train / assist locals to sell surplus produce.</p> <p>There is of increased unemployment, a poor economic situation and instability in Edo State and related problems of security on project sites. In consequence, the Board of Trustees decided to continue the pause on funding projects except potentially for the Auchi town feed manufacturing, to be based in a church compound, a possible livelihoods/ training project on a church compound in Benin City and a potential conference in Benin City. These will be considered further by the Board following discussions with, and proposals from, the Bishops concerned.</p>
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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	In the opinion of the Trustees the financial position of the charity at the end of the financial period was satisfactory
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity hold reserves in order to support future projects in Nigeria. Grants will be made when the situation becomes more stable
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£47,109
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Having considered future budgets and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in the future

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	Principal sources of funds are small donors known to the Trustees, and when possible collections in parishes in the Southwark Diocese following presentation s to interested parishioners
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 dated 6 August 2020
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a CIO
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	The Board of Trustees select new Trustees. New trustees are recruited based on the requirement if the charity for particular expertise

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	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GROW EDO SUPPORT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190758
Charity's principal address	BOWEN HOUSE 59 WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD LONDON SE1 7JE

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	Rt Rev Patrick Lynch	Chairman		
2	Rev Canon Edward Perera			
3	Rev Mark Odion MSP			
4	Dr David Ryall			
5	Dr Richard Byrne			
6	Mr Eamonn Doran			
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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)	Rt Rev Patrick Lynch	
Full name(s)	Rt Rev Patrick Lynch	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	1 September 2025	



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GROW EDO SUPPORT GROUP

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1 JANUARY 2024

To

31 DECEMBER 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	14,771	-	-	14,771	11,042
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,771	-	-	14,771	11,042
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,771	-	-	14,771	11,042
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	6	-	-	6	6
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6	-	-	6	6
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6	-	-	6	6
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,765	-	-	14,765	11,036
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,344	-	-	32,344	21,308
Cash funds this year end	47,109	-	-	47,109	32,344

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK	47,109	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	47,109	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Bishop Patrick Lynch	Bishop Patrick Lynch	01-Sep-25	