

United African Association

Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 4 July 2021

Registered Charity Number 1192725

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Charity Information

Address: United African Association, Unit F5B, Barratt House, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6EZ

Bankers: Barclays Bank, Milton Keynes 2, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE87 2BB

Independent Examiners: Gachau Maina & Co Auditors

Introduction

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year ending 4 July 2021. This report is presented in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP), issued in March 2005.

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 28 November 2020.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Organisation

The Trustees are:

- Miss Anne WANKIIRI (chair)
- Mr David KINUTHIA (finance)
- Mr Pedro DUARTE
- Ms Rutendo NYATSINE

The Members of the CIO are individuals, corporate bodies, or representatives of Organisations that are not incorporated, who undertake to act in good faith to further the purposes of the CIO.

The affairs of the CIO are managed by the Charity Trustees, of which there must be at least three.

Decisions are made by simple majority of votes at a meeting of Trustees or by resolution made in writing or in electronic form and agreed by all Trustees. Induction of Trustees is overseen by the Chair.

Objectives and activities

"The prevention or relief of poverty in Northampton by providing African food parcels, non-food essentials such as personal and household essentials, clothing and other items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

In exercising their duty, the Charity Trustees have reviewed that all of their activities have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Achievements and Performance - for the year ending 4th July 2021

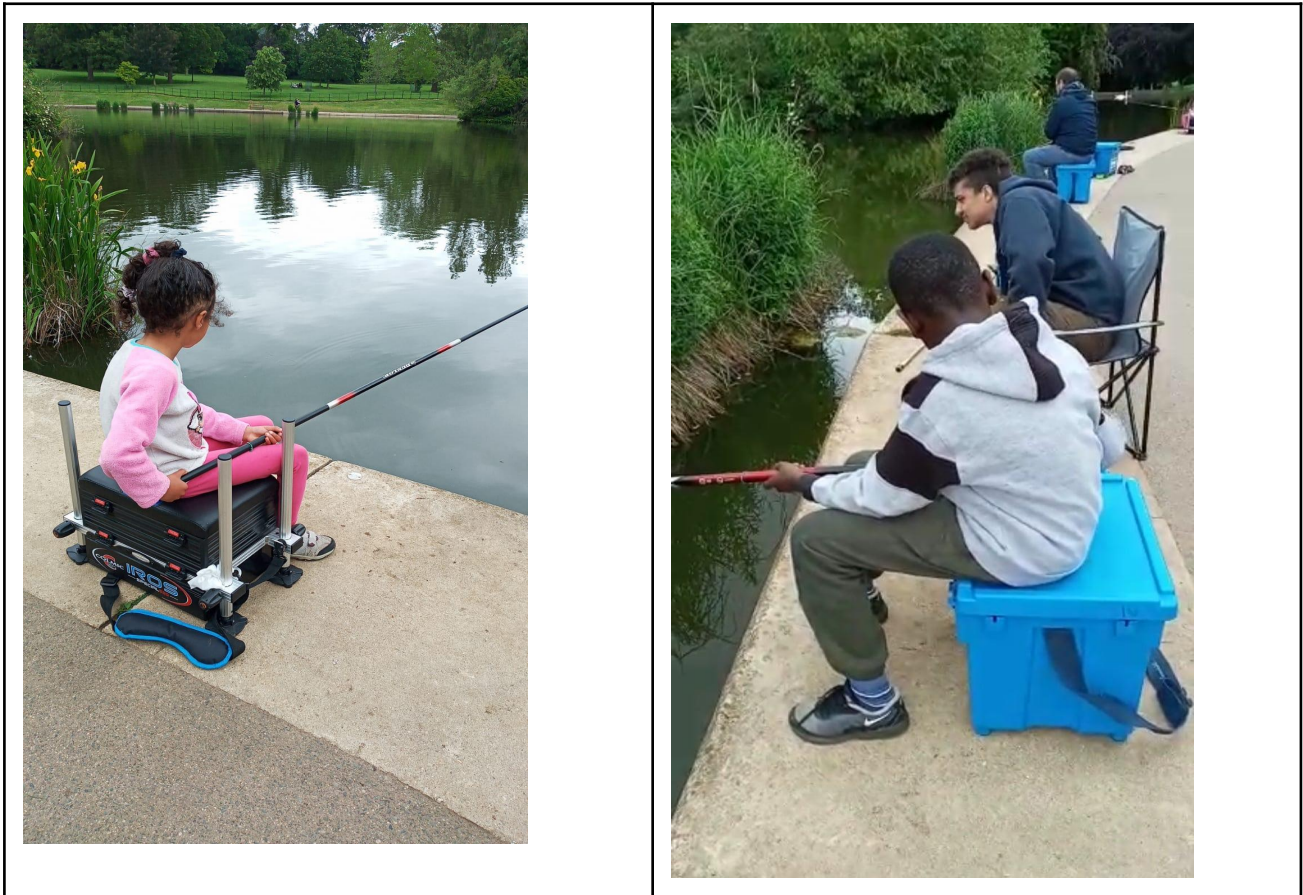
Food parcels

The African food parcel project was our biggest activity. Over 2000 people received food parcels during the year.



Fishing sessions

Fishing taster sessions were held for beginners as part of a joint project with Northampton Nene Angling Club. Further sessions will take place in the coming year.



Zoom action for happiness sessions

We held monthly mental wellbeing sessions (ia zoom) as part of an **Action for Happiness** project. *“Action for Happiness brings people together and provides practical resources. We help each other learn evidence-based skills for happier living, feel a sense of belonging and commit to personal action to create more happiness, for ourselves and others.”*

One to One Support

The demand for 1-2-1 support increased drastically, the association was receiving hundreds of calls every month from people requesting assistance for issues such as poverty, homelessness, immigration, Covid vaccines, domestic abuse, bereavement, illness, benefits advice. We strengthened our relationship with the councils, NHS and social services and forged new relationships with organisations like Citizens Advice Bureau and Northampton Hope Centre

Befriending Services

Our charity volunteers provided telephone befriending services from Northampton Borough Council referrals, making calls to isolated people at least once a week. Those friendships have continued as restrictions ease and friends are looking forward to meeting in person for the first time over the summer.

Office Space

The charity acquired a much needed office space at Barratt House, for admin use, outreach sessions, meetings, training and confidential one to one sessions.

Van Purchase

Through grant funding the organisation acquired a van for transportation of food items

African Drumming sessions

African drumming remained our most popular African cultural activity. We held sessions outdoors due to the restrictions at the time, we also performed at the outdoor FamFest event in June 2021.



Outdoor Afro moves sessions where possible (sometimes combined with drumming)



Financial review

We raised £107719.14 during the year. This was mainly from grants and some donations. The majority of our income and expenditure is for the food parcel project. The continues to remain the charity's biggest project.

Plans for FY 2021/22

increase in food deliveries

More Zoom action for happiness sessions

maintaining outreach support?

Moving drumming group back into community centre – offering refreshments afterwards

More drumming gigs, including the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and Northampton Carnival

Continuing ladies swimming training classes

IT Training sessions

Food safety training sessions

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Wankiiri'.

Anne Wankiiri
Chair of Trustees
July 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. An independent audit was done, by Gachau Maina & Co Auditors . Annual financial report below.



**Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 4 July 2021
including Income and Expenditure Account**

INCOME	TOTAL	
Grants	£106,587.14	
Donations	£1,120.00	
Purchase via 3rd party	£42.00	
Total	£107,749.14	
EXPENDITURE		
Groceries for food bank	£63,485.65	
Fuel	£2,865.64	
Charity Insurance	£131.04	
Van Purchase/Hire	£5,300.00	
Van insurance	£0.00	
Van Tax		
Stationery/charity/ office equipment	£1,010.12	
Capital costs	£1,998.00	
Office rent	£3,435.00	
Warehouse/storage rent	£1,420.66	
Misc expenses	£145.69	
Staffing costs	£3,300.00	
Contracting costs	£5,969.00	
Vol refreshments & expenses	£1,172.97	
Marketing	£377.00	
Training	£1,137.78	
DBS checks	£150.00	
Broadband/Phone	£177.76	
TOTAL	£92,076.31	
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£15672.83</u>

Signed:

Anne Wankiiri (Chair)

David Kinuthia (Treasurer)

Dated

12/08/2021





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Charity Name

UNITED AFRICAN ASSOCIATION (UAA)

On accounts for the year
ended

4th JULY 2021

Charity no.:

Company no.:

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).



I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

Name:

GACHAU MAINA & CO. AUDITORS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

P.O. BOX 100576-00101
NAIROBI.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The books of accounts have been audited and in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the organisation.