

# HOUSES OF PROMISE

England & Wales · Charity number 1194658

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-06-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF ORPHANED CHILDREN IN SIERRA LEONE AND PROVIDING PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CHURCHES, MISSIONS AND MINISTRY LEADERS IN SIERRA LEONE TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT EVANGELISM AND MISSIONARY WORK AND DELIVER CHARITABLE PROJECTS IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

**Activities:** Houses of Promise (HOPE-UK) are building a children's centre in Kent, just outside the capital Freetown in Sierra Leone. This first centre will be able to support 12 children. It will provide a home, health care, food, clothing & education to give these children a hope and a future.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Sierra Leone

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,183	£37,045	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,000	£18,925	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,156	£36,521	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ALIEU BADARR AMARA</b>	Chair	2020-11-12
Kadie Lauretta Amara		2020-11-12
Lynsey Sinnott		2020-11-12
ROBERT KENNETH JOHN ANSELL		2020-11-12
Zachery John Bartram		2020-11-12

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# Accounts

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# Houses of Promise

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

Stewardship   
*Active generosity*

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**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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TRUSTEES	Dr Alieu Amara (Chair) Kadie Amara Lynsey Sinnott (Secretary) Zachery Bartram Robert Ansell (Treasurer)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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# **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The charity was born out of a burning desire to help some of the massive number of homeless children (over 300,000) in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in West Africa, has been ravaged by civil war, AIDS and Ebola Virus Disease over the last two decades.

### **Objectives and activities**

Our objective is to advance our Christian faith by relieving the needs of orphaned children in Sierra Leone and providing practical and financial support to churches, missions and ministry leaders in Sierra Leone to enable them to carry out evangelism and missionary work and deliver charitable projects in disadvantaged communities. We would like to provide these children with a bright future, full of hope and aspirations.

The charity seeks to achieve its objectives by making grants to projects that work with homeless children in Sierra Leone. The first project being supported by the charity is the building and running of a children's centre in Kent, just outside the capital Freetown in Sierra Leone. Once completed, the children's centre will provide a home, health care, food, clothing & education for up to 12 children. A new organisation called Houses of Promise-SL was registered in Sierra Leone to undertake this project. Though Houses of Promise-SL is an independent organisation, there is a close working relationship. Two of the charity's trustees serve as the organisation's directors and oversee its work.

The trustees have been working to raise funds for the project, and we now have regular donors committed to supporting us. Most of the funds raised have been used to help build and support the children's centre.

The trustees agreed that the KindLink fundraising website, established in February 2022 in a bid to kickstart our fundraising activities, can now be closed ([www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent](http://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent)). This is now closed and most of our donations are now via CAFBank Donations.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## Achievements and Performance

In 2024 our fund-raising efforts enabled the building to be completed and made habitable for the children and staff including additional work within the interior and furnishing.

The building work was completed, and the children's centre was opened in July 2024 and is now fully operational. In July 2024, the building opened with 8 children, 6 girls and 2 boys. In June 2025, the number of children was increased to 10, following the addition of 2 boys. This July marked the first anniversary of the opening of the orphanage, and we are closely approaching target capacity (12).

With this progress, the trustees agreed that a twice-yearly oversight visit is mandated for better governance and to minimise risks and provide diligent administration of the project.

## Financial Review

In 2024, the charity's income was £27,183 (2023: £27,000). The charity paid grants totalling £32,745 (2023: £16,500) over to HOPE-SL, most of which was used to help support the running of the children's centre. A further £4,300 (2023: £2,425) was spent on administrative expenses, which included amounts spent on oversight, visiting the project in Sierra Leone. As a result, the cash held by the charity has decreased by £9,862 and the charity ended the year with £6,848 in its bank account.

## Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that for the time being, the charity should aim to hold cash of no less than £3,000 so that the charity can meet its statutory obligations for a period of at least 12 months. The charity ended the year with cash of £6,848 and since the year end most of this has been granted to Houses of Promise-SL to help continue to support the children's centre. The trustees are satisfied that the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

## Risk Statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

## Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*AB Amara*

AB Amara (Oct 24, 2025 15:57:21 GMT+1)

Dr Alieu Amara - ***Trustee and Chair***

Date: Oct 24, 2025

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### HOUSES OF PROMISE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Houses of Promise ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

*Sarah Crispin*  
Sarah Crispin (Oct 29, 2025 11:58:10 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
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Date: Oct 29, 2025

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Grants and donations		-	24,034	24,034	26,978
Gift aid receipts		-	3,038	3,038	-
Bank interest		-	9	9	22
Other		-	101	101	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>27,183</u>	<u>27,183</u>	<u>27,000</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Administrative expenses	2	-	4,300	4,300	2,425
Grants paid to Sierra Leone Foundation	3	-	32,745	32,745	16,500
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>37,045</u>	<u>37,045</u>	<u>18,925</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		-	(9,862)	(9,862)	8,076
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>(9,862)</u>	<u>(9,862)</u>	<u>8,076</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		-	16,711	16,711	8,635
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>-</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>16,711</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank with immediate access	-	6,848	6,848	16,711
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>16,711</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid due to charity	1,400	-	1,400	2,280
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>2,280</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Independent Examination	-	750	750	750
	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

The charity does not own any significant fixed assets

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*AB Amara*

AB Amara (Oct 24, 2025 15:57:21 GMT+1)

Dr Alieu Amara - Trustee and Chair

Date: Oct 24, 2025

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**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
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**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>2 Administrative expenses</b>				
Governance and Legal costs	-	1,018	1,018	660
Travel expenses	-	3,058	3,058	1,531
Other administrative expenses	-	225	225	234
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>2,425</u>

**3 Grants paid to Houses of Hope-SL**

Grants for building, set up and running costs of the childrens home	-	32,745	32,745	16,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>32,745</u>	<u>32,745</u>	<u>16,500</u>

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**4 Movements in restricted funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Fund for children's centre in Sierra Leone	16,711	27,183	(37,045)	-	6,848
	<u>16,711</u>	<u>27,183</u>	<u>(37,045)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,848</u>

During the year the money received by the above restricted fund was used to complete the building of a children's centre in Sierra Leone, and fund startup costs and running costs of the home once it was open. The fund includes a small percentage spent on admin, governance and legal costs to ensure funding is used appropriately (see note 2).

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### Introduction

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### Objectives and activities

Our objective is to advance our Christian faith by relieving the needs of orphaned children in Sierra Leone and providing practical and financial support to churches, missions and ministry leaders in Sierra Leone to enable them to carry out evangelism and missionary work and deliver charitable projects in disadvantaged communities. We would like to provide these children with a bright future, full of hope and aspirations.

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Following the opening of the charity's bank account in February 2022, the trustees have been working to raise funds for the project; most of these funds have been used to help build the children's centre.

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In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.



## Achievements and Performance

In 2023 our fund-raising efforts enabled work on the sanitation of the orphanage site and obtaining water tanks to harvest rainwater for the orphanage's water supply system. The funds also helped to provide the foundation to electrify the building. Additional work within the interior continued to completion.

More funds have been raised so that building work could be completed, and the children's centre be ready to open in July/August 2024. The centre was opened in July 2024 and is now fully operational.

## Financial Review

In 2023, the charity was able to raise £27,000 (2022: £45,156). From this the charity paid grants totalling £16,500 (2022: £34,050) over to HOPE-SL, most of which was used to help complete the building of the children's centre. A further £2,425 (2022: £2,471) was spent on administrative expenses, which included amounts spent on oversight, visiting the project in Sierra Leone. As a result the cash held by the charity has increased by £8,076 and the charity ended the year with £16,711 in its bank account.

## Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that for the time being, the charity should aim to hold cash of no less than £1,000 so that the charity can meet its statutory obligations for a period of at least 12 months. The charity ended the year with cash of £16,711 and, since the year end, most of this has been granted to Houses of Promise-SL to help continue work on the children's centre. The trustees are satisfied that the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## Governance

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## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A.B. Amara

A.B. Amara (Oct 8, 2024 18:42 GMT+1)

Dr Alieu Amara - **Trustee and Chair**

Date: Oct 8, 2024

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*Ajay Rajani*  
Ajay Rajani (Oct 9, 2024 09:05 GMT+1)

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LONDON  
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Date: Oct 9, 2024

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>					
Grants and donations		-	26,978	26,978	45,145
Bank interest		-	22	22	11
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<u>-</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>45,156</u>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>					
Administrative expenses	2	-	2,425	2,425	2,471
Grants paid to Sierra Leone Foundation	3	-	16,500	16,500	34,050
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<u>-</u>	<u>18,925</u>	<u>18,925</u>	<u>36,521</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		-	8,076	8,076	8,635
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>8,076</u>	<u>8,076</u>	<u>8,635</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		-	8,635	8,635	-
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>-</u>	<u>16,711</u>	<u>16,711</u>	<u>8,635</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank with immediate access	-	16,711	16,711	8,635
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,711</u>	<u>16,711</u>	<u>8,635</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid due to charity	-	2,280	2,280	732
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>732</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee payable to the Independent Examiner for preparing and examining the accounts	-	750	750	660
	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>660</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

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**E Guarantees and secured debts**

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A.B. Amara (Oct 8, 2024 18:42 GMT+1)

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>2 Administrative expenses</b>				
Legal and professional fees incurred to set up charity	-		-	1,170
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining accounts	-	660	660	-
Travel expenses	-	1,531	1,531	780
Other administrative expenses	-	234	234	521
	-	2,425	2,425	2,471
<b>3 Grants paid to Houses of Hope-SL</b>				
For the building of an orphanage in Sierra Leone	-	16,500	16,500	34,050
	-	16,500	16,500	34,050

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#### 4 Movements in restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Fund for children's centre in Sierra Leone	8,635	27,000	(18,925)	-	16,711
	8,635	27,000	(18,925)	-	16,711

During the year the money received by the above restricted fund was used to help build a children's centre in Sierra Leone.

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# Accounts

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**Report And Accounts  
For The Year Ended  
31 December 2022**

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Prior to the registration of the charity in June 2021 the project was supported directly through a partnership between New Life Revival Church, Liverpool and New Life Revival Church, Wales. This continued until the charity had a bank account, which took longer than expected to open.

Following the opening of the charity's bank account in February 2022, the trustees have been working to raise funds for the project; most of these funds have been used to help build the children's centre.



The Kindlink fundraising website, established in February 2022 in a bid to kickstart our fundraising activities, is still live and now has regular donors committed to supporting us. ([www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent](http://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent)).

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission

## **Achievements and Performance**

During 2021, with national and international COVID-19 guidelines restricting travel, not much was achieved, following global and local restrictions on non-essential travel. Even after going through the process of establishing the charity, it proved difficult to open a bank account. This hindered our fund raising and created delays to the building project work schedule. The arrival of the usual rainy/monsoon season (in Sierra Leone) in June/July 2021, extending on to November 2021, also put a halt to any exterior work on the site.

After our fund-raising efforts, funds were released to work on the exterior perimeter wall of the orphanage thereby securing the building from unwarranted visitors. This was completed last year. Additional work continued with the interior, but the limited funds could only accomplish a little more.

Since the year end more funds have been raised so that building work can continue, and it is hoped that the children's centre will be ready to open by the end of 2023 or early in 2024.

## **Financial Review**

During 2021, primarily because it proved difficult to open a bank account, no funds were directly raised by the charity. Fund-raising started in March 2022 after the charity was finally able to open a bank account.

Before the charity commenced its activities, funding for the children's centre building project was provided via a partnership between New Life Revival Church, Liverpool and New Life Revival Church, Wales and reported through their respective charities.

In 2022, following the opening of its bank account, the charity was able to raise £45,156. From this the charity paid grants totalling £34,050 over to Houses of Hope-SL, most of which was used to help build the children's centre. A further £2,471 was spent on administrative expenses, which included amounts spent on setting up the charity and on visiting the project in Sierra Leone. The charity ended the year with £8,635 in its bank account.



## Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the, for the time being, the charity should aim to hold cash of no less than £1,000 so that the charity can meet its statutory obligations for a period of at least 12 months. The charity ended the year with cash of £8,635 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed [by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

## Risk Statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

## Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Aliou Amara*

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Dr Aliou Amara - **Trustee and Chair**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*Robert Ansell*

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Robert Ansell - **Trustee and Treasurer**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### HOUSES OF PROMISE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Houses of Promise ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 6 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

*Ajay Rajani*

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
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Date: 16 October 2023

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	Period from 2 June 2021 to 31 Dec 2021
Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>				
Grants and donations	-	45,145	45,145	-
Bank interest	-	11	11	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,156</u>	<u>45,156</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Administrative expenses	-	2,471	2,471	-
Grants paid to Sierra Leone Foundation	-	34,050	34,050	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,521</u>	<u>36,521</u>	<u>-</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before	-	8,635	8,635	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash funds as at last year end	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank with immediate access	-	8,635	8,635	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid due to charity	-	732	732	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee payable to the Independent Examiner for preparing and examining the accounts	-	660	660	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

The charity does not own any significant fixed assets

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Alieu Amara*

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Dr Alieu Amara - Trustee and Chair

Date: 15 October 2023

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

## HOUSES OF PROMISE

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>2 Administrative expenses</b>				
Legal and professional fees incurred to set up charity	-	1,170	1,170	-
Travel expenses	-	780	780	-
Other administrative expenses	-	521	521	-
	-	2,471	2,471	-
<b>3 Grants paid to Houses of Hope-SL</b>				
For the building of an orphanage in Sierra Leone	-	34,050	34,050	-
	-	34,050	34,050	-

Houses of Promise SL is registered as a company limited by guarantee in Sierra Leone. It owns the children's centre that is being built in Sierra Leone and will be responsible for running the children's centre once it is completed. Two of the charity's trustees (namely Dr Alieu Amara and Kadie Amara) serve as this company's only directors; they do not benefit financially from their involvement with Houses of Promise SL.

#### 4 Movements in restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Fund for children's centre in Sierra Leone	-	45,156	(36,521)	-	8,635
	-	45,156	(36,521)	-	8,635

During the year the money received by the above restricted fund was used to help build a children's centre in Sierra Leone.

**HOUSES OF PROMISE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1194658

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# **HOUSES OF PROMISE**

## Trustees' Annual Report 2021



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## **Aim & Purpose**

Houses of Promise (HOPE-UK) is situated in Martine Close, Melling, Liverpool. The charity was born out of a burning desire to help some of the massive number of homeless children (over 300,000) in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in West Africa, has been ravaged by civil war, AIDS and Ebola Virus Disease over the last twenty-five years.

## **Objectives and activities**

Our objective is to advance our Christian faith by relieving the needs of orphaned children in Sierra Leone and providing practical and financial support to churches, missions and ministry leaders in Sierra Leone to enable them to carry out evangelism and missionary work and deliver charitable projects in disadvantaged communities. We would like to provide these children with a bright future, full of hope and aspirations.

Houses of Promise (HOPE-UK) are building a children's centre in Kent, just outside the capital Freetown in Sierra Leone. This first centre will be able to support 12 children. It will provide a home, health care, food, clothing & education to give these children a hope and a future.

The charity was set up in July 2021 but was unable to conduct any fundraising activities due to the fact that they were unable to clear through the process and open a charity bank account until February 2022.



The trustees then set up a Kindlink fundraising website in February 2022 in a bid to kickstart our fundraising activities. This is found at the website ([www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent](http://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/Houses-of-Promise/kent)).

## **Achievements and Performance**

Prior to formally establishing the charity, the building of an orphanage in Kent, Sierra Leone, was initiated as a project. This project was supported by the partnership of New Life Revival Church, Liverpool and New Life Revival Church, Wales. This support continued until the CIO was established with its own account and resources.

During 2021, with national and international COVID-19 guidelines restricting travel, not much was achieved, following global and even local restrictions on non-essential travel. Even after establishing the formation of the charity, the limitation imposed on the trustees of being unable to clear the process and open a charity bank account was a major setback and deterrent. This hindered our fund raising and created delays to the building project work schedule. The arrival of the usual rainy/monsoon season (in Sierra Leone) in June/July 2021, extending on to November 2021, also put a halt to any exterior work on the site.

Currently, fund-raising efforts are underway, and some of the raised funds were released to work on the exterior perimeter wall of the orphanage; and to continue with the unfinished interior, with a view of opening the orphanage in 2023.



## Financial Review

HOUSES OF PROMISE IS A REGISTERED CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION. CHARITY NUMBER: 1194658

### Financial Reports

During 2021 whilst COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown were in place no funds were directly raised by the charity and as such no returns. This was primarily as a consequence of our inability to complete the process required to open a charity bank account.

Prior funding of the orphanage building project, was via the partnership of New Life Revival Church, Liverpool and New Life Revival Church, Wales and reported through their respective charities.

The charity was finally able to open a bank account in February 2022 and start fund-raising.

Funds at the end of the year 2021 totalled £0.



## Related Parties

### *Trustees*

Alieu Amara

Kadie Amara

Robert Ansell

Zac Bertram

Lynsey Sinnott

## Significant Laws and Regulations

Charities Act

Data Protection Act & GDPR

Children Act 2004

Disclosure and Barring check procedures



## Administrative information

Houses of Promise is situated in Martine Close, Melling, Liverpool.

Houses of Promise Trustee members have served as follows since July 2021:

Alieu Amara (Trustee Chair)

Kadie Amara (Trustee)

Robert Ansell (Trustee/Treasurer)

Zac Bertram (Trustee)

Lynsey Sinnott (Trustee/Secretary)

Signed:

**ABA**

Dr Alieu Amara

***Trustee Chair***

Date: 07 October 2022