



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).

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

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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:

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Dr Alieu Amara

Trustee Chair

Date: 07 October 2022