

Starlight Oasis of Hope Hospice (SOHH)
Annual Report and Accounts
April 2024 - March 2025

Charity Commission Registration 1195548

1 Summary

Day Centre

In October HM Queen Masenate Mohlomi Seiso climbed onto a large digger and turned over the first sod for the construction of our Day Centre at our beautiful site in Maqhaka, a few kilometres outside Maseru. At the same time we were presented with a cheque 1.860,000 LSL (equivalent to £80,870) raised by a business consortium lead by the Standard Lesotho Bank. Ground preparation and construction began in earnest in January 25. Despite significant setbacks from problems with the terrain, a firm level platform of ground was made, foundations laid and the first few levels of bricks for the whole building were in place by the end of March.

Training

We have had the generous support of Palliative Care Works (a UK charity experienced in training in a variety of resource poor settings) to deliver three face to face courses of one week to health and care professionals working in Maseru and Berea and from nurse training colleges. This has included nurses, pharmacists, doctors, social workers and pastors. Many have become champions for holistic palliative care and are already reporting increased use of morphine, one of our initial targets for improvement.

Advocacy

Our founder Me' Malichaba Tebello Lepheane has been regularly promoting the need for and value of palliative care on radio and TV. We continue to hear many sad stories of avoidable suffering and distress in those with life limiting conditions and so many Basotho are excited about our plans for improved palliative care in the mountain kingdom. The Minister of Health has publicly stated the importance of including palliative care in the forthcoming health plan and his support for Starlight.

2 Objects

The objects of SOHH are the advancement of health in the kingdom of Lesotho for the public benefit and the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage at the discretion of the charity trustees and in particular but not exclusively:

Advancing the understanding in the general population of the need for and benefits provided by palliative care

Advancing the training of those providing care for individuals with life limiting illness

Relieving the physical, mental and social distress of those with life limiting illness and those who care for them

3. Trustees during 24-25

Chair: Paul Myres

Founder: Tebello Lepheane

Andrew Wardrop

Veronica German

Harriet Vera

4. Activities

April 2024. Ongoing advocacy using different radio stations and newspapers in Lesotho as well as the social media pages.

May 2024. Fundraising efforts, reaching out to the corporate community for support with building materials. Attended an event hosted by Welsh government in collaboration with Dolen Cymru Wales Lesotho Link to commemorate Lesotho 200 years as a nation. Our charity was recognized as one of the services which continues to form bonds and show solidarity between these nations. Three members of our Board met His Majesty the King of Lesotho at the same event. We continued to build networks and relationships with likeminded individuals and organisations aiming at bridging care gaps in the communities.

June 2024. Shipped donated breast prostheses from UK to Lesotho for breast cancer survivors.

July 2024. Continued to join the global movement in making palliative care accessible to children and adults by joining webinars hosted by St Christopher's Hospice.

August 2024. Advocating for the palliative care needs of children in Lesotho; visiting children's wards and maternity wards in Berea Hospital as we highlighted paediatric and perinatal palliative care. We were joined by Sophie Kieffer from USA, PallCHASE member.

Met Jan Jeffrey -founder of Physiotherapy and Outreach Program (POP) Lesotho and her team, to establish a collaborative approach in improving the quality of lives for children with disabilities especially those with cerebral palsy by incorporating palliative care principles in their services.

Met the technical team-Volunteers who have assisted with the design of our hospice facility, plans how to execute the construction project.

Provided teaching session for Queen Mamohato Memorial Hospital staff on palliative care and visited different wards to raise more awareness and support patients and families with palliative care needs.

Met the management of Baylor Children Medicine Foundation to explore how palliative care can be integrated in the wonderful work, they already do to deliver the comprehensive care for children with HIV/AIDS as well as supporting their caregivers. This collaboration will enable us to ensure 'No one is left behind' when it comes to palliative care as part of universal health coverage.

Met Christian Council of Lesotho to partner with us as we incorporate palliative care into the work with pastors and spiritual leaders across the Kingdom of Lesotho.

September 2024.

Continued awareness raising about palliative care as part of the campaign preparing for breast cancer month in October as well as World Hospice and Palliative Care day.

October 2024.

Sod turning event at our hospice site in Maqhaka, with local and national dignitaries lead by Her Majesty Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso as our Patron. event attended by the WHO Country rep, British High Commissioner, H.E. Harry MacDonald, Chiefs and senior health staff

Raised awareness on radio stations about World Hospice and Palliative care day.

Attended the annual conference hosted by Palliative Care Works in Oxford; we had an opportunity to share our education and training efforts in Lesotho.

November 2024. 1 week of palliative care training for 1 cohort of hospital teams (Doctors, nurses, counsellors, chaplains, social workers and pharmacists) from hospitals in Maseru and Berea.

December 2024. Reached agreement for final building plans. Mobilisation of building materials and signing of contract with the construction company in preparation for the building project of the hospice facility in Maqhaka, Lesotho.

January 2025.

Ground excavation and site preparation. Construction of Phase 1 commenced.

February 2025. 2 weeks of palliative care training for 1 cohort of hospital teams (Doctors, nurses, counsellors, chaplains, social workers and pharmacists) from various hospitals in Lesotho and 1 cohort of academics from health training colleges.

Foundations laid for Day Centre.

March 2025-Ongoing advocacy and awareness raising using different media houses, received donated medical equipment from Action Ireland Trust charities with the assistance of RISE International (Lesotho office)

Construction of walls and drainage of site.

5. Financial report

We have bank accounts in UK with Charity Aid Foundation Bank and in Lesotho with Standard Lesotho Bank. Money is transferred from UK to Lesotho by international bank transfers.

We had an income of **£9,907** in the UK from public donations, including fundraising activity and online donations. We had an income of **LSL36,500** Lesotho from personal donations and received **LSL1,000,000** in corporate donations following a golf tournament in December 2023

Our expenditure was **£12,147** in the UK, largely spent on travel costs to Lesotho by the PCW training team and our founder for meetings and planning. Costs also include fundraising and publicity. In Lesotho our expenditure was **LSL1,103,213** (equivalent to about £47,900). Our main expenses (LSL905,572) were associated with ground preparation at our site in Maqhaka and the start of construction of our Day Centre.

All payments require receipts and dual authorisation.

The average exchange rate during the year was between £1 = LSL23 and 24

The balance at year end showed a deficit of **£7,095** in the UK (following transfer of money to our Lesotho account) and a surplus of LSL173,407 in Lesotho

860,000LSL was due to us from fundraising in Lesotho and was being held by the Lesotho Standard Bank. This is specified by the bank to be used for capital expenditure and was made available in summer 2025.

6. Plans for next year

In 2025 -26 we will complete the construction of Phase 1 of our Palliative Care Centre. This will provide a base for our community outreach team and be a centre for daycare services.

We will continue our awareness raising and advocacy work.

We will train one or two cohorts of care professionals.

We will agree a Memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Health and continue to request direct support for our salary costs in 26/27.

We will produce new plans for Phase 2 – training and therapy space plus an inpatient unit.

7. Starlight Oasis of Hope Hospice Annual Statement of Accounts
2024-25
UK Accounts

Opening Balance
£11,946

Income

Personal Donations	£7,844	
Reg donations	£1,980	
Corporate Donations	£0	
Fundraising	£0	
Online fundraising	£83	
Grants from other bodies	£0	
Bank Interest	£23	
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£5,122	
		TOTAL

£15,052

Expenditure

Bank charges	£85
Publicity	£0
Travel	£2,781
Meeting costs	£49
Shipping/ Transport	£120
Training	£8,632
Accounting	£480
Transfer to Lesotho Standard Bank	£10,000

£22,147 TOTAL

Balance **(deficit)**
- £7,095

Balance at 1 April 2024 £11,946
Closing balance at 31 March 2025
£4,851

No Physical Assets in UK

Lesotho Accounts

Income

Donations Individual	LSL 26,400
Donations Corporate	LSL1,000,000
Transfers from UK CAF Bank	LSL 227,300
Interest	LSL 22,920
TOTAL	
LSL 1,276,620	

Expenditure

Membership Fees	LSL104
Bank Fees	LSL2,641
Site and building Fees	LSL8,180
Web and email	LSL1,770
Training of health care workers	LSL119,772
Transport of donated equipment	LSL1,750
Tax on interest	LSL2,247
Trustee Expenses	LSL36,129
Volunteer Expenses	LSL2,065
Technical Team Expenses	LSL18,017
Publicity / Event	LSL 4,966
Land Purchase	LSL95,000
Groundwork and site preparation	LSL213,520
Building materials	LSL480,549
Professional Fees (construction)	LSL2,000

Labour	LSL89,848
Equipment	LSL13,465
Other construction costs	LSL11,190

TOTAL
LSL 1,103,213

Balance (Surplus)
LSL 173,407

Balance carried forward from 23-24 LSL
569,053

Total funds at end of Mar 25
LSL 742,460

Represented by	Current Account	LSL
132,094		
	Savings Account	LSL
610,298		
	Cash	
LSL 68		

ASSETS	
Site at Maqhaka	Est value LSL
800,000	

Equipment	Est value LSL
10,000	

Total Physical Assets in Lesotho
LSL 810,000

TOTAL Assets in Lesotho
LSL1,552,460

On 31 3 25 1 LSL = £0.042 . Total assets equiv to
£65,203

Cash in CAF Bank
£4,852

Unrestricted	£ 4,852
Restricted Building	£0

Total Assets of charity at 31 March 2025 equiv to
£70,055

Paul Myres, Hon Treasurer for 2024/25 September 2025	18
---	----


Independently reviewed by accredited Accountant December
2025

Approved by Board of Trustees on
.....

Signed by Chair of Board

Signed by Current Treasurer

8.

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Independent examiner's report on the accounts								
Section A Independent Examiner's Report										
Report to the trustees	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 40px;"> Starlight Oasis of Hope Hospice </div>									
On accounts for the year ended	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 30th April 25 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Charity no (if any)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1195548</td> </tr> </table> </div>	Charity no (if any)	1195548						
Charity no (if any)	1195548									
Set out on pages	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small> </div>									
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.</p> <p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.</p>									
Independent examiner's statement	<p>The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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. <p>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.</p> <p><small>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</small></p>									
<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> Signed: </td> <td style="width: 40%; border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <i>Adrian Bryan</i> </td> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> Date: </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 22/12/2025 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Name: </td> <td colspan="3" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Adrian Bryan </td> </tr> </table>			Signed:	<i>Adrian Bryan</i>	Date:	22/12/2025	Name:	Adrian Bryan		
Signed:	<i>Adrian Bryan</i>	Date:	22/12/2025							
Name:	Adrian Bryan									

IER

9. Starlight Oasis of Hope Hospice.

Annual Financial Report October 22 - March 2024

The Trustees decided to change SOHH's accounting year to fit in with the Lesotho Govt financial year for ease of financial planning in Lesotho. This period of accounts covering 18 months for one time only was approved by the England & Wales Charity Commission

UK Accounts

Income

Personal Donations	£22,745.00	
Corporate Donations.	£200.00	
Fundraising.	£225.00	
On line fundraising.	£1,307.39	
Grants from other bodies.	£0.00	
Bank Interest	£39.57	
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£1,488.27	
		TOTAL

£26,005.23

Expenditure

Bank charges	£140.00	
Publicity	£58.82	
Travel	£1205.68	
Meeting costs	£48.39	
Transfer to Lesotho Standard Bank	£25,000.00	
		TOTAL

£26,452.89

	Balance	(deficit)
- £447.66		
£12,394.27	Opening balance at 1 October 2022	
£11,946.67	Closing balance at 31 March 2024	

Lesotho Accounts

Income

Donations	LSL 900.00
Transfers	LSL 578,500.00 (Average
exchange rate £1 = LSL23.14)	
Interest	LSL 100.00
TOTAL	
LSL 579,500.00	

Expenditure

Bank Fees.	LSL 2,979.07
Site Costs	LSL 4,550.00
Land Fees	LSL 6,103.00
Training	LSL 1,000.00
Travel	LSL 834.15
Meetings	LSL 412.00
Admin	LSL 2,000.00
Expenses	LSL 4,220.00
Website	LSL 1,140.00
Publicity / Event	LSL 6,550.00
TOTAL	
LSL 30,522.08	

Balance (Surplus)

LSL 548,977.92

Opening bank balance 1.10.22	LSL 20,306.80
Closing bank balance 31.3.24	LSL 569,053.72
(1Maluti = £0.042).	(Equiv to
£23,900.26)	

ASSETS

Site at Maqhaka.	Est value.	LSL 275,000
Cash in Lesotho Bank		
Restricted Building Costs.	LSL 500,000	
Unrestricted		LSL 69,053.72
Total Assets in Lesotho.	LSL 844,053.72 (Equiv to	
£35,450.26)		

Cash in CAF Bank	£12,394.27
Restricted Building	£5,000.00
Unrestricted	£7,394.27
Total Assets of charity at 31 March 2024 equivalent to	
£47,844.53	

Paul Myres, Hon Treasurer
24 4 24

Approved by Board of Trustees on 4th September 2024

Independently reviewed by accredited Accountant

