

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1196095

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN UGANDA BY PROVIDING: GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Uganda
- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-09	£51,087	£48,252	-	-
2024-01-09	£81,229	£74,302	-	-
2023-01-09	£18,533	£18,724	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carole Anne Parsons		2020-10-15
Cheryl Tariro Chingosho		2025-05-02
David Edward James		2021-10-12
Jalia Nabulalu Packwood		2023-02-13
Kelly Leslie		2024-03-13
Margaret Anne James		2021-10-12
Sarah Jane Stacey		2020-10-15

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UGANDA PROJECTS GBV ANNUAL REPORT

10th January 2024 to 9th January 2025

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1.0 Reference details

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Accountant: Esther Jordan

1.1 Structure, Governance and Management

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS (GUP) was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 11th October 2021 with a constitution as its governing document.

Should the need arise new trustees will be appointed for a term of two years by the existing trustees taking full account of the individuals' skills, knowledge, and experience. Any new trustees will be appropriately trained in respect of their responsibilities, procedures, and Charity Commission compliance.

The charity does not employ any staff and is administered by Carole Parsons Founder-director, under the direction of the Trustees, all decisions regarding finances, policies, direction are discussed and agreed by the appointed trustees at that time.

1.2 Trustees

David James – Chair

Carole Parsons – Founder-director

Margaret James – Trustee

Sarah Stacey – Treasurer

Marion Namwanje Paine - Trustee

Jalia Nabulalu Packwood - Trustee

Kelly Leslie – Trustee

Cheryl Tariro Chingasho – Trustee 2nd May 2025 prior to this date as a volunteer for GBV Uganda Projects

1.3 Trustees statement

It is not considered that the charity is exposed to major risks, but this is continually reviewed and should any such be identified, mitigating procedures will be devised and implemented.

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS was awarded an Advanced mentoring and Charity development in 2023 by 'Hub Cymru-Africa, bringing together charities, individuals and partners across Wales and Africa, whose **vision** is a globally responsible Wales, which acts in solidarity with the people of Africa.'

1.4 Trustees Annual report

The trustees present their third annual report for the period 10 January 2024 to 9 January 2025, the financial statements for the same year are appended.

1.5 Public benefit statement

The trustees of GBV UGANDA PROJECTS confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity period up to and including the 9th of January 2025

2.0 Founding Directors Statement

There is a longstanding relationship between Africa and Wales, underpinned by collaborative engagements over many years. The Welsh Government's "Wales for Africa programme" actively encourages participation in development initiatives on the African continent.

This cooperation is characterised by partnerships focused on sharing expertise and knowledge in an atmosphere of mutual respect and reciprocity. These dynamic, civil society-based efforts have fostered meaningful connections between individuals and organisations across both regions, supporting collective progress towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. GBV Uganda Projects contributes to the Wales and Africa Action Plan 2020-2025 by promoting increased leadership and advancing the rights of women and girls in Uganda. Key initiatives include programmes aimed at reducing domestic abuse, fostering business opportunities and skill development, and facilitating peer-to-peer learning. In Wales, efforts are directed at enhancing awareness and understanding of abuse and its impacts on families, communities, and society. We remain committed to supporting abuse prevention activities in Wales, including disseminating resources from Welsh Women's Aid and promoting access to the Live Fear Free Helpline (0808 801 0800).

Our partnership with SUP Community Initiatives Africa (NGO) has strengthened significantly over the past year, resulting in notable achievements. SUP has established several new alliances in Uganda that enhance the effectiveness of support provided to beneficiaries and reinforce the organisation's overall capacity.

One prominent collaboration involves Metge, which works alongside the Welsh Government to provide trees and smokeless stoves to rural communities. More information is given in the overview of activities 2024 information.

Networks developed by SUP with law enforcement and prosecution services have led to an increase in victims reporting incidents of domestic and sexual abuse. Additionally, a recently established refuge—generously funded by a donor to GBV Uganda Projects—has created a secure environment for individuals fleeing abuse.

The projects continue to grow, extending their reach to empower more women and girls by supporting income generation, reducing poverty, creating employment opportunities, and encouraging female leadership within communities.

SUP also provides community education on healthy relationships, life skills, and the consequences of abuse, with particular attention to the wellbeing of children as future leaders. This comprehensive approach is yielding positive outcomes, including reductions in abuse, shifts away from harmful cultural norms, and improvement in power dynamics.

GBV Uganda Projects has expanded its board of trustees to eight members and recognises the importance of promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion.

Carole Parsons

Carole Parsons
Founder Director

3.0 Introduction

GBV Uganda Projects collaborates with the registered NGO, SUP Community Initiatives Africa (SUP), which operates in 13 sub-counties within the Mbale and Mount Elgon districts of Uganda to assist the most vulnerable populations. SUP's mission focuses on initiating and supporting efforts to enhance the quality of life for disadvantaged families by facilitating capacity building, promoting sustainable livelihood projects, supporting environmental initiatives, and preventing gender-based violence.

The United Nations defines gender-based violence as follows:

“The definition of discrimination includes gender-based violence, that is, violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately. It includes acts that inflict physical, mental, or sexual harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion, and other deprivations of liberty.” (CEDAW 1992: para. 6).

Domestic abuse is a gendered crime - Women's Aid (womensaid.org.uk)

SUP maintains partnerships with various frontline agencies to mitigate the effects of abuse on individuals, families, and communities. The organization also works closely with the criminal justice systems in Mbale, offering support to survivors as they pursue available criminal and civil legal remedies.

In the absence of a comprehensive social welfare system in Uganda, survivors of abuse and their families often face significant hardships due to limited access to education, skills training, support, and financial resources.

3.1 Risk Assessment

Given the focus on vulnerable individuals, it is essential to maintain a rigorous risk analysis framework. The organization's documented risk assessment, which identifies risks faced by the charity, is reviewed annually by the trustees and remains under continuous evaluation.

Any identified risks encountered during the year are discussed collaboratively by GUP and SUP, with responsive actions documented in the annual report.

- Clear consistent, open, and transparent communication is always maintained between GUP and SUP and increased communication during any times of problem solving.
- Funders and GUP founder-director have visited the projects and agree with the findings on the continued progress on the projects and the quality of work from SUP workers.
- Sustainability and financial plans are being put in place.
- SUP is growing in their labour force of volunteers and sessional workers to carry the extra workload.

3.2 GBV Uganda Projects

The charity is grateful for the work of our essential volunteers who have supported the charity through the following areas. We appreciate the time they commit to the Charity and the skills they bring to help towards the healthy growth of GUP.

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4 Activities of the charity

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4.1 Overview of Activities 2024

During its third year, the organisation has maintained a strong focus on consolidating and enhancing its operations, strengthening partnerships with stakeholders in Uganda, evaluating optimal investment opportunities, and planning strategically for the next five years.

Key efforts have been directed towards:

- Advancing diversity, equality, and inclusion by expanding the trustee board to eight members, reflecting a commitment to these essential principles.
- Implementing financial and strategic planning with SUP to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Scaling community-based projects in rural areas, including:
 - Investment of a total £16,000 in 2024 from the Wales-Africa 2024-2025 grant funding scheme, administered by WCVA, for the following projects
 - Four community groups, each consisting of fifty members, have received financial support for beehives, bees, and training sessions. Although honey production was initially slow, it has since improved, and demand for honey within the communities is increasing. Unfortunately, a fire occurred in one of the communities, resulting in the destruction of a beehive and the loss or relocation of some bees. A new hive has been established, and efforts were made to encourage the bees to return; we are pleased to report that the overall impact of the fire was limited. The community continues to investigate the cause of the incident.
- Training and support by a sessional craft tutor for three new community craft groups involving seventy-four women and girls; empowering them to begin financing their own daily needs by making and selling the goods.
- Hairdressing training by a sessional hairdressing tutor for forty girls and women at our training centre to a recognised standard in various skills in hairdressing

techniques, empowering them to start their own businesses or seek employment once they have graduated.

- Supply of twelve sewing machines, including finishing equipment to equip the qualified tailors within the community and assist the craft makers.
- The appointment of a project coordinator to oversee The Wales-Africa grant funding, administered by WCVA project for one year during the 2024-2025 funding

This initiative is funded by 'The Welsh Government's Wales Africa grant scheme, administered by WCVA.'

Further achievements include:

- Establishment of a piggery in Busoba, comprising forty-three female and four male pigs. In recognition of individual beneficiary needs, alternative livestock (e.g., provision of a goat) was supplied where appropriate due to religious considerations. Realistically, pigs have two gestations, that is; they can produce young ones twice a year. In one gestation period, a pig can give up to 12 piglets. Its gestation period is short: it can last up to 130 days. This means that in a year a pig can produce 20-24 piglets. Most pigs reach slaughter weights when they are 6 months old. This means that in a period of 6 months the beneficiaries in rural Busoba will be able to provide for their basic needs and within twelve months able to commence affording school fees for up to 3 children to attend education and contribute to the groups saving scheme.
- Construction of three water closets to protect community water sources, benefitting approximately 250 people.
- Completion of a reception/refuge facility and commencement of perimeter fencing for enhanced protection and safety, particularly for those fleeing abuse, until the completion of the security fence and security cameras are installed the refuge/reception is used cautiously ensuring no danger to those escaping abuse.
- Ongoing support from Heb Ffin, whose financial contributions and continued engagement through site visits are greatly appreciated.

Evangelistic activities continue, with procurement of Bibles and support for Pastor Alex, resulting in three new church plants, several baptisms, and extensive training for pastors and leaders. The need for additional Bibles remains as congregation numbers grow and cell group structures are formalised. We thank Pastor Alex and Joe James, who provided a Kingdom Living training package utilised for further community development.

Skills development remains central, with entrepreneurial training delivered to 253 girls/women and twelve men, promoting innovation and economic empowerment. Sixteen financial literacy sessions were conducted, equipping beneficiaries with budgeting and saving strategies to help achieve their goals.

SUP prioritises GBV awareness, integrating it into activities such as community mobilisation, project handovers, assessments, and life-planning workshops.

Safeguarding measures have been strengthened, notably through installation of five additional cameras at the reception/refuge, shop, and compound—serving both as a deterrent and providing a safe environment for all students, staff, and residents.

Life planning skills training is designed to empower women and girls, supporting them to navigate challenges, set meaningful goals, and build better futures for themselves and their communities.

Personalised counselling and guidance are offered to address unique challenges faced by students, helping them to successfully complete their training.

Regular monitoring of prior projects has provided valuable insights, facilitated feedback collection, and informed ongoing improvements. In November 2024, the GUP team gathered beneficiary testimonials highlighting improved livelihoods, increased social status, and advancements into leadership roles thanks to newly acquired skills.

With support from Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, ten sewing machines were distributed to qualified graduates for use as income-generating assets. Loan agreements were established following capacity assessments, ensuring accountability and sustainable impact.

Forty survivors of GBV participated in a tailored skilling project supported by £3,454 from Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust, receiving materials and practical training to enhance their self-reliance and confidence.

Ongoing pastoral care and support are provided to address emotional or personal barriers to learning, fostering resilience and encouraging participation in student leadership bodies. This aligns with objectives under the Welsh Government International 2020-2025 plan to empower women and girls.

Environmental conservation efforts were advanced in partnership with METGE (The Mount Elgon Tree Planting Enterprise), distributing 5,400 seedlings—including Caliander, Albizia, lemon, and other fruit trees—to various community beneficiaries to promote sustainability and household income generation.

Collaboration with partners such as Busoba sub-county, Bungokho sub-county, Mbale city, and Mbale district has fostered programme synergy, resource sharing, and collective advancement towards common objectives, including the launch of a new tailoring programme for ten students.

We extend our sincere thanks to all funders and donors whose support continues to transform lives and reduce poverty among beneficiaries. To reinforce sustainability, revenue streams now include allocations from salon services, clothing sales, loan repayments from tailoring graduates, event hire, and proceeds from honey and craft sales.

5. The way forward in 2025:

At GUP, our planning team is currently focused on identifying funding opportunities and suitable venues for presentations. We have set a target to organise five funding events over the next 12 months, with plans to expand upon this as we gain insights from each event. As this represents a relatively new initiative for our organisation, we will also be introducing crafts created by our Ugandan tailors—alongside items produced by volunteers and the GUP team—which will be available for purchase at these events.

GUP will maintain ongoing collaboration with Welsh Women's Aid, utilising their resources related to abuse and support services available in Wales. It has become evident that informational materials are well-received during our talks, with several churches and venues agreeing to display Wales Feel Fear Free Abuse Helpline cards, thereby increasing public access to support services.

Additionally, GUP is committed to enhancing organisational capacity by participating in training sessions throughout the coming year. These will include proposal writing, funding research, and capacity building programmes provided by Hub Cymru-Africa and WCVA. We will also assist SUP in

researching grant opportunities and developing funding proposals to support sustainability and NGO development.

With respect to GBV initiatives, our objective is to secure funding to establish a pig and goat farm for SUP. The aim is to generate financial resources that will cover operational expenses such as amenities, volunteer reimbursements, and salaries for key roles including project officer, coordinator, and accountant. This strategy will support SUP’s long-term sustainability and reinforce GUP’s ongoing commitment to empowering girls and women through vocational training and community projects.

6.0 Financial Review

During the fiscal year, GUP received financial support through one-off donations, regular monthly contributions, and grants from various foundations and trusts. Gift Aid will be claimed in the next financial period. GUP maintains a collaborative financial strategy with SUP, focusing on long-term sustainability.

6.1 Reserves Policy

As there is currently no recurring overhead expenses, the charity does not hold reserves at this time; however, this policy will be subject to review within the coming year.

6.2 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are allocated at the trustees’ discretion, in alignment with the charitable objectives. Restricted funds are managed according to the specific purposes outlined by donors or designated fundraising campaigns. All restricted funds received have been utilised strictly in accordance with these stipulations.

6.3 Foreign Exchange transactions

SUP holds an account in Uganda to receive funds from GUP.

GUP sends direct payments via the UK bank to SUP bank.

GBV have at times used:

Businesses authorised to provide 'Payment services.'

Regular accounts for each project are provided by SUP and a yearly accumulated balance of the accounts is sent annually to GUP.

6.4 GBV Uganda Projects

GBV Uganda Projects

**10th January 2024 to 9th
January 2025**

	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted
Receipts		
Donations	37,437.50	13,649.82
Interest received		
Bank		
Compensation		
Total	37,437.50	13,649.82

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Payments	Restricted	Unrestricted
Bank charge	25.00	5.90
Bibles	1,800.00	-
Centre Costs	-	-
Construction	7,224.00	540.00
Digital	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Funding Events	-	60.00
Gift Aid	-	-
Gifts	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	32.00
Other	-	1,571.09
Projects	13,000.00	3,980.00
Tailoring	3,455.00	300.00
WCVA: Wales Africa grant	16,000.00	-
Website	-	259.20
Total	41,504.00	6,748.19
Net Cash	4,066.50	6,901.63
Previous Cash Balance b/fwd	7,797.05	

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Cash Balance as at 9th Jan 2025 **10,632.18**

Statement of financial activities

Opening Balance 10th January 2024	7,797.05
Donations 10th January 2024 to 9th January 2025 (restricted)	37,437.50
Donations 10th January 2024 to 9th January 2025 (unrestricted)	13,649.82
Bank interest	
Total	51,087.32

Expenditure	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Description		
Bank charge	25.00	5.90
Bibles	1,800.00	-
Centre Costs	-	-
Construction	7,224.00	540.00
Digital	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Funding Events	-	60.00
Gifts	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	32.00
Other	-	1,571.09
Projects	13,000.00	3,980.00
Tailoring	3,455.00	300.00

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WCVA: Wales Africa grant	16,000.00	-	
Website	-	259.20	
Total expenditure	41,504.00	6,748.19	
Grand total		48,252.19	
Closing balance as of 9th January 2025			10,632.18

Accounts amended by E.Jordan
 Signature: **E. Jordan**
 Dated: 26/02/26

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of GBV Uganda Projects for the year ended 9th January 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting and organisational policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:
 ~ give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 9th January 2025 and of the charity's net movement in funds for the period 10th January 2024 to 9th January 2025 then ended.
 ~ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act.

Signed

P.W.Hall

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P W Hall

26/02/26

Declaration

Statement of the trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the constitution requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and the principles of the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding any assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

- signed on behalf of the trustees.

Dave James

David James

Chairperson

Dated: 11th August 2025

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2.0 Founding Directors Statement

There has been a strong relationship between Africa and Wales going back many years. The Welsh Government has a Wales for Africa programme that encourages people to become involved in development work in Africa.

This is characterised by partnerships being formed to share experience, and knowledge in a spirit of mutual respect and reciprocity. This vibrant, civil society-based approach has seen friendships formed across Wales and Africa, as people work together, purposefully, and meaningfully towards achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and GBV Uganda Projects supports the Wales-Africa Action Plan 2020-2025 by increased leadership, working towards increased rights for women and girls in Uganda, including programmes to reduce domestic abuse, increase business and skills and develop peer to peer learning. In Wales we will increase knowledge and understanding of abuse and its effects on families, communities, and society, we endeavour to support the work of reducing abuse in Wales by displaying resources provided by Welsh Women's Aid of the support available and the Live Fear Free Helpline 08088010800.

Our partnership with SUP Community Initiatives Africa (NGO) has grown over the last year and much has been accomplished in this time. SUP has formed many new partnerships in Uganda to benefit the work of the beneficiaries and to strengthen the work of the NGO.

One such partnership is with Metge who work in partnership with the Welsh Government with the provision of trees and smokeless stoves in the rural communities. Planting trees in the areas helps with climate change, the environment, they provide shaded areas and the provision of food. The smokeless stoves are healthier, safer and support climate change.

The networks SUP have built with the police, and the prosecution services have boosted the number of victims coming forward to report domestic and sexual abuse to the authorities and a recently built refuge provided by a generous donor to GBV Uganda Projects has created a place of safety for those in danger and fleeing abuse.

The projects continue to grow and expand into other areas empowering women and girls, providing the financial needs for themselves and their families, reducing poverty, providing employment, and contributing towards women in leadership as well as valued members of their communities.

SUP educates the communities on healthy relationships, other life skills and the effects of abuse on family lives and especially on the children who are the future generation. With this holistic way of working, we are starting to note a decrease in abuse, cultural 'norms and improved power dynamics.

GBV Uganda Projects has increased the number of trustees to seven and have become aware of the need for diversity, equality, and inclusion.

Founder Director

C. A. Parsons

Carole Parsons Dated 17th September 2024

3.0 Introduction

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS work in partnership with (Registered NGO) SUP Community Initiatives Africa (SUP), who work with the most vulnerable in 13 sub counties in the Mbale and Mount Elgon district of Uganda.

SUPs mission is to initiate and support activities geared towards improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged families in the community by capacity building, livelihood support through sustainable projects, environmental promotion, and prevention against gender - based violence.

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SUP network with various frontline agencies seeking to reduce the impact of abuse upon individuals, families, and communities. SUP have strong links with the criminal justice systems in Mbale supporting survivors through the criminal and civil legal remedies available to them.

Due to the lack of any benefit system in Uganda survivors of abuse and their families unduly suffer through the lack of education, skills, support, and finances to make a living.

3.1 Risk Assessment

Given the focus on vulnerable individuals, it is imperative that we operate a robust risk analysis system.

The established written analysis of risks to which the charity is exposed is reviewed annually by the trustees and kept under constant review.

Any factors posing a risk during the year are discussed by GUP and SUP and as shown in the report action was taken with regards to:

- Clear consistent, open, and transparent communication is always maintained between GUP and SUP and increased communication during any times of problem solving.
- Funders and GUP founder-director have visited the projects and agree with the findings on the continued progress on the projects and the quality of work from SUP workers.
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3.4 Overview of activities 2023

Our second year has been focusing on continued building and strengthening of the charity, developing the links with Uganda, assessing the best investment projects, and looking ahead at the next 5 years.

Consequently, a great deal of work has focused on the following areas.

Diversity, equality, and inclusion by expanding our trustees to meet these important requirements.

Implementing financial and goal setting plans with SUP for sustainability of the work

Expanding on the projects in the rural communities of:

A payment of £14,000 was received for the Wales-Africa funding project. Additionally, GUP contributed £525 towards the purchase of additional sewing machines to support tailors

commencing work in the community. This project is funded by the Welsh Government's Wales Africa Grant Scheme, administered by WCVA.

A grant of £2,500 was awarded by Heb Ffin Charitable Organisation for the procurement of 200 bibles. These were distributed among a newly established church, an existing church, and a study group at the training centre.

A party planning enterprise was established by a women's community group, featuring two marquees, 300 chairs, and storage facilities. The project, funded at £5,000 by the Heb Ffin Charitable Organisation, has gained increasing recognition within local communities through targeted advertising. Although initial equipment rentals were slow, orders from various communities are now steadily increasing, resulting in emerging profits. The group remains dedicated to the project and has successfully allocated some funds towards their children's school fees and general living expenses. Looking ahead, they plan to expand their offerings by providing marquee dressing services for different events as profitability allows.

Funding amounting to £9,045 from Heb Ffin Charitable Organisation covered costs associated with the goat and water project. Activities included drilling, excavation, and installation of underground

pipng to supply water to the training centre for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene. Two 5,000-litre tanks and powerhouses were installed to ensure continuous water provision for both the training centre and the surrounding community, securing this valuable resource against contamination or theft. The livelihood component of the project involved the distribution of 50 goats to beneficiary groups such as Bungokho Gender Group, Nourish Ministries, Timilila, Namatala Farmers Groups A and B, Pamoja, and Tukolelewamu. To promote sustainability, the project operates a system whereby one kid from every six born is given to another beneficiary, thereby expanding opportunities for women and girls to improve their living conditions.

An anonymous donor contributed an additional £1,570, facilitating the construction of an extra water closet in the community to further protect and maintain the security and cleanliness of the water standpipe.

Finally, £2,775 from the Souter Charitable Foundation was allocated to the food security project. Five groups—Twezimbe, Pamoja, Bungokho, Namatala A, and Namatala B—were provided with seeds (700 kg maize, 700 kg beans, and 300 kg groundnuts) to enhance food production and strengthen resilience.

Community sensitization on GBV information. As one of the core programs of our partner SUP, 34 sessions were conducted in communities of Namabasa, Namawanga, Bungokho, Gosoyi and kolonyi in Mbale city, Mbale District and Butebo.

Family planning awareness. This was conducted across women groups about not only child spacing but also mindset change, planning for the future, kitchen gardening, growing of food. security for their families, respect for one another, education of their own children and provision of other basic needs 324 people reached (106 male and 218 female).

A goat and turkey project as a means of livelihood support. 60 turkeys and 50 goats from GBV Uganda and funding from Heb Ffin were distributed to beneficiaries in groups of Bungokho gender group, Nourish Ministries, Timilila, Namatala Farmers group A, Namatala Farmers group B, Pamoja, Tukolelewamu. As a way of sustainability, 2 pouls were passed over to two other beneficiaries from each turkey, this enables the turkey project to replicate itself and in time other communities will benefit. The goat project replicates itself as 1 kid from 6 born is given to another beneficiary, we have found this a fair way of increasing the prospects for other women and girls to come out of poverty and afford their daily living needs.

A water project Funded by Heb Ffin consisting of drilling, digging, and laying underground pipes supplying water to the training centre for drinking, sanitary purposes, and hygiene standards. Large 5,000 litre tank and a powerhouse were put in two places to serve the training centre and the community. Electricity supplies were connected, and two standpipes were put in place for the community to use. A septic tank has been installed with male and female toilet areas each one has flushing toilets and hand washing facilities.

10 further sewing machines Funded by Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, as one way of empowering students who completed the course to have tailoring machines for income generation, 10 sewing machines were distributed to 10 community workers to support them to generate income for improved living standards. Prior to acquiring the machine, a business site was visited, capacity assessment to pay back the cost of the sewing machine on a loan basis was conducted by the team

and led by the project coordinator, agreement forms were signed on terms and conditions including the instalment plan and period of repayment.

Skilling, as one way of capacity building among GBV survivors, 26 students were enrolled under the tailoring skilling project. Funding of £3454 generously provided by Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust to help give the beneficiaries an opportunity to not only learn but also apply and practise new skills in a safe environment for better livelihood. Practical materials were bought for vulnerable students and food for one student to enable her to concentrate in class. One of the students during her industrial training, was able to acquire a skill on making back bags, cross bags helping to boost her sales.

To help the tailoring students and project beneficiaries address personal or emotional challenges that may affect them while studying, the SUP project coordinator and other staff provided advice and support to help them manage their journey through life, learning and work. As a result, project beneficiaries were emotionally stable and had the confidence to voice their opinions as well freely interact with others and contest for leadership positions on the student's council of SUP. This works towards a key objective in supporting the Welsh Government International 2020-2025 plan for empowering women and girls.

Environmental conservation: Through the partnership with METGE, (The Mount Elgon Tree Planting Enterprise) the communities were sensitised on the usefulness of Lorena stoves and were shown how to mould them, the communities moulded 67 stoves during the training, this has helped towards

economic saving in terms of firewood, sickness due to smoke inhalation and sore eyes from the fumes. The women have commented on the huge difference this has made, and cooking is more pleasurable, and the safety of using the Lorena stoves is reducing the risk of fires in the huts.

Disaster awareness. As one way of disaster mitigation and prevention, communities in Namabasa were advised on how to plant trees as well as move away from disaster prone areas like Doko and parts along the river in Namatala. Community members were also advised to plant fruit trees having a multipurpose in areas of food security, disaster prevention, mitigation and income generation. This was possible with the partnership of Mount Elgon Tree Growing Enterprises (METGE). They supported SUP with 11,710 seedlings for fruit trees which included; avocados, guavas, jack fruits, jambula, anona, albizia, musizi, caliadular, tspabar, acrocapus and cedrella. These will be helpful to households in terms of income strengthening in 5 – 10 years to come.

A generous donor granted us the finances to commence expanding the tailoring centre creating a complete training centre incorporating a larger tailoring workshop, a hairdressing training room and hair salon, a craft room, 2 counselling rooms and a shop. A women's refuge with the capacity to hold 3 families with separate sleeping accommodation, and shared communal areas of a relaxation room, showers, toilet facilities and cooking facilities.

A road (albeit a mud road) leads from the main road to the training centre and signs have been installed for directions to the training centre.

We would like to thank all of our funders and donors for supporting this work and making a difference to the lives of the beneficiaries and reducing poverty in the communities.

During 2023 much of the building work was completed and during the team's visit in 2023 we were pleased to see the excellence of the building work and excited that new training facilities will be built in and ready later in 2024.

A shop and a hair salon will be added to raise income for sustainability of the training centre in the future years.

To accommodate the growth and sustainability of the training centre, 10% of the hair salons takings, 10% of any clothing sold, the sewing machine repayments from the community tailors, 15% from the party planning hire and 10% of the honey sold will all help contribute towards sustainability.

Forward plans for 2023-2025 (all have now been achieved)

- To extend the Tailoring training centre to a training centre comprising of:
- Demolish and renew the latrines and a septic tank.
- Piped water onto the centre.
- A tailoring training room for 20 students
- A workshop for 20 trained tailors and 4 finishing machines
- A hairdressing training room and equipment
- A hairdressing salon
- A craft making training room.
- A shop to sell the clothes and crafts.
- A counselling room.
- A safe room comprising a small kitchen, toilet and bed and living space.
- Breakout room for the beneficiaries to socialise and rest times.
- Cell groups within the communities as a means of support, safeguarding, and networking.
- 6 turkey farms
- 3 beekeeping projects.
- Party hire project with 3 marquees and chairs for meetings, training, celebrations within communities.
- A goat project.
- 40 sewing machines for community workers as a cottage industry
- Food generation project to increase food supply to the most vulnerable.
- Research the current market for contracts for the tailoring work and link in with the Ugandan Tailoring organisation to widen the scope of future work.
- Training and preparation of tools for monitoring and evaluation purposes
- Seek further development for trustees and volunteers of GBV and SUP
- Funding for the above plans will be found from sponsors, donations, fundraising, funding streams and legacies over the next 2 years and repayments on any loans from projects.

4.0 The way forward in 2024:

To complete the training centre building work, the funding is already in place for this to be completed but the actual work will take another 6-10 months to complete. The shell of the buildings is complete, but the roof, windows, doors, and interior fittings need to be bought and installed.

GUP will seek further funding streams to continue to meet the need of more project's skilling the girls and women, we plan to seek possible funding streams for skilling the boys who also suffer from abuse and the lack of school fees for their education, many male youths are the head of the household after parents have passed away or they have been abandoned. Employment opportunities are poor in the rural areas and vocational training for the boys will work towards reducing poverty, increasing education and giving them a sense of purpose.

At GUP we have a small planning team seeking funding events and presentation avenues, and we are aiming at 3 funding events in the next 12 months with further plans to broaden this as we learn from each event, this is a relatively new area to us after the restrictions of covid. We plan to bring back several crafts made by our Ugandan tailors to sell at the events as well as crafts made by volunteers and the GUP team.

GUP will continue to link in with Welsh Women's Aid for resources on abuse and support available in Wales, we have noticed information has been taken when we have given talks and several churches and other venues have been willing to display the Wales feel free Abuse helpline cards within their facilities, making this helpline more widely available to members of the public.

GUP will seek and attend training events to add to the charity skill sets, this being writing proposals, researching funding streams and capacity building training offered by Hub Cymru-Africa and WCVA during the coming year, and we will support SUP with researching grant funding, and completing proposals for themselves for sustainability purposes and for the NGO growth

5.0 Financial review

During the fiscal year GUP has received funds by means of one-off donations, monthly donations and grant funding from foundations and trusts. We will endeavour to claim gift aid in the next financial period.

GUP continues to work with SUP with financial plans working towards sustainability.

Reserves Policy

Due to the charity having no recurring overhead costs we do not hold finances in reserve at this stage, however we plan to review this in the coming year.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are governed by the restricted purpose within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for restricted purposes.

All received restricted funds have been spent in accordance with the above information.

Foreign Exchange transactions

SUP holds an account in Uganda in order to receive funds from GUP.

GUP sends direct payments via the UK bank to SUP bank.

GBV have at times used:

Businesses authorised to provide 'Payment services.'

Regular accounts for each project are provided by SUP and a yearly accumulated balance of the accounts is sent annually to GUP.

Accounts 10th January 2023 to 9th January 2024

GBV Uganda Projects

10th January 2023 to 9th January 2024

Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£
Donations	75,756.35	5,472.43
Interest received		
Bank Compensation		
	£	£
Total	75,756.35	5,472.43

Payments	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£
Bank charge	-	0.90
	£	£
Bibles	450.00	-
	£	£
Centre Costs	-	33.08
	£	£
Construction	31,481.42	1,357.07
	£	£
Digital	-	-
	£	£
Equipment	-	-
	£	£
Gifts	-	-
	£	£
Miscellaneous	-	160.00
	£	£
Other	62.50	351.50
	£	£
Projects	23,690.00	525.20
	£	£
Tailoring	15,655.00	105.00
	£	£
Website	-	430.80
	£	
	-	
	£	£
Total	71,338.92	2,963.55

	£	£
Net Cash	4,417.43	2,508.88

Previous Cash Balance b/fwd	£ 870.74
Cash Balance as at 9th Jan 2024	£ 7,797.05

Statement of financial activities

Opening Balance 10th January 2023	870.74
Donations 10th January 2023 to 9th January 2024 (restricted)	£ 75,756.35
Donations 10th January 2023 to 9th January 2024 (unrestricted)	£ 5,472.43
Bank interest	£ -
Total	£ 81,228.78

Expenditure	Restricted	Unrestricted
Description	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Bank charge	-	0.90
	£	£
Bibles	450.00	-
	£	£
Centre Costs	-	33.08
	£	£
Construction	31,481.42	1,357.07
	£	£
Digital	-	-
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Projects	23,690.00	525.20
	£	£
Tailoring	15,655.00	105.00
	£	£
Website	-	430.80
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	£	£
Total expenditure	71,338.92	2,963.55
		£
Grand total		74,302.47
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Closing balance as of 9th January 2024		<u><u>7,797.05</u></u>

Accounts amended by E.Jordan

Signature: *E. Jordan*

Dated: 26th August 2025

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of GBV Uganda Projects for the year ended 9th January 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting and organisational policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ~ give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 9th January 2024 and of the charity's net movement in funds for the period 10th January 2023 to 9th January 2024 then ended;**
- ~ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and**
- ~ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act.**

Signed

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17th September 2024

Statement of the trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the constitution requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and the principles of the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding any assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

- signed on behalf of the trustees.

D. James

David James

Chair

Dated: 17th September 2024

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Accounts



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Trustees Annual report

The trustees present their first annual report for the period 11th October 2021 to 9th January 2023, the financial statements for the same year are appended.

Statement

There has been a strong relationship between Africa and Wales going back many years. The Welsh Government has a Wales and Africa programme that encourages people to become involved in Global Solidarity work in Africa.

This is characterised by partnerships being formed to share experience, and knowledge in a spirit of mutual respect and reciprocity. This vibrant, civil society-based approach has seen friendships formed across Wales and Africa, as people work together, purposefully, and meaningfully towards achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

It was through such a partnership and relationship building that GBV Uganda projects (GUP) has come to fruition. Initially through the work of Give Me Hope Africa Wales, which received Charity status in 2017. Who worked in conjunction with Uganda based, Give Me Hope Africa. This work supported a nursery, orphans and constructing a clinic/community centre in a remote eastern area of Uganda.

It was through these relationships that Carole Parsons in 2019 was sent on an International Learning Opportunity funded by The Welsh Government. The secondment in her capacity as Senior Domestic Violence Adviser lasted for 2 months.

During this time, she engaged with many community groups to discuss the plight of the victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and their families. It was an enlightening experience to say the least and it became Carole Parson's passion to enable support for these victims.

A group of individuals came together during the year with a common purpose:

"The prevention or relief of poverty in Uganda by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty."

Consequently, GBV Uganda projects (GUP) was formed.

Chair

Wendy Williams

Trustees

Carole Parsons – Founder-director

Wendy Williams – Chair

David James – Trustee

Margaret James – Trustee

Sarah Hall – Treasurer



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Volunteers

- Fundraiser
- Accountant
- Website designer
- Administrator
- Presentations/media

Reference details

Registered name: GBV UGANDA PROJECTS

Registered number: 1196095

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Structure, Governance and Management

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS abbreviated to GUP

SUP Community Initiatives abbreviated to SUP

Non-Government Organisation abbreviated to NGO

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS (GUP) was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 11th October 2021 with a constitution as its governing document.

Should the need arise new trustees will be appointed for a term of two years by the existing trustees taking full account of the individuals' skills, knowledge, and experience. Any new trustees will be appropriately trained in respect of their responsibilities, procedures, and Charity Commission compliance.

The charity does not employ any staff and is administered by Carole Parsons Founder-director, all decisions regarding finances are discussed and agreed by the appointed trustees at that time.

'The charity regularly reviews risk, and where risks are identified, mitigating procedure are devised and implemented' but this is continually reviewed and should any such be identified, mitigating procedures will be devised and implemented.

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS was awarded an Advanced mentoring and Charity development by 'Hub Cymru-Africa', bringing together charities, individuals and partners across Wales and Africa, whose vision is a globally responsible Wales, which acts in solidarity with the people of Africa.'

Additional governance issues:

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS work in partnership with a (Registered NGO) SUP Community Initiatives Africa (SUP), who work with the most vulnerable in 13 sub counties in the Mbale and Mount Elgon district of Uganda. SUPs mission is to initiate and support activities geared towards improving the



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quality of life for the disadvantaged families in the community by capacity building, livelihood support through sustainable projects, environmental promotion, and prevention against and

response to gender - based violence. network with various frontline agencies seeking to reduce the impact of abuse upon individuals, families, and communities. SUP have strong links with the criminal justice systems in Mbale supporting survivors through the criminal and civil legal remedies available to them.

Due to the lack of any benefit system in Uganda survivors of abuse and their families unduly suffer through the lack of skills, support, and finances to make a living.

Public benefit statement

The trustees of GBV UGANDA PROJECTS confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity period up to and including the 9th of January 2023

Activities of the charity

GBV UGANDA PROJECTS (GUP) activities are centred around the prevention or relief of poverty in Uganda by providing grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. It is informed through consultation with the communities and organisations with which it is partnered. For further information consult our website www.gbvugandaprojects.co.uk

We are working towards and supporting the:

UN Sustainability goal no 5 Empower women and girls and ensure their equal rights.

International Women and Girls Strategy UK 2023–2030

Wales International action plan 2020-2025 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Overview of activities 2021

Our first year has been focusing on foundation building of the charity, developing the links with Uganda, assessing the best invest projects and looking ahead at the next 5 years.

Consequently, a great deal of work has focused on the following areas.

Establishing a quorate of trustees

Developing a CIO with its objectives

Developing a business plan covering the first 5 years (2021-2026)

Applying for charitable status

Establishing a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with our partners SUP

Developing Policies and Procedures in accordance with good practice.

Roles and responsibilities of the trustees

Creating a website and social media streams that advise potential donors of the work being conducted.

Initiation of Global prayer team by Trustee

However, the key objective was to enable support to those in desperate need.



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In 2021 there were still strict Government restrictions in place and travel to Uganda was prohibited during certain periods. We worked within the guidelines set out by the UK and the Ugandan Government to ensure the safety of ourselves, our partners, and communities we work with.

Through various social platforms we remained in constant contact with SUP and were vigilant with any prevention equipment needed and furlough of workers.

Due to the escalating incidence of abuse during the Covid pandemic, GUP funded Radio broadcasts to reach the rural communities in the Mbale and the Mount Elgon. The Mbale public protection police and our Ugandan partners SUP delivered information about abuse, its effects, and the support available for anyone suffering.

Hardships were experienced by the most vulnerable due to the Covid pandemic, and a food distribution was agreed by GUP trustees on a short-term crisis basis.

A building became available for SUP (NGO) purposes and GUP trustees agreed to restore the building for the purposes of a tailoring training centre.

Funding from donors to GUP provided twenty sewing machines at the newly restored tailoring centre.

Funding found for 20 female survivors of abuse to be given one year's tailoring training and empowered with a skill for their future living needs. As lockdown persisted, we found funds to furlough the teachers and prevention equipment for the tailoring centre complying with Government standards. The students managed to pass their exams due to the commitment of the teachers to give extra lessons when the lockdown was lifted and 18 of the 20 students were awarded their certificates at the 2021 graduation day. Sadly, two students due to personal reasons were unable to sit their exams but remained students in 2022 offering them the opportunity to pass their exams gaining a recognised certificate. Grateful thanks to the Souter Charitable Trust for their support of £2000 towards the tailoring training costs.

Three agriculture projects were established in three communities for ninety survivors of abuse, land was rented for one year and seeds and equipment purchased. Training was given by SUP for the women to learn how to plant, harvest and market their produce. After one year the groups were able to afford to rent the land themselves, have finances for their livelihood, and be able to save as a group for their future needs.

A turkey farm for twenty-nine survivors commenced in 2021 and has replicated itself many times supporting other survivors with a livelihood.

A firewood project helping one survivor was making a profit in its initial stages but was unable to survive the pandemic, however other work for the survivor was found in its place.

A TV, solar panel and speaker system were purchased for educational purposes, expanding the knowledge of the tailoring trainees and for SUPs work in educating the communities on finances, abuse, safeguarding, healthy relationships, entrepreneurship, contraception, hygiene, sexual issues, and communication.



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The Mbale police approached our partners SUP requesting our support to equip a safe room for those fleeing abuse. Since the radio broadcasts many of those in abusive situations had sought help by fleeing the perpetrators, but there was nowhere safe for them to stay for a temporary period until police intervention or other remedies were sought. GUP trustees agreed this was an urgent need and provided bunk beds, bedding, and mosquito nets for a room the police had cleared in their locality. This room has proved to be invaluable and GUP future plans are looking at funding other safe rooms in other locations.

GUP funded Elgon girl foundation (a local NGO) to train twenty-five facilitators from the tailoring training centre and the local community to educate the communities on sexual issues and making reusable sanitary products. The sanitary towels enable young girls to remain in education during their menstruation period and bring dignity to the women who are unable to afford menstruation products. This train the trainer model continues to be rolled out to other communities.

SUP continues to educate the communities on gender-based violence, the Ugandan laws on abuse, the effects of abuse on individuals, families, children, and communities, what support is available and training champions on supporting those within the communities who are suffering or have suffered abuse.

Overview of activities in 2022

20 students trained in tailoring to a recognised certificate, provision of 2 teachers and a finance worker. 18 of the 20 students were awarded their certificates at the 2022 graduation day, two students had personal issues and were unable to complete the years training. They are being accommodated with the 2023 students to complete the academic years training.

For security purposes a high wall surrounding the tailoring centre and gated entrance was put in place to safeguard the girls from members of the community entering the site, and to reduce the risk of theft.

Hub Cymru-Africa (HCA) through the Waterloo foundation funded for SUP an office computer, software package, solar panel, website, and costs for one year, a router and internet costs for one year. This has made positive changes towards communication to partners and others, reduced costs of travel expenses and time, software packages easing the monitoring and evaluation processes and accountancy as well as efficiency within office procedures.

Security cameras were installed by engineers as part of the safeguarding plan for the beneficiaries and the equipment at the tailoring centre reducing present and future risks.

Heb Ffin funded three generator pumps after crops were failing throughout the dry seasons on the agriculture projects. This has improved the quality of the crops and profits for the groups.

Two sewing machines from sponsors supported two young girls to work from their homes providing a livelihood for their families.

Bricks were made by the local community youth towards the future extension of the tailoring centre.

A bible study group was initiated at the tailoring centre by the local pastor for those wanting to grow Spiritually. A generous sponsor funded bibles for those participating.

Project management training for GUP Founder-director and SUP director by Hub Cymru- Africa



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Monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) Training for GUP Founder-director and SUP Director by Hub Cymru -Africa

Bidding for Funding Training for GUP Founder- director and SUP Director by Hub Cymru-Africa

Advanced mentoring for GUP Founder – Director by Hub Cymru-Africa

Safeguarding training for GUP Founder- Director and SUP Director by WCVA (Wales Council of Voluntary Action)

Focal safeguarding training for GUP Founder-Director and Trustee

Risk Assessment

The established written analysis of risks to which the charity is exposed is reviewed annually by the trustees.

Any factors posing a risk during the year are discussed by GUP and SUP and as shown in the report action was taken with regards to:

- ❖ Covid 19 obligations of prevention equipment and furlough
- ❖ Funding for three water generation pumps lessened the impact of future droughts on the agriculture projects.
- ❖ Safeguarding of the beneficiaries and the equipment by building a high wall around the tailoring centre and gated entrance as well as installing CCTV on the site.
- ❖ Three years funding was found for the tailoring project furthering the ability to plan towards sustainability during this period.
- ❖ Clear consistent, open, and transparent communication is always maintained between GUP and SUP and increased communication during any times of problem solving.
- ❖ Funders and GUP founder-director have visited the projects and agree with the findings on the continued progress on the projects and the quality of work from SUP workers.

Forward plans for 2023-2025

To extend the Tailoring training centre to a training centre comprising of:

- A tailoring training room for 20 students
- A workshop for 20 trained tailors and 4 finishing machines
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- A hairdressing salon
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- A shop to sell the clothes and crafts.
- A counselling room.
- A safe room comprising a small kitchen, toilet and bed and living space.
- Breakout room for the beneficiaries to socialise and rest times.
- Demolish and renew the latrines and a septic tank.
- Piped water onto the centre.
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- Party hire project with 3 marquees and chairs for meetings, training, celebrations within communities



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- A goat project.
- 40 sewing machines for community workers as a cottage industry
- Food generation project to increase food supply to the most vulnerable.
- Develop presentations and focus manuals on 'Not just surviving but thriving' by a mental health and wellbeing coach.
- Research the current market for possible contracts for the tailoring work and link in with the Ugandan Tailoring organisation to widen the scope of future work.
- Training and preparation of tools for monitoring and evaluation purposes
- Seek further development for trustees and volunteers of GBV and SUP

Funding for the above plans will be found from sponsors, donations, fundraising, funding streams and legacies over the next 2 years and repayments on any loans from projects.

Financial review

During the financial year GBV have received funds by means of one-off donations, monthly donations and grant funding from foundations and trusts. We will endeavour to claim gift aid in the next financial period.

GUP has not accrued any finances this financial period through fundraising events due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Reserves Policy

GUP will look at developing a reserves policy over the next 3-5 years as a risk management strategy.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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All received restricted funds have been spent in accordance with the above information.

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Expenditure Restricted Unrestricted



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GBV Uganda Projects Accounts				
11th October 2021 to 9th January 2023				
Receipts			Restricted	Unrestricted
	Donations	£ 13,206.78		£ 5,325.81
	Interest received			£ 0.03
	Bank Compensation			
	Total	£ 13206.78		£ 5,325.84
Payments			Restricted	Unrestricted
	Bibles	£ 625.00		£ 500.00
	Centre Costs			£ 2,376.00
	Construction	£ 150.00		£ 953.19
	Digital	£ 1,038.50		
	Equipment	£ 3,477.51		
	Tailoring	£7,690.57		£ 1646.5
	Bank charge	£ 9.95		
	Website	£ 106.80		£ 99.60
	Gifts			£ 50.00
	Total	£13,098.33	£	£ 5,625.29
Net Cash		£ 108.45		-£299.45
Previous Cash Balance b/fwd		£ 1,061.74		
Cash Balance as at 9th Jan 2023		£ 870.74		



Charity Number 1196095

Statement of financial activities				
Opening Balance 11th October 2021				1,061.74
Donations 11th October 2021 to 9th January 2023 (restricted)				£ 13,206.78
Donations 11th October 2021 to 9th January 2023 (unrestricted)				£ 5,325.81
Bank interest				£ 0.03
Total				£ 18,532.62
Expenditure		Restricted	Unrestricted	
	Description	Funds	Funds	
	Bibles	£ 625.00	£ 500.00	
	Centre Costs		£ 2,376.00	
	Construction	£ 150.00	£ 953.19	
	Digital	£1,08.50		
	Equipment	£ 3,477.51		
	Tailoring	£ 7,690.57	£ 1,646.50	
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	Total expenditure	£ 13,098.33	£ 5,625.29	
	Grand total		£ 18,723.62	
	Closing balance as at 9th January 2023			£870.74

Restricted Acknowledgements:

Anon £2,523.90 Tailoring, Bibles and Construction
 Gofundme £76.68 Construction
 Paypal £143.75 Construction
 Heb Ffin Charitable Organisation £3,150 Water generator pumps
 Souter Charitable Trust £2,000 Tailoring
 Hub Cymru-Africa HCA / Waterloo Foundation £1,000 Digital



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Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust £3,454 Tailoring Training
Hub Cymru Africa HCA mentoring £750 Equipment.

Declaration

Statement of the trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the constitution requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and the principles of the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding any assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

- signed on behalf of the trustees.

David James
David James
Trustee

Date: 31st January 2023

GBV Uganda Projects Accounts			
11th October 2021 to 9th January 2023			
Receipts		Restricted	Unrestricted
	Donations	£ 13,206.78	£ 5,325.81
	Interest received		£ 0.03
	Bank Compensation		
	Total	£ 13206.78	£ 5,325.84
Payments		Restricted	Unrestricted
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