

Trustees' Annual Report

Thandadani – love one another

Registered Charity No. 1197152, registered on 15.12.2021

Aim and Purposes

Thandanani is dedicated to the prevention and relief of poverty, as outlined in our charitable objectives. We aim to promote the education of girls and women in Europe and Africa by providing free, reusable sanitary products, enabling them to continue their daily activities during their menstrual cycles. Additionally, we offer humanitarian assistance, including food, educational materials, and personal hygiene supplies, to individuals in need.

Objectives and Activities

The project called "Vulnerable" raises awareness of the global issue of Period Poverty. Statistics indicate that the lack of access to sanitary products leads to school dropout among girls during their menstrual periods. This frequent absence from school significantly hinders their ability to receive a quality education.

Fundraising Strategy

Thandanani does not request donations from individuals. Instead, we create Fundraising Packs for each of our projects, encouraging people to raise funds on our behalf.

The Fundraising Pack for the "Vulnerable" project provides detailed information about period poverty and the challenges girls face when they lack access to sanitary products. It invites individuals to raise £18 to fund a period kit, which includes six reusable pads, four pairs of underwear, a bar of soap, a small towel, and an informational card on menstrual health.

The Fundraising Pack also offers a variety of fundraising ideas, including the option to host a Period Party. This event can range from a simple gathering to a fully catered party with activities, where guests are encouraged to donate the amount they would typically spend on a hostess gift.

Achievements and Performance

This year, we successfully raised funds for over 90 period kits for girls at Zvibomvu Secondary School in Silobela, Zimbabwe. We collaborated with the school's principal, Mr. G. Moyo, who assisted in identifying the girls in need.

One of our trustees, Sithandazile Moyo (unrelated to the school principal despite the shared surname), will visit the school in May 2025 to personally distribute the period kits. Both the girls and their families, as well as the school principal, expressed their sincere gratitude. The principal also inquired whether the charity might consider supporting boys with school uniforms, shoes, and fees in the future.

Additionally, further period kits, along with face cloths, bars of soap, groceries, clothes, and first aid kits, will be donated to a residential care facility for adults with disabilities in Silobela.

Motivation and Vision

The word “Thandanani” means “Love one Another” in Zulu and represents the faith foundation of this charity. We believe that each one of us can make a difference just by giving what we have which includes time, attention, energy, relationships, mental capacity, talents, and sometimes money.

We would like to thank everyone who helped raise funds, you truly made a difference in people’s lives

Structure and management

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees are responsible for the overall management of all projects as well as fundraising. All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid to them. No trustee or a person connected with a trustee received any benefit from this work.

Year 19.02.2024 – 19.02.2025

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