

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

## **Thandadani – love one another**

Registered Charity No. 1197152, registered on 15.12.2021

### **Aim and Purposes**

Thandanani is committed to alleviating and preventing poverty in line with our charitable purposes. Our focus is on supporting the education of girls and women across Europe and Africa by supplying free, reusable sanitary products, ensuring they can maintain their normal routines throughout their menstrual cycles. We also provide humanitarian support such as food parcels, educational resources, and personal hygiene items to those experiencing hardship.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Our initiative, “Vulnerable,” highlights the worldwide issue of period poverty. Research shows that many girls miss school during menstruation due to a lack of sanitary products, and repeated absences can ultimately lead to them leaving school altogether. This disruption significantly limits their opportunity to achieve a full and consistent education.

### **Fundraising Strategy**

Rather than directly appealing for donations, Thandanani develops dedicated Fundraising Packs for each project and encourages supporters to raise funds on our behalf.

The Fundraising Pack for the “Vulnerable” project explains the realities of period poverty and the difficulties girls encounter without access to appropriate sanitary protection. Supporters are invited to raise £18 to sponsor a period kit containing six reusable pads, four pairs of underwear, a bar of soap, a small towel, and an educational leaflet on menstrual health.

The pack also includes a range of creative fundraising suggestions, such as hosting a “Period Party.” This can be a small informal gathering or a larger catered event with activities, where guests are encouraged to contribute what they might normally spend on a hostess gift.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Over the past year, again we raised funds to provide period kits to girls attending Zvibomvu Secondary School in Silobela, Zimbabwe. We worked closely with the school principal, Mr. G. Moyo, who helped identify the students most in need of support.

We hope that this year one of our trustees Sithandazile Moyo (not related to the principal despite sharing the same surname) will personally visit the school again to distribute the kits. The recipients, their families, and the principal all shared heartfelt appreciation for the assistance. The principal also asked whether future projects might extend support to boys requiring uniforms, footwear, and help with school fees.

In addition, more period kits—together with face cloths, soap, groceries, clothing, and first aid supplies—will be delivered to a residential care home for adults living with disabilities in Silobela.

## **Motivation and Vision**

“Thandanani” translates from Zulu as “Love One Another,” reflecting the Christian foundation of the charity. We believe meaningful change happens when individuals contribute what they can—whether that be time, care, skills, relationships, mental energy, talents, or financial resources.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts. Your generosity has had a genuine and lasting impact on people’s lives.

## **Structure and management**

Thandanani operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees oversee all aspects of project delivery and fundraising. They volunteer their time without payment, and no trustee—or anyone connected to a trustee—has received financial benefit or reimbursement for their involvement.



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