

WALEZI-CAREGIVERS KENYA



Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered Charity Number: 1204235

Trustee's Annual Report

Financial Statements and Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ending 31 December 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ending 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

- **Charity Name:** Walezi-Caregivers Kenya
- **Charity Number:** 1204235
- **Registered Address:** 5 Cintra road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4AE, UK
- **Website:** www.walezi-caregivers-kenya.org
- **Trustees Serving in the Period:**

TRUSTEE NAME	POSITION	APPOINTMENT	RESIGNATIONS
Karen Bunning	Chairperson	7 August 2023	-
Joseph Patrick Waring	Secretary	7 August 2023	-
Sally Hartley	Trustee	7 August 2023	Deceased 5 December 2025
Elizabeth Hartley	Trustee	7 August 2023	-
Kanchan Kapoor	Treasurer	29 September 2025	

- **Bankers:** CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent, ME19 4JQ, UK
- **Independent Examiner:** Glenda Munyukwi, FCCA, 81 Rue Le Caravage, Parc de la Lironde, 34000, Montpellier, France

Structure, Governance, and Management

Walezi-Caregivers Kenya was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 7 August 2023. It is governed by its constitution dated 2 August 2023, and trustees are appointed in accordance with this document.

The founding trustees had been appointed and actively engaged in preparatory work prior to the charity's registration, with Trustee Eligibility Declarations signed in January 2023.

No sub-committees were formed during this reporting period.

Objectives and Activities

Walezi-Caregivers Kenya was established following over a decade of collaborative research in the UK and Kenya into the lives of children with learning and developmental disabilities, with a particular focus on community inclusion. These research efforts led the founding team to study self-help groups in Kilifi, a coastal town in Kenya where 71.4% of the population lives in poverty - many in homes made of mud, without access to electricity or running water.

The charity's primary objective is to establish empowering self-help groups formed by caregivers of children and family members living with disabilities. This is achieved through a community-based rehabilitation approach, with a strong emphasis on local ownership and inclusion. The beneficiaries include the children and family members with disabilities and the caregivers themselves.

Walezi-Caregivers Kenya supports this mission by fundraising in the UK and providing grants to its partner NGO, **Walezi Foundation Kenya**, which was established in 2022. The foundation is led by its Executive Director, Dr Joseph Karisa Gona.

The term "Walezi" refers to the Swahili equivalent of guardians and caregivers (plural).

Achievements and Performance

In the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 Walezi-Caregivers Kenya was focused on the growth of the self-help group portfolio and the building of capacities within each group. The work concentrated on extending the self-help group coverage of Kilifi County. Recruitment of caregivers and their children and family members with disabilities to form new self-help groups was carried out by referral from Kuhenza for the Children Foundation (a non-government funded organisation also located in Kilifi working with children with disabilities) and caregiver-initiated communication with our partner organisation: Walezi Foundation Kenya. Caregivers from a similar location were brought together at an inaugural group meeting for induction to the self-help group model and development process. From here, each group was supported to write its own constitution and to register as a self-help group with the county government, open a group bank account and set up individual shares and savings for its members.

By the end of December 2025, a total of **20 self-help groups** were operational serving a collective membership of **299** consisting of: **218 caregivers**, **59 associates** (members of the local community), **22 adult members with disabilities**, and **256 children/family members with disabilities** in the various sub-locations of Kilifi, Kenya. Group 11 is currently inactive due to dispersal of the membership. This will be followed up in 2026. Each active self-help group met at regular intervals – either weekly or fortnightly with the exception of the rainy seasons when caregivers must prioritise farming their land.

Service events were delivered in the form of facilitated self-help group meetings, conducted by our partner organisation Walezi Foundation Kenya, for the purposes of:

- **Economic empowerment** (including drafting funding applications to the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and to the UK-based charity for capital projects)
- **Peer support** and sharing of personal situations amongst the caregivers to reduce social isolation and increase support
- **Community inclusion** for increasing presence and visibility of children and family members with disabilities in the local community
- **Access to health and education** for children and family members with disabilities (including visits to health clinics, vaccinations and enrolment in school)
- **Sensitisation** to promote disability awareness amongst the local community
- Meeting the **needs of children and family** members with disabilities through shared development of practical solutions to difficulties as they are presented.

Each self-help group was allocated 1-2 service events per month: 15 established groups participated in 1 service event per month; 6 newly established groups participated in 2 service events per month. A total of **324 service events** was completed in 2025 attended by an average of **12 caregivers per event** (a total of **3,388 attendees** were involved).

In addition to individual shares and savings, table banking (based on member subscriptions for the granting of individual loans) continued for supporting home management of finances. Income generation was carried out through group-based livelihood activities. The **9 successful capital projects** awarded in the previous year (2024: poultry rearing = 3 groups; building market stalls = 1 group; tents and chairs for hire for community events = 3 groups; building a water tank for sale of water = 1 group; building a café for the sale and storage of palm wine = 1 group) continued to develop. In addition, 1 group was successful in applying for funds from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and was awarded £574.00 to purchase sewing machines and

associated materials (fabrics, threads and other haberdashery items) for the setup of a seamstress business. 2 other groups registered with the council: 1 group submitted a funding application to increase their stock of tents and chairs in their hire business (proposed amount: £1,400); 1 group commenced drafting their livelihood proposal for poultry rearing – aiming to submit by April 2026.

Other livelihood activities continued more generally in all the groups and include farming (growing vegetables for market); livestock rearing (dairy cow; poultry; goats); making liquid soap for market; weaving makuti (palm fronds) tile for thatched roofs.

The below table 1 summarises the savings for the groups. 8 of the groups made a profit from their livelihood and economic activities as highlighted in yellow in table 1, ranging from £12 to £260.

Table 1. Summary of group finances

SELF-HELP GROUP	KENYAN SHILLINGS			GBP CONVERSION		
	INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS	GROUP PROFITS	FINAL GROUP SAVINGS	INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS	GROUP PROFITS	FINAL GROUP SAVINGS
1	5,200	0	5,200	£30	£0	£30
2	2,700	0	2,700	£16	£0	£16
3	40,225	0	40,225	£232	£0	£232
4	14,000	12,000	26,000	£81	£69	£150
5	Withdrew all savings to purchase a cow for group project					
6	0	3,389	3,389	£0	£20	£20
7	2,400	9,200	11,600	£14	£53	£67
8	700	2,000	2,700	£4	£12	£16
9	0	4,800	4,800	£0	£28	£28
10	4,000	0	4,000	£23	£0	£23
11	INACTIVE					
12	12,750	45,050	57,800	£74	£260	£334
13	15,500	14,500	30,000	£89	£84	£173
14	32,250	35,458	67,708	£186	£204	£390
15	107,000	0	107,000	£616	£0	£616
16	28,800	0	28,800	£166	£0	£166
17	3,450	0	3,450	£20	£0	£20
18	1,300	0	1,300	£8	£0	£8
19	1,200	0	1,200	£7	£0	£7
20	15,300	0	15,300	£88	£0	£88
21	15,850	0	15,850	£92	£0	£92
TOTAL	286,775	126,397	413,172	£1,654	£730	£2,384

* **INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS** ~ Individual caregiver books on their savings and shares within a self-help group

* **GROUP PROFITS** ~ Profits generated by the self-help groups through their livelihood projects

* **FINAL GROUP SAVINGS** ~ Total groups savings after income generated from livelihood projects

Table 2. Summary of Quality-of-Life (QoL) checks (July-December 2025)

NOTE: Percentage scores given for indicators where **unique individuals are counted once**, as opposed repeated service events involving the same individual.

QoL Checks	SUM (%) Range
Education	
# of children with disabilities attending school	85 (33%)
# of group members attending workshops & learning events	33 (11%)
Health	
# of children/family members with disabilities attending health services (hospital/clinic or health centre)	95
Livelihood	
# of group members with individual businesses	89
# of group livelihood projects per group	0-3
Empowerment	
# of members participating in community events or meetings	101
# of members elected to positions of leadership, e.g. village leader	44 (15%)
# of members consulted to join community committees	40 (13%)
Psycho-social	
# of members attending social gatherings (e.g. weddings, funerals, meetings, chiefs barazas)	259
# of visits to individual members by groups	65 (22%)

The children and family members with disabilities have benefitted from the groups as follows:

- Support for food, clothing and skin oils for children
- Sponsoring children with disabilities to attend school (either local mainstream, special day or boarding school) and payment of school fees, purchase of uniforms etc
- Financial support for transport to attend health appointments (e.g. attendance of clinic in Mombasa to check shunt in child with hydrocephalus).

The caregivers have benefitted through mutual psychological support; financial support and help with financial management. One group described how they visit new members by a small delegation visiting the person's home with gifts such as a bag of rice and skin oils for the child with disabilities. Another group gives the members dividends from their savings and two chickens to take home for Christmas celebrations. This same group closes the year with a party which includes an evaluation of their successes and what they would like to achieve in the coming year.

Financial Review

During the period, the charity raised a total of **£36,912 in unrestricted donations**. The two largest donations comprised **£35,000 from CP Charitable Trust** and **£1,377 from The King's School, Australia**. All remaining donations, totalling approximately **£535**, were received via online fundraising platforms or by cheque. In addition, the charity earned **£40 in bank interest** during the year.

Total expenditure for the period amounted to **£28,698**, the majority of which (£26,699) was granted to the charity's Kenyan partner organisation, **Walezi Foundation**, to support the delivery of charitable activities. **Support and overhead costs totalled £1,874**, largely relating to governance expenditure (£996). These included costs associated with recruiting a volunteer accountant and subsequent fees to support her transition into the role of **Treasurer on the Board of Trustees**, paid to **Accounting for International Development (AfID)**.

Website-related costs amounted to **£560**, comprising **£240 for annual web hosting** and **£320 for website updates**. Fundraising costs totalled **£252**, incurred over a six-month period. The charity subsequently terminated its contract with the donation platform due to high fixed fees.

A further **£66** was spent on **bank charges**, monthly fees and to receive the donation from Australia.

The charity recorded **net income of £8,254** for the period, of which approximately **£8,100 had been granted to Walezi Foundation by 3 January 2026**.

The charity began the period with reserves of **£7,094** and ended the year with **£15,348 in unrestricted funds**, to be carried forward into 2026. The Trustees aim to maintain reserves to support self-help group proposals for **capital projects that contribute to long-term financial sustainability**.

All funds are held in the charity's bank account. The charity has **no other current assets and no liabilities**.

The charity's principal funder is **CP Charitable Trust**, which has committed funding for the next two years (**£35,000 in 2026 and £20,000 in 2027**). This provides the Trustees with a degree of financial stability and sufficient time to seek and diversify additional sources of funding.

Plans for Future Periods

In 2026, Walezi-Caregivers Kenya will maintain a steady fundraising and grant-making approach, with no planned expansion. The charity will continue to support Walezi Foundation Kenya through consistent financial support, ongoing monitoring, and technical assistance to strengthen its community-based work with caregivers of children with disabilities.

During 2025, Walezi-Caregivers Kenya held a series of discussions with Carers Worldwide, a UK-registered charity working predominantly in South Asia, regarding the potential transition of long-term support for Walezi Foundation Kenya. However, the operating models of the two organisations were found to be incompatible. Walezi-Caregivers Kenya follows a bottom-up approach, bringing caregivers together into self-help groups as the first step towards empowerment, while Carers Worldwide operates a top-down model implemented through local partners. Following discussions between trustees of both charities, it was agreed to continue with Walezi-Caregivers Kenya's current model. Future collaboration may still be possible.

Reserves Policy

As at the reporting date, the charity had not established a written Reserves Policy, however, aims to maintain 3 – 6 months of expenses in reserves.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. They are also responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept.



The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 the 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 principles in 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 trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee	Date	Signature
Karen Bunning (Chair)	26 th January 2026	
Joseph Waring (Secretary)	26 th January 2026	

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Walezi-Caregivers Kenya

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 10 -14.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. I have been appointed as independent examiner and report in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. It includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison with the accounts presented.

Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. to give me reasonable cause to believe that the accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Glenda Munyukwi, FCCA, CFE



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26 January 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SoFA)
For the year ended 31 Dec 2025
Walezi-Caregivers Kenya

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds Only Jan - Dec 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds Only Aug 2023 - Dec 2024 £
INCOME			
Donations – Unrestricted	2	£36,912	£51,286
Donations – Restricted		£0	£0
Gift Aid Income		£0	£0
Grant Income – Restricted		£0	£0
Other Income		£41	£37
TOTAL INCOME		£36,952	£51,323
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable Activities			
Partner Grant – Kenya NGO	3	£26,699	£40,869
Monitoring & Evaluation		£0	£0
Program Staff Costs		£0	£0
Capacity Building for Partner		£0	£873
Bank Fees – International Transfers		£125	£150
Travel – Kenya		£0	£189
Communication – Kenya Partner		£0	£0
Sub-Total Charitable Activities		£26,824	£42,080
Support / Overhead Costs			
Office Support & Admin	5	£66	£65
Governance Costs – Independent Examiner	5	£996	£0
Trustee Expenses		£0	£0
Website & Comms	5	£560	£1,664
Fundraising Costs	5	£252	£420
Sub-Total Support / Overhead Costs		£1,874	£2,149
TOTAL EXPENSES		£28,698	£44,229
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		£8,254	£7,094
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		£7,094	£0
FUND CARRIED FORWARD		£15,348	£7,094

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (SoFP)

As at 31 Dec 2025

Walezi-Caregivers Kenya

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds Only 31-Dec-25 £	Unrestricted Funds Only 31-Dec-24 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
BANK ACCOUNTS	6		
CAF Bank – GBP		£15,209	£7,074
Stripe - GBP		£0	£0
PayPal - GBP		£139	£0
Debtors	7	£0	£20
Prepayments		£0	£0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		£15,348	£7,094
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		£0	£0
Creditors		£0	£0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		£0	£0
NET ASSETS		£15,348	£7,094
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds		£7,094	£0
Restricted Fund		£0	£0
Designated Funds		£0	£0
Net Income		£8,254	£7,094
TOTAL FUNDS	9	£15,348	£7,094

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102),
- FRS 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and
- the Charities Act 2011.

Walezi-Caregivers Kenya is a public benefit entity.

2. Analysis of Income

All sources of income were unrestricted and are broken down as follows:

Source of Funds	Type of Funds	Jan - Dec 2025	Aug 2023 - Dec 2024
CP Charitable Trust	Unrestricted Donations	£35,000	£49,667
Kings School, Australia	Unrestricted Donations	£1,377	£0
Website Donations (via <i>Stripe</i>)	Unrestricted Donations	£122	£0
Website Donations (via <i>PayPal</i>)	Unrestricted Donations	£139	£0
Website Donations (via <i>Enthuse</i>)	Unrestricted Donations	£173	£484
Cheque Donations	Unrestricted Donations	£100	£0
Sally Hartley (Trustee)	Unrestricted Donations	£0	£635
Joseph Waring & Karen Bunning (Trustees)	Unrestricted Donations	£0	£500
Bank Interest	Other Income	£41	£37
TOTAL INCOME		£36,952	£51,323

3. Grants and payments to Walezi Foundation Kenya

During the reporting period, the charity made the following 5 grants to Walezi Foundation Kenya.

Date	Type	Amount £	Amount KES
9-Jan-25	Unrestricted Grant	£3,780	590,775
18-Feb-25	Unrestricted Grant	£4,458	710,925
1-Apr-25	Unrestricted Grant	£6,402	1,049,425
26-Jun-25	Unrestricted Grant	£5,977	1,039,425
2-Oct-25	Unrestricted Grant	£6,082	1,039,425
TOTAL GRANTS Jan - Dec 2025		£26,699	4,429,975
TOTAL GRANTS Aug 2024 - Dec 2025		£41,186	6,898,151

4. Examiner's fees

Conducted pro-bono

5. Expenditure Explanations

The charity incurred the following Expenditures. Overhead exceptionally comprised of 6.5% of total expenses, due to Governance costs, i.e. recruitment of a Treasurer and Board of Trustee.

EXPENSES	EXPLANATION	Jan - Dec 2025	Aug 2023 - Dec 2024
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES			
Partner Grants	Grants to Walezi Foundation in Kenya	£26,699	£40,869
FX Bank Fees	Costs of transfers to Kenya	£125	£150
Capacity Building for Partner	CAN Africa Conference participation	£0	£873
Travel – Kenya	Trustee monitoring domestic travel costs	£0	£189
SUB-TOTAL		£26,824	£42,080
SUPPORT / OVERHEADS			
Office Support & Admin	Monthly bank fees, and for foreign donations	£66	£65
Governance Costs	AfID* membership and fees for Volunteer Accountant and Trustee Recruitment	£996	£0
Website & Comms	Website updates and monthly web hosting	£560	£1,664
Fundraising Costs	Enthuse platforms fees* Jan - Jun 2025	£252	£420
SUB-TOTAL		£1,874	£2,149
GRAND TOTAL		£28,698	£44,229

* Accounting for International Development (AfID) – an organisation supporting and connecting charities with professional accounting volunteers, advisors, or Board of Trustees etc, for fees.

** In July 2025 the Charity cancelled their contract with the online Enthuse platform due to high monthly fixed fees, switching to Stripe and later PayPal.

6. Bank Accounts / Payment Processing Services Held

The charity held the following bank account:

Bank Name: CAF Bank Ltd
Bank Address: 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Account Name: Walezi-Caregivers Kenya
Account Number: 00036626
Sort Code: 40-52-40
IBAN: GB79CAFB40524000036626

Gross Interest Rate: 0.20%

Monthly Account Keeping Fee: £5

FX International Transfer Fee: £25

Bank Balance on 31 December 2024: £7,074.29

The charity also opened 2 payment processing services in the name of Walezi-Caregivers Kenya to receive donations:

- 1) Stripe
- 2) PayPal

7. Debtors

As at 31 December 2024, the charity was owed the following monies

DEBTOR NAME	DATE OF DEBT	AMOUNT £	PURPOSE
Max Web Design	15 April 2024	£20	Double payment for web hosting

As at 31 December 2025, these monies were paid back in full

8. Related Party Transactions & Trustee Remuneration

During the period, no Trustees received any funds or reimbursements from the charity.

Trustees are not remunerated and receive no benefits.

9. Movement in Funds

Net movement of funds comprise only of unrestricted funds, as follows:

As at 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenses	As at 31 Dec 2025
£7,094	£36,952	£28,698	£15,348