Zambezi School Project

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 01 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Registered UK Charity No: 1206752

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Note from the Trustees

2025 was a significant year for the Zambezi School Project. Despite ongoing financial pressures, the charity successfully completed a new classroom block, continued to provide free education and school meals, and strengthened staff development. We remain grateful to our supporters, whose generosity continues to transform educational opportunities for children in Delevu Village.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Zambezi School Project (ZSP)

Registered charity number: 1206752

Governing document: CIO Constitution

Principal office: Park Farm House, Redenham Park, SP11 9AQ

School Location: Twabane Luzibo Pre & Primary School, Delevu Village, Sekute Chiefdom

Trustees (served throughout 2025):

- Amelie Osborn-Smith
- Veronika Osborn-Smith
- Charlie Edmonds

Structure, Governance and Management

The Zambezi School Project (ZSP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. Trustees provide strategic leadership, while operational management is delegated to locally employed staff in Zambia whilst being overseen by Trustees in the UK. Recruitment of Trustees considers relevant skills and experience, both in the UK and Zambia.

Induction for Trustees includes training on legal duties, safeguarding, and charity governance.

The charity employs six staff members in Zambia. Oversight is maintained through regular trustee communication with each other and local staff and financial oversight.

Objectives and Activities

ZSP exists to provide free, high-quality education for children aged 2–16 in rural Zambia across pre and primary school. Activities in 2025 focused on continuing to deliver early

years and primary education, ensuring the welfare of pupils and continuing a feeding programme to keep the children in school rather than at home and hungry.

In addition to education, key infrastructure was developed to improve learning conditions:

- Construction of a new classroom block with 3 new classrooms to allow for education up to grade 7.
- Building of a second office within the new classroom block to strengthen administration and keep supplies safe.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ZSP provides clear public benefit by:

- Offering education where access is otherwise limited/non-existent.
- Improving literacy and numeracy outcomes to help break the cycle of poverty.
- Enhancing life skills through health and community involvement.
- Ensuring equality of access regardless of background.
- Improving health and nutrition with health checks and school feeding programmes.

Achievements and Performance

Educational Growth

The school expanded from 98 pupils at the start of 2025 to 104 by the end of the year, demonstrating both community trust and demand for education. Families have moved from farther afield into the area in order to enable their children to attend the school.

External Engagement

Trustee Amelie Osborn-Smith was invited to speak to an audience of over 150 individuals about school efforts. The talk was a success, and encouraged support as well as raised awareness about the issues we are working to tackle in Zambia.

Staffing

Six staff members were retained, providing stability and continuity in teaching for the children. Teachers also undertook professional development, including English teaching training, phonics workshops, sports coaching training, first aid courses, and mathematics training.

Infrastructure

The new classroom block has meant that students are able to stay at Twabane Luzibo until they have completed Grade 7. This means that they will leave school with a qualification certificate and be able to either seek employment or attend secondary school. The first Grade 7 class is due to graduate in November of 2026. The new office room provides a professional base for staff as well as a secure base to store school supplies, such as food, stationery and records.

Community Involvement

Parents played an active role by drawing water for school use, attending parents meetings and supporting sports and extracurricular activities. The school has now established itself as a hub for community activity, including serving as a polling station in local elections. This strengthens community ownership of the project and encourages harmonious co-existence.

Sports

All of our children have been active in our sports teams. Football and netball have become part of the school timetable to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. In March of 2025, we sent 40 children on a residential sports trip to compete in netball and football tournaments across 3 days. Our team finished a very impressive third in the region.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £9,453, all from individual donors. The charity entered the year with unrestricted reserves of £13,939. After net expenditure of £5,250 during the year, reserves at 31 December 2025 stood at £8,689.

Expenditure was £14,703, primarily covering the building of our new classroom block, staff salaries and general operations. The resulting surplus increased reserves to £8,689 (all unrestricted).

Trustees are satisfied that the charity is in a sound financial position, with reserves maintained to provide stability and protect against future uncertainties. The focus next year will be on expanding our donor pool and encouraging more repeat donations.

Fundraising activities consisted of donations from individuals and community supporters. The Trustees are committed to ethical fundraising practices and received no fundraising complaints.

Reserves Policy

ZSP's policy is to hold reserves equivalent to 12 months of operating costs to ensure continuity in case of income fluctuations or emergencies. At year end, reserves stood at £8,689, which aligns with this target. Trustees collectively decide when reserves may be drawn upon. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Risk Management

Trustees have adopted a low tolerance to risk and in 2024 formalised a risk register. Risks identified include financial shortfalls, safeguarding incidents, reputational issues, and external factors such as political or environmental instability in Zambia.

Mitigation measures include strict safeguarding policies, financial oversight, annual risk reviews, and immediate escalation of any emerging risks to the full board.

The Trustees recognise safeguarding as a fundamental priority. Safeguarding policies are reviewed annually, and all staff receive regular safeguarding training. Any safeguarding concerns are reported through established procedures and monitored by Trustees.

Plans for Future Periods

In 2026, the Zambezi School Project will focus on continuing to educate our students as well as encourage general healthy development supported by our feeding programme. All students will receive a full medical check in Q1 of 2026. Staff development and training will continue, with Trustees aiming to secure additional donor support to sustain operations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity complies with the law, uses its resources exclusively to further its objectives, and safeguards its assets. Trustees must prepare accounts that present a true and fair view of the charity's financial position in line with SORP.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signed: Amelie Osborn-Smith ----- Date: 23/10/2026

Independent Examiner

The charity's income remains below the threshold requiring an independent examination or audit. Accordingly, the Trustees have not appointed an independent examiner for the year ended 31 December 2025. The annual accounts were prepared by a professional accountant.

Photos

This page is reserved for photographs of school facilities, pupils, and community activities.





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TWABANE LUZIBO
PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL





THE ZAMBEZI SCHOOL PROJECT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1206752

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2025

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FLETCHER & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
SALISBURY

THE ZAMBEZI SCHOOL PROJECT

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Charity created date	29 January 2024
Registered Charity Number	1206752
Trustees	Miss A B M Osborn-Smith Ms V A M H C Freiin Von Pfetten-Arnbach Mr C Edmonds
Charitable Objects	For the public benefit, to advance the education of the pupils at Zambezi School near Livingstone, Zambia by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school.
Principal address	Park Farm House, Redenham Park, Hampshire, SP11 9AQ

THE ZAMBEZI SCHOOL PROJECT

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
TO THE TRUSTEES

As described on page 3, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 3 to 4. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

FLETCHER & PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants
Salisbury

THE ZAMBEZI SCHOOL PROJECT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FROM 1 JANUARY 2025 to 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2025 £	2024	2024
Receipts				
Donations		9,453		20,088
Total receipts		9,453		20,088
Payments				
Teachers' wages	5,563		3,309	
Teachers' national health insurance	46		27	
Teachers' pension	337		269	
Teachers' gifts	-		181	
Teacher's training	335		-	
Transport	710		605	
Building costs	3,520		973	
School supplies	2,424		448	
Food costs	968		-	
Website costs	50		80	
Bank charges	83		48	
Accountancy	500		-	
Sundry expenses	167		209	
Total payments		14,703		6,149
Net of receipts/(payments)		(5,250)		13,939
Cash funds at start of this period		13,939		-
Cash funds at end of this period		8,689		13,939

Note: 2024 period from 29 January to 31 December

THE ZAMBEZI SCHOOL PROJECT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024
Cash funds		
Bank accounts	8,689	13,939
Total Cash funds	8,689	13,939
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Liabilities		
Creditors	-	-
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We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed ..... Date 22/10/2026
Miss A B M Osborn-Smith
Trustee

Signed ..... Date 22/10/2026
Ms V A M H C Freiin Von Pfetten-Arnbach

Signed ..... Date 22/10/2026
Mr C Edmonds
Trustee

Note: 2024 period from 29 January to 31 December