

KENYA SUNBEAM MINISTRIES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024.

1. TRUSTEES

The names of the charity's trustees who served during the year are:

ELLEN ALLISON

JOHN HOYLE

2. PURPOSE AND GOVERNANCE

Kenya Sunbeam Ministries (KSM) raises funds to support a children's home and school in Teso, western Kenya near the Ugandan border. In December 2022 KSM was registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland to take over the work of the Kenya Sunbeam Ministries Trust which was established in 2007 to alleviate poverty and to assist in the provision of education and to promote health and wellbeing among adults and children in Kenya.

The purpose of KSM is to raise funds to help alleviate poverty amongst children and young people in Kenya and to assist in the provision of education and to promote health and wellbeing.

The two trustees give their time freely and do not receive any remuneration or benefits from the charity.

3. ACTIVITIES

During the year KSM administered a children's home and refuge centre for children who have experienced severe neglect or abuse. On average 74 children were accommodated in the children's home at Teso and these are the majority of KSM's beneficiaries. Some of these children have very traumatic backgrounds which of course can lead to problems; these children need counselling and require a lot of patience from the staff. However, to see these traumatised children change into happy and contented children is very rewarding and worth the effort.

Other beneficiaries include those children who are part of the home support programme which helps and assists disadvantaged children stay to within their family home and receive assistance from KSM. This assistance consists of food parcels and paying for their education for about 15 families. KSM also supports a spiritual outreach that mainly includes children's work, good news clubs, youth club fellowship where the Bible can be studied.

Ellen Allison, a Trustee of KSM, lives on the site in Teso and she is a volunteer and has a registered work permit that allows her to live in Kenya. She does not receive a salary. Ellen is treated as a volunteer and part of her duties includes

overseeing the work in Teso and ensuring that the financial support provided by KSM is used in the appropriate manner. The financial expenditure in Teso is monitored on a monthly basis and details of the expenses are sent to KSM's Treasurer.

There is a school on the Teso site called the Rainbow Academy. The school currently has about 130 children attending it of which 45 or so are from the children's home. Other beneficiaries of the school include some children from the local community.

The Teso site has a farm known as a *shamba* which provides an economic benefit to the site. The farm grows different types of fruit and vegetables such as bananas, apples, pawpaw, mango, passion fruit. A cow shed was erected during the year; at the present time there are 3 pedigree cows providing milk for the children's home and school.

Just as the children benefit from a settled home life free from fear, the wider community in Teso benefit from the employment of 44 staff by KSM. Eleven of the staff are fully qualified teachers, and there is also a fully qualified social worker and a counsellor. Other staff at Teso include security workers, monitors, deputy monitors and administrators.

The wider community also benefits from a café on the Teso site which is used by the staff for breakfast, tea breaks and lunch and was opened as a means of supporting the community so that people can come and have breakfast and some who use the café are suffering from starvation.

Supporters of KSM are actively encouraged to visit Kenya to see the work on the Teso site for themselves and to meet the children they sponsor. In the summer of 2023, a number of church groups and families from Northern Ireland and America visited Teso.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main source of income during the year were monthly and one-off donations which amounted to £91,149, bank interest £33; expenditure totalled £113,481 leaving a net expenditure total of £22,299. Assets and unrestricted funds were £5083 as at 29 February 2024.

Signed by the charity's trustees:-

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ELLEN ALLISON

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JOHN HOYLE