

Trustees' Report of Kenya Sunbeam Ministries for the year ended 28 February 2025.

1. Constitution, Objects & Governance

Kenya Sunbeam Ministries ("KSM") is registered as a charity based in Northern Ireland. KSM's charitable purposes are: the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives for children and young people in Kenya, especially in the Teso District.

The Trustees are:

Ellen Allison - CEO

John Hoyle - TREASURER

Ian Needham

Alison Williams

KSM's operations are international.

2. Activities and Achievements during the Period

During the reporting period, KSM continued to deliver support and services in the following areas:

- **Children's Home & Refuge Centre:** The Sunbeam Children's Home and Refuge Centre cares for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children from the Teso district and beyond. It provides a loving, Christian environment for children who otherwise have little or no alternative support.
- In addition to children living at the Home, KSM supports a "home support programme" for ~ 40 children living with families: providing school fees, uniforms, books, and food parcels to ensure they remain nourished and in education.
- The organisation employs a team of staff to run the Home and its associated services: including a full-time social worker, teachers, carers, cleaners, security, farm workers, general workers. In total, 44 staff members.

- Over time the Home has grown: while originally built for 30 children, it now houses 60 primary-school children full-time; 28 further children board at secondary or special schools (returning during holidays). In addition, 19 former children are now in further education (college, university or vocational).
- **Education via Rainbow Academy:** KSM runs this school, offering education for ~ 190 children, covering pre-school up to secondary-level support (for local community children and those from the Home).
- The school provides meals (breakfast and a hot lunch) to pupils — addressing not only education but nutritional and welfare needs.
- **Self-sufficiency efforts via Sunbeam Farm:** KSM is developing a farm with animals (cows, goats, chickens), and aims to produce fruit, vegetables, grain and oil — to support food security, sustainability and perhaps reduce reliance on external support.
- **Spiritual education & community outreach:** KSM operates a Bible School and local church (meeting in its Prayer Centre), providing Sunday School lessons, holiday Bible clubs, and broader community church activities.

By maintaining and expanding these services (Care, Education, Welfare, Spiritual support, and Livelihood development), KSM continues to deliver on its charitable objects: relief of poverty, advancement of education, and promotion of health and well-being among children and young people in the Teso district and surrounding communities.

3. Beneficiaries & Public Benefit

KSM's beneficiaries are primarily:

- Orphaned, abandoned, neglected or abused children in the Teso district, placed into care under local authority guidance.
- Children living with families who, without support, might not receive adequate food, education, or support — through the home-support programme.
- Children and young people from the wider local community attending Rainbow Academy, including pupils who receive free meals and education.
- Young adults who grew up in the Home and now are in further or vocational education, representing longer-term social benefit and human-capital development.
- The 44 staff employed at the Teso campus who have security of employment.

The trustees believe that the services delivered by KSM — especially accommodation, education, nutrition, basic care, and spiritual guidance — provide a clear public benefit in line with its charitable aims.

4. Staffing, Volunteers, and Governance

To carry out its mission, during the period KSM employed 44 staff — including professional carers, teachers, social worker, support staff and maintenance / farm workers.

Leadership and decision-making is provided by the UK Trustees through the Trustee and CEO Ellen Allison, who was born and bred in Northern Ireland is now a Kenyan citizen. Ellen lives on the Teso campus and receives no salary for her leadership role in supervising KSM's work in Teso.

KSM also relies on volunteers and visiting teams, including short-term volunteering, church/mission-team visits, and fundraising supporters — providing both manpower and resources from the international community.

During the year, the charity has reorganised its UK operations. Two trustees resigned and were replaced. A UK committee was set up to facilitate better communication with sponsors and to update the KSM website. As a result, a sponsorship co-ordinator was appointed and a comprehensive secure database established that listed all donors, connected them to the children they sponsor so that donors could receive a regular issue of children's updates and prayer letters.

A new website was launched at www.kenyasunbeamministries.co.uk that gave an updated and wide-ranging overview of the charity's activities, and it is hoped the new website will help the charity interact more with its supporters.

The charity would like to thank all its volunteers who have contributed so many skills to the re-organisation of its activities during the year.

5. Financial Overview and Funding

The main source of income during the year were monthly and one-off donations which amounted to £89622, bank interest £12; expenditure totalled £85764 leaving a net surplus total of £3870. Assets and unrestricted funds were £8953 as at 28 February 2025.

The Trustees note the ongoing need for sustainable funding — through regular sponsorship, donations, fundraising events or legacies — to ensure all services (care, education, nutrition, support) can continue without disruption.

KSM does not provide any private benefit to any person living in Northern Ireland.

6. Challenges and Risks

During the reporting period, KSM faced a number of challenges:

- **Capacity pressure:** The original children's home was built for 30 children, but now houses 60 primary-school children plus additional boarders — indicating pressure on accommodation, resources, staffing and care capacity.
 - **Limited school infrastructure:** The existing cooking and dining facilities at Rainbow Academy are insufficient for all pupils — the trustees have identified a need for a new dining hall within the KSM compound to ensure every child receives meals.
 - **Funding sustainability:** As noted, expenditure has exceeded income — raising concern over long-term viability without increased or stable funding.
 - **Supporting older children / young adults:** As children grow up and move into secondary, tertiary or vocational education, ongoing support (education costs, accommodation, counselling, career guidance) becomes more complex and resource-intensive; trustees must plan for these transitions. A major item of expenditure is now the university and college tuition fees of the young adults.
 - **Local infrastructure and self-sufficiency:** While the development of Sunbeam Farm is promising, establishing self-sufficiency through agriculture, proper farm management, and consistent yield remains a long-term endeavour with inherent risks (climate, resources, expertise).
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7. Plans for Next Period

Looking ahead, the trustees aim to:

- Explore and, if feasible, construct new offices and in the longer term a new dining hall / kitchen facility to serve all pupils at Rainbow Academy — ensuring nutritional needs are met.

- Expand fundraising efforts, child-sponsorship, and engage more supporters (individuals, churches, groups) to bridge funding gaps and support expansion.
- Continue development of Sunbeam Farm to move towards greater self-sufficiency — reducing reliance on external donations and improving sustainability for food and basic needs.
- Provide support pathways for older children and young adults: career/vocational guidance, education support, potentially safe accommodation or transitional care as they complete schooling.
- Maintain and potentially expand staffing and volunteer capacity to meet the growing demands from increased numbers of children and services.
- Continue to uphold high standards of governance, transparency, and accountability to beneficiaries, donors, and regulatory bodies.

8. Declaration

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance issued by the relevant regulatory body when reviewing the charity’s aims and activities. They believe that in the period under review the charity has operated in furtherance of its charitable objects, and that the public benefit requirement has been satisfied.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Ellen Allison CEO