

Mama Biashara

Scotland · Charity number SC042262

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2011-04-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 50 Starfield Road
Shepherds Bush
London
W12 9SW

Website www.mamabiashara.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health'

What the charity does: To rescue and/or otherwise lift women out of poverty, physical and sexual abuse, set them up in businesses and bring them safety and independence.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: The Charity's objects ('The Objects') are (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst people, predominantly (but not exclusively) those victims and survivors of rape, child rape, intra-marital rape, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, enforced early marriage and/or sex trafficking, predominantly (but not exclusively) in the developing world, and the assistance of their carers and rescuers by (a) the provision of small, one-off grants, made, available as described in Appendix 1, to assist the said people in starting a small business and attaining financial independence for themselves and their dependants. Where necessary, these grants to include an allowance for relocation of the beneficiaries and their children/families. (b) the provision of such other grants to an eligible individual, group or project as can be shown to benefit the community, albeit not for a strictly 'business' purpose. For example, a home for abused children or a woman's refuge. Such grants will generally be given with a view to making the individual, group or project self-sufficient, but if this is impossible then ongoing grants can be agreed by trustees. (c) the advancement of education of the above specified beneficiaries and similarly needy people and those working to support them and their indigenous educators with special reference to health and nutrition, and human and legal/constitutional rights. To operate workshops, to write, film, photograph and publish and/or broadcast relevant materials to this end and to enter into working relationships with local health, education and governmental bodies as and where this is beneficial. (d) the provision of advice and assistance in maximising and maintaining the income from

businesses established by the grants (supra) as well as assistance and advice to other craftspeople and artisans working in impoverished areas in the sales and marketing of their work. Such assistance to include the identifying of markets and customers worldwide, and the direct retailing and wholesaling of such items with the proviso that all prices paid to individuals / groups shall be agreed as fair by the craftspeople and that all profits* from such sales shall be placed directly back into the charity to be used for disbursement to beneficiaries. *Profits shall be net of basic expenses (as laid out in Appendix 2) Continued below...

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Outwith Scotland
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£69,849	£73,775	-	0
2024-03-31	£62,717	£76,317	-	0
2023-03-31	£82,694	£80,987	-	0
2022-03-31	£59,761	£44,551	-	0
2021-03-31	£53,740	£47,193	-	0

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Accounts

OSCR **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

Period start date: From Day 1 Month 4 Year 2024 To Period end date: Day 31

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name Mama Biashara
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number SC042262
Charity's principal address 18 Dewertown
 Midlothian

Postcode F

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chair		
2	Vice Chair	Left position 01/04/23	
3	Treasurer		
4	Secretary	Resigned 1 / 2 /2024	
5	Trustee	Joined 29/09/2023	
6	Trustee	Joined 29/09/2023	
7	Trustee	Joined 20/3/2024	
8			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Memorandum of Association
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Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustees are recruited via personal networks. They have to show an understanding of the principles and ethos of Mama Biashara and bring essential skills and experience to the Board. They have to be nominated by a Board member, seconded by another Board member and receive a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.
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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst people, predominantly (but not exclusively) those victims and survivors of rape, child rape, intra-marital rape, domestic abuse, inter-tribal violence, sexual abuse, enforced early marriage and/or sex trafficking and FGM, predominantly (but not exclusively) in the developing world, and the assistance of their carers and rescuers
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>The provision of small, one-off grants, to start a small business, generally in a group of around fifteen similarly vulnerable beneficiaries, that will lead to financial independence for themselves and their dependants. Grants include an allowance for relocation of the beneficiaries and their dependants as and where necessary.</p> <p>The provision of such other grants to benefit the community and/or individuals, albeit not for a strictly 'business' purpose. For example, a home for abused children or a woman's refuge. We also make one off emergency grants where the situation of the applicant is dire / life threatening / and/or without any chance of getting help elsewhere</p>
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Mama Biashara has been able to continue and expand our work in Kenya. As you will see from the spreadsheets, the shop is continuing to do well and we are accruing a few more sizeable donations.

The numbers of groups we are rescuing, relocating and setting up in businesses are increasing. Added to which, our groups, once established and expanding, become part of the funding process themselves – setting up new groups without requiring extra money from Mama B. This is a huge achievement.

According to the receipts we have, in the last financial year counting business grants alone, we set up businesses for 3000 adults (90% women) who between them have 6500 children.

Our focus is still on rescuing women and girls from sexual / domestic/tribal abuse, forced early marriage, FGM and forced prostitution.

However our outposts in Cheptulu and Awendo are more about relieving extreme poverty. Our Raincatchers in Western have more or less wiped out waterborne disease and our nutritional support in both areas is very important. We still support DECIP and, to a lesser extent the Mary Faith Centre.

We are also still providing much needed nutritional support in some areas, treat for ringworm and intestinal worms and donate colostomy bags to a local organisation.

The shop is doing very well and we have many regular customers and a growing reputation as 'the' place to go for African fashion. We still feel that having the shop as our primary source of funding is a good choice. It helps both the local dressmakers and the main charity beneficiaries. And it gives us independence.

We look forward to the new year.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no running overhead costs (no salaries, property costs etc), all money raised goes to fund our charitable objectives in Kenya, so there would be no wind up costs and there are no fixed financial commitments. Thus the reserves policy is to keep 5% of annual income in reserve so that the maximum support is going out in fulfilling our charitable objectives.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The W12 Shopping Centre in London, provide a shop unit free of charge, W12 is run by W12 Investments to whom we are eternally grateful. British Airways waive 10 bags for each trip from Kenya. This enables the running of the shop at a decent enough profit to fund the work of the charity. Most recently they have also allowed two free bags on the outward leg of the journey
The value of BA's donation is about 1400 five times a year.
[REDACTED], our auditor also donates his firms time and expertise FOC

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Other optional information

Having found, over time, that one of the best 'start up' businesses we have is the selling of donated bras, we now have a well developed network of 'bra donors' across the UK. This means, of course, that the financial outlay for many groups is only for transport away from their 'danger zone'. This is a small but very important step. It also allows people who cannot afford to donate money, to engage with the work of Mama B. Currently the main income of the charity comes from the Mama Biashara Shop which is in London. It offers a triple whammy of use 1) fundraising 2) awareness raising 3) being a huge benefit and support in income to many subsistence level craftpeople and artisans in Kenya, whose work is what we sell.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Position (e.g. Chair) Chair

Date 23/05/25

**MAMA BAISHARA
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start			to	Period end		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	21,167				21,167	8,259
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	5,000				5,000	10,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	554				554	-
Gross trading receipts	43,128				43,128	44,458
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-				-	-
	-				-	-
A1 Sub total	69,849	-	-	-	69,849	62,717
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,849	-	-	-	69,849	62,717
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	-
Grants and donations	73,175				73,175	73,110
Foreign exchange	600				600	3,207
Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other Expenses					-	-
A3 Sub total	73,775	-	-	-	73,775	76,317
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	-
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,775	-	-	-	73,775	76,317
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,926)	-	-	-	(3,926)	(13,600)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,926)	-	-	-	(3,926)	(13,600)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	9,699				9,699	23,299
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3,926)				(3,926)	(13,600)
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	5,773	-	-	-	5,773	9,699

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Stock			2,000	3,000
		Total	-	2,000	3,000

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Date of approval

22/5/25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst people, predominantly (but not exclusively) those victims and survivors of rape, child rape, intra-marital rape, domestic abuse, inter-tribal violence, sexual abuse, enforced early marriage and/or sex trafficking and FGM, predominantly (but not exclusively) in the developing world, and the assistance of their carers and rescuers

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
DECIP Childrens Home	Institution		3,704
Education			1,154
Medical & Other Supplies			7,887
Fees			2,266
Outreach			2,096
Transport			9,709
Phoenix			
Cash grants	Individual		45,358
Goods grants			921
Total			73,094

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b) x

Authority under which paid

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b) x

C4b Trustee expenses - details

None	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
None			

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	21,167				21,167	8,259
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	21,167	-	-	-	21,167	8,259

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Grants	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
0	-	-	-	-
0	-	-	-	-
Total	5,000	-	5,000	10,000

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	2006-07 Kenyan Projects	2007-08 Kenyan Projects	2008-09 Kenyan Projects	2009-10 Kenyan Projects	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	21,167	-	-	-	21,167	8,259
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	10,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	554	-	-	-	554	-
Gross trading receipts	43,128	-	-	-	43,128	44,458
buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,849	-	-	-	69,849	62,717
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,849	-	-	-	69,849	62,717
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	73,175	-	-	-	73,175	73,110
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange	600	-	-	-	600	3,207
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	73,775	-	-	-	73,775	76,317
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,775	-	-	-	73,775	76,317
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,926)	-	-	-	(3,926)	(13,600)
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,926)	-	-	-	(3,926)	(13,600)
Nature and purpose of funds						
the relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst people, predominantly (but not exclusively) those victims and survivors of rape, child rape, intra-marital rape, domestic abuse, inter-tribal violence, sexual abuse, enforced early marriage and/or sex trafficking and FGM, predominantly (but not exclusively) in the developing world, and the assistance of their carers and rescuers'						

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted funds from public fundraising	Restricted funds from other sources	Restricted funds from other sources	Restricted funds from other sources	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Sub total					-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total					-	-
Total receipts					-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Sub total					-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total					-	-
Total payments					-	-
Net receipts / (payments)					-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year					-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name
Mama Biashara

Registered charity number

SC042262

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Set out on pages 6 -11

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~disclosed on the attached page*~~ ~~other than that~~

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

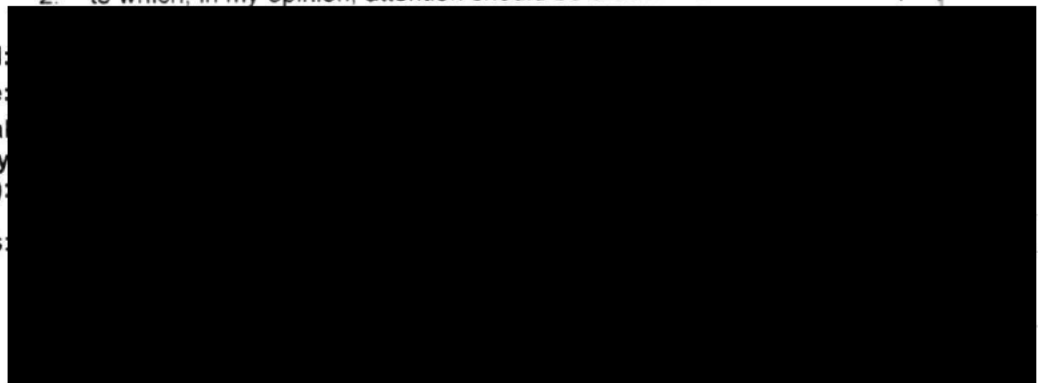
have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed:
Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:



*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
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