



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2019		31	12	2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **TIYENI FUND**

Other names charity is known by **TIYENI**

Registered charity number (if any) **1113274**

Charity's principal address **7 Partridge Close, Greinton, Bridgwater, Somerset**

Postcode **TA7 9BA**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Andrews	Chairman		
2	Andrew Burrows	Secretary		
3	Clare Cameron			
4	Elizabeth Crossley			
5	John Crossley			
6	Rupert Douglas-Bate			
7	Lance Stewart	Treasurer		
8	Kevin Whitchurch		From 29 th March 2019	
9	Jonathan Angliss		From 29 th March 2019	
10	Peter Ryan		Retired 27 th September 2019	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees of Tiyeni Fund manage the charity's work in Malawi through a management team based in Malawi, who report directly back to the UK trustees. That management team produce monthly reports on activities in the field and on monies expended. They also work with the UK Trustees to prepare an annual expenditure budget and to review that as necessary throughout the year. Funds are released from the UK trustees' bank account in accordance with the expenditure budget, based on a monthly request for funds from the management team in Malawi.

The Malawi management team also report all requests for training and new project proposals to the UK Trustees, as and when those arise, so that the Trustees can organise their fund-raising activities and requests accordingly.

Such requests are also handled against the background of a Strategic Plan for field operations, prepared in co-operation with the management team in Malawi, but also guided by fund-raising expectations/forecasts. This Plan is reviewed on a regular basis.

Field operations are thus closely monitored by the UK Trustees, who are currently responsible for all fund-raising activities and the Trust's strategy.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aim of the Tiyei Fund is to combat hunger and poverty in Malawi through soil and water conservation, and through using rural farming methods enabling optimum food production from the land. The Tiyei charity was set up by life-long residents of Malawi, who have worked to help rural communities for many years. All the staff in Malawi are local Malawians who have a passion for saving their country from starvation.

They do this by demonstrating sustainable farming practices to prevent devastating soil erosion and encouraging the production of more varied and higher quality crops.

The Tiyei method reverses erosion and builds soil fertility, through the Deep Bed Farming method. Tiyei encourages simple farming improvements, which can prevent hunger and help villagers to be self-sufficient.

Objectives

1. To promote land conservation through integrated soil fertility measures.
2. To foster community led conservation agriculture with ever increasing crop yields.
3. To educate all farming communities in Malawi that wish to adopt the Tiyei Method so that erosion and soil loss is minimised and soil fertility is increased.

Vision/Goals

1. To spread the Tiyei method of soil conservation and of growing of healthy crops.
2. To eradicate hunger at household level.
3. To enable subsistence farmers to earn an income.
4. That the Tiyei method be imbedded in agricultural practice throughout Malawi.

Our Mission is to bring the deep-bed farming method to as many areas in Malawi as possible; and potentially to look beyond the boundaries of that country in due course.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Commission's guidance on public benefit was adhered to when planning the activities for the year.

The Tiyeeni team in Malawi have educated, trained and supported local villagers and individual farmers in sustainable farming and improving food security through the Tiyeeni Method. This method for growing crops is tailored to the local environment; it focuses on contour ridges, deep beds, compost and manure and companion planting. This results in improved soil fertility, increased crop yield and prevention of soil loss by erosion.

During 2019, Tiyeeni has provided ongoing support to a number of communities in Northern and central Malawi, and to several new communities who approached Tiyeeni requesting assistance, including a group of villages near the southern boundary of Malawi.

The package of support that Tiyeeni provides to a community is:

- education, tools and training for farmers in the community, so that they can adopt and establish the deep bed farming method
- funding, materials and guidance on the establishment of a piggery to provide manure for the crops and income from piglets. Goats are sometimes provided as an alternative to pigs.
- supplementary training of "lead farmers" so that they themselves can become trainers in neighbouring communities who want to adopt deep bed farming, having seen the benefits in the lead farmers' fields
- demonstration "field days" to which local government officials and the heads of neighbouring communities are invited.
- where possible and appropriate, Tiyeeni also seeks to offer funding, materials and guidance on the establishment of a nursery school for the young people in the community

More information is at www.tiyeeni.org

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2019 Tiyei not only consolidated adoption of Deep Bed Farming (DBF) techniques in those locations/areas established in previous years, but continued to be very successful in spreading the DBF method to new areas in Northern and Central Malawi. It also established a small new centre near the southern border of the country.

At the end of 2019, some 7,000 farmers had received DBF training from Tiyei since operations began. Including other farmers who have adopted DBF through secondary training by lead farmers, it is estimated that a total of 14,000 farmers are now practicing DBF. This organic growth of the technology is welcomed; and many more farmers are expected to convert to deep beds in 2020 and beyond.

One highlight of 2019 came from Tiyei's data collection and own internal research, which showed that there is steady decline in all levels of food insecurity (mild, moderate and severe) as farmers practice DBF, using the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) method. Profitability analysis of DBF is equally spectacular, with an income increase starting with the first year of DBF farming which increases with the years the farmers have practiced DBF.

Three research institutions are continuing research into DBF, monitoring labour, farm inputs, crop yields and soil and water retention and social impact this year. Current research continues to be carried out in collaboration with Worcester University to establish hard data on the benefits of deep bed tillage to maintain soil and water conservation and improve crop yields. Government institutions and Ministry of Agriculture through DARS are continuing their comparative research, funded in part by Tiyei, on 80 split plots in many different areas of Malawi.

Senior Manager, Isaac Chavula continues to be active in generating collaborative links with other NGOs and Government institutions. Seeking to obtain substantial resources from major donors for the continuation of Tiyei is paramount at this stage.

Tiyei is indebted to the numerous people and grant foundations who have given of their own resources to maintain the viability of the project. Three are mentioned in Section E below. But in order to meet the demands and needs of farmers in Malawi to adopt the DBF technology, further funding is always needed.

Section E Financial review**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

n/a

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Some of our principal donors in 2019 were:

- a) The Fore (part funded from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund) who are supporting the employment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer on a 3-year contract. This is key to the wider recognition and expansion of DBF technology and practice.
- b) Halcrow Foundation, who are funding a new hotspot at Manyamula for 2 years.
- c) Austin Bailey Foundation, who have provided funding over 2 years for a new hotspot at Chitheka, with the promise of a third year of funding at another hotspot thereafter.
- d) The Nchima Trust have provided funding for a new hotspot at Chinyama, in a very poor area at the southern end of Malawi.

Section F Other optional information**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)**Full name(s)** Andrew Burrows**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Secretary

Date

31/10/2020



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2019

To

31/12/2019

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
UK income - general / core funding	28,617	84,300	-	112,917	70,311
Malawi vehicles - UK income	-	5,900	-	5,900	-
Chitheka - UK income	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Madisi Hotspot - UK income	-	-	-	-	6,834
Matuli Hotspot - UK income	-	-	-	-	24,440
Gold Standard - UK income	-	1,000	-	1,000	13,750
Manyamula Project - UK income	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Bula Hotspot - UK income	-	-	-	-	1,000
M & E project - UK income	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Chimbongondo & Embombeni Project	-	9,000	-	9,000	15,465
Chitipa/Karonga - UK income	-	18,939	-	18,939	-
DARS Project - UK income	-	-	-	-	7,500
Training Project - UK income	-	-	-	-	8,183
Chiwamba Project - UK income	-	5,000	-	5,000	2,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,617	150,139	-	178,756	159,483
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,617	150,139	-	178,756	159,483
A3 Payments					
UK income - general fund	10,922	-	-	10,922	84,770
Malawi income - general fund	4,696	56,376	-	61,072	9,495
Malawi vehicles	-	9,279	-	9,279	-
Madisi Hotspot - UK income	-	3,507	-	3,507	14,581
Matuli Hotspot - UK income	-	11,415	-	11,415	-
Gold Standard - UK income	-	-	-	-	13,181
Manyamula - UK income	-	12,555	-	12,555	-
Bula Hotspot - UK income	-	-	-	-	995
M & E project - UK income	-	10,605	-	10,605	7,159
Chimbongondo & Embombeni Project	-	7,819	-	7,819	12,398
DARS Project - UK income	-	10,512	-	10,512	10,060
Chitipa / Karongo - UK income	-	10,605	-	10,605	12,749
Chiwamba Project - UK income	-	2,553	-	2,553	-
Chitheka Project - UK income	-	10,487	-	10,487	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,618	145,713	-	161,331	165,388
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,618	145,713	-	161,331	165,388
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,999	4,426	-	17,425	- 5,905
A5 Transfers between funds	5,950	- 5,950	-	-	-
Foreign exchange translation adjs	-	- 2,604	-	- 2,604	- 8
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 8,642	29,212	-	20,570	26,483
Cash funds this year end	10,307	25,084	-	35,391	20,570

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		10,307	25,084	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,307	25,084	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
Colin Andrews		Colin Andrews		13-Oct-20



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Tiyeni Fund

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2019

**Charity no
(if any)**

1113274

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2019**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *James Burrows*

Date: 31/10/2020

Name: James Burrows

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

FCA member of ICAEW, membership number 1175580

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23 Clay Pit Grove, Cheltenham, GL51 8PU

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The disparity of £8,642 between restricted and unrestricted funds disclosed at 31/12/2018 has been addressed during 2019, and at 31/12/2019 no restricted funds are being used to cover shortfalls in unrestricted funds.