

Joshua



Assisting Orphans & their Communities in Malawi



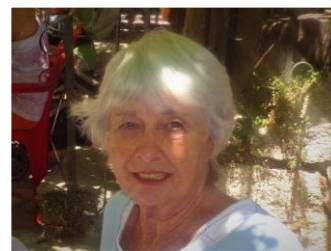
Joshua Orphan and Community Care
Annual Report & Accounts
2019

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Registered Charity Number: 1114727

Introduction from our founder, Sylvia Avgherinos

In 2019, we were able to really embed the type of education we have long wanted to achieve having recognised the value of education for the youngest children in our communities. Strengthening play-based learning approaches across our community-based childcare centres is having a clear impact and we can see children enjoying learning and making tangible progress towards development outcomes.



Sylvia Avgherinos, Founder and
CEO of JOCC

Sadly, Cyclone Idai affected the region in March 2019, destroying buildings and leading to a loss of food supplies in some Joshua communities. We supported an emergency response in these communities - more detail about this is outlined later in this report.

Our supporters continue to be vital to our work, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their effort and generosity. Our supporters range from young people, schools, church congregations, marathon runners, Rotary clubs and many supportive trusts and foundations. Every single donor makes a valued contribution to our work and Joshua would not exist without them.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Sylvia

Charitable Objectives and Activities

Joshua Orphan and Community Care (JOCC) is a UK based Charity working to fund JOCC Malawi. Joshua's mission is to support community driven, sustainable development programs that assist vulnerable children and their families in and around Blantyre.

Joshua believes children and their communities should have the resources, skills and knowledge to grow up in communities free from hunger and with access to quality education and health care. Joshua is a passionate foundation focused on long-term development and change, developing projects in the areas of education, nutrition and health.

JOCC's registered Charitable Objectives are:

- a) Advancing the education of orphans and other vulnerable children in Malawi - in particular, but not exclusively, in the area of Blantyre and surrounding villages – by the provision of schools, teachers, school materials and sponsorship programmes.
- b) The relief of poverty and hunger in Malawi - in particular, but not exclusively, in the villages surrounding Blantyre – by the provision of feeding centres and income generating projects.
- c) The relief of sickness and the promotion of good health through education programmes.
- d) Assisting in the provision of safe water to the communities.

The Trustees are aware of and apply the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All JOCC's income raised in the UK, the USA or Malawi, is applied towards the charity's objectives.

Strategic Objectives for 2019

- 1) Provide **early childhood development** and critical nutrition to children under six years old through community-based childcare centres
- 2) Improve **access to quality education** through development of education facilities and provision of school sponsorship
- 3) Support community with basic **health services** and improved **access to safe water**.



Early Childhood Development: achievements and impact in 2019

- Over 1000 children attended community-based childcare centres over the year, receiving a vital daily meal and early years education
- 26 caregivers from 8 CBCCs completed training in early childhood development
- New community-based childcare centres built at Nchokera and Kaliati, and renovation of Chimwemwe CBCC building
- Child-friendly toilets constructed at Ching'ombe, Daniel and Kaliati to improve hygiene and associated health care

Early Childhood Development (ECD) continued to be the major focus of our work, recognising the importance of nutrition, health care and early years education in giving children the best start to their educational journey. In 2019, we worked with 15 community-based childcare centres (CBCCs). ECD provision in Malawi is entirely dependent on NGO funding and delivery. In 2019, we started the second year of a UK Aid Direct Community Partnership grant supporting the development of a holistic approach to early years education, nutrition and health in 5 CBCCs in Chilaweni. There was huge progress in this project with activities including CBCC caregiver training, safeguarding training and work with kitchen garden committees. We were pleased that data collection and review in 2019 showed that children are making good progress in key areas of development. We were also pleased that we were also able to provide training to CBCC caregivers in some of the other CBCCs. CBCC caregivers are so crucial to the daily running of the CBCC and many are women who did not get the opportunity for education themselves. Partnership with parents and community members is also crucial and helps to ensure that the CBCC are genuinely owned and run by the community. Upgrading facilities through new buildings or renovation can provide a much-needed impetus to community approaches to early childhood development. New buildings in Nchokera and Kaliati were made possible this year through a grant from the Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission. We are also supported by several organisations in Malawi to develop this area of work. Zero Hunger in Malawi donates likuni phala/fortified porridge to 10 of the centres. Formal training of CBCC caregivers has taken place through Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise in Blantyre who have also supported trainees in applying their learning practically in the CBCCs. In 2019 we also commenced a partnership with Teach the World Foundation to start using educational technology to support literacy learning in Kachumbe CBCC.



Education: achievements and impact in 2019

- 230 students supported to stay in secondary school for the academic year
- 30 girls and young women in 3 secondary schools benefited from an enhanced bursary programme to support increased attainment
- Our focus on girls' education saw girls take part in life skills sessions, careers talks, sports tournaments and computer skills training

Students are selected for sponsorship based on Standard 8 leavers examinations and home assessments or from Form 1 students who risk dropping out because of lack of money. Male and female students are selected although there is a bias towards girl students who usually present as the most vulnerable. During 2019 approximately 230 secondary students were sponsored through these projects. Field Officers visit

the schools regularly and provide support and guidance when appropriate. Generally, students who fail exams for two consecutive terms are withdrawn from the programme and parents are informed that they are now responsible for school fees. If the student can improve results in this third term they can be introduced back into the programme. Some students, particularly vulnerable girls, are not excluded providing they show a commitment to education. For example, students from child-headed families or students who are orphans and live alone or with older relatives such as grandparents. Joshua has been able to provide extra support to these young people this year, running activities to build self-esteem, providing resources and starting computer literacy classes in some areas. Many students leave school without any experience of using technology - depriving them of the possibility of most employment opportunities. We also continue our support to improving school buildings and facilities. Our fundraising focus this year was in support of Chigumukire Community Day Secondary School where classrooms were destroyed by Cyclone Idai.



Elizabeth is one of the students taking part in the enhanced bursary programme for girls. She attends Chigumukire secondary school. Without our support she would not be able to go to school. Even so, Elizabeth finds it hard to attend sometimes when she can't afford soap for washing clothes or sanitary pads. Receiving extra support and tuition has made a huge difference and Elizabeth has started achieving better marks in her favourite science subjects. She hopes that this will help her get a much-wanted place on a nursing course when she completes school.



Health, well-being & community development: achievements and impact in 2019

- Regular mobile health clinic to remote rural communities
- Regular child growth monitoring (BMI) carried out with all children attending CBCC during 2019
- Seeds for planting distributed to Kitty Club members - our initiative to support health and well-being of the elderly

The mobile health clinic continues to be an important part of our programme for supporting children and families in the communities where we work. The clinic continues to be run by our nurse, Edith, supported by field officers. The clinic goes out every Thursday to the communities surrounding the CBCCs on a rota

basis. Community members, who live far away from health centres, make use of this service. During 2019 this clinic ran as usual. In addition, the clinic conducted BMI testing for children twice during the year to check nutrition status. Although we have supported the drilling of boreholes and similar water-infrastructure type projects in the past, this has not been a focus in 2019. We have continued to work on issues of water, sanitation and hygiene through our community-based childcare centres with activities with children, CBCC caregivers and parents. These have include constructing child-friendly composting latrines and provision of hygiene and hand washing equipment.



Emergency response to Cyclone Idai

- Distribution of food packages to vulnerable households
- Building materials distributed to vulnerable households
- 30 builders trained in techniques to build stronger homes
- Fundraising campaign to support rebuilding of classrooms at Chigumukire Community Day Secondary School in 2020

In March 2019, much of Malawi experienced torrential rains and strong winds caused by Cyclone Idai. Although the cyclone itself made its devastating landfall in Mozambique, both Malawi and Zimbabwe were affected by its presence. In the communities where Joshua works, due to low incomes, houses are not

built to withstand this kind of weather and many dwellings were damaged or destroyed by the cyclone. A flood appeal was launched in the UK and the funds were used initially to provide rolls of plastic to protect homes and emergency food packages to the most affected households. Later, we enlisted the support of an artisan building organisation who provided training on 'building better back'. This organisation orchestrated workshops across the communities where we work in order that builders from all areas were able to access the training. Particularly affected by the Cyclone was Chigumukire Community Day Secondary School with whom we have worked closely with on school sponsorship and several infrastructure projects to improve the school. Both classroom blocks were already in poor state of repair but collapsed during the storms. The headteacher and community started their own fundraising and we supported this through our flood appeal and Big Give Christmas Challenge. These funds and support from the World Bank Disaster Fund will enable the rebuilding of classrooms and a new science laboratory. Building started by the end of 2019 and will be completed in 2020.



Supporters and Fundraising in 2019

We continued our partnership with Inspire Worldwide throughout 2019. In 2019, three school groups raised enough money to send volunteer groups to Malawi and to pay for the construction of community led new building projects. At Ching'ombe CBCC, Tonbridge Grammar School raised money to build a third classroom block and a small children's playground. There are more than 200 2-6 year olds registered at this CBCC so the new classroom has proved very useful.

At Maso CBCC, St Edward's Oxford raised funds to build a new latrine block, a beautiful playground area and painted murals inside the classrooms. Extra funds also enabled Joshua to repaint and refloor Chimwemwe CBCC later in the year.

Hurstpierpoint College raised money to build a new classroom block for Standard 7 and Standard 8 at Chilingani primary School. A private fundraising group, Project Shire, also donated to this project although were unable to spend time in Malawi at that time.

Wilderness Expertise, a sister organisation to Inspire also brought out a group from two secondary schools in the UK. Although their trip was more of a travel experience, they also spent a few days at Kachumbe CBCC and completely repainted the building as well as repairing and improving the playground.

Many thanks to these groups for their amazing fundraising efforts and contribution to work during their visits to Malawi.

Fundraising

A breakdown of funding sources is provided in the financial report. We are grateful to the following trusts and foundations who supported our work in 2019:

Allan and Nesta Ferguson Trust, British and Foreign Schools Society, Charles Hayward Trust, Friends of Malawi Association, Jessica Mathers Trust, Scotia Educational Trust, Souter Charitable Trust, Sterry Family Foundation, Waterloo Foundation & the Dinning Trust.

We also received grants from Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission for the construction of two community-based childcare centres. We have continued to implement a 3-year project (2018-2021) funded by a UK Aid Direct Community Partnership Grant. This project works with 5 community-based childcare centres in Chilaweni to improve education, nutrition and health of 600 children aged under 6 years old.

We are so lucky to have continuing invaluable support from the Hurst Footballers, Roger Woodward of Woodward Associates, Saltburn PCC and Elizabeth Cracknell & the Buckland Community. We are also grateful for support from community groups and organisations, including churches, Rotary clubs and schools.

We held a successful Jazz for Joshua and silent Art Auction afternoon on a sunny September Sunday afternoon. We took part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge for the first time in December 2019 with a focus on raising funds for the Chigumukire Secondary School for new classroom blocks.

We are also immensely grateful to all the individual supporters who continue to support our work. Whether this is through regular donations, participating in sporting challenges or organising fundraising events, our work could not continue without you!

Resources & Financial Management

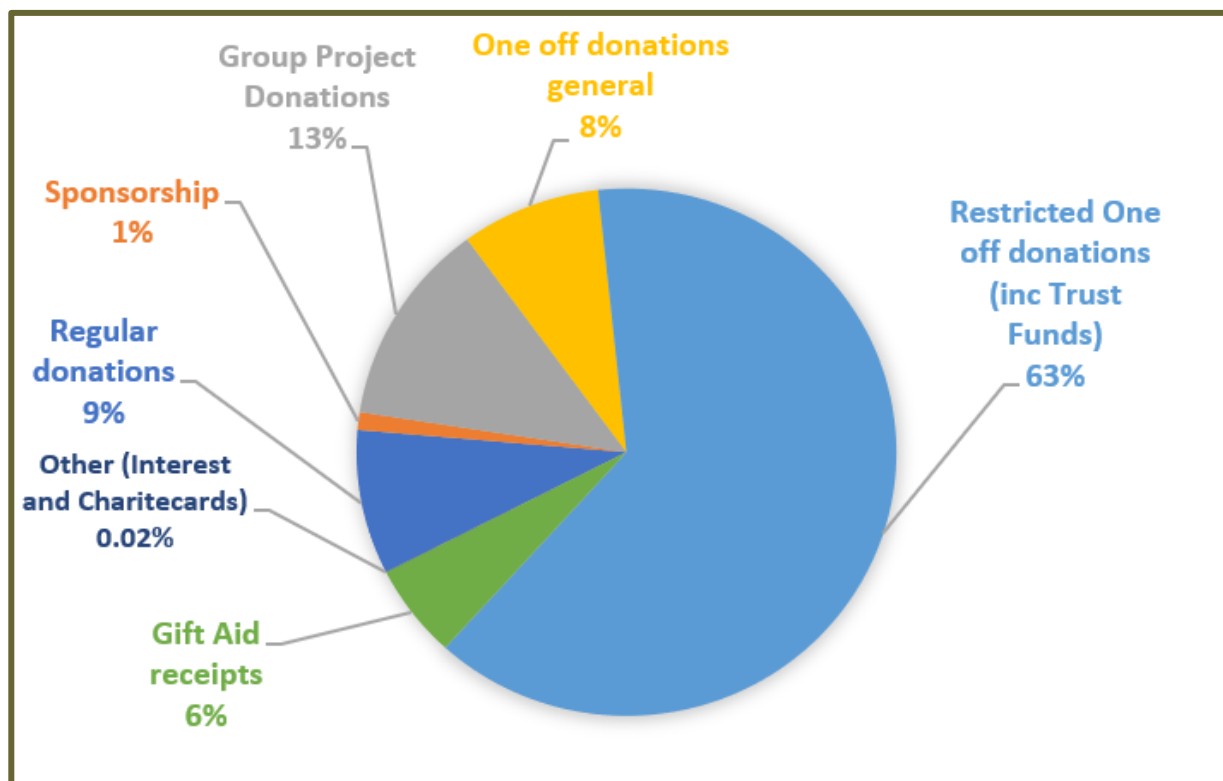
In 2019, JOCC raised £282,150; fundraising through Aid Agencies, Trusts, Volunteer Groups, Philanthropists and individuals.

JOCC operated with the very lowest overheads ensuring that the vast majority of funding goes to the neediest in the community. We consistently evaluate all costs to identify areas for savings without compromising on the services we provide.

The table and graph below show the breakdown by source of the £282,150 fundraised for JOCC in 2019.

Source	Amount (£)
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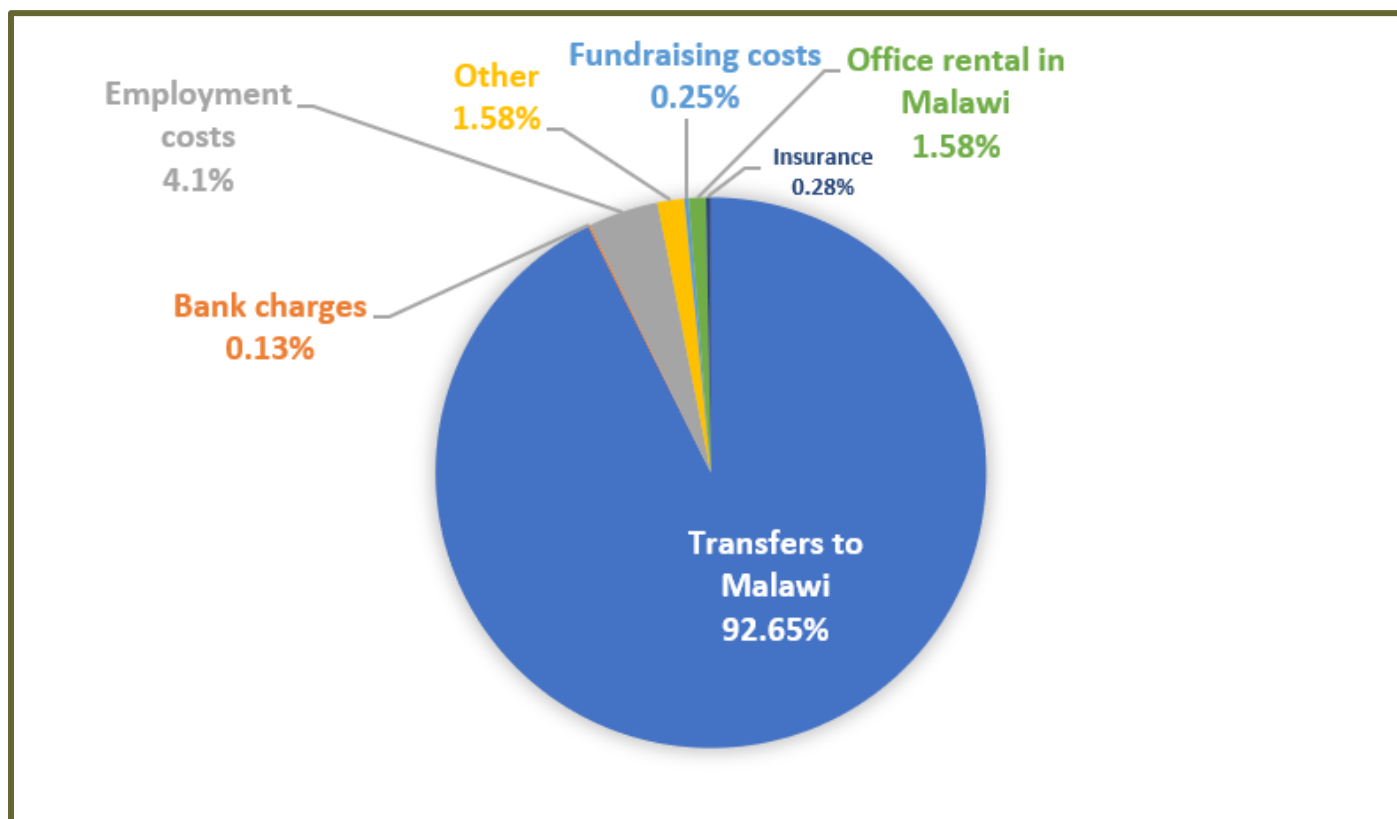
Graph to show source of JOCC donations in 2019



The table and graph below show the breakdown of how funds raised were spent in 2019 for JOCC. 92.65% of funds were sent directly to Malawi with 4.1% going towards staff costs (including some Malawian staff) and only 0.25% going directly towards fundraising. An extra expense incurred in 2019 was rent paid on the Blantyre office, accounting for 1.58% of UK expenditure.

Category	Amount (£)
Transfers to Malawi	232,594
Bank charges	315
Employment costs (for employees in UK & Malawi)	10,294
Office Rental	2,544
Insurance	694
Fundraising costs	628
Other	3,977

Graph to show how JOCC funds were spent in 2019



Legal and Administrative Details

Legal Status

Registered charity in the UK, charity no. 1114727. Registered NGO in Malawi with the Malawi NGO Board and the Council for NGOs in Malawi.

Principal Address

15 Gatton Road, London, SW17 0EX

Trustees who served in the year

Beth Chapman (Chair)

Laura Hussell (Treasurer)

Rachel Blackamore

Rachel Aucott

Berry Butler (Donations Secretary)

Sarah Charlton (Secretary)

Sylvia Avgherinos

Michael Ellis

Independent Examiner

Marie Cottam, Institute Chattered Accountants of Scotland

Charitable Objectives

- Advancing the education of orphans in Malawi - in particular, but not exclusively, in the area of Blantyre and surrounding villages by the provision of schools, teachers, school materials and grants
- The relief of poverty in Malawi - in particular, but not exclusively, in the villages surrounding Blantyre by the provision of feeding centres.
- The relief of sickness and promotion and preservation of good health.

Public Benefit

The Charity has complied with the public benefit requirement in accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission in its Charities and Public Benefit Guidance requires that key principles be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit. Firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit, and secondly, the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Joshua Orphan and Community Care works with 19 communities in rural and peri-urban Malawi. To provide public benefit to these communities, projects are focused on communities where the majority of households are dependent on subsistence farming and live on less than 2\$ per day. Our approach aims to ensure that projects reach vulnerable families and communities such as those affected by HIV and AIDS, female and child-headed households, and children and young people who have been orphaned.

Our Impact

The preceding pages outline the impact we were able to make in 2019 in relation to strategic objectives.

Statement about trustees

Joshua was registered as a charity in June 2006. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Regular trustee meetings take place at least four times a year.

There is a separate independent board in Malawi.

Governance, organisational Structure and Staffing

There is no physical UK office as the trustees have chosen to focus all resources to work in Malawi. Joshua's UK fundraising is supported by a freelance fundraiser. There is a small office in Blantyre, Malawi with a small staff team. Sylvia Avgherinos is CEO of Joshua, providing guidance on strategy and project development. Susan Cabon has continued in post as Country Manager through 2019 supported by Joseph Chiundiza as Programmes Manager. Along with our Field Officers we also have specialist staff including an Early Childhood Development teacher and a Digital Learning Officer. Lino Solomoni joined as Finance and Office Manager in 2019. Staff are supported by our driver John Gomondo.

Safeguarding

Joshua's work has a strong focus on working with vulnerable children and adults and there is a continued focus on safeguarding across the organisation. Staff training on the safeguarding policy was carried out through 2019. At project level, safeguarding training and awareness work took place with CBCC caregivers and volunteers.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

JOSHUA ORPHAN & COMMUNITY CARE

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2019

Charity no
(if any)

1114727

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, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M. Cottam

Date:

21/10/20

Name:

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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).

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2019 Accounts

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Office rental	(2,544)		
Fundraising costs	(628)		
Insurance	(694)		
Other	(3,977)		
Total Payments		(251,046)	
Net of Receipts/(Payments)			31,104
Cash funds last year end			60,716
Cash funds this year end			<u>91,820</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31/12/19

Cash funds

	£
Lloyds bank - current	60,238
Lloyds bank BB Inst Online	31,581
A&L	1
CAF	0
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NOTE:

Reserves

	£
2003	5,011
2004	9,634
2005	602
2006	14,942
2007	19,219
2008	(17,109)
2009	59,285
2010	(26,379)
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