

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda
(Registered charity, number 1158189)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

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**Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Full name Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158189

Principal address Chapel Corner, 1 Church Road, Willington, Bedfordshire, MK44 3QD

Trustees

Edward Fawcett, Chair

Neil Yeomans, Treasurer

Gordon Lland

Judith Fawcett

Father Boniface Kaayabula

Ramon Monserrate

Andy Hunt

Oyeyinka Moses Olaniran, from 18/01/21

Maeve McGill, from 19/10/20

Robert Bbaale, until 03/08/20

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO - Foundation constitution adopted by the trustees on 18th May 2014 and registered with the Charity Commission on 8 August 2014.

The skills and experience required by the Trustee Board is regularly reviewed and, where gaps are identified, new trustees with the requisite skills and knowledge are actively sought.

All new trustees receive a personalised induction, which includes meetings with existing trustees. They receive copies of key documents and updates on their roles and responsibilities as required.

Objectives and activities

The prevention or relief of poverty in Uganda by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

EVC's main activity is child sponsorship. This is supplemented by a church appeals programme and a number of other one-off and recurring activities to fund improvements in the infrastructure at schools which the sponsored children attend.

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In setting our programme each year we have regard to both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and prevention and relief of poverty for the public benefit. The trustees always ensure that the programmes we undertake are in line with our charitable objects and aims.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Child Sponsorship Programme

Just under 20 new children joined this programme during the year thereby benefitting from the life changing opportunity of education.

Church Appeals

Due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year we were only able to hold 4 church appeals, nevertheless the funds generated are critical for our work. We continue to receive great support from the church communities. We are also working to diversify our funding streams in order not to be over reliant on one source of income.

Assistant Project Manager based in Uganda

During the year an Assistant Project Manager was recruited to help in overseeing the construction projects at St Matia Mulumba. This post is funded through a donation from EVC Uganda to the employing body in that country.

Projects

We are grateful to the Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust for a donation of £7,000 towards the construction of a vocational classroom block at St Matia Mulumba.

The construction of this block together with the boys' dormitory were substantially completed during the year. The dormitory is now in operation but the vocational classroom block still needs to be fitted out.

Trustees

Robert Bbaale retired from the Board this year and we thank him for his contribution.

Financial review

The deficit for the year was £43,291 (2019: surplus £48,482) which has been deducted from general reserves. As described below, in large part this reflects monies spent on building projects which have been accumulated during previous periods.

In addition to the funds transferred to Uganda for child sponsorship, during the year an additional £4,755 was transferred principally by way of contribution to salaries and administrative costs in Uganda, to buy a printer/scanner and to contribute towards staff training costs.

A further £64,047 was transferred to fund the construction projects at St Matia Mulumba - £35,947 for the boys' dormitory and £28,100 for the vocational classroom block. Finally, an amount of £859 was transferred as the final instalment of a solar lighting project.

In summary £138,868 was sent to Uganda in the financial year.

As of 31st December 2020, total reserves were £47,058 (2019: £90,349) which were represented by cash at bank. This includes restricted funds of £14,238.

The charity's policy on reserves

EVC needs reserves in order to properly plan for unforeseen significant financial expenditure. The annual financial planning and regular monitoring/review process

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enables the reserves to be maintained at the right level. The level of reserves is reviewed on an annual basis and in accordance with increases in income and expenditure. A cash flow analysis aids this process.

The board has set up a reserves policy that requires:

- Reserves be maintained at a level ensuring EVC's core activity could continue during a process of unforeseen financial difficulty;
- Takes into account planned activity levels;
- EVC's commitments.

The following headings were used in the development of the policy:

- The current reserves policy statement, as above;
- Risk assessment against each category of income and expenditure;
- Future activity levels, likely requirements and levels;
- EVC's commitments;
- Statement of the required reserves level as a result of the above.

Financial risks

The trustees have examined the major strategic, financial and operational risks the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

As EVC is staffed entirely by volunteers and has not entered in to any long-term financial commitments, the level of financial risk to which the organisation is exposed is very low. All child sponsorship and development projects in Uganda are financed entirely by monies received from sponsors and donors.

Plans for future periods

EVC continues to operate very successfully with low costs and a sound financial base. The work continues to thrive and grow and we thank all our donors and supporters for their great support.

Chairman's report

As I look back on 2020, with all its disruptions, I am pleased to report much positive news about our work in Uganda. The building of a boys' dormitory at one of our primary schools has been completed and has given the boys a matching facility to the one EVC built for the girls in 2018. Work has begun on the building of a five classroom block, which will be used for the teaching of IT and vocational skills and also house a library for the school. This will be completed in the near future and all of this work is a great step forward for the school. Regular inspections are carried out by qualified people on all EVC building work and the standard is consistently very high.

With the closure of schools in March 2020, due to the virus, our team in Uganda has worked tirelessly and successfully to provide outreach education to the EVC sponsored children in their homes. On 15 October, those children due to sit their Primary Leaving Examination and those secondary students due to sit GCSE and A-level exams, returned to school. We hope to see the schools re open as soon as is

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possible but whilst they are closed we will continue to have in place a programme of educational outreach for the children in their homes.

The numbers of new people taking out child sponsorship for education has increased steadily during the year, but not at the levels of previous years, due to the lockdown and, our ability to promote our work, being restricted. We now have 300 plus children sponsored in education.

The generosity of our donors continues to provide the vital resources we need to ensure real hope for the future for poor Ugandan children. We cannot thank donors enough. Workaid has provided tools for use in vocational training in the larger of the primary schools we use and, additionally, we have received funding from The Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust. We have also received funding from Wilmslow Wells for Africa. This will enable us to build the toilet block for the new classrooms and also, enable us to provide water harvesting facilities on all three new buildings in the smaller primary school we support.

This year we established the Gifts' Register on our website, to ensure that our donors are able to check that any gifts they send have reached their sponsored children. The EVC Newsletter continues to provide regular updates on our work to donors and supporters. We continue to work in partnership with St Georges RC Church community in Wembley and EVC is their 2021 Lenten charity. We seek partnership working with other relevant and ethical organisations.

A Wills / Legacy leaflet is now available and is on our website. We are using ethical social media outlets to create greater awareness about our work and to seek further funds. EVC's website is also regularly updated.

The Charity's aim is to raise the standard of education of our sponsored children so that every child has the opportunity to reach their full educational and vocational potential. The progress of every child will be closely monitored and managed to this end. This will include putting in place a fully resourced library, other key resources, regular teacher training and recruiting more well qualified teachers.

EVC is built upon cornerstones of Christianity, integrity and trust. We understand the message of light and hope Christ brings to the world and, I am proud to say that EVC Uganda is a vibrant part of that message. As donors, volunteers and Trustees we have not walked past on the other side of the road when seeing the plight of the poor children we serve. Rather we have all worked together to provide real hope for the future for those who have so little. We will continue to work tirelessly to this end during 2021 and beyond.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Edward S. Fawcett
Edward Fawcett, Trustee

Date 23 August 2021

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

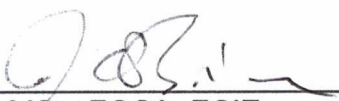

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2020

2019				2020
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	Receipts			
115,445	Donations, fundraising & sponsorship	10,116	69,818	79,934
-	Grants	-	7,000	7,000
11,926	Gift aid	12,169	-	12,169
<u>127,371</u>	Total receipts	<u>22,285</u>	<u>76,818</u>	<u>99,103</u>
	Payments			
150	Bank charges	150	-	150
500	Bursary	-	-	-
66,642	Child sponsorship	-	68,787	68,787
207	Concert expenses	-	-	-
180	Courses	171	-	171
2,531	Equipment & furniture	628	-	628
613	Independent examination	570	-	570
376	Insurance	377	-	377
767	Other & miscellaneous	452	-	452
1,618	Printing & stationery	1,164	-	1,164
33	Rent	137	-	137
203	Telephone	133	-	133
1,187	Trustees' expenses	536	-	536
3,787	Uganda administration & staff costs	4,100	-	4,100
95	Website	178	-	178
-	Transport	105	-	105
-	Lighting project	-	859	859
-	Boys dormitory project	35,947	-	35,947
-	Vocational classroom block project	21,100	7,000	28,100
<u>78,889</u>	Total payments	<u>65,748</u>	<u>76,646</u>	<u>142,394</u>
48,482	Net receipts/(payments)	(43,463)	172	(43,291)
41,867	Cash funds at start of this period	76,283	14,066	90,349
<u>90,349</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>32,820</u>	<u>14,238</u>	<u>47,058</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2020

2019		2020
£	Cash assets	£
90,349	Bank accounts	47,058
<u>90,349</u>		<u>47,058</u>
	Other monetary assets	
4,613	Debtors - Gift aid	9,873
<u>4,613</u>		<u>9,873</u>
	Liabilities	
(570)	Creditors - Independent examination	(570)
<u>(570)</u>		<u>(570)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Neil Yeomans Dated 23 August 2021
Neil Yeomans, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Child sponsorship	12,707	69,818	(68,787)	13,738
Lighting project	859	-	(859)	-
Charity Set up	500	-	-	500
The Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust	-	7,000	(7,000)	-
	<u>14,066</u>	<u>76,818</u>	<u>(76,646)</u>	<u>14,238</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	7,283	22,285	(8,701)	20,867
Designated				
Vocational classroom block	33,000	-	(21,100)	11,900
St MM Boys Dorm	36,000	-	(35,947)	53
	<u>76,283</u>	<u>22,285</u>	<u>(65,748)</u>	<u>32,820</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Child Sponsorship - Individuals pay to sponsor a child to attend private school in Uganda.

Lighting Project - funds raised by Risely Men's group for the purchase of solar powered lighting equipment for use in Uganda.

Charity Set up - towards the Charity set up costs.

The Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust – used to construct a vocational classroom block at St Matia Mulumba school.

Vocational classroom block – used to construct a vocational classroom block at St Matia Mulumba school.

St. MM Boys Dorm – used to construct a boys dormitory at St Matia Mulumba school.

3. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £536 was reimbursed to 2 trustees for expenses incurred.

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4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

5. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.