



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

### 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** **206 High Street, Honiton, Devon**

**Postcode** **EX14 1AJ**

#### 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			
9	Jonathan Angliss			
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#### 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
<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

## 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/appointed 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.

During the course of 2020, the Trustees decided to convert the original charitable trust, established in 2005, into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO"). The first steps were taken in the latter part of 2020 to draw up a new constitution for the CIO, based on a template created by the Charity Commission.

With increasing demands on individual trustees' time as the charity's work expands, two trustees decided to stand down at the end of the year, and two new trustees were appointed in January 2021. A formal decision to approve the draft CIO constitution, and to seek the Charity Commission's approval to the creation of the CIO, was taken at Tiyeni's AGM on the same day in January 2021.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</b>	<p>The aim of the Tiyeni Fund is to combat hunger and poverty in Malawi through soil and water conservation, and through deep bed farming methods to enable optimum food production from the land. The Tiyeni 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 and empowering subsistence farmers and their families to escape food poverty.</p> <p>They do this by demonstrating sustainable farming practices to prevent devastating soil erosion and encouraging the production of more varied and higher quality crops.</p> <p>The Tiyeni method reverses erosion and builds soil fertility, through the Deep Bed Farming method. Tiyeni encourages simple farming improvements, which can prevent hunger and help villagers to be self-sufficient.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To promote land conservation through integrated soil fertility measures.</li> <li>2. To foster community-led conservation agriculture with ever increasing crop yields.</li> <li>3. To educate all farming communities in Malawi that wish to adopt the Tiyeni Method so that erosion and soil loss is minimised and soil fertility is increased.</li> </ol> <p><b>Vision/Goals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To spread the Tiyeni method of soil conservation and of growing of healthy crops.</li> <li>2. To eradicate hunger at household level.</li> <li>3. To enable subsistence farmers to earn an income.</li> <li>4. That the Tiyeni method be imbedded in agricultural practice throughout Malawi.</li> </ol> <p><b>Our Mission</b> 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.</p>

**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 Tiyeni team in Malawi have educated, trained and supported local villagers and individual farmers in sustainable farming and improving food security through the Tiyeni 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 2020, Tiyeni has provided ongoing support to a number of communities in Northern, Central and Southern Malawi, including new communities who approached Tiyeni requesting assistance.

The package of support that Tiyeni 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, Tiyeni 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 available at [www.tiyeni.org](http://www.tiyeni.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 2020 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, Central and Southern Malawi.

Many farming activities in Malawi were, however, affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Typical challenges included preventing in-person events and training, and the process of farmer networking and stakeholder engagement. Tiyei adapted to ways of working that met the changing needs of our staff and beneficiaries. Periods of home working for staff in Malawi were accompanied by remote training using mobile/smartphone technology.

Despite the unprecedented situation, at the end of 2020 it was estimated that over 17,500 farmers are now practising DBF. The number includes those farmers who have adopted DBF through secondary training by lead farmers and other local stakeholders. This organic growth of the technology is welcome; many more farmers are adopting DBF in 2021, which is also very encouraging.

One highlight of 2020 was Tiyei's official launch of its central 'Hotspot' project in Chiwamba. This is a key strategic area for promoting DBF, near the national capital city and important administrative centre of Lilongwe. The location is easily accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including other non-governmental organisations, who are encouraged to visit and inspect the Deep Bed Farming examples.

An essential part of Tiyei's work in Malawi is to improve access to safe water sources in the communities where it operates. As part of the Chiwamba Hotspot, we facilitated the installation of domestic water wells to households in Chikangawa Extension Area. These are helping households to have enough water "on site" for domestic use. Wider community members, including neighbours, also benefit.

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. Some provided additional funding to support Tiyei through the coronavirus crisis and periods of uncertainty. Four 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 2020 were:

a) The Fore (part funded from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund) are supporting the employment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer on a 3-year contract. Additional key funding came from the RAFT - Emergency Grants for Small Charities and Social Enterprises.

b) Halcrow Foundation are funding a key project at Manyamula for 2 years.

c) Austin Bailey Foundation are funding a project at Chitheka over 2 years, with the promise of funding for a third year at another project location thereafter.

d) Further funding from Nchima Trust has extended the reach of an initial project at Chinyama (a very poor area at the southern end of Malawi) and seems likely to lead to the creation of a new Southern DBF Hotspot in 2021/22.

## 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** 28/10/2021



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2020

To

Period end date  
31/12/2020

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
UK Income - general / core	90,788	-	-	90,788	112,917
Malawi - vehicles	-	-	-	-	5,900
Madisi	-	-	-	-	-
Gold Standard	-	-	-	-	1,000
Chitheka EPA	-	8,000	-	8,000	8,000
Chimbongondo	-	-	-	-	9,000
Chiwamba CWEPA	-	28,482	-	28,482	5,000
M&E	-	14,874	-	14,874	10,000
DARS	-	-	-	-	-
Manyamula MEPA	-	9,565	-	9,565	8,000
Chitipa	-	-	-	-	18,939
Chinyama	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Nursery Support	-	-	-	-	-
Other Project Costs	-	-	-	-	-
AGM & Governance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>90,788</b>	<b>70,921</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,709</b>	<b>178,756</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>90,788</b>	<b>70,921</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,709</b>	<b>178,756</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
UK Income - general / core	13,241	-	-	13,241	10,922
Malawi - core / office / running	40,441	-	-	40,441	61,072
Malawi - transport	-	7,455	-	7,455	9,279
Madisi Hotspot	-	-	-	-	3,507
Chitheka EPA	-	6,516	-	6,516	10,487
Chimbongondo	3,865	-	-	3,865	7,819
Chiwamba CWEPA	-	18,880	-	18,880	2,553
M&E	-	6,652	-	6,652	10,605
DARS	9,388	-	-	9,388	10,512
Manyamula MEPA	-	9,738	-	9,738	12,555
Chitipa	12,570	-	-	12,570	10,605
Chinyama	-	8,918	-	8,918	-
Nursery Support	881	-	-	881	-
Other Project Costs	14,518	-	-	14,518	-
AGM & Governance	92	-	-	92	-
Matuli	-	-	-	-	11,415
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>94,996</b>	<b>58,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,155</b>	<b>161,331</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>94,996</b>	<b>58,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,155</b>	<b>161,331</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,208</b>	<b>12,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>17,425</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>For Ex adjustments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,831</b>	<b>2,604</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>10,307</b>	<b>25,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,391</b>	<b>20,570</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,099</b>	<b>31,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,114</b>	<b>35,391</b>

## 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		6,099	31,015	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,099</b>	<b>31,015</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andrew Burrows	28/10/2021





**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Tiyeni Fund

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1113274

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2020**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

30/10/2021

**Name:**

Ryan Stoneman

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

MAAT

**Address:**

52 Berry Road, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 3QJ

**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.**