

# Give me hope Africa Wales Trustee's Annual Report and Unaudited financial statement for the year end 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Registered charity name and number
Give me hope Africa Wales
Charity number – 1175839
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### Trustee's (as of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

Cherille Hopkins (Secretary)
Marilyn Heavens (Treasurer)
Brigid Allen Trustee

# Structure, governance & management

Give me hope Africa Wales is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a CIO constitution. The charity is managed directly by its board of trustees. The board consists of three trustees who are appointed as required following a recruitment process. The board of trustees agree all appointments and new trustees are appointed at the next trustee meeting. Are given a copy of the constitution and business plan and latest annual report and statement of accounts when they commence their role.

#### **Public benefit statement**

The trustees of GMHAW confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the period up to an including April 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

#### Additional governance issues

Give me hope Africa Wales (GMHAW) works in partnership with Give me Hope Africa (GMHA) which are based in Mbale, Eastern Uganda. Initially as a constituted group we supported and financially contributed to their work. In 2017 GMHAW became a registered charity her in the U.K. We aim to continue working in partnership with GMHA to provide the funds to maintain the recently constructed medical/community centre, provide equipment and training opportunities for the community of Gibumbuni, Sironko, Eastern Uganda.

The charity has developed links with Wales Africa Hub and as a result had the opportunity to access online information and training sessions throughout the year for the board of trustees. Through this link we have also met with other charities working in similar fields to share good practise and learn from one another.

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

The advancement of health and saving lives in particular but not exclusively to Sironko Eastern Uganda, by the provision of funds and other basic medical care.

The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in particular but not exclusively to Sironko by the provision of funds and other such services as the trustees see fit in furtherance of the said object.

#### Overview of activities in 2021/2022

As we entered April 2021 there were still strict government restrictions in place and travel to Uganda was prohibited during certain periods. We worked within the guidelines set out by the U.K Government and the Ugandan Government to ensure the safety of ourselves, our partners and the community in which we work in Uganda.

However, through the use of Skype and other systems we were able to keep in regular contact and hold meetings electronically with our partners in Uganda. As the situation improved and restrictions were lifted we were able to resume activities both here in the U.K and in Uganda.

Through receiving a grant from the WCVA we are able to fund a project manager and a business development officer. Provide training opportunities for 20 volunteers. Establish 3 village savings and loans groups (45 participants) and provide a revolving fund for individuals within the groups to start small businesses with the training and support of the business development officer.

We were able to fund training on making reusable sanitary towels, this was a train the trainer model which has continued to be rolled out throughout the community. The goat project we began during COVID has also expanded with many more individuals and families receiving a female goat. We also worked in partnership with the Red Cross to provide first aid training to fifty participants in the community and our team of volunteers.

During COVID many families experienced severe hardship due to the closure of local markets and the escalation of prices. The trustees made the decision to provide an emergency response and purchased maize flour for 300 families (population of 1,200). Although our aim is to support the development of sustainable long term projects we acknowledge that sometimes there are immediate needs particularly those caused during the COVID pandemic and by the changing climate and environment.

We are in weekly contact with our partners in Uganda and have a robust system in place for monitoring and evaluating the incoming and outgoing of all finances. Maintenance of Charis health/community centre, as well as the range of projects we deliver is discussed and budgeted for prior to work commencing. Having good working relationships with our partners and the team in Uganda has been invaluable in creating a structure built on mutual trust and respect.

#### Further financial review details

Main sources of funds this year has been through one off donations, a grant received from the WCVA as well as our regular donors. We have seen a marked increase in one off donation's this year despite no fundraising activities taking place. Expenditure has supported the key objectives by providing the funding to maintain Charis health/community centre. Deliver a range of projects to promote health and wellbeing through training opportunities for the community.

#### **Additional information**

We reviewed and updated the following policies this year. Safeguarding & complaints, Code of Conduct, Environmental & Data protection



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Start of year balance £3733.72

#### Income

£2,595 Direct Debits £8,242.68 Single donations £814.01 Gift Aid £5,211.00 WCVA Grant

Total £16,862.69

# **Expenditure**

£11,036.10 Charis health/community centre & project work £14.85 Postage £60.00 Website £30.13 Website domain £40.00 Leaflet printing

Total £11,181.08

End of year balance £9,415.33

# **Reserves Policy**

Give me hope Africa Wales will endeavour to maintain reserves of at least six months running costs.