

CHILDREN OF FIJI ACCOUNT SUMMARY**15th Jan. 2016 to 14th Jan 2017****INCOME**

		£
a	Private donations	
		£10,954.89
b	Corporate donations / Trusts	£20,063.95
c	Sales and sale events	£935.17
d	Other events	£4,732.54
ei	Interest	£2,302.05
eg	Gift Aid	£1411.69

TOTAL INCOME £40,400.29

Larger donations of new materials from companies/individuals see other side
This does not include donated second hand items for which it is difficult to estimate a value.

EXPENDITURE

		£
f	Postage and administration	£34.28
g	Expenses (for c and d) incl. stationery	£740.50
h	Charity spending	£67,970.65

TOTAL OUTGOINGS £68,745.43

Income minus expenditure for financial year	
15/01/16 to 14/01/17	-£28,345.14
Balance brought forward from previous year	£57,675.41

CURRENT BALANCE OF ACCOUNT £29,330.27**Estimated value of current disposable stock £750**

Accounts verified by *P. K. Rudy* Date *21/01/17*

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx value £</u>
Resources for School for the Blind	£3,000
Pre-school equipment	£1200
New born baby boxes	£800
Medical supplies	£200
Books	£50
Rugby Kit	£200
Stationery	£2000

£7450

In addition we have had a number of donations from individuals companies and schools, mostly of second hand books, toys, clothes etc, for which it is not possible to give a value.

We have also received free / discounted transport or services from such companies as

Sopac Shipping
U-Drive (Dorchester)
Patterson's Shipping (Fiji)
Williams and Gosling (Fiji)
Vanguard Logistics
The Works
Woods Removals, Dorchester
Barclays Bank Plc
Vodafone Fiji



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

CHILDREN OF FIJI

On accounts for the year ended

140117

Charity no (if any)

1082331

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, 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

P. H. Purdy

Date

21/01/17

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Through a variety of fundraising activities, the charity has been able to provide resources for numerous schools (including special schools) across the Fiji Islands, as well as for children's homes, kindergartens, hospitals and health centres. On our most recent visits we were able to supply large quantities of much-needed pre-school games and toys, donated by TREATS, a toy library based in Dorset.

All the goods were personally delivered to the beneficiaries. Once again transport costs were kept to a minimum with significant help from shipping companies both in the UK and in the Fiji Islands. We again paid for our own air fares to Fiji and our accommodation whilst there.

Prisoners in Wakefield Prison in the UK once again translated children's books into Braille for use of the students at the Fiji School for the Blind. They have also donated 3 Braille machines for use at the school. The charity was given money in memory of a member of our village who died during 2016. This money was put towards two new Braille machines to donate to FSB. These were delivered to the school in September 2016.

We took rugby shirts (donated by Dorchester Rugby Club) to the *John Wesley Primary School* in Suva and bought netball dresses for the same school.

We also purchased new school furniture for one of the classrooms at *John Wesley Primary School*.

We have been able to donate solar lanterns to many rural villages and urban settlements with no electricity to benefit families with young children. These are easy to charge during the day, very effective and have no running costs. They are also completely safe, whereas the traditional method of providing light (setting fire to a rag in the neck of a bottle filled with paraffin) has frequently resulted in some horrific accidents.

Our latest project is to construct a bridge over the Korotari River on Vanua Levu. At present over 100 children have to wade through the river each day on their way to and from school. The younger children cling to an inflated inner tube and are pulled across by the taller children. When it rains heavily the river becomes impassable and so the children miss school altogether. The cost of the project is to be shared between *Children of Fiji*, the Fiji Government and the Australian High Commission. Construction is nearing completion.

We were in Fiji in February 2016 when Cyclone Winston hit some of the islands and caused devastation to whole communities. As a charity, we responded by concentrating on Ovalau, one of the worst affected areas. We travelled over to Levuka and supplied tarpaulins to give immediate shelter. We also donated mosquito nets, water purification systems and clothes. Following on from this, we provided seeds to help provide crops to replace those lost in the cyclone. We then supplied multi-vitamins for the intervening period before the crops were ready to harvest.

In October 2016 we visited Dogotuki Primary School, Vanua Levu. The school had just two toilets to serve the whole school (140 children and 8 members of staff). We have been able to fundraise for a new sanitation block comprising 3 toilets for the girls and 2 toilets and a urinal for the boys, along with adequate washing facilities, a covered walkway and a 10,000 litre water tank. The existing toilets are to be upgraded for use by the staff at the school. The project is well under way and the official opening is planned for February 2017.

Fundraising during this time took various forms. We held a number of sales, at which we sold charity merchandise, as well as donated items. We carried out street collections in our local area. As well as being very successful financially, these also helped to raise awareness about the situation in Fiji. We have produced quiz sheets to sell at £1 per copy and this has proved to be a very popular way of raising money. We made applications to a number of Charity Trusts and were also successful with some of these.

In April 2016 we had a group of people running in the Brighton Marathon for *Children of Fiji*.

In July 2016 we held a 'virtual' balloon release (aware of the potentially detrimental effects on the environment of an 'actual' balloon release). We 'sold' around 500 balloons and gave a prize to the balloon that 'travelled' the furthest as determined in a series of public draws

We have regularly been invited to give charity talks about our work with disadvantaged children in Fiji to Rotary Clubs, women's groups, church groups, schools and other organisations. Whenever we are given a speaker's fee, this is donated to *Children of Fiji*. In many cases we have also been given individual donations of money or goods.