



Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2016-17

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the year 2016-17 the trustees continued to focus on supporting fundraising activities by groups and individuals including schools, churches, concerts, sponsored events, talks and festivals.

Congo Children Trust made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Income

The trustees are grateful to the following trusts:

- The Just Trust, The Fielden Charitable Trust, CAM International and First Step Initiative.
- Retrak made substantial grants towards reintegration work in the course of the financial year and we are particularly grateful to them for making it possible for this aspect of the Kimbilio Project to be a successful one.

Changes in volunteer office staff just before the start of the financial year and shortly after the start of the year respectively as Jayne Storey and Howard Jones moved on to full-time employment and Generation Trust funding came to an end meant that there was less time available to apply for grant funding at the start of the year. Both gave a great deal of energy, hard work and commitment to CCT. We are also extremely grateful to Eva Walters for stepping into the breach as a new volunteer and in 2017-18 income is expected to rise considerably following a SKY news report and as grant funding caught up after a short hiatus. A further reason for lower income in 2016-17 was a delay in applying for gift aid payments. A substantial sum in gift aid payments was received from HMRC early in 2017-18.

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders ensures that funds are available for grants for costs of food and utilities. In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches and organisations:

- The congregations and church councils of St Andrew, Lowestoft; St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; St Paul Oldham; Horwich Evangelical Church; Wesley Methodist Church, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael Helston. The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield; St Columba by the Castle, Edinburgh; St Paul, Withington; Hillheads Community Church, Monkseaton; Christ Church, Harpurhey; All Saints, Allerton; Holy Trinity, Warrington; St Helen's, Wheathampstead
- Wolverhampton Rotary Club, Deo Gratias Choir
- Kent College, Pembury; Woodhouse Primary School, Brighouse

Funds were once also raised directly through the sale of Christmas cards and bags and other artifacts made from Congolese fabric at Greenbelt Festival, the Africa Oyé Festival and a number of church and community fairs and events. The trustees owe especial thanks to Elizabeth Allen and Gill Venton for their ongoing and tireless volunteer work on this aspect of fundraising activities which has focussed on money for the girls' sewing project in Lubumbashi. Gill Venton was able to visit Lubumbashi in the course of the year, funded by FSI and she worked with the girls sewing project as part of her input.

Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year.

Expenditure

The bulk of Congo Children Trust's financial support continues to be provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio, a day centre for street children and accommodation and support provision for former street children, respectively. The Boys' and Girls' houses at Maison Kimbilio were fully up and running in 2016-17. In addition, grants were made to the following specific projects:

- Further grants were made to complete the refurbishment of the Boys' Transit House.
- Congo Children Trust has continued to work alongside Kasumbalesa Border Post (previously Katanga Business Post) in the running of Transit Filles, the girls' transit house.
- CMS provided substantial funding towards the completion of the chapel building at the Maison Kimbilio site.
- Grants were also made for the first phases of construction of a perimeter wall at the Maison Kimbilio site which will increase security considerably

Ian Mullens, who had been working with CMS funding at the Kimbilio Project returned at the end of April and spent some time touring UK churches with report of his work in DRC and fundraising.

Through most of the year 2016-17 the Trust continued to have low UK running costs and we are extremely grateful to the Rev Robert Boulter and the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge.

The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked two days a week on a mainly voluntary basis with some support donated to restricted funds specifically for that purpose. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters, visits and talks to supporter churches and groups. He also maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff at the Kimbilio Project. Further office support was provided by volunteer Eva Walters and in May and June by Calum Morris, a work placement student on the International Development Studies Programme at the University of Chester.

Some outlay was made on renewing publicity materials in 2016-17.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Congo Children Trust

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2016

To

Period end date
31/03/2017

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	61,546	-	-	61,546	48,134
Grants	5,325	-	-	5,325	5,775
Trading	918	-	-	918	1,539
Bank account interest	15	-	-	15	39
Girls' House	-	-	-	-	3,063
Girls' Transit House and reintegration	-	-	-	-	3,000
Ian Harvey support	-	-	-	-	2,160
UK office staff	-	-	-	-	11,000
Sewing project	-	737	-	737	358
Reintegration	-	-	-	-	9,125
Boys' House	-	-	-	-	30
Centre Kimbilio	-	400	-	400	2,025
Girls' School fees	-	-	-	-	1,467
Sport and Arts	-	-	-	-	825
Jean Bosco expenses	-	-	-	-	1,276
Chapel	-	2,500	-	2,500	
Boys' Transit House refurbishment	-	2,070	-	2,070	
Deborah and bay Ian costs	-	250	-	250	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,804	5,957	-	73,761	89,817


A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,804	5,957	-	73,761	89,817

A3 Payments					
Publicity	2,565	-	-	2,565	1,198
Subscriptions/memberships	261	-	-	261	510
Grants to DR Congo	66,163	-	-	66,163	93,244
Insurance	293	-	-	293	283
Ian Harvey support	-	-	-	-	2,160
Christmas card printing	156	-	-	156	303
Bag making materials	-	-	-	-	344
Office staff	320	-	-	320	14,531
Office	40	-	-	40	720
Training	-	-	-	-	355
Sewing project	-	737	-	737	
Centre Kimbilio	-	400	-	400	
Chapel	-	2,500	-	2,500	
Boys' Transit House refurbishment	-	2,070	-	2,070	
Deborah and baby Ian costs	-	250	-	250	
Sport equipment	-	-	-	-	114
Staff expenses	2,401	-	-	2,401	
Bank fees	192	-	-	192	
Publicity events	650	-	-	650	
Sub total	73,040	5,957	-	78,997	113,762

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	73,040	5,957	-	78,997	113,762
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,236	0	-	- 5,236	- 23,945
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,560	-	-	29,560	53,505
Cash funds this year end	24,324	0	-	24,324	29,560

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	Reserve account	10,053	-	-
	Main account	14,271	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,324	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Dr Mark Gant	25/1/18



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2017

**Charity no
(if any)**

114115

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I 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:

20 January 2018

Name:

Euan Menzies

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

ACA

Address:

24 Balcombe Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex

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.

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