

HELPING UGANDA SCHOOLS

Incorporating Helping Rwanda Schools

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017

Registered Charity No. 1098176 Charity Unique Code QAQ87ZG

Annual Report for 2017

Trustees

Peter W Mount CBE, Denise Ead, Dr Joanna Bircher, Chris Bishop, Bob Blundell,
Charlotte Percy, Dr. Richard Bircher.

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the fourteenth annual report for the charity Helping Uganda Schools. We thank Matt Houghton who steps down as Trustee during the year and welcome Dr Richard Bircher as a new Trustee.

The charity is the direct successor to the private fund raising efforts, which have been supporting education in Uganda. We started in 1995 and registered the charity in 2003.

The focus of our work is in Lira, Fort Portal, Rutunguru, Jinja Mubende and Rukira in Rwanda. Our first school, St Zoe's at Kagoma was built in 2000. At the end of 2017 there were over 1200 attending the primary and secondary schools, which we have helped to establish. We also support an orphanage at Lira in Uganda, disabled children in Jinja, a Learning Disability School, and sponsor 64 primary, secondary and university students.

A key policy of the charity is that the schools we support must be self-sustainable and with the exception of some Good Shepherd support this is being achieved.

The St Zoe's school campus near Mubende is regaining its momentum and attendance numbers are rising. A small vocational school with about 20 students is now active as is a very well attended school alumni association.

In 2007 we started to fund the building of Good Shepherd Special Needs school in Fort Portal, and this is the only school of its kind in the western half of the country. The school opened in 2008 and takes children with learning and other disabilities. At the end of 2017 there were 120 children attending daily with a further 25 being brought to the school as part of an outreach programme which the charity Improving Chances is supporting.

We continue to support little shepherd school in Rutunguru, South Uganda. So far we have provided funds for two new brick classrooms and a water catchment facility. The school has used our support to clear 3 acres of land and planted a coffee farm. Eventually this will provide funds for 15 of the most impoverished children to be educated. The school would like to replace mud built infant classrooms with three new buildings with the addition of a school hall.

In Rwanda the new primary school called St Therese's at Rukira opened in 2013 and final buildings were finished in 2014. The school has nearly 300 children.

During the year 2014 we agreed to fund a girls-only secondary school at Lira in northern Uganda. We attended the Official Opening of this new school in October 2017 and expect the project to be complete in about 5 years from now. The school is close to the Lira Babies Home, which we have supported for several years. There are about 40 young children and babies at the orphanage.

With the start of the 2018 year we anticipate having about 1200 children at the schools. During 2017 we continued to develop our strategy of directing more resources towards helping children and young people with a range of scholarships. We had 64 such scholars during the year with 16 at University or Colleges of Further Education.

But it is the quality of education that really matters. Good Shepherd Special School achieved 90% of its children who were entered getting top Grade 1 results. St Zoe's achieved 50%, which is a big improvement on the previous year. St. Therese's Rukira Rwanda achieved 20 Grade 1 and 10 Grade 2, which is a good result but slightly down on last year.

Our four partner organisations in Uganda and Rwanda, who run each of the projects, have well developed child protection policies. Trustee, Denise Ead, has developed teaching aids and a child focused book to help reinforce the importance of this matter. Our own Trustees only come into contact with the children when they make short visits to the schools.

2. CHARITY INCOME

During the year the charity raised £119,092.39.

A further amount of Inland Revenue gift aid earned during the year was not received before the year-end and will be recorded in the 2018 accounts. The additional amount which covered the period to the 2017-year end was £2122. This brings the year's total to £121,214.39

For consistency we use the £119,092.39 as the total income of the charity in the year.

The charity closed the year with a cash balance of £25,922.99 but with commitments made for all of this for scholarships, more class rooms at Rtunguru, and for the Asili girls school at Lira and a developing Eye Care project at Jinja

The grand total raised by HUGS charity up to December 31st 2017 is over £1,134,790

Within these 2017 overall totals Events raised a total of £25,060.77 with expenses of £6264.98 leaving a contribution to the charity of £18801.79. The income and expenditure relating to events is included in the table below.

During the year Women's World Day of prayer, Bury African Outreach, Oglesby Charitable Trust, Swire Group, Slater Heelis and other private donors, donated substantial grants.

INCOME DURING THE YEAR

Bank interest or credit	£0		
Donations from charities	£37,052.66	31%	
Non gift aid income	£14,514.16	12%	
Gift Aided single donations	£34,178.25	29%	
Gift aided standing orders	£20,131.00	17%	
Gift aid received	£13,216.32	11%	
Grand total	£119,092.39		

Overall this has been a very good fundraising year thanks to the support and generosity of so many people.

3. USES OF FUNDS

The charity spends all donor money on the schools and on educational support and early years support for orphans at Lira. No administrative, travel and related overhead costs are funded through donors unless specific donations are made for this purpose. No donor money, which is given to HUGS for the schools or children, is used for administrative or overhead purposes.

During the year the charity spent £96,085.05 supporting our schools and related activities in Uganda and Rwanda and a full detailed analysis of this expenditure is given later. The major works in Uganda have been to continue the funding of the Asili Girls Secondary School at Lira; funding the a water catchment and coffee plantation at The Little Shepherd School at Rtunguru; Uganda, revenue support to Good Shepherd Special Needs School, and providing bursaries to 64 students at school, college and university in Uganda and Rwanda.

At Lira we donated £3000 to the Lira Babies Home, an orphanage.

At Good Shepherd Special Needs School we allocated £8450 for general revenue support.

In line with Trustees decisions early in 2017 we have started to direct our investments away from building works and more towards the provision of scholarships for secondary and university places. We spent £24321.18 on scholarships in the year. The charity supported students in Rwanda and Uganda. At the end of December 2017 we had 29 at Primary level, 19 at Secondary, and 16 at University or Further Education. 19 students have completed their courses since we started.

The schemes are evolving as we gain experience in how to administer them.

Working with our partner the Organisation for the Parents of Disabled Children at Jinja we are funding 11 of their disabled children. Trustee, Denise Ead has been developing an Eyesight review programme, which is beginning to yield very positive results for children with poor vision. A total of over 90 children have been identified with eyesight problems and together with a senior member of staff at Moorfields Hospital in London and others we have been able to pay for the treatment of about 60 children, allowing them to return to school in many cases. As a spin out from the work at Lira she has also developed a series of self help women's groups which, with a small amount of capital, are proving to be a very effective way of empowering women to develop skills and self reliance, often needed when their husbands abandon them.

A more detailed analysis of the expenditure or commitments made in the year is as follows.

Application of funds	Funded by	Revenue	Capital	Total
Administration and banking costs	Private and HMRC Gift Aid	£1546.74		£1546.74
Event expenses	The event income	£6264.98		£6264.98
SUB TOTAL		£7811.72		£7811.72
Good Shepherd Special Needs School	The Charity	£8450.00		£8450.00
Eye Care Project at Jinja	The Charity	£2213.37		£2213.37
Student scholarships	The Charity	£24321.18		£24321.18
Lira Babies home orphanage	The Charity	£3000.00		£3000.00
Women's Groups	The Charity/Private	£1600.00		£1600.00
Asili Girls Secondary School	The Charity		£51,090.00	£51,090.00
Little Shepherd Primary Kabale	The Charity	£882.72	£5145.61	£6028.33
GRAND TOTAL SPEND		£47661.16	£56235.61	£104514.60

Trustees received two donations totalling £7500 for support at Good Shepherd where sustainability is more challenging because the school will always be small and staffing ratios need to be much greater than at a normal school.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017

The Annual Accounts for the year to December 2017 are at the end of this report

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Charity has created designated funds held within the charity bank accounts but held for specific donor or other purposes. At December 31st 2017 these balances were as follows:

- Overhead Fund for paying Charity overheads. At the end of December 2017 this held £1106.89.
- Eyesight project £6196.30 (special donation from a donor to purchase eye microscope)
- Little Shepherd School £2628.66
- Women's Groups £962.00

6. OVERHEADS

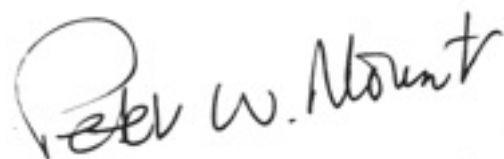
In line with Trustees wishes all benefactor donations go to the schools. Administration and overhead costs cover banking, some travel and other administrative and regulatory costs, and cost of sales for such things as publications and newsletters. These are shown in the accounts and in the year 2017 they amounted to £1035.49. These costs are not charged against school and children donor income. We closed the financial year with a bank balance of £25,922.99 but £6200 of this was a special private donation to fund eye care equipment in Uganda.

7. CHARITY COMMISSION

We have read the current Charity Commission guidelines.

Trustees during the year were.

Peter W Mount CBE, Mrs Denise Ead, Dr Joanna Bircher, Mr Bob Blundell, Mr Chris Bishop, Mrs Charlotte Percy, Dr Richard Bircher



Peter W Mount CBE
Chairman of Trustees

Revised March 27th 2018

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR HELPING UGANDA SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>£</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Cash and Reserves carried forward at 31/12/2016	11345.20	2
TOTAL opening balance	11345.20	
Gift Aided Income	54,309.25	
Non-Gift Aided Income.	14,514.16	
Donations from Charitable trusts	37,052.66	5
Bank Interest and bank credits received	0	
Inland Revenue Gift Aid received	13,216.32	7
TOTAL INCOME	119,092.39	
TOTAL INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE	130,437.59	
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Administration, web site hosting, printing, postage, misc.	1035.49	8
Bank Charges and money transfer costs	511.25	8
Event expenses (mainly Golf event)	6264.98	
For Eye care project	2213.37	9
For Good Shepherd Fort Portal	8450.00	10
For Student and Undergraduate support	24321.18	11
For Lira babies home	3000.00	12
For Rtunguru Little Shepherd School	6028.33	13
For Asili Girls School Lira	51090.00	
For women's groups	1600.00	14
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	104514.60	
TOTAL INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE LESS EXPENDITURE	25922.99	
Closing Bank Balance for non designated funds in UK 31/12/2017	15025.99	
Closing balance of designated fund for overheads included in closing balance	1107	15
Closing balance for Eye project	6200	16
For Little Shepherd	2628	
For Women's groups	962	
TOTAL CLOSING UK BALANCES carried forward to 2018	25922.99	

BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Charity has no non-cash assets, does no invoicing, has no debtors or creditors or other liabilities. The charity holds no cash or other assets in Uganda or Rwanda.

The only balance sheet matter relates to the Bank Balance and these are detailed in the above income statement or in the notes to the accounts as committed funds not yet spent.

Peter W Mount
Denise Ead
Joanna Bircher
Chris Bishop
Bob Blundell
Charlotte Percy
Richard Bircher

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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2 15	Reserved for overhead and administration expenses in the future. The fund was topped up during the year by non donor money and some HMRC Gift Aid
5	Donations from Charitable Foundations and Trusts and Virgin Giving and BT My Donate
7	Money received from Inland Revenue for Gift Aid. Applications are made about twice per year.
8	Administration expenditure and bank charges in the year. The number of bank transfers increased substantially during the year due to student support and support for OPDC
9	The developing Children's Eye Care work at Jinja has been mainly funded by donations generated by a nurse at Moorfields Hospital and by private donations from one Trustee.
10	Support for Good Shepherd School at Fort Portal.
11	Funds used for school student and undergraduate support in Uganda and Rwanda (60 students)
12	Support for the Lira Orphanage.
13	This to fund Little Shepherd school near Rtunguru, Uganda.
14	Support for child parents Women's Groups
15	Closing balance for Overhead support.
16	During 2017 we agreed to manage a private donation of £6200 to be sent to Uganda in January 2018 to purchase a special optical microscope. Uganda UK Health Alliance Kampala would be the recipient.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name **HELPING UGANDA SCHOOLS (HUGS)
(INCORPORATING HELPING RWANDA SCHOOLS)**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2017

**Charity no
(if any)**

1098176

Set out on pages

1 To 7

(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. ~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body].~~ Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

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

Signed:

Susan Spence

Date:

31/5/18

Name:

MRS. SUSAN SPENCE

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.