

Uzima in our Hands

Registered Charity Number 1153181

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1.8.2016 To 31.7.2017

For Uzima in Our Hands

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. The relief of sickness and preservation of health and well-being.
2. The advancement of education.
3. The relief of financial hardship in particular but not exclusively for 'Uzima Orphan Centre' in the Samia district of Western Kenya

A Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit

The Trust achieves its purposes for the public benefit through regular quarterly grants to Uzima Orphan and Day care Centre.

Uzima Orphan and Day Care Centre is addressed to the public benefit of families with the care of orphaned or disabled children and children in exceptional need. Help and support are offered irrespective of tribe or religious affiliation.

All children at Uzima attend pre-school, primary or secondary school classes. During the school day they receive 2 free meals. Uzima children are able to access basic health care without charge at the nearby Buburi Health Clinic. One class at Uzima is specifically for children with special needs and a further three children attend a local special school. A social worker employed by Uzima offers further child and family support.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

1. The relief of sickness and preservation of health

All children at the Centre have been provided with two meals a day, 5 days a week during term time. A new kitchen has been completed this year. The Centre has been able to produce some of the food they eat, namely cabbage, tomatoes and fruit. They also own 3 goats and 6 milking cows.

During this year there has been a significant drought and food costs have shot up. Many children arrive at the Centre hungry and depend on it as their only source of food. Uzima in Our Hands has increased the quarterly grant by 2/3rds to cover this extra cost.

Medical Access cards have been issued to all children at the Centre enabling them to obtain basic health care and treatment without charge through Buburi Health Clinic. 125 children were seen at the clinic during the year of which 48 had Malaria and a further 5 children had Typhoid. Six children were treated as inpatients in hospital for HIV (1), fractures (2), cerebral malaria (2), and typhoid (1)

A school-based deworming program has provided worming tablets for every child at 6 monthly intervals. Treatment and prevention of jiggers continues to be a high priority and the children's feet have overall much improved.

2. The advancement of education

Salaries for 13 teaching staff including a special needs teacher, 2 cooks, 2 groundsmen, a social worker and a night watchman have been funded through grants from the Trust.

The total number of pupils at the end of the school year in December 2016 was 297. Out of these 286 moved up to the next year group and 24 had to repeat the year. In January 2017 the total number of pupils was 290.

Three children with disabilities whose special needs cannot be met within the Centre have attended a boarding school for children with special needs. Their school fees, transport to and from school and essentials such as bedding, uniform and toiletries have been provided through Uzima.

In addition to these three, eighteen other children with special needs now have their own classroom and special needs teacher within Uzima.

In March 2016 a campaign was launched to raise £50,000 to build (equip and pay staff costs for one year) 3 classrooms for Vocational Training for the children of school leaving age. This campaign is ongoing.

3. The relief of financial hardship

The trustees consider the best method of achieving their aim of the relief of financial hardship is through the provision of education and free school meals. In addition extra support has been made available for families within the local community who care for orphans or vulnerable children and are in exceptional need. Four families have been given a small monthly income to enable them to continue to care for orphaned children.

4. Visitors from the UK

The Chair of trustees took a group of 4 volunteers on a self-funded visit to the Centre in February. The visitors delivered donations of washable sanitary towels, underwear, first aid items and school uniform contained in their luggage weighing 230Kg, as well as an off road buggy for a child with hydrocephalus age 3 yrs. They helped to support the child sponsorship scheme, support the staff, treat children for jiggers, teach washing hands, play sport with the children and buy equipment and shoes among other things.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

The trustees can confirm that there have been no serious incidents or other matters that should have been reported to the Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The income has increased on last year and benefitted from Gift Aid claims dating back four years. This extra income has allowed us to invest in further capital spending.

Details of fund materially in deficit

Not applicable

Reserves Policy

At the Trustees meeting on December 29th 2014 it was formally agreed that the Trust would aim to keep up to £5,000 in a 'Reserve' account as a reserve fund. This level of reserves would enable the Trust to respond to an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds. It would also ensure continuity in the event of a large variation of income, or fluctuations in the exchange rate. Our aim is to retain sufficient funds to provide Uzima Orphan and Day Care Centre with a steady income, and to take into account planned commitments such as school fees and building work which may not be met by future income alone.

The level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting.

The statement on reserves in the trustees' annual report is reviewed annually in order to ensure that the reserves policy continues to be relevant as the Trust develops or changes its strategy and activities

The charity has succeeded in its stated aim to build a contingency fund of circa £5k. This amount is included in the cash at bank figures below.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Uzima in our Hands is a registered charity, number 1153181, and is constituted as a Trust by a Trust Deed made on 1st August 2013. New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid during the year

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1153181

Principal Address

The Old Mission Room,
Norton Green,
Freshwater, Isle of Wight
Postcode PO40 9RY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

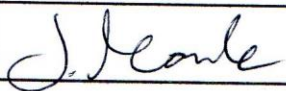
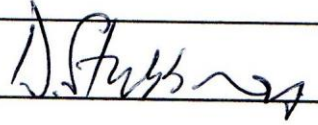
Joy Mowle	Chair	
Stephanie Hickman	Secretary	until 16/06/2017
David Stubbings	Treasurer	
Maxine Stubbings	Secretary	from 16/06/17

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Joy Mowle	David Stubbings
Chair	Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Uzima In Our Hands	No (if any) 11531.81
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2016	To	Period end date 31/07/2017
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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	47,612	3,654	-	51,266	30,531
GiftAid Settled	11,330	-	-	11,330	509
FOB Funds	-	3,930	-	3,930	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,942	7,584	-	66,526	31,040
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,942	7,584	-	66,526	31,040
A3 Payments					
Grants to Uzima Day Centre	55,613	3,361	-	58,974	30,420
Bank charges	125	-	-	125	119
FOB Transfer	-	3,930	-	3,930	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,738	7,291	-	63,029	30,539
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,738	7,291	-	63,029	30,539
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,204	293	-	Cross Add Error	501
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,833	516	-	3,349	-
Cash funds this year end	6,037	809	-	#VALUE!	501

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	Bank accounts	6,037	809	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,037	809	-
	(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	