



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From		01	01	2017	To	31	12 2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name TIYENI FUND

Other names charity is known by TIYENI

Registered charity number (if any) 1113274

Charity's principal address Hayne Barton, Shillingford, Nr Tiverton, Devon

Postcode	EX16 9BP
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Jackson	Chairman		
2	Elizabeth Crossley			
3	John Crossley			
4	Colin Andrews			
5	Clare Cameron	Treasurer		
6	Andrew Burrows	Secretary		
7	Alan Dixon		Until 13 March 2017	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees of Tiyeni Fund manage the charity's work in Malawi through a management team of 4 based in Malawi, who report directly back to the UK trustees. The management team produce a monthly budget and funds are released once this has been agreed by the trustees.

A monthly finance report, field report and co-ordinator's report are received by the trustees from the management team in Malawi.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The aim of the Tiyeni Fund is to combat hunger and poverty in Malawi through soil and water conservation, and through using rural farming methods enabling optimum food production from the land. The Tiyeni charity was set up by life-long residents of Malawi, who have worked to help rural communities for many years. All the staff in Malawi are local Malawians who have a passion for saving their country from starvation. They do this by demonstrating sustainable farming practices to prevent

devastating soil erosion and encouraging the production of more varied and higher quality crops.

The Tiyei method reverses erosion and builds soil fertility, through the Deep Bed Farming method. Tiyei encourages simple farming improvements, which can prevent hunger and help villagers to be self-sufficient.

Objectives

1. To promote land conservation through integrated soil fertility measures.
2. To foster community led conservation agriculture with ever increasing crop yields
3. To educate all farming communities in Malawi that wish to adopt the Tiyei Method so that erosion and soil loss is minimized and soil fertility is increased

Vision/Goals

1. To spread the Tiyei method of soil conservation and of growing of healthy crops.
2. To eradicate hunger at household level.
3. To enable subsistence farmers to earn an income
4. That the Tiyei method be imbedded in agricultural practice throughout Malawi.

Our Mission

1. To reach many areas in the country with Tiyei technologies.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Commission's guidance on public benefit was adhered to when planning the activities for the year.

The Tiyei team in Malawi have educated, trained and supported local villagers and individual farmers in sustainable farming and improving food security through the Tiyei Method. This method for growing crops is tailored to the local environment; it focuses on contour ridges, deep beds, compost and manure and companion planting. This results in improved soil fertility, increased crop yield and prevention of soil loss by erosion.

Tiyei provided ongoing support to a number of communities in Northern Malawi, and to new communities who approached Tiyei requesting assistance.

The package of support that Tiyei provides to a community is:

- education, tools and training so communities can set up and maintain a demonstration garden
- education and training for farmers in the community
- funding, materials and guidance on the establishment of a piggery to provide manure for the garden and income from piglets
- funding, materials and guidance on the establishment of a nursery for the orphans of the community
- open days at the demonstration garden.

More information is at www.tiyei.org

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Tiyeni has continued to be extremely successful in spreading the Deep Bed Farming (DBF) method to farmers in Northern Malawi. The highlight of 2017 was the introduction of 'Hotspots' where villages and communities in different areas have joined together to form consolidated plantings of mainly maize, groundnuts, soya and other crops. This year at Madisi, some 150 farmers have been targeted to implement the DBF system and one young farmer has prepared 0.5 ha. of land in his first year of operation. Independent research indicates that approaching 2000 farmers have adopted the deep bed method without direct contact with Tiyeni staff and this organic growth of the technology is welcomed.

Overall, in the areas in which Tiyeni field officers are active, well over 300 ha. is under DBF in 2017, not to mention those areas that are being spontaneously planted with DBF by those who have seen the benefits and have sought to establish their own fields with contour marker ridges, deep beds, boxed ridges and raised footpaths. A study on the uptake of the DB system revealed that 87% of farmers adopting the system were motivated by increased crop yields. Up until August 2017 some 3,500 farmers had adopted the method and many others are expected to convert to deep beds this next planting season. Following strong support from Worcester University, the Tiyeni team produced a comprehensive Field Manual on the deep bed system which will be translated into two local languages and will become widely distributed.

Three research institutions are conducting demonstration beds in Malawi to monitor labour, farm inputs, crop yields and soil and water retention this year. Current research is being carried out in collaboration with Worcester University to establish hard data on the benefits of deep bed tillage to maintain soil and water conservation and improve crop yields. As government institutions and Ministry of Agricultural officials see the data resulting from this research they are becoming increasingly keen to adopt this technology where applicable as standard practice.

Senior Manager, Isaac Chavula has been extremely active in generating collaborative links with several other NGOs and institutions, notably Save the Children's Fund to develop a project that will be put before the UK Department for International Development (DFID) for possible funding. Seeking to obtain substantial resources from major donors for the continuation of Tiyeni is paramount at this stage. Tiyeni is indebted to the numerous people who have given of their own resources to maintain the viability of the project, but in order to meet the demands by farmers in Malawi to implement DBF more funding is needed.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

n/a

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Clare Cameron

Full name(s) Clare Cameron

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 26/10/2017



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Tiyeni Fund

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2017

**Charity no
(if any)**

1113274

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(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 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 no concerns and 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:

30th October, 2018

Name:

H.R.D. WILLIAMS

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

18 years as professional corporate finance
advisor / private equity executive

Address:	CUTLEY HOUSE
	TAUNTON TA2 8AW

Section B	Disclosure
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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.

In reviewing the accounts for the year ending 31/12/2017, it became apparent that a transposition error in the closing accounts for the previous year had resulted in an amount equivalent to £135 being included in cash balances as at 31/12/16. This sum (representing petty cash) was not in fact present at the year end and the prior year cash balances were therefore overstated by that amount. Thus the starting cash balances for the current year ending 31/12/2017 were also overstated and the correct figure in £ equivalent was £30,889.

During the 2017 calendar year, Tiyeni raised considerable sums in £ for specific projects. In funding its general activities in Malawi, the fund transferred £ sterling balances from the UK to Malawi that totalled a sum greater than the amount available to the general fund in £ sterling. This means that £ sterling funds were effectively borrowed from the specific project funds in order to fund general activities. I understand that the Trustees were aware of this and that this was undertaken as a last resort after other cost-cutting steps (such as laying-off staff in Malawi) had already been taken. A total of £2,692 was borrowed by the general funds from the specific funds in the course of the year.

It should be noted, however, that the general fund had relatively significant cash balances remaining in Malawi at year-end and that these, when taken together with the £ balance of 2,692 owed by the general funds to the specific project funds, still net to give a positive cash balance. In other words, the general fund has sufficient funds in Malawi Kwacha to repay the amounts owing to the specific funds (or meet their Malawian obligations) as required.

My recommendation would be that, so far as possible, any expenditure on the specific projects be met from funds held in Malawi on behalf of the general fund until such time as this balance is repaid. As these funds will be repaid in Malawi Kwacha, conversion will have to be made into £ at the then prevailing exchange rate until the equivalent of £2,692 has been repaid to the specific funds.

Finally I note that, in common with previous years, the significant volatility of the MK/ £ exchange rate throughout the year has led to a material adjustment for foreign exchange movements in the year-end balance sheet.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Tiyeni Fund

No (if any)
1113274

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2017	To	31/12/2017
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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					
UK income - general fund	83,822	-	-	83,822	78,632
Malawi income - general fund	1,936			1,936	
Malawi income - FLA		328		328	3,440
Madisi Hotspot - UK income	-	19,000	-	19,000	-
Matuli Hotspot - UK income	-	2,470	-	2,470	-
Gold Standard - UK income	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Mapping Project - UK income	-	5,500	-	5,500	-
Bula Hotspot - UK income	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	85,758	30,298	-	116,056	82,072
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,758	30,298	-	116,056	82,072
A3 Payments					
General fund - Malawi	99,595	-	-	99,595	92,580
General fund - UK	7,929			7,929	
FLA		2,392		2,392	2,353
Madisi Hotspot	-	4,089	-	4,089	-
Matuli Hotspot	-	1,087	-	1,087	-
Gold Standard	-	1,372	-	1,372	-
Mapping Project	-	2,501	-	2,501	-
Bula Hotspot	-	263	-	263	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	107,524	11,704	-	119,228	94,933
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	107,524	11,704	-	119,228	94,933
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 21,766	18,594	-	- 3,172	- 12,861
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange translation	762	26		788	
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,791	2,098	-	30,889	-
Cash funds this year end	6,263	20,666	-	26,929	12,861

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		6,263	20,666	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,263	20,666	-
	(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			
	Motorbikes	5,798	-	-
	Office Equipment	508	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
	Clare Cameron	CLARE.CAMERON	30/10/2018	