

Trustees' Annual Report

Section	Comment
Charity Name	Better Community Association West Africa
Other names by which the charity is known	BCAWA
Registered charity number	1169646
Principal address	private
Charity Trustees	J. Buchanan, C. Riley, P. Weeden, S. Bittaye
Former charity trustees	M. Browne: 13/10/16 – 3/5/17 J. Higgs: 13/10/16 – 23/5/17
Governing document	Constitution, Foundation model
How the charity is constituted	CIO, passive NFE
Charity trustee selection methods	Appointed by existing trustees
Charity Objects	The CIO is established to further the following purposes in West Africa for the public benefit:- 1) To relieve poverty; 2) To relieve sickness and to promote and protect good health; 3) To advance education; 4) To promote West African culture both ancient and modern; and 5) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects.	Promotion of good health by provision of food. Advance education by provision of school fees and upgrading school facilities and donation of teaching aids, furniture, and building toilet blocks. Assistance towards social welfare and recreation.
Additional matters on activities	BCAWA has enter into agreements with justgiving, smile amazon, and paypal to obtain funding and has received tiny amounts.
Summary of the main achievements	The project in Yundum has been successful with major improvements to classrooms, toilet block, bakery, and library facilities. This project serves a population of around 1600 people on site and more who attend the school

	<p>complex. The project in Sukuta has been completed with the renovation and decoration of the outside and the additional of a playground with swings, roundabout and slide. Our efforts at the Bakau Community Centre to upgrade the toilet facilities have been rewarded in the sense that our tiny efforts attracted the attention of the Village Development Committee, which has released funding and is currently doing major renovations. We are hopeful that they will restore the library we set up about 6 years ago.</p> <p>It would be positive if we could respond to BFA as we are the captains of the Books for Africa project to The Gambia, but this depends on the success of our applications for funding. Fundraising efforts have largely failed so far. The main sponsor has cut funding to half</p>
<p>Policy on reserves</p>	<p>Money is left in the account as prudent policy. Our funding has just been cut to half and so residue in the account has become very relevant.</p>
<p>Details of funds in deficit</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Further financial review details</p>	<p>BCAWA has one sponsor. The Trustees have a decade of experience in The Gambia. We know what to do and how to do it. We help at the grassroots level and concern ourselves with the impoverished people of The Gambia. We are the Container Captains for BFA in The Gambia and would like to respond to BFAs request to work with us as their recipient charity as in the past. We would like to improve more nursery schools and supply furniture and teaching and learning materials. There is one health centre that is not fitted out and would benefit from assistance.</p> <p>Our only constraint is funding.</p>

