



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2018		31	12	2018

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 **7 Partridge Close, Greinton, Bridgwater, Somerset**

Postcode **TA7 9BA**

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	Colin Andrews	Chairman		
2	Andrew Burrows	Secretary		
3	Clare Cameron			
4	Elizabeth Crossley			
5	John Crossley			
6	Rupert Douglas-Bate			
7	Lance Stewart	Treasurer		
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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. That management team produce monthly reports on activities in the field and on monies expended. They also work with the UK Trustees to prepare an annual expenditure budget and to review that as necessary throughout the year. Funds are released from the UK trustees' bank account in accordance with the expenditure budget, based on a monthly request for funds from the management team in Malawi.

The Malawi management team also report all requests for training and new project proposals to the UK Trustees, as and when those arise, so that the Trustees can organise their fund-raising activities and requests accordingly.

Such requests are also handled against the background of a Strategic Plan for field operations, prepared in co-operation with the management team in Malawi, but also guided by fund-raising expectations/forecasts. These Plan is reviewed on a regular basis.

Field operations are thus closely controlled by the UK Trustees, who are currently responsible for all fund-raising activities.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The aim of the Tiyeeni 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 Tiyeeni 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 Tiyeeni method reverses erosion and builds soil fertility, through the Deep Bed Farming method. Tiyeeni 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 Tiyeeni Method so that erosion and soil loss is minimised and soil fertility is increased.

Vision/Goals

1. To spread the Tiyeeni 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 Tiyeeni method be imbedded in agricultural practice throughout Malawi.

Our Mission is to bring the deep-bed farming method to as many areas in Malawi as possible; and potentially to look beyond the boundaries of that country in due course.

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)

<p>The Commission's guidance on public benefit was adhered to when planning the activities for the year.</p> <p>The Tiyeni team in Malawi have educated, trained and supported local villagers and individual farmers in sustainable farming and improving food security through the Tiyeni 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.</p> <p>Tiyeni provided ongoing support to a number of communities in Northern and central Malawi, and to several new communities who approached Tiyeni requesting assistance.</p> <p>The package of support that Tiyeni provides to a community is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>More information is at www.tiyeni.org</p>

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

During 2018 Tiyei not only consolidated adoption of Deep Bed Farming (DBF) techniques in those locations/areas established in previous years, but continued to be very successful in spreading the DBF method to new areas in Northern and Central Malawi. At the end of 2018, some 6,600 farmers had received DBF training from Tiyei since operations began. Including other farmers who have adopted DBF through secondary training by lead farmers, it is estimated that a total of 10,000 farmers are now practicing DBF. This organic growth of the technology is welcomed; and many more farmers are expected to convert to deep beds in 2019.

Overall, in the areas in which Tiyei field officers are active, well over 500 ha. was under DBF in 2018, 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 trenches and raised footpaths.

One highlight of 2018 was the feedback following the introduction of 'Hotspots' in 2017, where villages and communities in different areas have joined together to form consolidated plantings of mainly maize, groundnuts, soya and other crops. Madisi is a prime example of this, where some 500 farmers have now adopted the DBF system.

Three research institutions are continuing research into DBF, monitoring labour, farm inputs, crop yields and soil and water retention and social impact this year. Current research continues to be 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. Government institutions and Ministry of Agriculture through DARS are continuing their comparative research, funded in part by Tiyei, on 80 split plots in many different areas of Malawi.

Senior Manager, Isaac Chavula continues to be active in generating collaborative links with several other NGOs and Government institutions. Seeking to obtain substantial resources from major donors for the continuation of Tiyei is paramount at this stage.

Tiyei is indebted to the numerous people and grant foundations who have given of their own resources to maintain the viability of the project. Three are mentioned in Section E below. But in order to meet the demands and needs of farmers in Malawi to adopt the DBF technology, further funding is always 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.

Some of our principal donors in 2018 were:

- a) The Fore (part funded from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund) who are supporting the employment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer on a 3-year contract. This is key to the wider recognition and expansion of DBF technology and practice.
- b) Halcrow Foundation, who are funding a new hotspot at Manyamula for 2 years.
- c) Austin Bailey Foundation, who have provided funding over 2 years for a new hotspot at Chitheka, with the promise of a third year of funding at another hotspot thereafter.

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) Andrew Burrows

Full name(s) Andrew Burrows

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 31/10/2019



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2018

To

31/12/2018

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	70,311	-	-	70,311	83,822
Malawi income - general fund	-	-	-	-	1,936
Malawi income - FLA	-	-	-	-	328
Madisi Hotspot - UK income	-	6,834	-	6,834	19,000
Matuli Hotspot - UK income	-	24,440	-	24,440	2,470
Gold Standard - UK income	-	13,750	-	13,750	2,000
Mapping Project - UK income	-	-	-	-	5,500
Bula Hotspot - UK income	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
M & E project - UK income	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Chimbongondo & Embombeni Project	-	15,465	-	15,465	-
DARS Project - UK income	-	7,500	-	7,500	-
Training Project - UK income	-	8,183	-	8,183	-
Chiwamba Project - UK income	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,311	89,172	-	159,483	116,056
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,311	89,172	-	159,483	116,056
A3 Payments					
UK income - general fund	84,770	-	-	84,770	99,595
Malawi income - general fund	-	9,495	-	9,495	7,929
Malawi income - FLA	-	-	-	-	2,392
Madisi Hotspot - UK income	-	14,581	-	14,581	4,089
Matuli Hotspot - UK income	-	-	-	-	1,087
Gold Standard - UK income	-	13,181	-	13,181	1,372
Mapping Project - UK income	-	-	-	-	2,501
Bula Hotspot - UK income	-	995	-	995	263
M & E project - UK income	-	7,159	-	7,159	-
Chimbongondo & Embombeni Project	-	12,398	-	12,398	-
DARS Project - UK income	-	10,060	-	10,060	-
Training Project - UK income	-	12,749	-	12,749	-
Chiwamba Project - UK income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	84,770	80,618	-	165,388	119,228
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,770	80,618	-	165,388	119,228
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,459	8,554	-	- 5,905	- 3,960
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange translation adjs	-	8	-	8	788
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,817	20,666	-	26,483	30,889
Cash funds this year end	- 8,642	29,212	-	20,570	26,929

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		- 8,642	29,212	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 8,642	29,212	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

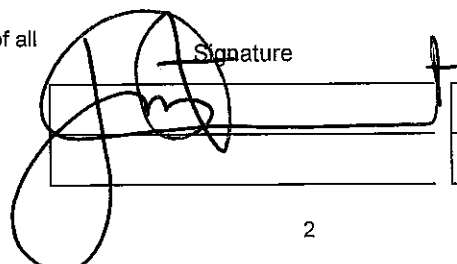
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Lance Stewart

Date of approval

31-Oct-19



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Tiyeni Fund

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2018

Charity no
(if any)

1113274

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2018**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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 no concerns and 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.

Signed:

James Burrows

Date:

31/10/2019

Name:

James Burrows

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

FCA member of ICAEW, member number 1175580

Address:

23 Clay Pit Grove, Cheltenham, GL51 8PU

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

It is noted that whilst the fund overall has surplus cash at 31/12/2018, there is a disparity in expenditure between unrestricted and restricted funds o the amount of £8,642. I am informed that the trustees are aware of this, and that this disparity is being addressed in 2019 such that restricted funds are no longer covering unrestricted funds.

Unlike previous years, the Malawian Kwacha has been relatively stable against GBP during 2018, and the amount of foreign exchange adjustment recorded is therefore not material to the accounts in this financial period.