



## Congo Children Trust Annual Report 2018-19

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the year 2018-19 the trustees continued to focus on supporting fundraising activities by groups and individuals including schools, churches, concerts, sponsored events, talks and festivals. Office volunteers have worked hard to secure a number of grants and to increase online giving.

Congo Children Trust made both monthly maintenance grants and occasional one-off grants to the Kimbilio Project for street children in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo and to related projects in Lubumbashi.

### Income

In 2018-19 income fell slightly, due to a substantial one-off grant from CMS for building international volunteer accommodation received in 2017-18 as well as several HMRC Gift Aid payments. Grant funding fell a little but general donations and church donations both rose significantly in 2018-19 and a great deal of hard work by volunteers and Ian Harvey, the founding Director went into maintaining personal contact with supporters.

The trustees are deeply grateful to the following trusts for their generous support:

The Strathspey Charitable Trust, CLASP Thornham, The Fielden Trust, The Hilden Trust, The Souter Trust, CMS, The Austin Bailey Foundation, Kumi Consulting, Stephen Patrick Rehill Limited; Scottish Episcopal Church Partnership Fund, The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation.

A substantial body of regular donors continue to support the charity via standing orders ensures that funds are available for grants for costs of food and utilities and the numbers of those donating also increased in the course of the financial year as opportunities for giving were promoted at a range of events. In addition, the trustees owe particular thanks to the following churches and organisations:

- The congregations and church councils of St Andrew, Hadfield; St Michael and All Angels, Cosby; Horwich Evangelical Church; Wesley Methodist Church, Chester; Central Exeter Parish; St Michael Helston; All Hallows, Allerton; Holy Trinity, Warrington; St Helen's, Wheathampstead; Nursling and Rownams Parish; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Romford; St Margaret, Lowestoft; St Andrew, Lowestoft; St Francis, Heartsease, Norwich; St James, Thornham, Rochdale; St Paul, Oldham; St Michael, Kingsteignton; Taunton Quaker Meeting; St James, Woodley; Etherley Methodist Church; St Margaret, Whalley Range; St Margaret's, Brotton.
- The Identity (band)
- The British Humane Society
- The Park School, Dartington

Funds were once also raised directly through the sale of Christmas cards and bags and other artefacts made from Congolese fabric at Greenbelt Festival, the Africa Oyé Festival and a range of

church and community fairs and events. Jan McCarthy crocheted dozens of small turtles that proved an instant best seller at churches and festivals. The trustees continue to owe especial thanks to Elizabeth Allen, Flinty McGuire, Ruth Allen, Eileen Knibb and Gill Venton for their ongoing and tireless volunteer work on this aspect of fundraising activities which has focussed on money for the girls' sewing project in Lubumbashi.

Christine Sayell organised a sponsored 3 peaks walk with team of work colleagues and raised £4,300.00

Global Giving continued to be a particularly helpful online fundraising tool in the course of the year with significant match funding provided.

## **Expenditure**

The bulk of Congo Children Trust's financial support continues to be provide for the day to day running of the Centre Kimbilio and Maison Kimbilio, a day centre for street children and accommodation and support provision for former street children

- Very substantial grants from Saidiana (Formerly First Steps Initiative) via CCT funded the Sewing Project and the Young Mums' Hair Salon.
- Repairs were successfully carried out at the Girls' Transit and Boys' Transit houses and funds received from Jayne Storey's memorial fund were used to renovate the dining room at the Boys' Transit House.
- An appeal for the running costs of the Girls' Transit House successfully raised funds for the running costs for the first year following the withdrawal from DRC of the previous sponsor.
- The construction the International Volunteer Accommodation took place with CMS funding.
- Funding was provided for the making of bricks to prepare for the construction of the school at the Maison Kimbilio site.

Through most of the year 2018-19 the Trust continued to have very low UK running costs and we are extremely grateful to the Rev Robert Boulter and the St Margaret's Centre, Whalley Range, Manchester for giving use of office space free of charge.

The Kimbilio Project UK director Ian Harvey worked two days a week on a mainly voluntary basis with some support donated to restricted funds specifically for that purpose. His activities involved communicating with supporters and volunteers in the UK, including emails, newsletters, visits and talks to supporter churches and groups. He also maintained regular contact with the volunteers and staff at the Kimbilio Project. Invaluable further office support continued to be provided by volunteer Eva Walters who has dedicated the equivalent of a day a week to grant applications and has also made visits to churches to speak about the work of Congo Children Trust as well as managing grants to the Young Mums' Hair Salon.



Charity Name	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	82,479	-	-	82,479	69,675
Grants	20,633	-	-	20,633	22,025
Trading	1,089	-	-	1,089	1,059
Bank Account interest	3	-	-	3	4
Sewing Project	7,442	-	-	7,442	18,270
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	9,899
Church Donations	20,472	-	-	20,472	12,818
Univeristy Fees	-	-	-	-	200
Church Painting	-	-	-	-	1,500
Cathedral Benches	-	-	-	-	100
Metal Bookcases	-	-	-	-	1,185
Work with Chilren from Cobalt Mines	-	-	-	-	250
Wall at Maison Kimbilio	-	-	-	-	1,000
Dorsen and Richard Family Transport Costs	-	-	-	-	160
International Volunteers' Accommodation	-	900	-	900	13,161
Witchcraft Training	-	-	-	-	600
Girls' Transit House	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Visit to DRC	-	3,450	-	3,450	-
John Bosco Tribunal	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Schools donations	163	-	-	163	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>132,282</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,632</b>	<b>151,905</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>132,282</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,632</b>	<b>151,905</b>

### A3 Payments

Publicity	930	-	-	930	545
Subscriptions/memberships	306	-	-	306	366
Grants to DR Congo	118,884	-	-	118,884	92,229
Insurance	332	-	-	332	329
Christmas card printing	-	-	-	-	581
Staff Expenses	2,418	-	-	2,418	5,659
Bank Fees	361	-	-	361	378
Publicity Events	1,361	-	-	1,361	852
University Fees	-	-	-	-	200
Training in Congo	-	-	-	-	750
Visits to DRC	-	2,878	-	2,878	4,773
Church Painting	-	-	-	-	1,500
Cathedral Benches	-	-	-	-	100
Metal Bookcases	-	-	-	-	1,185
Work with Children from Cobalt Mines	-	-	-	-	250
Wall at Maison Kimbilio	-	-	-	-	1,000
Dorsen and Richards' Family Transport	-	-	-	-	160
International Volunteers' Accommodation	-	900	-	900	13,161
Wichcraft Training	-	-	-	-	600
Bertin Visit to UK	-	-	-	-	615
Art Therapy Materials	-	-	-	-	118
Trading Expenses	-	-	-	-	487
Office Supplies	259	-	-	259	66
Girls' Translit House	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Payment to Mary Ratter	120	-	-	120	-
Jean Bosco accounts (SS)	-	1,000	-	1,000	-

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<b>Sub total</b>	124,971	9,778	-	134,749	125,904
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<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Total payments</b>	124,971	9,778	-	134,749	125,904
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	7,311	572	-	7,883	26,001
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	50,325	-	-	50,325	24,324
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	57,636	572	-	58,208	50,325

## 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	Main Account	47,579	572	-
	Reserve account	10,058	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>57,636</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	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	Date of approval
	Mark Gant	20/01/2010



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Congo Childrens Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2019

Charity no  
(if any)

114115

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/ 03 / 2019.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

20 January 2020

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Euan Menzies

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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