

# Trustees Report

2020

## FROM Wales Charity Number 1149385

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### FROM WALES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE:

TO WORK IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS MALAWI, WITH A PURPOSE TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL CHARITABLE PURPOSES THROUGH FACILITATING DEVELOPMENT, SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND REDUCING POVERTY.

TO ADVANCE EDUCATION ACROSS SCHOOLS IN MALAWI AND THE UK

TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK.

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN MALAWI AND THE UK

FROM WALES SUPPORTS A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS IN MALAWI, ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO UTILISE LOCAL RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE TO BEST EFFECT PUBLIC BENEFIT AND FUNDING.

#### THE OBJECTS

Throughout the provisions of projects and services in Malawi and the UK; *FROM Wales* makes a contribution to the following charitable purposes as set out in the Charities Act 2006:

- a) the prevention or relief of poverty
- b) the advancement of education
- c) the advancement of religion
- d) the advancement of Health or saving lives
- e) the advancement of citizenship or community development
- f) the advancement of human rights, the promotion of racial or religious harmony or equality and diversity
- g) the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The COVID 19 pandemic has severely affected some of the businesses that support Fishermans Rest Community Projects. None the less the projects have been delivered and much has been achieved in very difficult circumstances.

Despite the Covid 19 global pandemic 2020 has been a very productive year regarding project development and implementation

## **Overview**

Water programmes:

The Madzi Alipo (MA) repair programme continues. Fair to say the MA Management System (MAMS) repair and teaching programme is the only dedicated management, repair and maintenance programme in Malawi

MA reports monthly to the Blantyre district water office and district council on the status of all 2200+ handpumps in Blantyre rural. – This is a unique programme and has significantly contributed to moving Blantyre Rural from 70% functionality to 95% functionality of water points.

MA has been formally invited to apply the MAMS programme to Nsanje District in 2021. Being one of the poorest and most flood prone FRCP has secured funding to initiate this programme

FRCP has secured funding for 2021 – GBP100,000 with the high probability of ongoing support into 2022 and broader application of the MAMS programme

In March 2020 an independent audit of the FRCP MA programme from inception was completed. Carried out by Richard Carter Associates. The outcome was a AAA rating and has resulted in an article published in a book by Richard Carter to be released in 2021. Further publications of the MA programme have been recommended.

Sue in her capacity as lead collaborator in Malawi has secured its position in a water quality testing programme and dentistry programme with Dundee University and College of Medicine. The project is a Fisherman's Rest Programme employing FRCP/ MA. The project is a pilot and total spend of GBP80,000 where the FR element is GBP27,000 dependent on COVID 19 restrictions.

The Charity;Water / sensor programme continues in development. From the anticipated rolling out of the programme in 2020, FRCP/ MA has become the lead institution on the ground evaluating and engaging with development. C;W reimbursed FRCP USD24,000 covering import duties and some sensor installation costs. The programme has been largely applied on the back of other field programmes, reducing implementation costs considerably. Consequently, the implementation of sensor programme has been delayed. FR has been assured that it remains the exclusive choice for programme delivery to Malawi. The MA and MAMS applications and FRCP capacity and capability being cited as the key factors.

A mobile chlorinator adapted to the Afridev handpump has been designed and implemented in the field in collaboration with MSF. This is a unique desirable product which FRCP intends to manufacture for sale/ profit as part of its sustainability programme.

PMG: is being rebranded as Project Brave. Approximately GBP10,000 has been donated through two funding streams. Further funding is required to deliver the programme. Meanwhile Bethan Robinson is planning the programme.

Food: The Good Food Programme (TGFP) was delivered in its usual manner for the first two terms of the 2019-2020 academic year. Since the closure of all the Malawian schools as response to the Pandemic, from April 2020 the Likuni Phala porridge has been given to the most vulnerable children in the schools/ community. This was given in greater quantity and reaching 900 from the outset to 1300 children in December.

It is anticipated the programme will revert to providing porridge at the start of the school day from the new academic year in January.

The 2021 budget has not yet been set therefore requests for funding have not yet been sent out. This is work in progress and has been delayed subject to government/ MoEST directives and TGFP accounts for the academic year. 2019/ 2020 accounts attached approx. GBP92,000 spend from August 2019 to December 2020

Due to Cov19 the intended research was not conducted in 2020 to find out which year groups benefit from the TGFP. We continue to pursue and look at sustainability of funding beyond Fishermans involvement.

FRCP is now CONGOMA registered and in the final stages of registration with the Non Government Organisation - NGO board, a new government legal requirement.

Trees – this programme continues to develop rapidly; 23 communities with FRCP monitored nurseries amounting to approximately 30,000 seedlings. FRCP continues to target 35,000 seedlings for distribution.

Funding continues to come in slowly. Greater emphasis will be given to this project in 2021. Self-sustainability and profit remain project objectives.

School programmes: Horton CDSS phase1 is complete subject to ESCOM and a submersible water pump. In 2021 form 2 will begin with a total number 100 of students attending the secondary school.

Some remaining work remains to be done on water management during heavy rains

The main contributor to the school development have agreed to pay a further GBP36,000 to complete the work. With Cov 19, the programme has slowed down, 2021 will hopefully see the re opening of schools and re engagement by the funders.

The three donated vehicles are still in the UK and should be shipped early 2021. This includes the second vehicle part donated and part purchased by private funds.

HOPE CDSS Chimbwavi – Phase 1 is almost complete/ end December. 50 children will start in the new secondary school in February 2021

With the partner and FR – this is a brilliant work. A huge effort at great cost.

Chipwepwete Bridge: was damaged in 2019 rains close to completion. It has now been completed and will be officially opened in 2020. The final cost is estimated at GBP65,000 against a budget of GBP35,000

Library: The new library at Chimbwavi secondary and Nankhufi I have been opened. Madziabango library remains at roof height and building will continue as finances come in.

Changu Changu – this year 200% growth, again without staff increases because communities have received 126 training sessions and are involved. 1200 fuel efficient stoves - changus built.

Poultry – Presently with no funding. And project closed due to Cov19.

School Sponsorship – Continues to be a demanding programme. In all some 60 students are being sponsored.

The forward focus of FRCP is to build local capacity and now more Malawian staff with specialist capabilities are being employed it is therefore easier to delegate tasks and develop the socio economic status in the area.

Training Centre: Continues to flourish. Regular training with WaSH programmes. A Microbiology and Chemistry laboratory has been implemented as well as an electronics workshop.

A safe house has been built at the police substation to accommodate vulnerable individuals from the community seeking protection while police and social services investigate and do their work. This project is anticipated to be connected in some manner to project brave.

Cov19 has had a drastic impact on education and school children. Teenage pregnancies, marriage, exams, absenteeism. The scale of this has not yet been established. A report will follow.

Tilitonse the community hub/facility has largely been closed as a preventative measure to eliminate the potential spread of COVID 19. It is hope that the facility will reopen in 2021 as it is deemed safe to do so with all the necessary precautions in place.

Libraries have been closed according to a government directive. With the closure of schools this has had a huge impact on employment and learning opportunities for children.

*FROM Wales* meets the needs of the community. Projects have the flexibility to change, be remodelled or a new project started. *FROM Wales* allows potential to work with new and unforeseen partners and projects within the scope of the charities objects.

*FROM Wales* also works in the UK to promote Malawi and works alongside FRCP and Fisherman's Rest to attract groups and teams to Malawi to carry out projects. *FROM Wales* is passionate about providing a cross-cultural experience and facilitating understanding between people in our higher more developed economic circumstances and the lower economic development apparent in Malawi. Understanding garners support for projects in Malawi through education and awareness.

### **Public Benefit of FROM Wales**

As an overview, projects in Malawi are focused around suggested, needs and issues arising from local communities and organisations. These are researched by FRCT and deemed as supportable by the team in Malawi and then *FROM Wales* in the UK. The community involved

are responsible for the everyday functioning of the projects and keep the benefits or profits, resulting in widespread public benefit.

The relief of poverty in the area through FRCT/FROM Wales projects helps to create hope, enthuse action strengthen morale and support growth in the Nankumba and Madziabango communities. The projects *FROM Wales* supports are accessible to everyone, with no charge, there is no exclusivity except in age related youth activities and gender specific events (ie., girls menstrual hygiene classes and boys adolescent classes), which are culturally more appropriate. Public benefit from these charitable purposes is the direct receipt of consumer items, access to facilities such as food and water and community information such as healthcare, farming, biblical teaching and government news.

Education projects are accessible to the pupils and teachers of each school as well as the schools' surrounding community. Libraries and IT suites are open to school children as well as the community outside school hours, advancing all age skills in literacy, English and communication. Teacher training conferences and assemblies are taught by teams and groups from abroad, these offer public opportunity to learn new teaching styles and gather new material. These resources are unobtainable for most rural schools, the work *FROM Wales* helps the youth of this generation gather skills for working in this day and age, making informed, independent decisions, to become positive citizens of Malawi and the world.

Community development is enhanced by Tilitonse community centre, now a hub of village life, it provides the public with good water, a safe environment for children, a centre for meetings, celebrations and voluntary opportunities. Tilitonse reinforces unity within local communities and a sense of ownership and provision, offering incentive for the public to ensure its success and longevity.

Advancements of healthcare projects are through women's and young girls health workshops, boys respect programmes and public health workshops. The public benefits of these events are raising awareness and knowledge of sanitation and hygiene, especially with young girls to encourage them to take the opportunity to complete their education, protecting people from illness and disease as well as the potential to save lives.

The Madziabango and Nankumba area's predominantly share the Christian faith. *FROM Wales* works to advance and support this action and to be open and inclusive. The public benefits are meeting peoples' spiritual as well as psychological needs. Concern may be raised if events are attracting people away from other beliefs, *FROM Wales* looks to support people in their own decision making, as a right to freedom of choice. No advancement of faith activities will force members of the public into Christianity.

*FROM Wales* has a desire to work for the good and public benefit of people, when needs arise they are researched, reviewed and if necessary, addressed. The potential harm of interfering with peoples lives is assessed in each situation, *FROM Wales* sees its presence in Tilitonse and

the Madziabango, Nankumba and Mbame area's as integral to preventing the cause of harm in Charitable giving, everything given is accountable by the receiver and accounted for by the giver, and followed up. Communities benefit from the knowledge that FRCT through *FROM Wales* is established in the area, there is a trust and friendship built over years of time investment and financial investment which promotes respect between parties. Giving is assessed on a culturally acceptable basis as well as needs assessed and key Malawian employees help FRCT to differentiate this fine balance. *FROM Wales* has learnt from experience, reflected on the effective and the ineffective and still appreciates: learning how best to give and facilitate, never stops.

### **Acknowledgements**

None of these development programmes would be possible without the generous partnerships of our corporate and individual sponsors many of whom would like to remain anonymous.

### **Trustees for 2021**

Chairperson: Mr Wiktor Chichlowski

Treasurer: Mr Robert Walker

Secretary: Dr Susan Carnes Chichlowska

Trustee: Mr Rhett Gates

Trustee: Mrs Susan Gates



FROM WALES		Charity No (if any)	
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/08/2019	Period end date	31/07/2020

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	25,675	370,479	-	396,154	396,927
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S07	25,675	370,479	-	396,154	396,927
<b>Resources expended (Note 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	15,521	488,708	-	504,230	461,758
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	15,521	488,708	-	504,230	461,758
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	S13	10,153	- 118,229	-	- 108,076	- 64,831
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	S15	10,153	- 118,229	-	- 108,076	- 64,831
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	S17	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	S20	10,153	- 118,229	-	- 108,076	232,384
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S21	12,580	219,804	-	232,384	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S22	22,733	101,575	-	124,308	232,384

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
"From Wales" Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 to 45

(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. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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:

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	15-04-21
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

