

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the period :-**

**From 01/08/2022 to 31/07/23**

**Giving Opportunities to Achieve and Learn for The Gambia**

**G.O.A.L. for The Gambia (Charity No. 1125489)**

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Trustee - Sandy Sanyang                      Chair

Paul Reynolds                      Treasurer

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## **Structure, Governance and Management:-**

**Type of governing document:-** Constitution adopted on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008

**How the charity is constituted:-** Association consisting of 10 members

**Trustee selection:-** Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting

**Additional governance issues :-** All trustees give their time voluntary and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

## **Objects and Activities :-**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:-**

To advance the education of Gambian Children by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment for their use at school including the provision of funds for the construction and improvement of educational facilities.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:-**

### **Sponsorship Programme :-**

We currently have 450 children being sponsored, with 241 regular sponsors.

### **Bantangba Nursery :-**

The charity has continued to support the Nursery by providing Teacher salaries and continuous teacher training. We also manage the children sponsorship programme and the development of planned building projects.

### **Kitty :-**

We continue to work with the school, providing school materials, toys, donations and supplementing staff incomes.

### **Sanyang Arabic School :-**

We have continued to build a very good relationship with the school and very pleased to help the school with their building projects and support their teachers through the National Training programme.

### **Sanyang Scouts :-**

The Charity has continued to be involved with the Sanyang Scout Troop by providing financial support and the donation of musical instruments to their Scout Band and other training requirements.

### **Sanyang Clinic:-**

The charity has continued to support the Clinic by providing medical equipment and medicines, and financial support to assist in the daily running of the clinic.

### **Beach Days :**

We had 4 beach days for the children from Bantangba, Kitty, Sanyang schools, and the Scouts.

## **Additional details of objectives and activities:**

The Charity has continued to ship school and sports equipment from England, this has been funded by the secondhand clothes that have also been shipped and sold to the Gambian people.

Rice donations from sponsors to their sponsor child/ family have continued to increase, and occasional requests for additional support.

## **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:-**

### **Sponsorship Process :-**

We currently have 450 children being sponsored, with 241 regular sponsors. There were 10 new sponsors during the year and 10 donors stopped their sponsorship. The current financial environment has had a negative impact in support within many charities, however we have been able to keep a constant number of sponsors throughout the year.

### **Bantangba Nursery :-**

The school still has a full quota of approximately 180 students. However, we have had staffing issues. We recruited one grade 12 student as an unqualified teacher and sent him to college to start his 3 year course to qualify as a teacher. We also recruited other staff from outside of the village but, sadly, none of them stayed. We are working on getting new teachers to fill posts as soon as possible.

We have also had a few issues with the management of the school and I have now handed over responsibility for dealing with the staff and PTA to our charity caseworkers, as no matter how many meetings I attended nothing was ever resolved. Obviously they still report back to me for final decisions.

### **Kitty School :-**

We continue to work with the school, providing school materials, toys, donations and supplementing staff incomes. We haven't had any major projects there in this financial year. We also have a couple of volunteers who regularly support the Nursery school

### **Sanyang Arabic School :-**

We continue to support the school and we are very happy that our intervention allowed them to enter grade 9 students for their school leaver exams for the very first time. Every student passed, with amazing results. Nationally students from the school took 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> places. Fantastic results.

The school feeds all of the children at lunchtimes, however they were at risk of losing their supply of food due to the lack of kitchen facilities. Once again we received donations from our supporter and were able to upgrade their kitchen.

The heavy rain destroyed the locally built corrugate and grass school building during the rainy season, early in the summer of 2023. We have decided not to replace it but fundraise for a permanent structure.

### **Sanyang Scouts :-**

The troop continues to go from strength to strength. I am immensely proud of these young people and support them wherever we can. They still do a lot of community work, beach cleaning etc , and training camps twice a year. We do lose a lot of the older scouts to the Army

and Police, especially to the band and this year we had 10 leave at the same time. We supported them with their extensive kit requirements for their employment. I am always happy to see them when they are off duty. They are still involved with the scouts, helping to train them. They also attended the beach days and they are great fun.

### **Sanyang clinic project**

We are still receiving regular large donations from supporters. Medicines, paracetamol. Baby hats, blankets, mobility aids and much more. The staff at the clinic are always very grateful as they get very little from the Gambian government. The Nurse in Charge and takes very good care of donations and ensuring they are used appropriately.

### **Beach Days :-**

We had 4 beach days for the children from Bantangba, Kitty, Sanyang schools, and the Scouts. These days are really good fun for all that attend and the young people love them.

### **First Aid Training**

First Aid For Gambia still go to each of our projects , even those we no longer work with, to undertake refresher training and top up the first aid kits.

All teachers attend this training and each school then designates one or two first aiders. Sanyang Arabic School had their initial training and are now part of the ongoing support from First Aid For Gambia

### **Case Workers**

All the Case Workers have worked extremely hard during the year and have been able to manage all areas of business when required Our newest recruit has provided to be a great asset and we have big plans for him for the future.

One of our earlier sponsored young people has now qualified as a State Registered Nurse and the government have given him his own clinic to run. We no longer supporting him financially but he keeps in regular contact.

### **Shipments**

The charity has spent £8542 on shipping items out to The Gambia during this year, this is a decrease of 24% on the previous year.

Once again, we have been extremely lucky to have a large number of sponsors who have donated towards the costs of these shipments. When Gift Aid has been claimed on their donation, the total of their contribution is £4903. There has also been a further £2037 raised from the sale of Secondhand clothes. This brings the total to £6940. Leaving only £1602 to be taken from the main charity account

## **UK Support :-**

We continue to send out all the sponsor updates every summer. It is a huge job collating them all and chasing the boys for missing information. Our long time volunteer also organises a lot of our shipping and regularly sends items to sell.

Another one of our active supporters has connected us with Rotary clubs, fundraising and donating personally. Her particular interest is in Sanyang Arabic School and she has been the driving force for many of the projects since we started working there.

I have made some good links with the Muslim community in Blackburn and they are very generous with their donations. They have provided clothing, toys and medicines and Qurans and rice at Ramadan .

There has also been a further 160 bags of rice purchased by sponsors for their sponsored families to celebrate Christmas and Ramadan.

The charity has supported a local family for many years. During the first storms of the rainy season their house was destroyed They had to move out as it wasn't safe but they couldn't find anywhere for them all to stay together. We were able to fundraise and build a line house which meant that the whole family were housed. Unfortunately the father passed away in August 2022, however the new building will give the sons the opportunity to stay at home and support their mother

I am very grateful to all the above as well as countless other supporters who support us. We couldn't do it without them!

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity bank accounts had a balance of £12,606 at the end of the 22/23 financial year. The total income for the year was £79,138 and total expenditure for the year was £89,789, giving a deficit of £10,651 this year.

This can be explained by the significant increase in expenditure of £9,145 for school fees. At the beginning of the year, when the school fees have to be paid, the exchange rate for the £/Dalais was 61, whereas it was 67 the previous year. During the year the exchange rate has continued to improve and by the end of the year we were getting a rate of 76 Dalais to the pound.

There has also been a decrease in the total for Fundraising/ Donations over the previous year. There was a large donation in 21/22 that made the total for that year so high, taking that into account the total for 22/23 was still higher than 20/21.

There has been an increase in people visiting Gambia and this has reflected in the £2000 increase in donation from Gambia.

There has been less movement in all other areas of business.

## **Summary :-**

In July 2023 we celebrated our 15year anniversary as a registered charity.

Reflecting back over this time I think we should be proud of what we have achieved.

We have raised over £775,000, which is down to the support we have received over the years. I think for a small charity to reach this total is amazing.

The charity is a voluntary organisation and we have always adopted an approach that everybody who volunteers gives their time freely and nobody takes a salary. This approach has shown to the sponsors that all the money donated to the charity is spent in line with the sponsors wishes, I think this ethos has played a significant part in making the charity such a success.

As a country, Gambia can be a challenging environment to work in and the founder of the charity has continued to build up a strong network of caseworkers. They work extremely well as a team. and they have always been there to support her during some demanding times.

## **What is the future for the charity?**

There has been significant changes in the world over recent years and this has had an impact upon the charity sector. GOAL for the Gambia has effectively managed these changes and our resilience has allowed us to continue supporting the Gambian people.

Our aim is to reach the £1 million target, how long this take will depend on the influences beyond our control, however continuing to operate in our current form we are determined to reach that target.

## **Trustees :-**

The Trustees have all agreed to stand for a further year and they will continue to liaise via email or telephone on all relevant issues, and all actions will be agreed before actioning.

## **Declaration :-**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature :- ***P.A. Reynolds***

Full Name :- Paul Albert Reynolds

Position :- Treasurer/Trustee

Date : 30/03/24





Charity Name GOAL for The Gambia	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2022	To	Period end date 31/07/2023
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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>					
Regular Donations	38,945		-		38,431
Fundraising/Donations	25,136		-		31,184
Gift Aid	10,249		-		12,891
Donations in Gambia	2,771		-		788
Secondhand Clothes Sales in Gambia	2,037		-		2,588
			-		
			-		
			-		
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>79,138</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>85,882</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>79,138</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,882</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
School Fees	33263		-		24118
Staff Remunerations	11814		-		11657
Charity Expenses	6620		-		4881
School Projects	15049		-		13990
Shipment Costs	8542		-		10593
Medical expenses	0		-		102
Beech Days	922		-		587
Donations from Sponsors	13579		-		13177
			-		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>89,789</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>79,105</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>89,789</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,105</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 10,651</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>6,777</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 10,651</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>6,777</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cheque Account	2,581		
	Savings Account	586		
	Money in Gambia	9,439		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,606</b>	OK	OK
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error		
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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	
	<b>P.A Reynolds</b>	Paul Albert Reynolds	18/04/2023	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
G.O.A.L. for The Gambia

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/07/23

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1125489

**Set out on pages**

(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.

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 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.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

11/04/2024

**Name:**

Jolyon Head

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
Membership number M21986

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**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.**

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