Africa's Gift

Changing Lives, Nurturing Nature

ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 2026



Africa's Gift Ltd
Company Number 08263480
Registered Charity number 1149830

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A Word from the Chair

This has been an extraordinary year for Africa's Gift! The highlight of this year was the **visit to Malealea of His Majesty King Letsie III**. His Majesty is Ambassador for Nutrition across the African Union. He therefore took great interest in our regenerative farming work to grow nutrient-dense crops and our Eco Cook Bags which preserve nutrients. The King's visit was a massive community event with thousands present and has been the catalyst for a number of future actions.

Another highlight has been the onboarding of **Kingsley Napley, a leading London law firm, as a major sponsor.** The sponsorship has enabled the teaching farm to utilise every part of the farm and to start teaching local school children and their staff! It's has also enabled Malealea to commence production of 1000 Eco Cook Bags!





KEN DUNN MBE
CHAIR & FOUNDER

Message From Our Patron, Prince Seeiso



“I am very proud to be patron of Africa's Gift - a charity that changes lives, that champions collaborative working, and that promotes education for sustainable development. Confident that its influence will continue to expand and develop, I encourage you to support this charity, as 100% of your donation will be used for maximum benefit in an African community.”

Our Supporters & Donors

This year we are delighted to welcome **Kingsley Napley** as our Major Sponsor. Their support has enabled a significant expansion of our work in Lesotho.

Thank you to all our contributors, including;

- Africa's Gift subscription members
- Africa's Gift Trustees & their families
- Africa's Gift volunteers and fundraisers
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Accelerate UK
- Angel Assets
- Charlotte Verney
- Create International Ltd
- Central Methodist Church, Sheffield
- Charlotte Driver
- Faye Smith
- Green Logistics Group
- Methodist Women in Britain
- myRaceKit North
- Nat West Bank
- SAB Textiles
- St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham

Our Purpose & Public Benefit

Africa's Gift Ltd is a charitable company, holding no share capital, limited by guarantee, and governed by Articles of Association (November 2012). The charity exists primarily to:

1. **Promote sustainable economic and agricultural development in Africa with a particular focus on the Malealea valley, Lesotho through;**

- the conservation and protection of the environment and prudent use of resources;
- the promotion of sustainable agricultural practice and other means of achieving economic growth and regeneration

2. **Address poverty and improve living conditions in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly, but not exclusively in the Malealea Valley by:**

- assisting families to grow a sustainable and nutritious diet using keyhole gardens
- funding and provision of eco cook bags to
  - assist with local health and nutrition
  - reduce time poverty
  - reduce the impact on the planet by reducing water and fuel usage
- working with schools to improve their facilities and the quality of education, including learning about sustainable agriculture and wider economic development.

3. **Build wider understanding and garner support for our work across communities in the developed world by;**

- supporting school, workplace, university and social groups to undertake working visits to Africa (paricularly Malealea Valley) and to make a longer term commitment to support our work;
- tirelessly promoting our work and achievements by all appropriate means

His Majesty King Letsie III Visits Malealea





In January 2026 we were honoured to welcome His Majesty King Letsie III to Malealea.

King Letsie visited the eco cook bag team to see the stages of production. Our skilled team of local ladies were working on an order for 30 bags financed through sponsorship from our valued supporter, Faye Smith.



Ken explained the purpose and benefits of the bags with particular reference to **improving nutrition whilst saving time, fuel and water**. The King saw all of this as highly relevant to his own mission to improve nutrition across the African Union

His Majesty King Letsie III Visits Malealea



The King was also visibly enthused by the work he saw at the Teaching Farm. Ken demonstrated how **regenerative agriculture** allowed the soil to be i**mproved and crops enhanced.** The King saw the production of **biochar,** used in conjuncture with manure, to improve moisture retention and enrich the soil. He also saw the benefits of i**nter-planting of complimentary crops** to aid nitrogen fixing in the soil.
Ken demonstrated the careful management of water through drip irrigation and the use of **contour swales** to retain water and reduce soil erosion.

The benefits of all of these initiatives were clear across the range of crops which showed a **rich abundance at odds with similar crops in the surrounding fields.**

The King's visit was a tremendous community event, after which the local school children enjoyed a celebratory meal!



His Majesty King Letsie III Visits Malealea

The day closed with a delicious meal cooked by our great friend and supporter, **Chef Moteane Ska.** Chef Ska used the **eco cook bags** to produce a selection of delicious hot and cold dishes.



The King fully grasped the potential of our work and was warm in his thanks to Ken and to Africa's Gift. The next day the Prime Minister's Office invited Ken to agree a Memorandum of Understanding on taking forward joint work to capitalise on all the King had seen.

With thanks to all those who worked to make this visit such a success including the Malealea Choir, supporters from the UK and Zimbabwe, Jackie and friends at the Malealea Lodge and of course the Malealea Development Trust (MDT).



A New Connection in South Africa

In January and February Ken and a group of supporters visited Lesotho and South Africa, including a stay outside the urban deprived town of **Hanover.** The New Holme Nature Lodge is owned by conservationist and ecotourism entrepreneur, **“PC” Ferreira.** During our fascinating stay we learned about a number of PC’s initiatives, including:

·Work to gain government-led support for an **animal migration corridor** from his own land all the way to Knysna;
·Plans to build and run a **safe house refuge** for mothers and children. This would protect them from theft and violent attacks by the local men during the dangerous few days at the end of each month when welfare benefit are paid.
·Potential to occupy the mothers during their confinement in meaningful activity such as **making eco cook bags.**



We also visited a school in the town of Hanover where ladies from the community, were introduced to the eco book bags. The production of the bags was demonstrated by seamstress, Sylvia. Chef Ska made a meal which was shared with the elders and school children to demonstrate the usage and benefits of the bags.

Hanover is a region where trees are scarce due to generations of farming. The eco cook bags bring a particular benefit to the local community of **time-saving from a reduced need to seek fuel.**

This successful visit identified synergies with PC’s work which will be pursued in the future.

Eco Cook Bag Production Upscaled



A sizeable donation from our new major sponsor, Kingsley Napley enabled the purchase a large quantity of locally produced cloth and commence production of 1000 eco cook bags! The distribution of these bags along with appropriate training for users will be delivered by our partners at the Malealea Development Trust (MDT).

This key change in the scale of the operation brings multiple benefits:

-Health and other benefits for the families who receive the bags
-Ability for the MDT to offer the bags at a significant discount
-Steady employment for the team of village ladies who make the bags
-Recruitment and training of a new team of local men to harvest and process the agave filling.

More good news came with an offer from our friends at Malealea Lodge of an indoor home for production. This will allow work to continue in all weathers.

Teaching Farm Grows under New Management!

The **Teaching Farm** has a **new and experienced Farm Manager**, Thabo Makhoalinyane and an apprentice. Thabo has impressive training and experience in **regenerative and conservation agriculture** and is well placed to take the farm to a new level. Thabo is working to expand the area under cultivation. Already a **new swale** has been built to strengthen erosion protection and water capture.

A tight relationship has been formed with the MDT to ensure all produce sales are recorded and the income made available to support future planting and other innovations. In partnership with the MDT, Thabo plans to reach out to local farmers and to strengthen ties with local schools to build understanding as to how they can improve yields and reduce pests organically.





A key component of the sustainable farming model with its focus on increasing crop production is the use of **biochar**. We make the biochar from the wood of invasive trees and mix it with manure. This gives a powerful mix which adds richness and nutrients to the soil whilst retaining moisture, vital during the **Lesotho drought season.**

Working with with Malealea Schools

Improving School Buildings

In February news came of a Malealea Primary School which had a panel missing in the roof and was experiencing heavy rain. The school had therefore had to close! Unfortunately this is not an unsual event with the state of repair of the local schools.



Africa's Gift was able to pay for a new roof, to repair cracks in the floor and replace a broken door. The funds for this were donated, in part, through the generous work of **St Bernard's Catholic High School in Rotherham,** who plan to visit the area and work further with the school in October 2026.

Teaching Farming Techniques

In 2025/26 we worked with the Teaching Farm Manager and MDT to increase the education of local school children in regenerative techniques. The students, many of whom will form the next generation of local farmers, gained hands-on experience of planting and caring for potatoes in fertilised and biochar enhanced soil. This work complements each school's mini farm as a training ground for staff and pupils.

Marian’s Eden, a Pharmaceutical Garden

Coffee and medicinal plants continue to grow well at **Marian’s Eden, our pharmaceutical resource in Uganda.** Forest dwellers including the Batwa people were displaced following the creation of the Bwindi reserve and Africa’s Gift secured the land to replace invasive plants with traditional medicinal trees and plants that the Batwa and others use.





Underplanting of coffee plants has ensured an ongoing cash crop. We are in discussion with the community to build a Tourist Reception Centre where the coffee can be served as a “Plant to cup” experience, as the next stage of development.

Masemouse Reservoir and Fishery Continues to Develop



Local villages admire the newly stocked reservoir which is protected by netting.

The reservoir built and managed by Africa's Gift continues to develop. The strong local leadership has introduced **native fish species** to the reservoir. These juvenile fish are being allowed to grow and establish a population at which point they will be made available for local sale and consumption.

The outflow from the reservoir is being used to grow **tomatoes and peppers** - see white netted area in the photograph.

A new sponsor, a new partnership and new opportunities!

Africa's Gift is delighted to have signed our first Major Sponsor in the prestigious London Law firm, **Kingsley Napley. Kingsley Napley** has already made a significant donation to the organisation. This has enabled step-changes in the operations at the Teaching Farm and in the production of Eco-Cook Bags. Also, the skills and resource which they have made available to us have assisted us to achieve the status of Environmental Partner for **1% for the Planet**

Africa's Gift has been accepted as a **1% for the Planet Environmental Partner!**

1% for the Planet Environmental Partners are carefully vetted organisations and programs that have proven alignment with **1% for the Planet**'s Impact Areas. Environmental Partners are organisations working for the benefit of people and the environment, with missions that span across a wide range of impacts, from community conservation to sustainable livelihoods.

Africa's Gift is proud to be accepted as an **Environmental Partner** and looks forward to be selected by a Member organisation to receive a 1% donation of the Member's revenue. This will further assist our ability to maintain and expand the projects in Lesotho and beyond.

We also seek new **Major Sponsors**, both individuals and organisations whose values and interests align with our work. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our work with you and to explore how you might help.

2025-2026 Priorities: Performance Review

Priority	Achieved	Status
Sustain fundraising efforts	Step-change in finances due largely to Kingleys Napier sponsorship	Exceeded
Expand production and use of eco cook bags in Lesotho	Commencement of continued production with large order for 1000 bags	Exceeded
Promote and embed sustainable farming practices in Malealea and Masemouse, including the conservation of water, manufacture and use of biochar and use of cover crops	Sustainable farming practices promoted through King's visit, visits throughout the year from Ken and by ongoing support of MDT	Met
The further development of the teaching farm in Malealea - show casing conservation agriculture and the creation of biochar as a soil enhancer.	New staffing, new areas cultivated, plans developing to work closer with local farmers	Met
Continue our support of the community at Marian's Eden, Uganda	Financial support and management of the facility has been maintained. The community continues to develop the forest pharmacy. Future plans are being developed with Kingsley Napley.	Met

Key Priorities for 2026-2027

- Deliver 1000 Eco Cook Bags to the community with income ploughed back into further production
- Expand production and distribution of Eco Cook Bags to new districts of Lesotho
- Gain carbon offset status for the Eco Cook Bags
- Promote the Teaching Farm within the community as an exemplar of regenerative agriculture with a focus on water and soil management to protect from drought conditions
- Diversify funding streams
- Further development of Marion's Eden garden, Uganda

*The expected and unprecedented El Niño Effect risks a severe drought in Lesotho in Spring 2027, the main agricultural growing season. The Teaching Farm showcases measures which local farmers can use to reduce their risk of crop failure. These include the use of biochar for moisture retention, mulching to prevent loss of moisture and wind erosion, companion planting to protect vulnerable plants. Adoption of these and other measures could literally save lives.

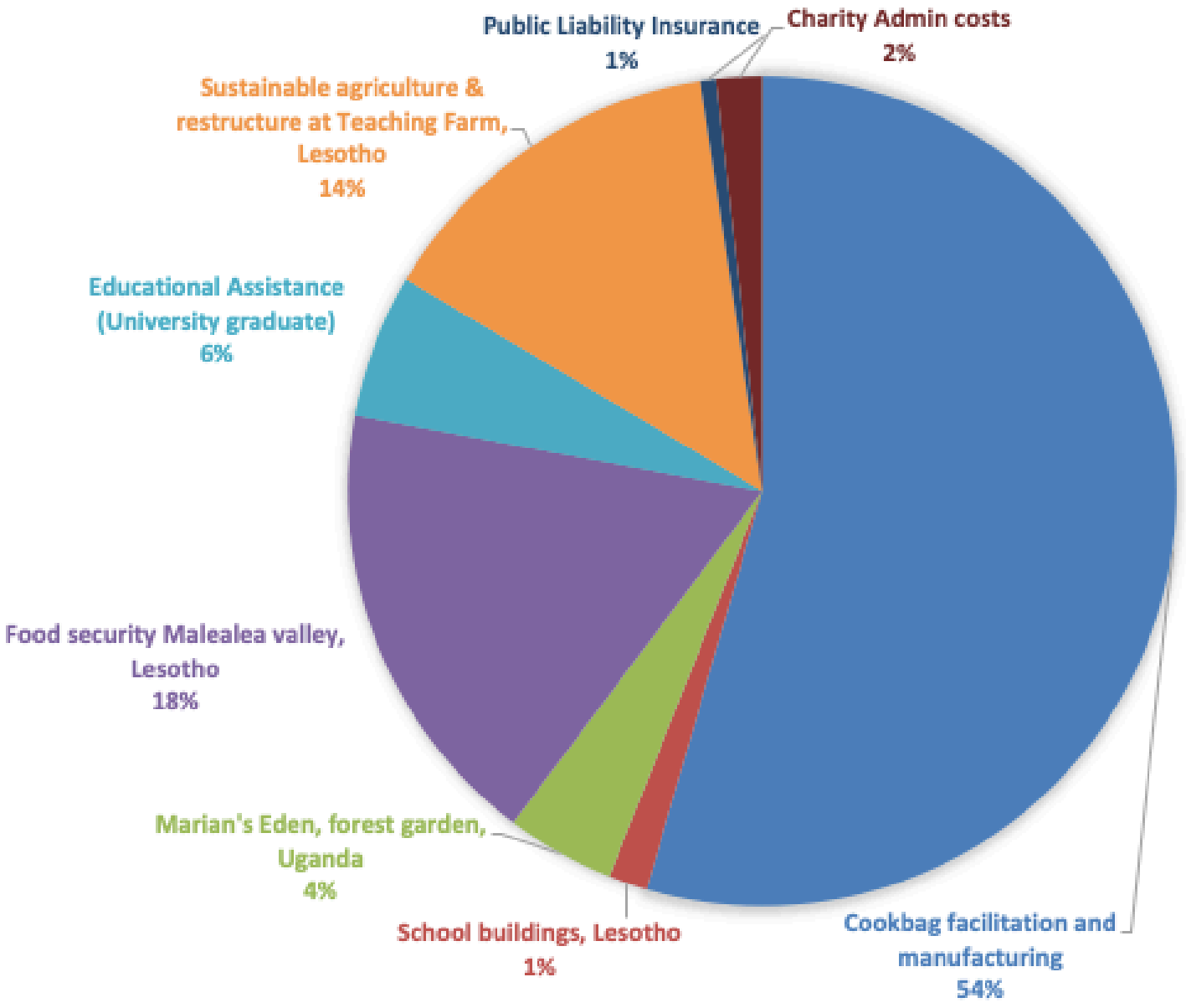
Finances 2025-2026 at a Glance

	£
Charity funds balance held @ 1 June 2025	5,125
Charitable income	46,641
Charitable expenditure	49,449
Carried forward at 31 May 2026	2,317

Cash Reserves:

It is Charity policy to ring-fence donations or support received for specific projects, whilst also keeping in reserve an agreed sum (annually reviewed) for unexpected costs. Thus for 2025-2026 we are carrying forward funds identified for planned developments at Tsinyane, Masemouse, and the teaching farm in Malealea, further progress with our cookbag manufacturing initiative, and work on Marian's Eden forest pharmacy. Where the amounts held are insufficient, we expect to raise the balance through fund raising initiatives.

Expenditure 2025 - 2026



Governance

Our Trustees meet a minimum of 4 times a year, in addition to our AGM

Our Trustees serve an initial term of 3-years after which they can seek reappointment for further terms.

Any person willing to act as a Trustee will be considered and, where appropriate, appointed by the board at a General Meeting

Africa's Gift have a strategy to focus our priorities in the coming year and a risk register.

Trustees take very seriously their duty to ensure that the charity's income is used for public benefit. Although there is an annual licence cost for the online processing of donations and Gift Aid, we do not spend donors' gifts on fundraising schemes, and we are confident that whilst reporting the impact of charitable activities upon the lives of both African and (visiting) volunteer beneficiaries, we also take great care to identify best value for money. Please see this year's financial review for further details.

Administration

Principle Charity Office
Carholme, 22 Parkfield Road,
Rotherham, S65 2AT

Our Trustees
Kenneth Dunn
Helen Bailey
Teri Stephenson
Michael Fletcher
Paul Keen
Val Penycate

Registered Company Number - 08263480

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This report was approved by the Trustees of Africa's Gift on 15 September 2026

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Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

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Financial Statements

Year ending 31 May 2026

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These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

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Directors' Report

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the report and unaudited company accounts for the year ending 31 May 2026.

The directors who served during the year are :

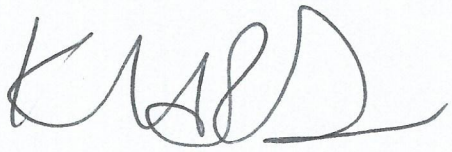
Helen Bailey	Appointed 13.11.2020
Kenneth Ronald Dunn	Appointed 22.10.2012
Michael Robert Fletcher	Appointed 02.12.2015
Paul Keen	Appointed 24.02.2016
Valerie Mary Penycate	Appointed 12.10.2018
Teresa Mary Stephenson	Appointed 13.11.2020, resigned 18 March 2026

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 15 September 2026

Registered office

Carholme
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Signed



Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd

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Profit and Loss Account

Year ending 31 May 2026

	£
Total cash balance held at 1 June 2025	5,125.35
Income – charitable donations	46,641.04
Expenditure – charitable objects	49,449.05
Total carry forward at 31 May 2026	***2,317.34***

For further details of individual items of income and expenditure, please refer to pages 5 & 6.

Africa's Gift Ltd

Registered Charity Number 1149830

Company number 8263480

Balance Sheet

Year ending 31 May 2026

❖ **Current Assets**	**£**
Cash in bank, charitable donations	1,816.67
Cash in bank, Happy Feet and SA crafts	00.00
Cash in bank, other (volunteer payments, future visit costs)	500.67
Total Assets	***2,317.34***

❖ **Liabilities (2025-26)**	
Donations held for contributions to conservation agriculture and environmental stewardship	88.72
Donations held for ongoing development of Marian's Eden, forest pharmacy, Uganda	50.99
Funds held for future volunteer visits (costed travel and accomodation)	500.67
❖ **Cash Reserves**	**1,676.96**
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Stock	***2,317.34***

Notes

For the year ending 31 May 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of it's accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to those companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 15 September 2026

Signed

Kenneth R Dunn (for the Board of Directors)

Africa's Gift Ltd **RCN 1149830**

Balance of accounts at close of business on 31 May 2026

INCOME

	Donations / payments received	£
1	Cookbag activations and manufacturing support	24,387.57
2	Donations for repairs to primary school buildings, Makhateng, Lesotho	750.00
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	1,337.05
4	Peter Robinson Memorial (environmental support) Fund	134.06
5	Phase 2 sustainable agriculture, Malealea valley, inc Tsinyane and Masemouse	1,072.81
6	Individual sponsorship support to cover university fees.	2,764.75
7	Donations for Malealea Teaching Farm, Lesotho	5,468.23
8	Funds raised for 'hands on' community support by PIV participants	1,899.95
9	General donations	5,518.50
10	Membership subscriptions	3,252.94
11	Bank interest	55.18
		46,641.04
	TOTAL charitable income for the period	

Charity funds balance held @ 1 June 2025	5,125.35
Charitable income	46,641.04
Charitable expenditure	49,449.05
Carried forward at 31 May 2026	**2,317.34**

As can be seen on page 4, we are carrying forward funds for known commitments in Lesotho.
A sum is also identified for Reserves, which we use to cover unexpected losses in income or occasional unforeseen expenditure, thus also protecting our other restricted (ring fenced) budgets or enabling us to respond to an emergency situation.

Accounts prepared by Lesley Cochrane

Signature L Cochrane

Date 30 June 2026

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EXPENDITURE

	Project work supported	£	
1	Cookbag facilitation & manufacturing costs, not for profit, Lesotho	26,953.67	*
2	Repairs to Makhateng Primary School buildings	750.00	
3	Marian's Eden; Batwa heritage, forest garden in Uganda	2,100.00	
4	Food security / crisis support, Malealea valley, Lesotho	7,615.00	
5	Planned works in Tsinyane and Masemouse, food production focus	1,114.69	
6	Individual, final year's university fees and graduation costs	2,764.75	
7	Sustainable agriculture & restructuring at teaching farm	6,972.34	**
8	Public Liability Insurance	296.24	
9	Business meeting to consolidate relationship with primary sponsor	76.59	
10	Online collection & processing of donations - annual licensing costs	690.46	
11	Banking costs	115.31	
		49,449.05	
	Total charitable expenditure for the period		

* **includes £1092.43 fundraised and spent in country by PIV participants**
** **includes £306.85 fundraised and spent in country by PIV participants**

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total cash carried forward	**5,125.35**
TOTAL cash in bank on 31 May 2026	**2,317.34**

The impact of PIV groups on the work we undertake in southern Africa continues to be significant in terms of both their pre visit fund raising, and the work they complete during their stay. With their help - and encouraged in person by HRH King Letsie - 25/26 has been a year of renewed vigour at Malealea Teaching Farm, alongside a major upscaling of our eco-cookbag production.

Accounts examined by

Signature .....

Julie Robinson ACMA CGMA MAAT

Date 27/8/26

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Africa's Gift Ltd		
On accounts for the year ended	31st May 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1149830
Set out on pages	(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 / 05 / 2026**.

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.

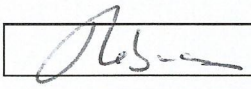
Independent examiner's statement

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:**	27/8/26
Name:	Julie Robinson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA		
Address:	24 Napier Court, Gander Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, S43 4PZ.		

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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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A