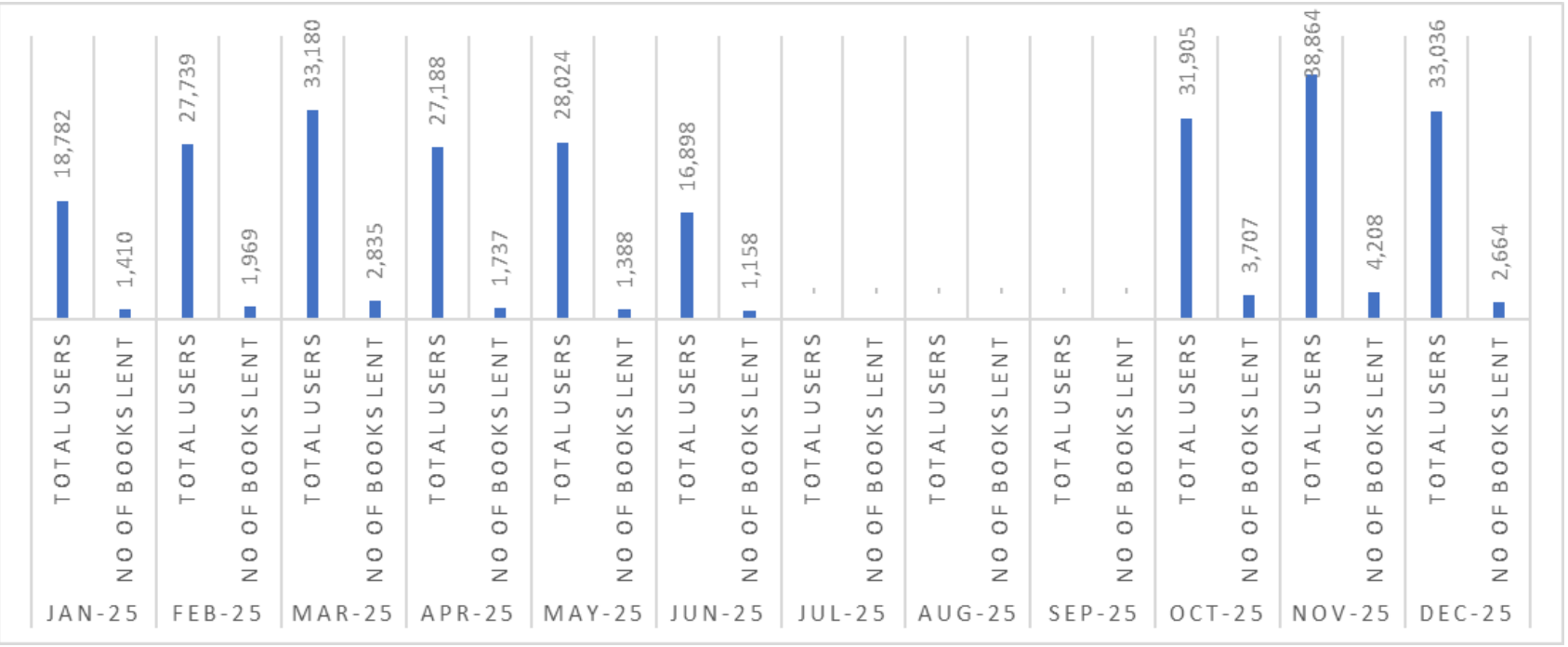
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



2025 IN NUMBERS: LIBRARIES PROJECTS

- In the 2024/25 academic year, (September 2025-June 2025) EEL supported 40 schools and the first 3 months 48 schools (45 primary, 2 secondary and 1 school for the deaf).
- In total in 2025, the footfall of students visiting EEL supported libraries was an amazing 255,616 (134,037 Males and 121,579 Females)
- In total in 2025, 21,076 books were lent by the libraries

LIBRARY USE 2025



I) LIBRARIES

The book purchased in 2025 was aimed at improving library access for students in Grades 5–8





THE IMPACT

	Grade 6			Grade 8		
	M Pass %	F Pass %	Total Pass	M Pass %	F Pass %	Total Pass %
Diga Schools with Library	84.0%	81.0%	82.5%	71.3%	62.4%	66.9%
Diga Schools without Library	77.6%	75.3%	76.6%	52.4%	46.5%	49.8%
Diga Impact of Libraries	6.4%	5.7%	5.9%	18.9%	15.9%	17.0%
Guto Gida Schools with Library	65.1%	66.2%	65.6%	58.1%	45.1%	51.2%
Guto Gida Schools without Library	73.0%	69.3%	71.4%	43.2%	9.1%	27.4%
Guto Gida Impact of Libraries	-7.9%	-3.1%	-5.8%	14.8%	36.0%	23.8%
Wayu Tuku Schools with Library	93.0%	97.6%	95.2%	85.6%	76.9%	81.1%
Wayu Tuku Schools without Library	93.2%	91.8%	92.6%	65.6%	49.5%	58.0%
Wayu Tuku Impact of Libraries	-0.2%	5.8%	2.6%	19.9%	27.4%	23.1%
All Schools with library	**81.2%**	**82.0%**	**81.6%**	**71.1%**	**60.8%**	**65.9%**
All Schools without library	**81.0%**	**78.5%**	**79.9%**	**53.1%**	**34.9%**	**44.8%**
Impact of Libraries	**0.2%**	**3.5%**	**1.7%**	**18.1%**	**25.9%**	**21.0%**

CASE STUDY: MAGNA KILI



Community School (Community building school & library)

EEL Investment:

Funding a Librarian for 8 yrs
Funding Books
Purchase of Library Furniture



Impact 2025
Libraries Opened on Saturday
Library Footfall approximately 6500 Visits
460 Books Loaned
100% pass rate in Grade 6 (28 pupils) and Grade 8 (10 pupils).
Librarian Motu Kajela funded from her Librarian Salary a Distance Learning Masters and farms ½ acre of maize.

SOME OTHER LIBRARIANS



Chaltu Jalletu
Abdi Boru Gute Primary School
Accounting Diploma



Dawit Megersa
Dimtu Primary School
Management Degree

VALUE FOR MONEY

- Libraries Project costs approximately £13,500 a year to run
- Supports 48 libraries and employment of £35 librarians
- Total Visits in 2025, 255,616 cost approximately 5p per visit!!!!!!

1) LIBRARIES 2026/27

In 2026/7 we are planning to continue the library project.

Library Project will support 28 primary schools, benefiting approximately **10,00** students.

All 28 school librarians will receive training and support visits—20 funded by the **project** and 8 funded by the government—ensuring consistent, high-quality library services across all schools.





2. LITERACY

- Improving Girls' Literacy tutorial programme worked with **10 primary schools** in 2025/26.
  - **4 continuing schools** having **paid teachers**.
  - **6 new pilot schools** having **volunteer teachers**.
  - **All participating teachers** received training.
  - Each school received **mini-blackboards and learning materials** to support effective tutorial sessions.



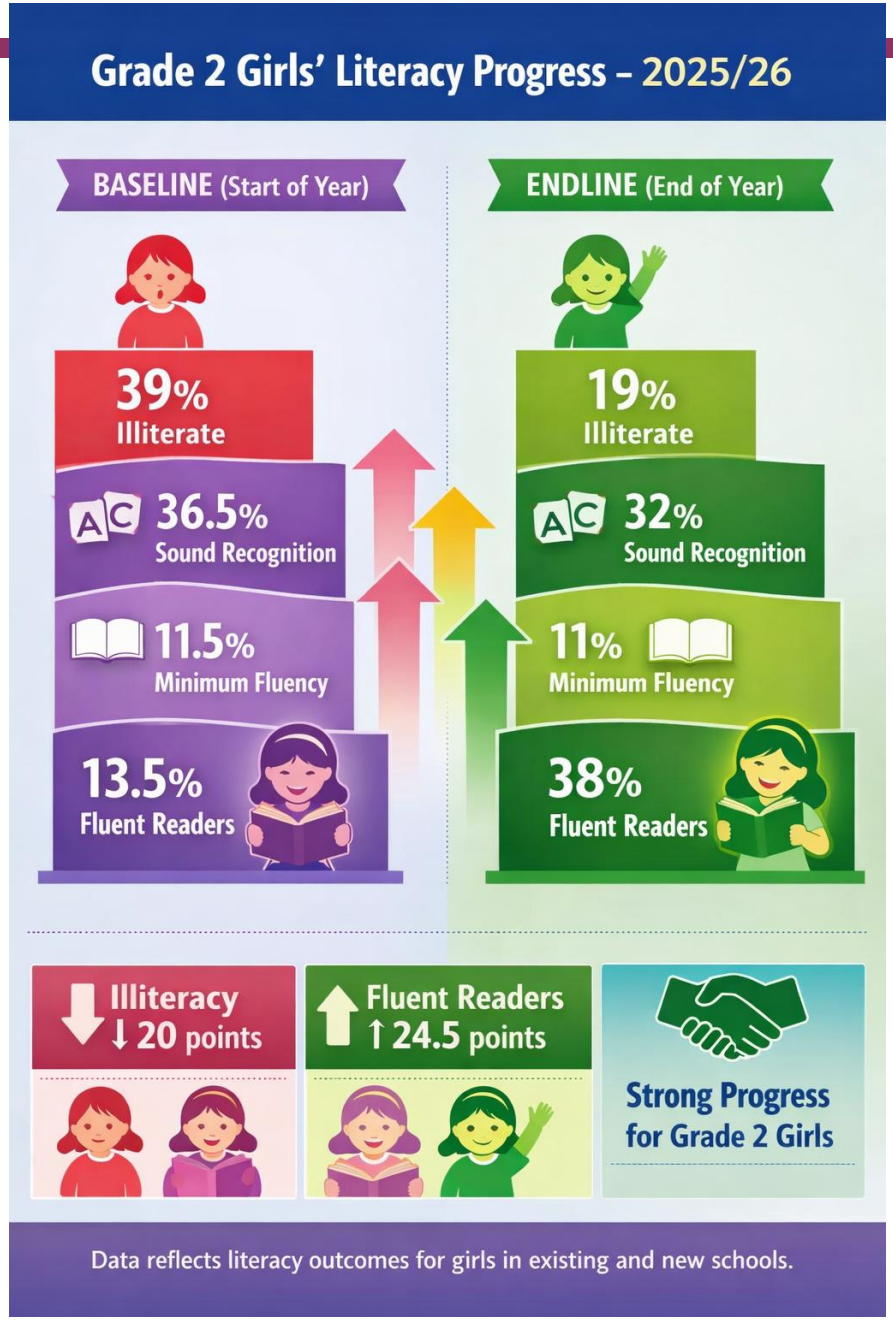




2. LITERACY

📊 Girls' Literacy Tutorial Programme – Key Highlights

- 303 girls assessed at baseline; 293 at endline (10 schools)
- All students received twice-weekly catch-up tutorials
- Key Results
  - Dramatic Drop in Illiteracy: 39% → 19%
  - Surge in Fluent Readers: 13.5% → 38%



3. GIRLS' BIKE PROJECT

The original target was to train **12 girls** from **2 secondary schools**.

The program is now reaching **more than 39 girls who attend regularly**, exceeding the target.

Training is conducted **twice a week**, with **2-hour sessions** for each school, led by a coach.





4. ENHANCING THE LIVES OF DISABLED ADULTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH SAVING &LOAN PROGRAMME

- **60,000 ETB grant** provided to one Parent Support Group and one Disability Association
- Supports **two primary schools** with **26 members** (15 women)
- Funds used as a **revolving saving and loan scheme**
- Helps families **keep disabled children in school** through regular saving and small loans



FUNDRAISING AND ADVOCACY



RESPECT FESTIVAL

Event head at Exeter Community Centre in September (25 Attendees)

Plan to hold another event in September 2026

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
OFFICERS:

Role	Officer during 2025:
General Secretary	Dawn Swettenham
Treasurer	Mark Smith
Membership Secretary	Annie Bainbridge (To step down)
Fundraising, social media, publicity	Lee Davies
Website Editor	David Scarbrough (To Step down)
Project committee	Penny Pullen, Liz Horsefield, Sue Parks, Marc Zuiderveen Joanne Keenahan, , Murti Uma, Mark Smith

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES

TRUSTEES:

Trustees during 2025
Penny Pullen (honorary/ ex officio)
Liz Horsefield
Ruth Ryan
Selam Uma
Cynthia Palmer
Kenechukwu Leonard

Ex-officios	
Mark Smith (Treasurer)	Treasurer (non trustee)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Exeter Ethiopia Link has finished 2025 with total funds of £23,988(2024: £20384).

We raised a total of £23,668 compared to £21,996.5 in the previous year. This slight increase is mainly due to an additional grant we received from the Waterloo Foundation. We again carried out a very successful Big Give campaign in which we raised £6411. Money from this is included in both fundraising and donations lines (from our match funders Ethiopia Aid and Enable Ed CIC) of our Statement of Financial Activities. We spent £29600 compared to £33,732 last year of which 92% went as grants out to Ethiopia and 6.5% as a stipend and expenses to our volunteer project manager in Ethiopia.

By Mark Smith EEL Treasurer.

EEL has finished 2025 with total funds of £

23988 (See separate Financial Report for detail)

What's Next:

Murti developing a budget for the next 3 years to be worked through with the Project Committee. This will be a reduced budget but it will ensure that EEL projects given similar fundraising targets to 2025 can continue for another 3 years. The reduced budget is approximately £15,500 compared to £23,000 in 2025

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Charity Number 1154085

Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

Unaudited Accounts

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Trustees' Statement

The trustees have prepared these accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

The charity's gross income for the year ended 31 December 2025 was less than £25,000 and the charity is therefore not required to have either an audit or an independent examination.

The trustees approve these accounts and confirm that they provide a true record of the charity's receipts, payments, assets and liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2025 and they are signed on its behalf by



M R Smith Treasurer

18.09.2026

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO Charity Information

Charity Address:

333A Willenhall Road
Wolverhampton
WV1 2HD

Charity Number 1154085

Trustees

Ruth Smith
Penelope Pullen
Elizabeth Horsefield
Selam Uma
Kenechukwu Osanakpo
Cynthia Palmer

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO
Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

	Notes	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Current Assets		£	£
Bank Account ...5188		31,906	18,528
Bank Account …7900		1,597	1,857
		33,503	20,384
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year	1	9,515	-
Net Assets		**23,988**	**20,384**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		17,864	12,966
Restricted funds		6,124	7,418
Total Funds		**23,988**	**20,384**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th September 2026

and signed on its behalf by



M R Smith Treasurer

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31/12/2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		2025	**2025**	**2025**	**2024**
Grants Received			10,000	10,000	5,000
Donations		2,100		2,100	4,500
Subscriptions		3,037		3,037	3,144
Fundraising			6,415	6,415	6,659
Gift Aid		2,135		2,135	2,694
Total Income		**7,273**	**16,415**	**23,688**	**21,997**
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising costs		160		160	504
Grants out			17,710	17,710	30,267
Travel costs Ethiopia					701
Volunteer Stipend		1,920		1,920	1,800
Volunteer Expenses					0
Room Hire+ Refreshments					148
Insurance		260		260	242
Donation					70
Bank Costs		35		35	
Total Expenditure		**2,375**	**17,710**	**20,085**	**33,732**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		4,898	-1,295	3,603	-11,735
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought Forward		12,966	7,419	20,384	32,119
Total Funds carried Forward		17,864	6,124	23,988	20,384

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK CIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2025

1 During the year, Enable Ed CIC made payments of £9,500 + £15 Bank Charges on behalf of the charity due to temporary banking administration difficulties. The amount was repaid in full by the charity on 9/2/2026. At the year end 31/12/25, £9,515 was owed to Enable Ed CIC.

Accounting policies

1.1 These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 effective 1st January 2019

Project Fund Balances

Below are the fund balances. Trustees took the decision to continue to simplify the project lines. In the Unrestricted Funds, funds remain merged into one. For Restricted funds a grant from the Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust received in 2024 was spent out. If future grants are obtained (including from the Waterloo Foundation received in 2025), these will be managed on separate project lines.

	Jan-25	Income	Expenditure	Dec-25
Unrestricted Funds				
General	12,966	7,273	2,375	17,864
	12,966	7,273	2,375	17,864
Restricted Funds				
Ferguson	2,000		2,000	
Librarians	5,419	6,415	9,710	2,124
Waterloo Foundation		10,000	6,000	4,000
	7,419	16,159	7,419	6,124
Total Funds	20,385	23,432	9,794	23,988