CHARITY NUMBER 1163681

NAMIBIA PROJECT

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2026

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Our Mission
"Creating Life Chances"

The Namibia Project works to reverse the adverse impact that poverty has on children's lives and future. Through sponsorship, access to education and by meeting the basic welfare needs the Namibia Project improves the lives and opportunities of orphans and vulnerable children in Namibia.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	NAMIBIA PROJECT
Registered charity number:	1163681
Charity's principal address:	Carvossa, Bowden Rise, Seaford East Sussex BN25 2HZ

Names of the charity trustees:

Trustee Name	**Office**
Mrs Ilaria Regondi	Co-Chair (Lead Contact)
Mr Vadim Nikitin	Co-Chair/Media and Communications
Ms Wendy Brandse	Treasurer
Ms Jessica Kort	Secretary
Dr Andreas Elombo	In-Country Advisor & Academic Mentor
Ms Issy Adamopoulos	Fundraising and Events
Mr Samuel Phillipson	Fundraising Campaign Manager
Mrs Sue Lowe	Fundraising Team Support

Non-Executive Advisers:

Mr Rijn Brandse	Non-Executive Financial Adviser
Mrs Ann Brandse	Non-Executive Compliance Adviser

Advisor	**Name**	**Address**
Local Business Bank Manager	Mr Jake Purcell	Metro Bank 70, Arndale Centre Terminus Rd Eastbourne BN21 3NW
Accountancy Adviser	Mr Robert Scrivins BA(Hons) FCA CTA DChA TE	Clark Brownscombe St Andrews Place Southover Road Lewes. East Sussex BN7 1UP
Solicitor	Mrs Lucy Robinson FCILEx	Charity Law Department. Lawson Lewis Blakers 11 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4PP

The trustees present herewith their report and the charity's financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the requirements applicable to the charity.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.
Date of the Constitution (last amended) 7th January 2016

Trustee selection methods

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Upon election, each new trustee receives an induction pack including a range of key organisational policies and documents.

Additional Governance Arrangements

There is a child protection policy in place.
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out, where required, before the commencement of trusteeship. Trustee meetings are generally held online, with the AGM taking place both in person and online.

OVERVIEW of the Namibia Project

The Namibia Project began at ACS International School Cobham in 1998, providing students with the opportunity to fundraise throughout the year before travelling to Namibia to support partner schools and engage in cultural exchange.

Under the stewardship of Ann and Rijn Brandse, 433 ACS Cobham students participated in expeditions to Namibia, raising hundreds of thousands of pounds to support rural schools. In 2015, the Namibia Project became an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with trustees bringing direct experience of the Project and an understanding of the communities it supports.

Ann and Rijn stepped down as trustees in January 2024, while continuing to support the charity in a non-executive capacity. The Namibia Project remains grateful to the ACS community for its longstanding support and contribution to this partnership.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

The trustees regularly review the charity's Risk Register and the measures in place to protect its people, assets, reputation and data. These include safeguards against fraud and the misuse of personal data (GDPR), together with appropriate safeguarding and child protection policies.

The trustees are satisfied that the significant risks facing the charity are appropriately assessed and that suitable measures are in place to manage and mitigate them.

Fundraising

The Namibia Project raises funds to support its charitable activities through donations and fundraising initiatives. Fundraising activities are managed by the trustees and volunteers and the charity does not employ or engage external professional fundraisers.

The trustees are committed to ensuring that all fundraising is carried out responsibly and in accordance with the charity's values.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration. Trustees may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in furthering the charitable purposes of the Namibia Project.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document.

The objects of the CIO ("Objects") for the public benefit are to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve goods or services of any kind in Namibia as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit concerning these objects:

The Namibia Project works in partnership with IIKhūta!hoas Primary School, near Berseba in the //Kharas Region of southern Namibia, to make a tangible difference to the lives of orphans and vulnerable children. The charity continues to explore opportunities to extend its support to other schools and communities in Namibia where there is identified need.

Summary of the main accomplishments of the charity during 2025-2026.

The trustee board continues to guide the Namibia Project into its next phase. Though no longer directly linked to ACS, the mission remains unchanged, to improve the lives and opportunities of orphans and vulnerable children at IIKhūta!hoas Primary School and beyond.

SDG 2. Zero Hunger and Food Security, **SDG 3**. Good Health and Well Being, **SDG 4.** Quality Education.

NAMIBIA PROJECT	**PRIORITISING KEY OUTCOMES for the Partnership with IIKHŪTA!HOAS PRIMARY SCHOOL.**
	KEY OUTCOMES - WHAT WE DID and WHY WE DID IT.
2 ZERO HUNGER	**WHAT WE DID:** **Supported food security at IIKhūta!hoas Primary School by funding protein-rich food for vulnerable children living in the school hostel.**
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	**WHAT WE DID:** **Supported health, welfare and essential transport.** We funded replacement tyres for the school's bakkie, originally donated by an ACS family in 2014. The vehicle enables the school to collect essential food supplies from Keetmanshoop and transport learners to hospital appointments.
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	**WHAT WE DID:** **Supported teaching and learning through the provision of essential stationery and office supplies.**

Financial Review
During 2025-26, the charity received income of £3,309 and incurred expenditure of £4,776, resulting in a deficit for the year of £1,467. The deficit reflects a challenging fundraising environment while the charity continued to provide essential support to its partner school in Namibia. Unrestricted reserves at 30th June 2026 were £5,237, compared with £6,704 at the beginning of the year.

The trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure carefully and aim to retain sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the charity to respond to identified needs and maintain essential support during periods of reduced income. The trustees consider the charity to remain a going concern.

NAMIBIA PROJECT Co-Chairs' Report – 2025/2026

It is with great pride that we present the Chairs' Report for the Namibia Project for the year ending in June 2026.

After a long and difficult period of national climate emergency, in 2026 Namibia returned to the news in a positive way. It is being watched as a relatively stable African democracy with extraordinary natural resources that could become significantly wealthier — provided it can turn oil, uranium, green energy and other resources into broad-based development.

This is particularly important in the context of our work and the pursuit of our mission to support learners in Namibia through education and nutrition. Youth and education as a pathway to reducing inequality and ensuring that Namibia's bright future translates into opportunities for ordinary Namibians cannot be overstated.

Yet against this backdrop of hope, it is fair to say that this has been a challenging year for fundraising in general and for our charity in particular. We are extremely grateful to our donors and friends for their massive response over the past two years that helped us to keep the learners of IIKhūta!hoas Primary School nourished during the unprecedented droughts.

Yet as the cost of living crisis rages on, along with the repercussions of the significant drop in funding for development from the United States for programmes across Southern Africa, we have struggled to reach our fundraising aims. IIKhūta!hoas Primary School, the main recipient of our efforts, has also been through its own transition, with its ongoing change in leadership after Mr. Goieman's retirement.

So this year has been about trying to really make our funds go further and regrouping to think about how to make the work of the charity more sustainable and future-proof.

Helping Vulnerable Learners During the Winter Break

Healthy Nutrition remains the cornerstone of our work, so the tireless efforts of our donors and trustees has been focused on delivering critical food supplements to keep students warm. A big delivery in June (during the Namibian winter, when kids come back to school after a long break) has provided vital supplies to get them through the cold.

Partnership Working

The past year's achievements would not have been possible without the commitment of our trustees, volunteers, local partners, and the incredible generosity of our supporters. Each contribution—whether financial, practical, or advisory—has made a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable learners.

We would like to pay particular tribute to Stina X at llKhūta!hoas Primary School, who has been a constant presence and has carried our partnership throughout the years and despite challenging circumstances.

As always, the Namibia Project has benefited enormously from the big-heartedness of many organisations who have shared their time and expertise. Particular thanks to everyone at Friends of Namibia (FON), the Namibian High Commission in London, and the Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET) for their support.

Looking Ahead: What next?

Over the last few years, we have begun to build out a sustainable future for the Namibia Project - one that reduces dependency on direct donations to fund food and provisions in favour of more locally-engaged solutions involving gardening, energy and irrigation projects. We plan to continue this trajectory in the years ahead, in consultation with the local community.

In order to give llKhūta!hoas Primary School the time and space to complete its own transition, we are exploring partnerships with similarly vulnerable schools in the Berseba region. We are reaching out to the Namibian educational authorities to better understand where the key areas of need are.

As we look forward to 2026–27, we remain committed to our core mission while exploring new ways to address the grave challenges facing vulnerable learners in rural Namibia. With the continued support of our partners and donors, we are confident that we can build on the strong foundations laid this year and extend our impact even further.

Finally, we will look to expand our Trustee Board to include more local expertise and to diversify the skills and knowledge we need in order to take this charity to its next phase.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Namibia Project's success, and who has given up their time, expertise and funds to help create a brighter, more sustainable future for Namibia.

Ilaria Regondi and Vadim Nikitin
Co-Chairs of Trustees
The Namibia Project

Governance and Priorities for 2026-27

Governance: In 2020 the charity adopted the Charity Governance Code and assessment template to help the trustees to develop high standards of governance. The trustees intend to revisit the Charity Governance Code assessment during 2026–27 as part of the continuing development of the charity's governance arrangements.

The Namibia Project is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), giving trustees access to its guidance, resources and model documents.

Sustainable Development Goals 2026 – 2027

- **SDG 2** - Zero Hunger (school garden & NaDEET support)
- **SDG 3 -** Good Health
- **SDG 4** - Quality Education

Namibia Project Mail Out – March 2026

https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?u=2d75718aeefe49ff16e5b0803&id=37afb3289c

NAMIBIA PROJECT



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PERSEVERE TO SUCCEED
PRIMARY SCHOOL



MARCH 21
NAMIBIA
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Help us reach the final £5,000

Dear Namibia Project Supporter,

Today Namibia celebrates its Independence Day - a powerful reminder of resilience, hope, and the strength of community.

Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, the Namibia Project continues to make a real difference.

Yet this year brings new challenges. A significant drop in funding from the United States has created unexpected gaps for programmes across Southern Africa.

To keep this vital work going, we still need to raise **over £5,000** to meet our fundraising target.

DONATE NOW

As Namibia marks another year of independence, we invite you to stand with these young learners once again. Your support means food, learning, and hope continue despite all the instability and uncertainty in the world today.

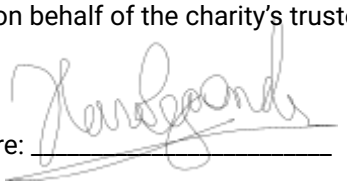
Thank you for being part of this journey.

The Namibia Project Team

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Ilaria Regondi
Position: Co-Chair

Date: 30th August 2026

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th June 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024
RECEIPTS	**1**			
Donations		**3,309.13**	10,410.80	9,864.25
Fund raising events		**0**	0	0
Total receipts		**3,309.13**	10,410.80	9,864.25
PAYMENTS	**2**			
Charitable activities		**4,776.20**	6,572.43	8,292.43
Raising funds		**0**	0	0
Total payments		**4,776.20**	6,572.43	8,292.43
Net receipts/(payments)		**(1,467.07)**	3,838.37	1,571.82
Net funds brought forward		**6,703.84**	2,865.47	1,293.65
Total funds carried forward		**5,236.77**	6,703.84	2,865.47
CURRENT ASSETS		**2026**	**2025**	**2024**
Debtors		**0**	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		**5,236.77**	6,703.84	2,865.47
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	**4**	**0**	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**5,236.77**	6,703.84	2,865.47

Signature: _____

Full Name: Ilaria Regondi
Position: Co-Chair

NAMIBIA PROJECT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
CURRENT ASSETS		£	£
Debtors		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		**5,236.77**	6,703.84
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**5,236.77**	6,703.84
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds		**5,236.77**	6,703.84

Approved by the trustees on 30th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature: _____

Full Name: Ilaria Regondi
Position: Co-Chair

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting
The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They summarise the money received and paid by the charity during the year ended 30th June 2026, together with a statement of the charity's assets and liabilities at that date.

Receipts
Receipts comprise donations and proceeds from fundraising activities received during the year.

Payments
Payments are recorded when paid and include any VAT that cannot be recovered. The main categories of payments are:

- **Charitable activities:** costs incurred by the charity in carrying out its activities and providing support for its beneficiaries.
- **Raising funds:** costs directly associated with fundraising activities.
- **Support costs:** costs incurred in supporting the administration and operation of the charity.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds: These are funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable purposes of the Namibia Project and which have not been restricted for a particular purpose.

2. PAYMENTS

Charitable activities

	2026 £	2025 £	2024 £
Namibia school expenses	**4571**	6,457	2,786
Scholarship Students	**0**	0	5,201
Volunteer expenses	**-**	-	-
Bank Charges	**149**	**100**	200
Postage and stationery	**0**	0	105
Sundry expenses	**-**	15	-
Media costs	**56**	-	-
Accountancy fees	**-**	-	-
	4,776	6,572	8,292

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid to any of the trustees during the year. No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year.

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025	2024
Accruals	-	-	-

5. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1st July 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 30th June 2026 £
Unrestricted funds	6,704	3,309	4,776	5,237

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (Prior Year)

	Balance at 1st July 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 30th June 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	2,865	10,411	6,572	6,704