Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2025 To 31st March 2026

Charity name: KIDS OF MALAWI UK

Charity registration number: 1183319

The Trustees present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements.

Objectives and Activities

As laid out in our constitution the object of Kids of Malawi UK is the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of good health among children living in Malawi through assisting and supporting health care services and those who provide them, in particular by making grants, providing information and advice, raising awareness and carrying out research, the useful results of which will be published for the public benefit.

Kids of Malawi aims to improve the health of children in Malawi through staffing, training, supply provision and research at Malawian Health Care Centres.

In this reporting period we continued to support nursing at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH).

The trustees allocate grants from our unrestricted funds on the basis of the receipt of suitable applications from Malawian partners and meet regularly throughout the year to review applications and make grants accordingly. Grants of £3,364 were approved during the year. The entirety of these grants were to continue support of a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse at KCH.

As trustees we confirm we pay due regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance and this has been followed when making decisions on the use of the charities funds and activities undertaken.

Achievements and Performance

Since 2020, the trustees have continued to assess the highest priority need for our support as a charity and have concluded this remains supporting nursing provision in Malawi. Kids Of Malawi UK have supported a paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse (PSQUIN) role from March 2020, via the Moyo Children's Initiative (MCI), a Malawi registered NGO with an MOU with Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH).

Mr. Martin Chingedwe, remained in this role in 2025/26 and his role continues to drive up the quality of nursing across paediatric surgery at KCH and contributes to research activities to improve children's care.

Context Challenges and Future plans

In light of the continued impact of the global context of international development aid as trustees and partners we agreed to continue to keep a watching brief on other funding opportunities, but refrain from actively seeking to expand KoM UK unless circumstances change.

As trustees, with our established UK/NHS and Malawian / KCH partners we have continued with our focus to solely supporting the PSQUIN role in 25/26 and will proceed into 26/27 on this basis while we review the shifting context and assess our ability to raise funds, secure grants and implement projects as a partnership

Financial Review

The income for the 2025/26 year was £ 2,284 as compared to the previous year of £2,960. All income this year was from unrestricted sources. The expenditure for the year was £3,364 as compared to £5,867 in 24/25.

All spending this year was unrestricted grant spending (£3,364) as outlined above for the paediatric surgery quality improvement nurse role. We ended the financial year with £10,229 in our UK bank account as compared to £11,309 in the previous year.

In the 25/26 reporting period the sole source of funding has been unrestricted donations from private individuals and we thank all our regular donors who enable our work.

Trustees agreed to formally document a reserves policy in 2025/26 as part of an overall governance review. We are operating within this policy and trustees have considered, and confirm, the ability to maintain the charity as a going concern on the basis of forecasted income

The charity does not own and/or lease land or property. The charity does not hold any investments beyond cash deposits held at UK banks. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity. No trustees claimed expenses in this financial year. No admin costs were incurred this year.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, with a consolidated focus on the PSQUIN role funded from regular donations. For this reason, they continue to adopt the ‘going concern’ basis in preparing the financial statements. The ongoing regular private donations and lack of liabilities support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern. Charity trustees regularly review and assess the risks faced by the charity. As a small charity, with no paid staff, our principal risks remain trustee capacity to manage the charity and volatility of securing restricted and unrestricted funds to plan additional or longer term projects.

Structure, Governance and Management

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), our governing document is the Kids of Malawi UK constitution, last amended 30th March 2019.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO Foundation. The Kids of Malawi UK constitution sets out there must be at least three charity trustees. Every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Kids of Malawi UK conducted a thorough governance review against Charity Commission Guidance and Statutory requirements and refreshed all polices in accordance where needed 25/26. Up to date policies cover the following areas:

- Complaints and incident handling
- Conflicting interests
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Internal risk management policy and procedures
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Volunteer management
- Equality and Diversity
- Bullying and Harassment
- Data protection and privacy

Reference and Administrative details

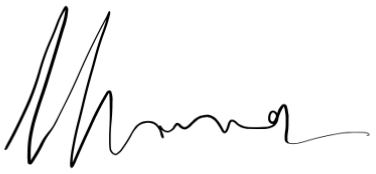
Charity name	KIDS OF MALAWI UK
Registered charity number	1183319 (CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 08 May 2019)
Charity's principal address (In 25/26 reporting period)	37 PRIOR PARK ROAD BATH BA2 4NG

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Shantha Ganesh Shanmugalingam	Trustee		By resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
Professor Mark Wilson	Trustee		
Dr Catherine Bradshaw	Co-Chair		
Dr Sarah Morgan	Co-Chair		
Dr Jonathan Dean	Trustee	Retired on 6th Oct 2025	
Dr Michael Tremlett	Trustee		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and accounts that follow.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sarah Morgan	Shantha Shanmugalingam
Position	Co-Chair	Trustee
Date	17/10/2026	

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KIDS OF MALAWI (UK)	1183319	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2025	To	Period end date 31/03/2026

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,284	-	-	2,284	2,960
Grant income			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	2,284	-	-	2,284	2,960
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,284	-	-	2,284	2,960
A3 Payments					
Grant spending	3,364		-	3,364	5,867
Admin			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,364	-	-	3,364	5,867
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,364	-	-	3,364	5,867
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,080	-	-	- 1,080	- 2,907
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,309		-	11,309	
Cash funds this year end	10,229	-	-	10,229	11,309

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

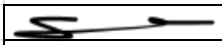
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	10,229		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,229	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Dr Sarah Morgan	17/10/2026