Charity Commission

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1187245

METRO KIDS AFRICA

UNAUDITED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Metro Kids Africa (referred to as MKA in the trustees' report)
Charity registration number	1187245
Principal office	23 Shepherds Cote Drive Hepscott Park Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6FN
The trustees	Mr P Young (resigned 1st September 2025) Mr A Edmiston Ms V Hill Mr C Street Ms P O Abdul
Accountants	Torgersens Chartered accountants East Suite Ground Floor Avalon House St Catherine's Court Sunderland SR5 3XJ
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 5/6 Fawcett Street Sunderland SR1 1RF
Independent Examiner	Mr P Newbold Torgersens Chartered accountants East Suite Ground Floor Avalon House St Catherine's Court Sunderland SR5 3XJ

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026

Mission, Vision and Values

Our Mission
Metro Kids Africa exists to empower children and young people in vulnerable communities across Africa by providing life-skills education, mentorship, recreational programmes and poverty-relief support through locally-led teams rooted in a Christian ethos.

Our Vision
To see children and young people equipped with the confidence, character and opportunity to thrive, contribute to their communities, and live transformed lives.

Our Values
Faith-driven, locally-empowered, transparent, accountable, and committed to sustainable impact.

Structure, governance and management

Metro Kids Africa (UK) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (charity number 1187245).
The charity is governed by its Constitution. Trustees meet regularly to oversee governance, financial stewardship, risk management, and strategic direction.

Appointment of Trustees
Trustees are appointed following a policy to ensure appropriate skills, experience, and integrity. The Board currently aims for 5–8 trustees. All trustees are over 18, not disqualified, bankrupt or recently convicted, in line with Charity Commission guidance.

Objectives and activities

The charity works, within a Christian ethos, to:

1. Support young people (up to age 18) in South Africa, Uganda and other African countries through educational, recreational and life-skills programmes that develop capacity, independence and wellbeing.
2. Prevent or relieve poverty by providing items, services and support to individuals and partner organisations working with vulnerable communities.

The trustees confirm they have complied with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

UK Operations
The UK team has continued to provide governance oversight, training, coordination, monitoring, and accountability for partner teams in South Africa and Uganda. We continue to invest in developing local Indigenous staff and strengthening operational systems across all countries.

Uganda

- Programmes delivered in 272 schools, reaching approximately 82,000 children weekly.
- Schools continue to report increased attendance and engagement when MKA sessions take place.
- Teacher mentoring materials were piloted in five schools.

South Africa

- 9 after-school clubs, serving around 3,500 children weekly.
- Weekly home visits to ~9,500 children and families.
- Around 150 teenagers participated in the Leadership Development Programme (LDP).
- Approximately 500 children received support via the child sponsorship programme.

Organisational Development

- Continued refinement of governance, safeguarding and reporting structures.
- Ongoing work to strengthen cross-country operational alignment.
- Metro Kids Africa (UK) remains listed with the Fundraising Regulator, reflecting our commitment to best practice in fundraising.

Board Summary Statement

The trustees are pleased to report a significantly improved financial position for the year ended 31 March 2026. Following the challenges experienced in the previous year, the charity has moved into a more stable and positive position, underpinned by strong income performance and improved financial management.

Total income for the year increased significantly, reflecting continued and growing support from donors, churches, and funding partners. This growth has enabled the charity to sustain and expand programme delivery across Uganda and South Africa while maintaining stronger financial oversight.

The charity generated a modest in-year surplus. This represents a material turnaround from the prior year deficit and demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken by senior leadership to strengthen income generation, improve cashflow management, and align expenditure with available resources.

As a result, UK and US reserves have increased to approximately £39,407 at the year end, providing a more robust financial foundation and improved resilience for future operations.

Operationally, the charity has continued to reach tens of thousands of children and young people weekly through school programmes, after-school clubs, home visits, and leadership development initiatives. The trustees remain encouraged by the dedication and effectiveness of local teams, whose work continues to deliver meaningful and lasting impact within their communities.

The Board believes the charity is now on a more sustainable financial footing and is well-positioned to continue delivering impact while further strengthening reserves and income diversification.

The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all donors, partners, staff, and volunteers whose continued support makes this work possible.

Financial review

For the year ended 31 March 2026, the charity reported total income of £170,495 and total expenditure of £154,654, resulting in a net surplus of £15,841.

Income increased significantly compared to the previous year, driven by strong contributions from key funding partners including Metro World Child, Stewardship, and City Church, alongside additional donations and fundraising income streams. This reflects continued progress in strengthening and diversifying the charity's income base.

Total expenditure comprised £72,537 in staffing costs and £82,247 in non-staffing costs. Non-staffing costs primarily relate to direct programme expenditure in Uganda (£68,560) and operational support costs. Expenditure has been carefully managed throughout the year, with improved oversight and closer alignment to income levels.

The charity ended the year with total reserves of £39,407, representing a significant improvement in financial resilience compared to the previous year. Cashflow management has also strengthened, supported by more consistent income and enhanced financial monitoring practices.

The trustees consider this a positive step towards long-term financial sustainability.

The focus for the coming year will be to continue building reserves, maintain income growth, and ensure that expenditure remains controlled and strategically aligned with the charity's objectives.

Risk Management

The trustees have undertaken their annual review of the major risks facing the charity, including financial sustainability, safeguarding, reputational risk, and operational oversight of overseas partners. Appropriate mitigation measures are in place, including financial controls, reporting requirements for partners, safeguarding policies and regular Board oversight. The trustees consider the current systems to be appropriate for the charity's size and complexity.

Safeguarding Statement

Given the nature of our work with children and young people, safeguarding remains a priority across all locations. Staff in Uganda and South Africa receive safeguarding training appropriate to their context, and the UK trustees review safeguarding policies and incident reporting annually.

Plans for future periods

For 2026–27 the key priority areas are:

- Continuing to strengthen financial planning and forecasting across UK, Uganda and South Africa operations
- Maintaining disciplined cashflow management and building reserves further

- Growing income through diversified fundraising channels, particularly unrestricted income
- Continuing the farm project in Uganda, including anticipated crop yield
- Scaling the teacher mentoring programme to additional schools
- Maintaining high-quality overseas programmes while supporting sustainable growth

The current staff complement remains: 15 staff in Uganda, 7 in South Africa, and 3 in the UK.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees' are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements, ensuring they give a true and fair view, maintaining proper accounting records, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Approval

Approved by the trustees on **09.06.2026** and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Callum Street – CPFA
Trustee (Treasurer)



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31 March 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Metro Kids Africa ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do 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 no concerns and 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.

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Date: 15.9.26

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.03.2026 Total £	Year to 31.03.2025 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	71,527	98,445	169,972	111,170
Interest receivable	175	-	175	255
Reimbursement	348		348	-
	72,050	**98,445**	**170,495**	**111,425**
Total Income	**72,050**	**98,445**	**170,495**	**111,425**
Payments				
Direct costs	-	68,560	68,560	44,938
Salaries & national insurance contributions	-	68,770	68,770	70,272
P11d – national insurance contributions	8		8	12
Pension	-	3,767	3,767	3,567
Subscriptions	60	-	60	50
Printing, postage & stationery	2,102	-	2,102	2,028
Computer costs	1,176	-	1,176	424
Telephone	341	-	341	426
Accountancy	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Travel & subsistence	6,569	-	6,569	3,140
Legal & Professional	1,111	-	1,111	684
	12,687	**141,097**	**153,784**	**126,861**
Asset and investment purchases				
Creditor payments	870	-	870	604
	870	**0**	**870**	**604**
Total payments	**13,557**	**141,097**	**154,654**	**127,465**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**58,493**	**(42,652)**	**15,841**	**(16,040)**
Transfers between funds	(42,652)	42,652		-
Cash funds last year end	9,727	-	9,727	25,767
Cash funds this year end	**25,568**	**-**	**25,568**	**9,727**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash in hand	25,568	-	**25,568**	**9,727**
Other monetary assets				
Expenses owed	-	-	-	**26**
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Equipment	3,919	-	**3,919**	**4,066**
Fixtures and Fittings	1,388	-	**1,388**	**1,388**
Total Assets	**30,875**	-	**30,875**	**15,207**
Liabilities				
Expenses owed	153	-	**153**	-
Accountancy	1,392	-	**1,392**	**1,392**
Legal & Professional	144	-	**144**	**126**
Payroll liabilities	2	-	**2**	**2**
Phone Creditor	870	-	**870**	**254**
	2,561	-	**2,561**	**1,774**

These unaudited financial statements were approved by the trustees on 31.08.2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr C Street - CFFA
Treasurer

1. Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Mar 2026 £**
Restricted funds	-	98,445	(141,097)	42,652	-
	-	98,445	(141,097)	42,652	-

Restricted funds – prior year

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Mar 2025 £**
Restricted funds	-	88,283	(118,777)	30,494	-
	-	88,283	(118,777)	30494	-

Restricted funds represent funds received from Stewardship and MKA's New York Partner towards costs for children they sponsor each month in Uganda.

2. Staff costs

The expenditure on staff costs for the charity was £72,537 (2025: £73,839) of which £nil was unrestricted and £72,537 was restricted (2025: £Nil unrestricted and £73,839 restricted).

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2025: 60,000). The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2025: 3).

3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and key management personnel

During the year, no trustees received remuneration (2025: £nil).

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (2025: £nil).

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise of two employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £60,060 (2025: £68,561).