CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 Period start date To 31.12.2025 Period end date

Charity name: The Happiness Project Ghana

Charity registration number: 1190295

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1. Advancing the education of the pupils at Kankaboom Children's School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education 2. Helping to prevent or relieve poverty in Ghana, West Africa by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be selfsufficient 3. Creating a world in which all children are free to develop and flourish. Helping to shape a society in which all children have access to education and medical care. 4. Supporting families struggling with various challenges and give them the assistance they need to encourage self-sustainability
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**The charity supports the community through:** - ***High quality education*** from kindergarten 1&2 till basic 3 in Kankaboom Children's School which is built by the charity and is regularly adjusted to meet the needs of our students, staff and the local community. - - ***Family social support*** to encourage families to help themselves in the long run, e.g., by us providing microgrants, loans, or resources to start businesses to support their own families in the future. - ***medical care for families in rural communities*** *(after assessment and if logistically and financially possible)* to provide transportation to hospital assist in purchasing treatments to most common illnesses. Where possible the Happiness Project Ghana will

		take community members to the hospital and covers their costs as well as educating them on how to spot symptoms in the future and the importance of health care. The charity also organises clinics to be run through the community to test community members for illnesses such as HIV, Malaria or Diabetes for free and provide treatment if tested positive. - ***Guaranteed free medical insurance***, for students and staff of Kankaboom Childrens's School: Which does not cover all treatment/medication but does reduce the cost of most. The cost of medical insurance for a child is £2.50 per year. Every student is enrolled in the Ghanaian medical insurance system. - ***Implemented feeding* program** which guarantees every student a healthy and nutritious lunch during the school day. - ***Constant access to clean drinking*** water for students and staff of Kankaboom Children's School which is not accessible in rural communities. Clean drinking water protects our students and staff from water-borne diseases that can be fatal when ingested, such as typhoid, cholera, and Hepatitis A & E. The charity ensures, that the access to clean water is constantly given for our staff and students.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have been provided with access to the Public Benefit Guides produced by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the reporting period, The Happiness Project Ghana continued to operate under increasingly challenging financial and environmental conditions. A further decline in donation income, combined with persistent inflation, rising fuel and food prices, and increasingly severe weather conditions, placed considerable pressure on the charity's financial resources. As a result, the organisation continued to prioritise the sustainability of its existing activities rather than pursuing further expansion of its school facilities, student enrolment or staffing. Despite these challenges, one of the charity's most important achievements was its ability to maintain full school operations throughout the year. This ensured that all enrolled children could continue receiving education in a stable and supportive learning environment. Maintaining continuity of education remained a key priority, particularly given the difficult economic circumstances affecting many of the families supported by the charity. The School Feeding Programme was also successfully maintained throughout the reporting period. Despite significantly increased food and transportation costs, the charity continued to provide daily meals to all students and staff. For the children, this programme provides essential nutritional support and contributes to their health, wellbeing and ability to concentrate and participate in school activities. The charity also continued its Summer School Programme, providing additional educational opportunities and helping children strengthen their academic skills beyond the regular school year. In addition, teaching staff participated in annual professional development training, creating opportunities to exchange knowledge, share teaching practices and further strengthen their teaching skills. These activities supported the quality and

		continuity of education despite the financial constraints. Alongside its educational activities, the charity continued to provide essential healthcare support to its beneficiaries. Children received medical check-ups every six months and were supported in accessing necessary vaccinations. Where urgent medical needs arose, individual families also received assistance. This ongoing support contributes to the children's overall health and wellbeing and helps reduce health-related barriers to regular school attendance and learning. The charity also continued to face challenges arising from extreme weather conditions and increasing operational and maintenance costs. These circumstances reinforced the importance of directing available resources towards maintaining safe and functional school facilities and ensuring the continued delivery of essential services.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During 2025, The Happiness Project Ghana continued to face significant financial challenges due to declining donation income and rising operational costs, particularly for food, fuel and other essential expenses. These pressures further strained the charity's financial resources, resulting in a weaker financial position at the end of the reporting period compared with 2024. In response, the organisation maintained a cautious approach to financial management, prioritising essential expenditure and the continuation of its existing programmes. Plans for expanding school facilities, enrolling additional students and recruiting new staff remained on hold to avoid creating further financial commitments. Despite these challenges, the charity was able to maintain its core activities, including education, school meals and healthcare support. However, the continued decline in funding has reduced financial flexibility and increased the importance of securing reliable income to sustain these services in the coming years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Happiness Project Ghana maintains financial reserves to ensure the continuity of its educational programmes and essential services. As the charity operates a school, it faces ongoing fixed costs, including staff salaries, school meals, educational materials and facility maintenance. During 2025, donation income declined further and was insufficient to fully cover the charity's regular operating costs. As a result, reserves were used not only to address unexpected expenses, but also to cover the shortfall in funding for essential day-to-day operations and ensure that the school could continue functioning without interruption. The charity recognises that its reliance on voluntary donations creates financial uncertainty, particularly in the context of rising operational costs. Maintaining adequate reserves therefore remains a key priority to safeguard essential services, manage fluctuations in income and support the long-term financial sustainability of the organisation.

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The total reserves, including the 2024 reserves as well as income and expenditure in this financial period are: £7.793,44.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopting the Charity Commission's model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are appointed by a decision of the charity trustees- The decision is based on skills, knowledge, experience and passion towards the charity's purposes, work, and visions.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Happiness Project Ghana is led and managed by volunteer Trustees. In the financial period there are 3 volunteer trustees and 6 paid staff members in Ghana, working for the school.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity works independent and is not related to any other party.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Happiness Project Ghana
Other name the charity uses	HPG
Registered charity number	1190295
Charity's principal address	290 Andover Road RG20 0LL Newbury

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Shadee Faye Gerayesh-Nejad	Chair		
2	Hannah Meyer	Trustee		
3	Philip LLoyd	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

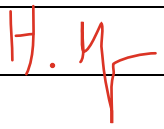
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Hannah Meyer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee (Treasurer)	
Date	30.10.2026	

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for The Happiness Project Ghana (1190295)

Financial Period 01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
UK Donations	4.945,22	School Operations	4.320,00
German Donations	12.288,74	School Meals	8.920,00
Grants	0	Staff Costs	4.800,00
Fundraising Income	0	Maintenance & Renovations	1.205,00
Other Income	0	Administrative Costs	521,74
Total Income	17.233,96	**Total Expenditure**	19.766,74
Net Income for the Year			**-2.532,78**

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

Assets	**£**
Bank Account	7.793,44
Cash in Hand	0.00
Total Assets	7.793,44
Funds / Equity	
Opening Balance **(Funds carried forward from previous years)**	**10.326,22**
Net Income for 2025	**-2.532,78**
Total Funds	**7.793,44**

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and include all income received and expenditure paid during the financial year. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable charity accounting guidance.

2. Income

The charity's total income for 2025 amounted to £17,233.96, consisting entirely of voluntary donations from supporters in the United Kingdom (£4,945.22) and Germany (£12,288.74). No grants or other income were received during the year.

3. Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2025 amounted to £19,766.74, primarily relating to school operations, school meals, staff costs, maintenance and renovations, and administrative expenses. As expenditure exceeded income, the charity recorded a deficit of £2,532.78 for the financial year.

4. Reserves

At the end of the financial year, the charity held reserves of £7,793.44 in its bank account, compared with an opening balance of £10,326.22. The reduction of £2,532.78 reflects the use of existing reserves to cover the shortfall between donation income and essential operating expenditure. These reserves remain important for maintaining the continuity of the charity's educational and welfare programmes.

5. Trustee Remuneration

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Approved by the Trustees on: [30.10.2026]

Name: Hannah Meyer

Signature:

