AMANAKA

Tending Fires. Planting Futures

**Annual Report**

**Charity Number: 1192895**

**Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees consider that as Amanaka activities are focused on extreme poverty in Uganda, that the activities of the CIO provide significant public benefit.

**Reference and Administrative details of the Charity, its trustees and advisors**

Amanaka is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO, registered on 22 December 2020.

Charity Number: 1192895

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Chair: Maya Ariburnu

Trustees who served during the year 2025:

Maya Ariburnu, Chair

Dalinc Ariburnu, Trustee

Edward Akrout, Trustee

**Our vision**

A Uganda where every child and youth has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive in safe, supportive communities.

**Our mission**

To reduce child poverty, prevent family division, and provide holistic support for vulnerable children and youth in Uganda's urban slums.

**Our slogan**

Tending Fires, planting Futures.

**Our Values**

- Empowerment

People need tools, knowledge and opportunities to forge sustainable lives in order to break free from the reigns of poverty. We' re dedicated to creating opportunities that break these cycles.

- Community-Led Development

To inspire individuals to change from within, we empower women through collaboration and by truly listening to them. By refraining from imposing solutions, we ensure communities can sustain their own futures.

- Resilience and Strength

Our programs help individuals in Uganda overcome adversity and build their skills to become leaders of their communities and of lasting change.

- Sustainability

We believe long-term solutions create more change than short-term aid. All of our initiatives are designed to have a lasting impact on the generations to come. Every initiative we create - from education to entrepreneurship - is designed to last, ensuring enduring impact for generations to come.

- Gender Equality and Inclusion

The power of women in leadership inspires us to keep women and mothers at the heart of our work. The Grandmother Hypothesis is key to our ethos because when women are empowered, so are their communities.

- Integrity and Transparency

Every effort matter and every donation makes a difference. We uphold transparency, ethics, and accountability, ensuring our supporters can see exactly how their contributions are used.

## What we do

### Holistic Village Development

Thriving communities need several ingredients to succeed - opportunity, stability and sustainability. Our Holistic Village Development program provides more than just aid - we integrate sustainable agriculture, education, and healthcare initiatives to empower communities to become self-sufficient. Through community-led schools, medical services and eco-friendly farming, communities can provide for their families, leading to sustainability not just today, but for generations to come.

### Family Home Environment for Orphans

We believe all children are the leaders of tomorrow - they just need the right support. From a stable home environment and loving family to educational and mentoring support, our family-home model ensures children are empowered to secure a brighter future. We are dedicated to meeting the long-term needs of children, supporting them right through adulthood to access university scholarships or vocational training.

### Skills Center for Trauma-Affected Youth

Uganda's young people are often left behind by traditional schooling, having faced severe trauma such as displacement or lack of educational resources. The Amanaka Foundation ensures no child is forgotten. We have created opportunities that go beyond the classroom. Our Skills Center provides a safe environment to promote healing for young women aged 16-25, offering vocational training, psychological support, and the crucial education they need to build successful futures. From this, we have established two graduate-led businesses, a tailoring shop and a beauty shop-empowering young women to step into independence with confidence and purpose.

## Our impact

Forever Homes - a safe and nurturing orphanage that provides children with the stability, care, and love they deserve.

In Uganda, an estimated 1.7 million children are orphaned, with a significant portion-around 800,000-losing parents to HIV/ AIDS. Our work is life-changing, giving these children a second chance and the opportunity to create a brighter future for themselves. The Skills Program, equipping young people with the training and support they need to become self-sufficient.

## Results from operations

The results of the Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2025 are set out on page 5.

**Key Impacts & Activities during the year ended 31 st December 2025.**

**1. Empowering the Girl Child**: We reached approximately 1,500 vulnerable girls across fifteen schools and surrounding communities in Luwero, Kampala, Hoima, and Masaka with sanitary pads, underwear, and menstrual hygiene education to promote dignity and school attendance.

**2. Amanaka Care:** Infant & Early Childhood Support: Supported over fourteen vulnerable infants and babies within family settings. Two infants joined residential home care alongside five other infants, while four children successfully reintegrated into family-style community villages.

**3. Community & Family Support:** Supported 117 children in family-style homes across Luwero (Jokero and Ndiraweru Bukomero), Kiboga, and Kampala slums with necessities, school materials, clothing, and medical care to prevent child abandonment and family separation.

**4. Women Community Empowerment:** Trained Sixty vulnerable women in shoemaking and liquid soap production, provided business seed capital, and established peer groups to promote mentorship, financial independence, and sustainable livelihoods.

**5. Healthcare & Relief Services:** Provided emergency relief and medical support to vulnerable mothers facing complex health challenges, including cancer, and temporary rental assistance to five families in crisis.

**6. High-Quality Holistic Education:** Supported one hundred children of community mothers, with fifty attending formal schools and fifty participating in home-based educational programmes. Additionally, ten students graduated from high school, preparing to transition to university in 2026.

**7. Youth Development & Spiritual Discipleship:** Established Ten youth-led groups focused on sports, music, dance, drama, and spoken-word poetry, promoting positive engagement, character development, moral grounding, and spiritual growth.

**8. Community Agriculture, Livestock & Youth Skill-Building:** Engaged Fifty families in group farming on land in Kiboga, cultivating beans, cabbages, vegetables, fruits, and green bananas to improve nutrition and organisational sustainability. Also launched a goat-rearing programme using eleven goats donated by the community, supporting family breeding initiatives and practical agricultural training for youth.

**Founders Annual Impact Summary**

**A Message from Maya Ariburnu**

Reflecting on the past year, I am proud of the lives we have touched and the meaningful progress we have made at Amanaka. Together, we have turned compassion into action, creating hope and opportunities for vulnerable children, women, and families.

We reached **1,500 vulnerable girls across 15 schools and communities** with menstrual hygiene support, supported **117 children** in family-style homes, and provided care and protection for vulnerable infants. We empowered **60 women** with practical skills and business start-up support, supported **100 children in education**, and celebrated 10 students completing high school as they prepared for their next academic journey.

Through healthcare assistance, emergency relief, youth-led initiatives, and community farming, we continued to strengthen families, nurture young talent, and build pathways towards self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods.

These achievements are more than numbers; they represent dignity restored, families strengthened, and futures transformed. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated team, partners, volunteers, and donors whose unwavering support makes this work possible.

**As we look ahead, our commitment remains clear: to empower communities, protect vulnerable children, and create lasting change—one life, one family, and one community at a time.**

## Financial Review

### Income and expenditure

In the year ended 31 December 2025 our income was £86,800 (2024: £96,208) with a beginning reserve of £215. All income was received as private donations. Expenditure was £83,699, the majority of this being grant payments to our local NGO partner Amani Charity Ministries (£67.785), £9,920 for travel costs associated with project design, implementation and monitoring, and £451 in bank charges.

### *Financial position at year end*

At the year-end, current assets stood at £3316.

### Related party transactions

Donations totalling £86,800 were received from the Trustees. There were no other related party transactions to disclose.

### Risk management objectives and policies.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that Amanaka has an appropriate system of controls to identify financial and other risks and to take appropriate measures to manage them.

**Post Balance Sheet Event**. The Charity has entered into a 2-year lease agreement commencing 1 May 2026, of which the first 6 months were pre-funded, and funds for the second 6-month period have been secured. The Trustees are confident that the Charity will be able to meet this liability for 12 months following the date of signature of this document, and are therefore content that these Financial Statements have been prepared on the Going Concern basis.

**Structure, governance, and management.**

**Constitution**
Amanaka was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in England & Wales on 22 December 2020. It is registered at the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

**Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**
The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. The first trustees were appointed by the constitution. The minimum number of trustees is three and the maximum is seven. The founding Trustees, Maya Ariburnu and Dalinc Ariburnu are appointed for their lifetime.

Trustees are selected with due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Amanaka and once appointed are required to:

- Declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with Amanaka or in any transaction or
- arrangement entered into by Amanaka which has not previously been declared; and
- Absent themselves from any discussions of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of Amanaka and any personal interest including but not limited to any financial interest. A charity trustee absenting themselves from any discussions accordingly does not vote nor is counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the charity trustees on the matter.

**Organisational structure and decision-making policies**
Amanaka's Board of Trustees meet between six and eight times a year and together with the Chair, are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the CIO.

We greatly value the substantial donation of time and expertise by members of our board above and beyond their duties as trustees, and by our volunteers who have supported various functions within Amanaka.

**Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees.**
On appointment, new trustees are provided with a current version of Amanaka's constitution, a copy of the Charity Commission's trustee guidance, The Essential Trustee' and the latest set of accounts. They are also briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the content of the constitution, the Charity's decision-making processes, strategic goals, methods of operation and financial activities and status. Trustees are encouraged to visit Amanaka's projects (self-funded) in order to understand our beneficiary communities and work. These visits are part of a monitoring and evaluation activity or to accompany high value donors.

**Pay policy for key management personnel.**
Maya Ariburnu, Dalinc Ariburnu and Edward Akrout work on a voluntary basis and receive no pay.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have adopted a Zero-level reserve policy. It was agreed to adopt such policy as funds are not generally raised in advance of need and therefore a reserve is not needed to be held. The Reserves policy will be actively reviewed as the Charity grows.

**Investment policy**

Surplus funds will be retained in a bank deposit account at the best rate possible whilst retaining instant access to the deposits as required.

**Plans for future periods**

Amanaka will continue to partner with Amani Charity Ministries on joint projects aligned to our overall goal of promoting diversity, inclusion, gender equality, alleviating poverty, and broadening educational opportunities. The trustees have also agreed to review the Board and trustees in 2026 to add more diversity.

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Amanaka**

I report to the trustees on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 that are set out on the attached pages.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the examiner**
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

*I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of The Act
- There is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Dated 20/10/2026

Paul Voltzenlogel

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| Amanaka | | | 1192895 | CC16a |
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# Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | 01/01/2025 | To | 31/12/2025 |
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## 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 and grants | 86,800 | - | - | 86,800 | - |
| Beginning Reserves | 215 | - | - | 215 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)* | 87,015 | - | - | 87,015 | - |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total receipts*** | 87,015 | - | - | 87,015 | - |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Grants paid | 67,785 | - | - | 67,785 | - |
| Travel | 9,920 | - | - | 9,920 | - |
| Bank charges | 451 | - | - | 451 | - |
| Professional Fees | 5,543 | - | - | 5,543 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | 83,699 | - | - | 83,699 | - |
| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total payments*** | 83,699 | - | - | 83,699 | - |
| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | 3,316 | - | - | 3,316 | - |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 3,316 | - | - | 3,316 | - |

## 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 | 3,316 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | ***Total cash funds*** | 3,316 | - | - |
| | (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** | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **B3 Investment assets** | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

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

| | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Maya Ariburnu | 19/10/2026 |
| | | Dalinc Ariburnu | 19/10/2026 |