EDUCATE AN AFRICAN CHILD

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025 ANNUAL RETURN

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Charity Commission 2025 Annual Return

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The Chair's Summary

Strategic Direction and Governance

In 2025, Educate an African Child remained focused on its charitable purpose: raising funds in the United Kingdom to support the Joseph and Agnes Educational Foundation in Enugu State, Nigeria, and to help children from highly vulnerable families access early-years and primary education. The year reinforced the importance of a clear, sustainable strategy that protects the charity’s educational mission while responding responsibly to financial and operational pressures.

The trustees’ strategic priorities are to strengthen financial resilience, broaden the charity’s income base, support continuity and quality in education, and improve oversight of the resources entrusted to the charity. These priorities will guide decisions on fundraising, expenditure and support for the Foundation. Possible 2027 presidential election carries its own uncertainties.

Financial Sustainability and Risk

The charity continues to rely mainly on individual donations and community fundraising. The generosity of supporters is greatly appreciated, but dependence on a limited range of income sources exposes the charity to donor fatigue and changes in household finances. The trustees therefore recognize income diversification and prudent reserves planning as key priorities.

Economic pressures in Nigeria, including rising costs for food, transport, utilities and learning materials, continue to affect the purchasing power of funds and the school's ability to respond to growing need. The trustees will seek to ensure that funding decisions are realistic, that essential educational provision is prioritized, and that risks to staffing, pupil welfare and attendance are reviewed regularly.

Policy and Organisational Priorities

The trustees' priorities for the next reporting period are to:

- Develop a broader and more sustainable funding base by approaching small-grant trusts, corporate foundations and institutional donors, while continuing to value individual supporters and community fundraising.
- Work towards a reserve target of £3,000, subject to available income and trustee approval, to improve resilience against unexpected costs or delays in fundraising.
- Strengthen financial governance by improving petty-cash recording, retaining supporting evidence where available, documenting unmatched transactions.
- Support realistic, sustainable staffing costs and continuity of teaching, while maintaining appropriate teacher-to-pupil ratios and safeguarding the quality of education.
- Continue to assess demand against the school's capacity and available resources, ensuring that decisions about admissions and support are responsible and sustainable.
- Explore practical partnerships and cost-saving measures that may support school feeding and reduce the cost of essential supplies without compromising children's welfare.

Acknowledgement and Thanks

The trustees warmly congratulate the team in Enugu for sustaining the Foundation's work through a demanding year. We also extend our sincere gratitude to our donors, volunteers, partner schools, supporters and fellow trustees. Their generosity, commitment and confidence in our purpose continue to make this work possible.

While the challenges remain significant, we enter the next year with a clear sense of purpose. By strengthening governance, diversifying income and planning carefully for the future, we aim to protect the progress already made and help more children benefit from a stable and supportive education.

We thank everyone who has stood with us and invite you to continue this important journey with us.

Janet George
Chair
Educate an African Child

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Executive Director’s Overview

Annual Report: January – December 2025

Introduction

This Annual Report has been prepared to provide an overview of the work, progress and challenges of Educate an African Child (Charity Registration Number: 1197100) during 2025. Our mission is to transform lives by widening access to quality education for underprivileged children in Nigeria. Through our support for the Joseph and Agnes Educational Foundation in Enugu State, we help provide free nursery, early-years and primary education to children from families living in severe poverty and difficult circumstances.

Our purpose remains to give children a safe and supportive place to learn, develop confidence and build a better future. During 2026, this work became more challenging as the cost of living increased for families, school staff and the Foundation itself.

Aims, Objectives, and Purpose

Aims

Educate an African Child exists to improve educational opportunities for children in Nigeria, with particular attention to those from vulnerable families who face significant social and economic barriers.

Objectives

To achieve this aim, our objectives are to:

- Advance the education of pupils at the Joseph and Agnes Educational Foundation in Enugu State by supporting the provision of facilities, learning materials and resources for effective learning.
- Help children from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop the knowledge, confidence and skills they need to participate more fully in society.
- Support a safe, nurturing learning environment in which children can make progress academically, socially and emotionally.

Purpose

At the heart of our work is a simple purpose: to ensure that children are not denied an education because their families cannot afford it. By helping children access education and basic support, we aim to reduce the effects of poverty and give them a voice and stronger start in life.

Achievements

Despite significant financial and practical pressures, the Foundation continued to provide educational support to vulnerable children in Enugu. The trustees and local team worked to maintain the school's core activities while responding to the increasing needs of pupils and their families.

Continuity of educational provision – The Foundation continued its work to provide free early-years and primary education. Maintaining this provision was important for children whose families face severe financial hardship, homelessness/displacement and difficulties meeting the cost of basic food let alone education.

Support for children's welfare – Rising food prices increased the cost of providing meals and other basic support. The charity prioritised children's welfare where possible, recognising that hunger, poor health and family hardship can affect attendance and a child's ability to learn.

Support for staff – The trustees considered the effect of rising living costs on local teaching and support staff. Limited funds were reallocated where possible to provide additional support and help retain experienced staff.

Continued commitment to the mission – The trustees, donors, volunteers and the local team continued to support the Foundation despite uncertainty over costs and income. This commitment remains central to the charity's work.

Challenges

The charity faced a number of continuing challenges during 2025. These were closely linked: rising costs affected the school's budget, while the same economic pressures made life harder for families and staff.

Rising costs in Nigeria – Inflation and higher prices for food, utilities, transport, printing and school supplies reduced the amount of support that could be provided from the funds available. Although exchange-rate movements could increase the naira value of money received from the UK, local price increases reduced the benefit.

Growing demand for free education – Economic hardship meant that more families needed help with their children's education. The Foundation could not meet every request for a place. The trustees had to balance the need to support more children with the importance of maintaining safe teacher-to-pupil ratios and a suitable standard of care.

Food insecurity and pupil attendance – The cost of food placed additional pressure on the school's feeding and welfare support. When families struggle to afford food and transport, children may miss school or find it harder to learn. Supporting basic welfare therefore remained an important, but costly, part of the charity's work.

Staff recruitment and retention – Local teachers and support staff faced severe cost-of-living pressures. The charity's limited resources made it difficult to offer salaries that could compete with other employers or come near to meeting the national minimum wage of N70k per month. Staff turnover and the use of temporary staff risked disrupting continuity for pupils.

Reliance on UK donations – The charity remained heavily dependent on individual donations and community fundraising in the United Kingdom. Cost-of-living pressures on donors created uncertainty about the level and timing

of future income. The charity needs to broaden its funding base so that its work is not dependent on a narrow range of sources.

Financial Challenges

The charity's funding continued to depend mainly on individual donations and community fundraising in the UK. **The financial information supplied records total income of £9,247.97 for 2025 and total expenditure of £5,358.85.**

The cost of running the school in Enugu increased during the year. Essential spending included staff costs, school meals and welfare support, learning materials, transport, utilities and maintenance. The trustees had to make difficult decisions about how to use the funds available while protecting the children's education and wellbeing.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees considered the main risks facing the charity during 2025. The following risks and responses should continue to be reviewed as part of the charity's risk register.

Funding concentration and donor fatigue – Dependence on UK individual donations and community fundraising exposes the charity to changes in household finances and fundraising results. The charity intends to seek support from small-grant trusts, corporate foundations and other institutional donors. To do this the charity must recruit a fundraising development personnel.

Inflation and currency uncertainty – Rising costs in Enugu can reduce the value of funds received from the UK and threaten the continuity of educational provision. Budgets should be reviewed regularly, and bulk purchasing of suitable non-perishable supplies should be considered where it is practical and cost-effective.

Staff turnover and continuity of education – Low pay relative to living costs may lead experienced teachers to leave. The trustees intend to work towards more sustainable staff pay, including seeking funding that allows for fair and more predictable salary provision. Temporary staffing may be needed, but continuity and quality must remain priorities.

Demand exceeding available capacity – The number of families needing free education may exceed the school's physical and financial capacity. The

Foundation will continue to manage admissions carefully focusing on the unique target group, maintain a structured waiting list where needed, and protect appropriate teacher-to-pupil ratios.

Children's welfare and attendance – Food insecurity, poor health, homelessness, displacement and transport difficulties can affect attendance and learning. The charity will continue to consider welfare needs alongside education, while recognising that available funds cannot meet every need. A school bus will enable the charity to extend its provision to children and families forced out further into the rural areas.

Financial records and cash controls – The Nigerian Foundation's 2025 petty-cash records were reconstructed from handwritten monthly records, and vouchers were not available for all expenditure. Some monthly balances require clarification. These records should be clearly identified as provisional, supported by a management explanation and reviewed by the relevant financial officer and accountant. Controls for recording cash received and spent would be strengthened.

Reserves Policy

The charity had not previously maintained a formal reserves policy. In view of the uncertainty over donations and the planned need to strengthen staff provision, the trustees consider it prudent to work towards a minimum reserve of £3,000, intended to cover approximately six months of essential operating costs. This is a target rather than a statement that the reserve was held at the end of 2025. The trustees intend to build reserves over time, subject to available income and the need to meet current charitable commitments.

Future Plans

In light of the challenges experienced in 2025, the trustees have identified priorities to strengthen the charity and support the long-term sustainability of the educational programme in Enugu.

1. Diversification of funding – Seek partnerships with small-grant trusts, corporate social responsibility programmes, institutional donors and other funders interested in early-years and primary education in sub-Saharan Africa. The charity will also consider how to develop fundraising capacity, subject to securing the resources to do so.

2. Local resource optimisation – Explore practical ways to reduce costs, including reusable or open-source learning materials where suitable and partnerships with local communities or agricultural networks to help support school feeding.

3. Sustainable staff support – Work towards including realistic, inflation-aware staffing costs in future funding applications so that the charity can improve recruitment and retention and maintain continuity for pupils.

4. Protecting educational quality and pupil welfare – Continue to monitor attendance, welfare needs and school capacity, maintaining the strict admissions criteria. Where demand exceeds available places, admissions will be managed carefully to protect safe staffing levels and the quality of education.

5. Strengthening financial management – Improve the recording of petty cash and supporting evidence, document the purpose of cash withdrawals and transfers.

conclusion

The year 2025 brought both progress and significant challenges for Educate an African Child. The charity remained committed to supporting children who might otherwise be totally excluded from education, while responding to rising costs, growing demand and pressure on staff and family welfare.

We recognise that the charity cannot meet every need with the resources currently available. However, with the continued support of donors, trustees, volunteers, partner schools and the local team, we will continue to strengthen our work, improve financial resilience and provide children in Enugu with opportunities to learn and develop.

On behalf of the trustees, I thank everyone who has contributed to our work during the year. Your support helps us make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families who face significant hardship. Our special thank you go to University College London – Nursery section, St. Winifred’s Primary school, St. Stephen’s RC Church (manor Park) and Opsat Logistics Ltd.

TINA AMUZIE
Executive Director
Educate an African Child

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Financial Statement

For the period 1st January 2025 to 31 December 2025

2025 2025

Incoming Resources
8,819.46

Go Fund
428.51

Total Resources
9,247

Total Direct Expenses

Salaries and Running Costs
1,507.22

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1,507.22

Admin and Management

Website Hosting
300

Building and Repairs
1,079.89

Shipping Costs
1,500

Learning Resources
892.93

Printing and Stationery
78.81

Total Admin and Management
5,358.85

Excess Income/Expenses
3,88912

Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 31st December 2025

Fixed Assets
00.00

Current Assets

Cash at Santander
381.09

Cash at Co-Operative Bank
6,938.28

Total Current Assets
7,319.37

Current Liabilities
00.00

Net Current Assets
7,319.37

Total Assets less Current Liabilities
7,319.37

Long Term Liabilities
00.00

Net Assets of the Charity
7,319.37

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS ANALYSIS

The Annual returns for January 2025 to 31st December 2025 have been drawn up in accordance with current accounting policies and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, applicable laws and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice on

Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005 by the Charity Commission.

We were in a better position in 2025 as our Incoming Resources were 85%. Whilst in 2025, the Incoming Resources were £4,772.30. Also, at the end

31st December, we had a surplus of £5,396.75. In 2024 December we incurred a deficit of £178.41.

The turnaround of this financial situation is due to: getting messages out to the supporters and encouraging trustees and supporters to constantly

look for new donors and keep the messages of fundraising and what the charity is doing.

Plans for the Future:

By engaging our current donors to spread the message to new prospective donors of the goals achieved so far.

What we need to do is approach large companies and appoint a person to deal with fundraising in the UK.

A successful Fundraising Dinner and Music were held in 2026 August and this will be reflected in the Accounts of 2026.

Our direct costs and Indirect costs increased in Nigeria. This is due to although Macroeconomic data shows that Nigeria's growth is expanding and

Inflation is moderating, the everyday reality for the average citizen remains challenging and difficult. Donations have been reduced as families are supporting

family members during these economic challenges. Transport costs also impacted the salaries in 2025.

In the UK, consumer spending in 2025 was sluggish and cautious. The retail growth sales was1.3%.

It is hoped that as UK economy grew by 0.1% in August 2026 and it is forecast that in 2027, there will be a modest rise in growth depending on the

political situation in the Middle East.

Hemuna Pather-Carr

October 2026