# Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO

## Trustee Annual Report and Accounts 2025

Registered Charity Number 1207008

**Charity name: Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO**

**Working name: Friends of Ahoto**

**Registered charity number: 1207008**

The Trustees present their report relating to the financial year ending 31st Dec 2025 and confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Reference and Administrative Information:**

**The principal address of the charity**

c/o 8 Hotham Close,
Swanley,
Kent BR8 7UX

**The charity website**
www.ahoto.org

**The charity trustees**
Sebastien Santhiapillai Chair
Sarah Back
Trudy Kilcullen
Hayley McGarvey
Clarisse Nirere
Sophie Norman

All were trustees from first registration on 14th February 2024 and on the date this report was approved.

**The charity banking/investment arrangements**

Metro Bank
Unit 4,
Nugent Shopping Park,
Cray Avenue,
Orpington BR5 3RP

Epworth Investment Management Limited
Methodist Church House,
25 Tavistock Place,
London,
WC1H 9SF

**The Independent Examiner**

Uthayakumar Ganeshamoorthy

**Structure, Governance, and Management:**

The charity was registered on 14th February 2024. It had previously operated as DMJ Friends of Ahotokurom under the auspices of the **Daughters of Mary and Joseph Congregation Fund CIO** (registered charity number: 1163470) since 1997. Friends of Ahoto supports work with vulnerable and disabled people through **Ahotokurom / Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre**, a registered charity in Ghana number C0006287085.

The new charity Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO was formed in 2024 and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 14th February 2024.

The charity is governed by a trustee committee of six trustees. Where the number of trustees is reduced to three or less, an appointment shall be made as soon as it is practicable to do so. The charity is supported by a number of 'friends', some of whom attend meetings and carry committee responsibilities, though they do not have voting rights.

The charity does not have any employees, all the work is undertaken voluntarily by trustees and friends. Where necessary, other professional volunteers or contracted agents are consulted in order to ensure that the charity operates in accordance with recommended practice.

**Objectives and Activities:**

The charitable purposes of the charity are for the relief of those in need (by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage) in Ghana, through the provision of education, healthcare, and support designed to enable individuals to be self-sufficient.

This is primarily achieved by supporting the work of **Ahotokurom,** also known locally in Ghana as the **Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre,** to deliver its mission. Ahotokurom (PPRC) near Cape Coast in Ghana was set up 1983 to provide practical support to leprosy sufferers and their families, with rehabilitation as the primary focus. This work has expanded over the years to include people with other disabilities. Ahotokurom, meaning "Place of Serenity", is a centre of Christian hospitality for the marginalised, disabled, and disadvantaged. Dedicated workers provide social care services and education in the broadest sense, encouraging personal growth and independence.

Ghana is a highly indebted country and very little welfare is being provided by the government. However, there are many groups of people who are in real need of support. Ahotokurom meets this need by providing services to Cape Coast and the surrounding villages. The centre currently operates:

- A Child Care Centre for children and young people with Special Needs
- A Residential Home for those who are too disabled and elderly to care for themselves
- A social housing project for people with leprosy and their families
- A Scholarship Scheme
- An organic farming project
- Livelihood projects to support those who are disabled into work

The centre is an independent registered charity in Ghana and supported by the RC Diocese of Cape Coast.

**Our objectives are achieved by:**

The mission of Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) is therefore achieved by supporting Ahotokurom/PPRC in the following ways:

- Providing financial support to Ahotokurom / Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre
- Maintaining a database of regular donors and supporters
- Fundraising events and parish appeals
- Communication about projects and the impact of support through a website, newsletters, and social media

**Report on activities in 2025:**

This was the second year of operation for the charity and a key focus of our work was to build on the establishment of the charity last year by ensuring we develop the capabilities to operate self-sufficiently. To further our purposes for the public benefit, we carried out the following activities:

- Regular online meetings with the team at Ahotokurom/PPRC to offer support and to receive reports on the impact of the projects we have funded
- Fundraising through parish appeals in the UK
- Set up international money transfer to financially support Ahotokurom/PPRC in a way that is Charity Commission compliant, consistent, and cost-effective
- Grantmaking to Ahotokurom/PPRC in Ghana
- Shipping of disability aids and medical supplies to Ahotokurom/Ghana

**Public benefit:**

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance, and have had regard to this when running the charity.

Our events and activities are open to all people regardless of gender, age, ability, ethnicity, background, or belief. The work in Ghana is with those most in need in society and open to all. Support services are provided free of charge to those most in need in Ghana and where possible there may be some small contribution from the beneficiary or their family based only on their ability to contribute.

**A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:**

The total income of the charity during the year was £38,691

The total expenditure of the charity during the year was £42,809

Funds carried forward to future years are £15,641. The purpose of these funds is to ensure sufficient reserve to make transfers to Ahotokurom/PPRC in a timely manner throughout the year. They are held in the UK in a deposit account in order that they are secure and accrue interest until they are required in Ghana. Funds transferred to Ghana too early can devalue rapidly due to inflation and currency changes.

The funds are held according to the purposes for which they were donated. At year end the £15,641 comprised of:

| Purposes | | |
|---|---|---|
| General | £ | 9,415 |
| Rainham Scholarship (Restricted) | £ | 224 |
| Children (Restricted) | £ | 646 |
| St Elizabeth's (Restricted) | £ | 184 |
| St. Clare's (Restricted) | £ | 82 |
| Livelihood Project (Restricted) | £ | 4 |
| Fegredo Legacy (Restricted) | £ | 5,085 |
| **Total** | **£** | **15,641** |

**Signature:**

Sebastien Santhiapillai
Chair and Trustee

A Lawrence.

Sr Annette Lawrence
Treasurer

Date: 01/10/26

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO, a registered CIO 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 CIP's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matter has come to my attention in accordance with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Signature* .....

Uthayakumar Ganeshamoorthy
7 Gainsborough Drive
Northfleet
DA11 8NH

Date: 30/09/2026

| | 2025 Total £ |
|---|---|
| **INCOME :** | |
| ***Donations:*** | |
| Gifts and donations | 37,830 |
| Investment income | 861 |
| Total Income | 38,691 |
| **EXPENDITURE:** | |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | 42,300 |
| Expenses (including bank charges) | 509 |
| Total Expenditure | 42,809 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:** | |
| Total funds brought forward | 19,758 |
| Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec | 15,641 |

| | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 15,641 | |
| Other Assets | 0 | |
| **CREDITORS**: Amounts due within one year | 0 | |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 0 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 15,641 |
| **FUNDS :** | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 9,415 |
| Designated Funds | | 6,225 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | 15,641 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and were signed below on its behalf by:

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Sebastien Santhiapillai
Chair and Trustee

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Sr Annette Lawrence
Treasurer

Date: 01/10/26

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

a) Going concern

The Board of Trustees is of the opinion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties regarding the Trust's ability to do so.

b) Tangible fixed Assets

No fixed assets are held.

c) Taxation

Friends of Ahoto (PPRC) CIO is a registered charity and accordingly is not liable to United Kingdom taxation.

d) Income

Income comprises of gifts, donations, and investment income. The income in recognised when it is probable to be received can be measured reliably and charity is entitled to it.

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

a) Expenditure

Charitable expenditure consists of all expenditure relating to the objects of the Charity. All costs are directly attributable to the activities under which they have been analysed.

Governance costs include expenditure on the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use by the charity in accordance with its objects. Designated and restricted funds are held, transferred and applied for the purposes agreed.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held in a bank current account and/or deposit account.

d) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

e) Estimates and Judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the trustee's best knowledge of the amount, events or actions, actual results ultimately differ from these estimates. The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates and judgements.

f) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including trade and other debtors and creditors are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Appendix

**BALANCE SHEET/ PURPOSE SUMMARY**

31/12/2025

| **Balance Sheet** | | | **Purposes** | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RBS | £ | - | General | £ | 9,415 |
| Metrobank | £ | 565 | Rainham Scholarship (Restricted) | £ | 224 |
| ECP Deposit | £ | 15,076 | Children (Restricted) | £ | 646 |
| | | | St Elizabeth's (Restricted) | £ | 184 |
| | | | St. Clare's (Restricted) | £ | 82 |
| | | | Livelihood Project (Restricted) | £ | 4 |
| | | | Hayward Legacy/ Shops (Restricted) | £ | 0 |
| | | | Fegredo Legacy (Restricted) | £ | 5,085 |
| | | | Patricia Fees (Restricted) | £ | - |
| **Net Assets:** | £ | 15,641 | **Total** | £ | **15,641** |
| Represented By: | | | | | |
| Designated Funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | £ | 9,415 | | | |
| Restricted funds | £ | 6,225 | | | |
| **Accumulated Funds** | £ | **15,641** | | | |