CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2025 Period end date**

**Charity name: THE FRIENDS OF URAMBO AND MWANHALA**

**Charity registration number: 265345**

## Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | **Assistance in education and health to the people of Kaliua, Nzega, Sikonge and Urambo districts of Tabora Region, Tanzania** |
| 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 | **Support of Rural Craft Colleges (FDCs) in Mwanhala, Urambo and Sikonge. Awarding of student bursaries. Support of village health clinics and village water supplies Health support to women and children in villages** |
| 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 read the guidance from the Charity Commission and have regard to it.** |

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

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | **The charity makes no grants to individuals with the occasional exception of meeting training costs of nurses and doctors working in our supported clinics and district hospitals. Regular grants are given to the FDCs for the Principals to use to enable young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend the FDC courses. Our FDC officer oversees the distribution of these funds in partnership with the FDC principals. We make a small annual grant to Nzega Education Department to enable children from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend secondary school.** |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | **The charity does not make social investment grants** |

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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | **All our UK officers are volunteers each bearing responsibility as described by their titles. Overall supervision is made by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.**<br>**There are a number of ex-Tanzanian government employees we have come to know well who act as volunteers in their districts. They are useful contacts between our UK officers and the village committees.** |
| Other | | **In Tanzania the District governments each allocate a government employee to act as our liaison officer in the districts.** |

## Achievements and Performance

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| 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 | **Each FDCs is given an annual grant to be used for the support of young people unable to meet the cost of attending courses. Our assistance has allowed many young people access to technical education and helped improve their learning and living environment.**<br><br>**Annual grants are made to the 15 village clinics we support enabling them to purchase essential items not provided by government. These grants are channelled through the District Liaison Officers who then audit the spending on our behalf. We continue with a program to ensure that all our supported clinics are kept in good condition and have access to reliable, safe water supplies. These grants allow the clinics to operate more effectively for the benefit of villagers, particularly women and children.**<br><br>**In the village of Mwasala we have funded the construction of a maternity unit completed this year and we have funded the refurbishment of the clinic in Kamalendi village.**<br><br>**We have extended the FUM funded water supply in Kiloleni village to the primary and secondary schools. Further extensions are planned as well as a system for villagers to pay for the water used so that the scheme is self sustaining.**<br><br>**We have funded the repairs and improvements to the village clinic and maternity units at Isegenhe and installed** |

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| | | **a borehole to provide clean water. The borehole pump at Semembele village has been refurbished.**<br><br>**A scheme to provide dietary help to expectant mothers attending our village clinics has received generous funding from The Archer Trust and others. The funding already secured will enable this project to continue beyond 2026** |

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

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | **The charity is very pleased that we achieved all our objectives for 2025 due to some very generous donations.** |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | **Our donors continue to show generosity. Projects were agreed by the officers only once the funds for their completion had been secured. All projects agreed in 2025 were fully funded.** |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | **The charity has no investments**<br>**A small amount of money is spent producing our twice-yearly newsletter which is the principal means by which we communicate with our supporters. The charity also has a comprehensive website which gives an insight into the charity and its history and allows individuals to make donations.**<br>**Money is transferred to relevant bank accounts in Tanzania, accounts which are overseen by our government liaison officers.** |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | |

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| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | **A reserve amount is held in case the charity has to respond to any urgent requests from Tanzania. Money is held from year to year to finance planned projects or for the completion of projects already started** |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | **Circa £10,000** |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | **0** |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | **0** |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | **0** |

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

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | **Members pledge to give an annual sum. Supporters undertake sponsored events on our behalf. In addition we receive small grants from organisations to be used on specific projects.**<br>**The charity makes no investments and has no liabilities.** |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | **It is the Charity's policy to make no financial investments nor social investments** |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | **Projects are planned in collaboration with our technical experts in Tanzania and project costs are agreed before commencement so that we do not over-commit our finances.**<br>**A potential risk is the misappropriation of funds. This is avoided through close communication between Tanzania and UK and the supervision of our projects by the government liaison officers. To date there have been no instances of misappropriation in more than 40 years of operation** |
| Other | | |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | **None** |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | **The Charity is governed by its constitution** |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** |
| 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 | **All Officers are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting and are Trustees of the Charity** |

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

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | **Trustees are all people with knowledge of Tanzania or with skills needed to support the charity. They have access to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for help and advice.** |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | **The charity operates through a committee of elected officers who examine proposed projects and requests from Tanzania and decide by vote which should be adopted, bearing in mind the finance available.** |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | **The charity has no relationships with other parties** |
| Other | | |

## Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | The Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala |
| Other name the charity uses | FUM |
| Registered charity number | 265345 |
| Charity's principal address | Tanner House<br>Sissinghurst Road<br>Biddenden<br>Kent<br>TN27 8EX |
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**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) |
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| 1 | Richard Pratt | Chairman | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 2 | Rod Smith | Secretary | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 3 | Iain Chorlton | Treasurer | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 4 | Julie Overnell | Membership Secretary | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 5 | Simon Headington | Project Officer | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 6 | Jo Taylor | Health Officer | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 7 | Di Cooper | FDC Liaison | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 8 | Isabel Heycock | Fundraising Officer | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 9 | Martin Kenway | Newsletter Editor | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 10 | Ellie Davidson | Assistant Editor | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
| 11 | Nick Vinall | Project Advisor | Whole year | Elected by AGM |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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| **None** | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| **None** | | |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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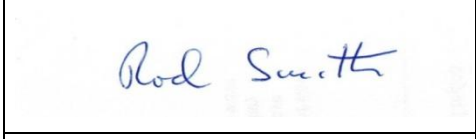
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

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| **Signature(s)** |  | |
| **Full name(s)** | Roderick Alan Smith | |
| **Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** | Secretary | |
| **Date** | 21/07/2026 | |