

## **Actions Not Words**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Trustees:	Mr Maurice Glenn Floyd Mrs Lyndsay Bradley Mr Jeffrey Brian Neill Mr Ivan Major Mrs Ruth Wilson (appointed 6 January 2023)
Principal Office:	54 Lisnabreeny Road Belfast BT6 9SR
Company Registration Number:	NI619072
Charity Registration Number:	100040
Independent Examiner:	TB Millar & Co 6 Doagh Road Ballyclare Co Antrim BT39 9BG

The Trustees present their report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **The Trustees**

The Trustees who served the Charity during the year were as follows:

Maurice Glenn Floyd

Lyndsay Bradley

Jeffrey Brian Neill

Ivan Major

Ruth Wilson

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the Charity.

#### **Statement of Compliance**

In planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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#### **Purposes**

The purpose of the Charity is the provision of opportunities for children, the relief of poverty and the provision of private education to those in need from the Gioto Garbage Slum, Nairobi, Kenya.

#### **Results**

The Financial Statements show a deficit of £70,784. The deficit was due to a one off transfer of property to the Actions Not Words Foundation, the Kenyan NGO set up to carry out the Charity's commitments in Kenya.

#### **Status**

The Charity has been accepted as a charity by HMRC under reference NIC100040 and as such no provision for taxation has been made. The Trustees of the Charity are also Directors of the Limited Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Public Benefit**

The overall objective of the trust is the relief of poverty and the advancement of education in Kenya.

The Charity provides a direct public benefit to the underprivileged children from the Gioto Garbage Slum, outside Nairobi in Kenya.

Children are provided with regular meals, clothing, safe place to live and a quality education.

The objectives will be met by:

1. Sponsoring needy children to attend private boarding schools where they will receive quality education.
2. Sponsoring young adults who qualify from our boarding school program to College.
3. Develop job opportunities for unemployed adults through providing basic business advice.
4. Develop and improve the quality of education of government schools through partnerships and providing free training for teachers.
5. The development of land purchased and building of a children's home to house and care for orphans.

The benefit arising from the programs is clear and evident. Sponsored children are consistently performing at high levels in municipality examinations, moving to higher level education.

The beneficiaries from the Charity's purposes are clearly the children of the Gioto Garbage Slum, other family members and adults from the area.

There is no harm arising from our charitable purposes.

#### **Risk Management**

The trustees have considered the risks to which the charity is exposed and, where appropriate, systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

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#### **Achievement and Performance for the Period**

##### **Education Empowerment**

Actions Not Words child sponsorship program continues to grow. We added an additional 10 children to our boarding school sponsorship, bringing the total number of beneficiaries both past and present to over 150.

Actions Not Words sponsorship program provides children from Nakuru Town Dumpsite with access to quality education, food and a safe environment to learn with providing hope of a brighter future. We are thrilled to report that in July 2022, one of our oldest sponsored children graduated from university and secured his first job, becoming financially independent, a testament to the impact of the program.

Furthermore, another one of Actions Not Words eldest sponsored children completed college with a diploma in Social Work and we are excited to share that he has joined our team as a social worker, as he plans to further his studies in the same field. This not only demonstrates the success of our education initiatives but also underscores our commitment to nurturing talent and giving back to the community.

##### **Children's Rescue Centre**

In December 2022, Actions Not Words achieved a significant milestone by opening the doors of Simba Hill Children's Rescue Centre. We welcomed our very first child into the centre and expanded our team by hiring three additional staff members in anticipation of the growing number of children we aim to serve in the near future.

Currently the rescue centre has space for 8 children, however Actions Not Words plans on expanding the rescue centre by constructing an additional housing unit in 2023 which will house an additional 8 children, bringing the total number to 16.

##### **Feeding Program**

Our commitment to improving the lives of children extended to the local public school near the Gioto Dumpsite. Actions Not Words successfully expanded their feeding program from feeding 350 children to 380 children with a cup of porridge every day they attend school. This initiative is having a tremendous impact, not only nourishing the bodies but also nourishing the minds of these young learners.

##### **Other Achievements**

Aside from these major accomplishments, Actions Not Words continued to make a difference in the lives of the community. We provided food support to numerous families living in Gioto dumpsite, helping them meet their basic needs. Additionally, we offered free counselling services to vulnerable children and their parents, addressing the emotional and psychological challenges they face.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated supporters, volunteers, and partners for making these achievements possible. Your unwavering commitment to our cause is the driving force behind our success.

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#### **Plans for the Future**

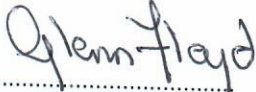
We have now completed construction of the children's home and welcomed our first child. Currently the home has space for 8 children, however, we plan on expanding the rescue centre by constructing an additional housing unit in 2023 which will house an additional 8 children, bringing the total number to 16.

We currently sponsor over 110 children. We will continue to support and sponsor them to attend private boarding schools and encourage them to progress to higher education and vocational employment.

As we look forward to the future, we are excited about the potential for even greater impact. With your continued support, Actions Not Words will remain steadfast in its mission to empower the children of Kenya through education, transforming their lives one action at a time.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Maurice Glenn Floyd  
Trustee