

Actions Not Words

Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

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| 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 Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 £11,101.

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 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 8 children to our boarding school sponsorship in January 2023, bringing the total number of beneficiaries both past and present to over 158.

Actions Not Words sponsorship program provides children from Nakuru Town Dumpsite with access to quality education, food and a safe environment to learn, providing hope of a brighter future. We are thrilled to report that in November 2023, 7 of our sponsored children graduated from High School and are eager to pursue further education at University and College levels.

Furthermore, we have supported 4 young adults in College, where they have learned practical skills in painting, joinery, and plumbing. 2 young adults also joined University, one pursuing a qualification in counselling and the other embarking on a bachelor's degree in computer science. 2 more young adults graduated from a 2-year beauty therapy course.

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. During 2023 we rescued and provided full-time care for 10 children, aged 3 to 12, many of whom had been neglected or abandoned. Actions Not Words ensured that these children had a safe place to live, received the nutrition they needed, and were enrolled in education.

While our Children's Rescue Centre is currently operating beyond its intended capacity, (housing 10 children instead of the planned 8), we aim to construct an additional structure in 2024 to accommodate 8 more children, raising the total capacity 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 provided over 300 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 the minds of these young learners.

Other Achievements

During Christmas, Actions Not Words provided food donations to 100 families from the Gioto Dumpsite. Actions Not Words continues to support the local community by offering food assistance to numerous families in the Gioto Dumpsite, helping them meet their basic needs. We also provide free counselling services to vulnerable children and their parents, addressing emotional and psychological challenges.

Actions Not Words wants to sincerely thank our dedicated supporters, volunteers, and partners for making these achievements possible. Your unwavering commitment is the cornerstone of our success.

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Plans for the Future

We are currently running our Simba Hill Children's Rescue Centre beyond its intended capacity, providing full-time care for 10 children aged 3 to 12.


Currently the home has space for 8 children, however, we plan to expand the rescue centre by constructing an additional housing unit in 2024 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 22 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Maurice Glenn Floyd
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of Actions Not Words for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

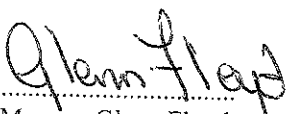
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 22 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Maurice Glenn Floyd
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