

Annual Report - Hopeful Hearts Charitable Trust

NI Charity Commission Number - NIC 100 700

a) Purpose of the Charity –

- 1) The Relief of Poverty**
- 2) The Advancement of Education and Healthcare**

(Area of operation – Uganda)

b) Trustees for this Period –

- 1) Diane Lockhart**
- 2) Colin Maxwell**
- 3) Barbara Foster**
- 4) Myfanwy Bolingbroke**

One Trustee, Barbara Foster resigned as a Trustee during this reporting period, July,2017, and one Trustee, Colin Maxwell resigned at the end of this reporting period, that is, 31st March 2018. A new Trustee, Myfanwy Bolingbroke joined the Trust during this reporting period to take over the role of Treasurer from 31st March 2018.

c) Financial Year –

This report covers the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

d) Summary of Activities to further the purposes of the Trust -

The purpose of the Trust in 2016/2017 continued to be 'to relieve poverty among urban communities in Uganda and in particular to provide education and healthcare for those living in deprived circumstances in and around the city of Kampala and other townships in Uganda'

In past years through working in and by visits contacts have been built up with the community in Uganda and, in particular, in the capital Kampala. Namuwongo is a neighbourhood in Kampala through which a railway line runs. To the north side of the railway line sits an area called Soweto and this is a recognised slum area. It is an area which is home to about 40,000 people with little or no access to clean water, adequate toilet facilities or to meaningful employment. Zone 6 of Soweto is called Kanyogoga and it is within this zone that the Trust has sought to meet its object and to assist projects to develop.

The Trust has continued to achieve the relieve poverty by providing funding for education and provision of a local clinic providing a limited amount of healthcare. The Trust began to provide nursery and primary aged children education by working through a local primary school called Hopeful Hearts Children's Academy. In 2009 the school was a nursery facility with 20 pupils. Now the school 130 pupils overall up to P7 level.

The Trust has continued to seek to raise funds and the funds provided have enabled to Trust to help finance some of this school's recurrent costs so enabling the school to offer free education along with a daily meal. In addition the Trust has raised some funds to cover limited healthcare for the pupils and staff. This healthcare provision comprises access to a doctor and limited medicines when illness arises. The illnesses suffered by the children includes malaria, typhoid and most commonly gastroenteritis. Further, the Trust has also been able to assist with the cost of teacher training including up helping two staff, on of whom has now moved on to another school, to achieve their degrees.

The Trust has also funded –

- 1) staff development again recognising the importance of good training and education as a way moving people from poverty.
- 2) some help with uniforms for the pupils encouraging pride in their school and in getting educated.
- 3) fees to enable the pupils to take part the mandatory local curriculum and examinations.

in terms of fundraising to cover the object the Trust has undertaken the following –

- 1) The continuation of a pupil sponsorship scheme encouraging individuals to sponsor a child's education for £10 per month.
- 2) Encouraged supporters to hold fundraising events

General -

The Trust recognises that there has been a drop in income in this reporting period much of which was associated with special fundraising in the year before to cover urgent building works needed in that year. Funding raised is now more concentrated on paying for the direct costs of running the school so as to supply education.

In this period outstanding Gift Aid has been claimed and received.

Future Targets to achieve the purposes of the Trust

- 1) The Trust aims to raise further funds to help the school to continue to develop and improve the quality of education and the facilities available.
- 2) There is also a desire for the Trust to become better known locally to increase the pool from which funds are raised.

- 3) The Trust also plans to continue to work with the Director of the school in Kampala to promote improved management and to encourage the school to work towards full registration within the Ugandan Education system, all with the aim of making the school more self-sufficient.
- 4) *The Trust would also like to provide better healthcare to the pupils and their families, though this is very dependent on additional funding being found. To progress with this aim the Trust plans to join with other organisations to support a small local health centre, called Amani Family Centre. This Centre provides free maternity and childcare to this community with an emphasis on the prevention of ill health, reduction of infant and child mortality. It also provides health and social support to the families attached to the school.*

e) In regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement –

The Trustees are fully aware of the need for the activities of the Trust to be wholly for the Public Benefit. Accordingly, the Trustees work wholly for the furtherance of the purposes of the Trust using all funds raised for these purposes. No Trustees benefit personally from any activities of the Trust. The beneficiaries of the work of the Trust are the children in the supported slum school, the teachers in the school who have received salaries and training, and a limited number of associated individuals who have had assistance with medical treatment.

f) Financial Position –

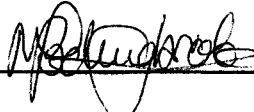
The Trust began this period with a balance of £2,062.00 and ended with a balance of £1,015.70 having covered an expenditure of £10,695.34 over the same period. The Trust only uses funds in its possession and does not commit itself to funding any programme until matching funds are raised. This means of operation means that the Trust always acts with a positive balance.

g) Funds in Deficit –

The Trust has no funds in deficit nor any binding commitments that would put the Trust in deficit

The following Trustees sign this report on behalf of all the Trustees, confirming that the information provided accurately reflects the work of the Trust -

Signed  Diane Lockhart, date 19/1/19

Signed  Myfanwy Bolingbroke, date 19/1/19