

Trustees Annual Report 2022 – 2023

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Africare is constituted as a charitable trust, governed by a deed of trust dated 16th May 1986 and an addendum dated 3rd July 2015.

The purpose of the charity, as stated in the deed of trust, is the relief of poverty and the advancement of Evangelical Christian religion.

Main activities: To bring a practical expression of Christ's love through the location, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of disabled children. Advocacy on behalf of the disabled through community work, publications, and partnerships with other Ugandan NGOs.

The trustees of Africare ensure compliance with the Public Benefit statutory guidelines through Acheru (Afaayo Child Health Education and Rehabilitation Unit) and assistance to Ugandan partner hospitals. Africare established and developed Acheru and provides 95% of their budget. A large number of children were treated during the year for a range of conditions, primarily orthopaedic, plastic surgery, and cerebral palsy.

The number of surgical patients decreased slightly, but there was increasing emphasis on community work and longer term rehabilitation with improvements to educational and occupational therapy facilities.

Acheru is a registered Ugandan NGO, accountable to Africare and registered with the Ugandan Ministry of Health, under a supervising surgeon.

Africare is run on an entirely voluntary basis with all donations going to the running costs of Acheru unless specifically designated otherwise.

Acheru provides Africare with monthly reports, accounts, and statistics and the effectiveness of the work is evaluated using World Health Organisation criteria.

Against a background of continuing Covid (and Ebola fever) restrictions and economic difficulties, funding has remained strong though there have been a number of expenses which have increased our costs. A full financial review is planned for September before renewing our commitment to ongoing support.

A significant and encouraging development during the past year has been the establishment of partnerships with another hospital and several refugee organisations, in addition to our established partnerships including three universities, enabling expertise and experience to be shared in an attempt to benefit more children and families.

Conclusions: The Acheru staff have maintained high standards in their medical and rehabilitation work, evidenced by the outcomes. We as trustees endorse the gradual shift in emphasis towards community work and longer term rehabilitation, and now wish to assist with a programme of renovation and change of purpose of some of the original Acheru buildings.

We continue to lend our full support to the staff in Uganda and commend the progress they have made in fulfilling our aims and objectives.

Brian Dorman 24th April 2023

