

**MUFULIRA ORPHANED CHILDREN  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Mufulira Orphaned Children  
55 Loan Road  
Cullybackey,  
Ballymena,  
BT42 1PS

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC101375)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Mrs Rea McMillan  
Mr William McMillan  
Mrs Patricia Duncan  
Mr Clifford Duncan

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Secretary                      Mrs Patricia Duncan

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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**Objectives and activities of the charity**

The objectives of the charity are for the benefit of the children and young people under the age of 18 of Mufulira, located in Zambia. They are as follows:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of religion
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**Achievements and performance of the charity**

The charity has continued to provide an improved quality of life for orphans and vulnerable children benefiting from the centre in Mufulira. This has been conducted through the provision of accommodation, clothes, food, and emotional support made possible by the orphanage. This year, one of the trustees of the charity visited the orphanage in May 2023. During the year the Pastor based at the orphanage died suddenly. His widow and their son have taken over the day to day running of the orphanage and they continued to provide biblical teaching for the children.

The aim of self-sustainability has continued to be a main objective and this is being met through the banana plantation and water supply. The orphanage is also growing many of their own vegetables with any surplus being supplied to a local supermarket with the proceeds being used to cover everyday living costs. A local farmer has now given the orphanage additional land and this is being used for growing maize and extra vegetables. In total, the orphanage farms approximately 70 acres. Maize, vegetables, oranges, bananas and other fruits have been grown on the land with a successful harvest this year.

Containers are still being sent to the orphanage. These containers include clothing, furniture and other items for the use of the children. Some items are sold with the proceeds used for the continued upkeep of the orphanage.

Maintenance work has been carried out in both the girls dormitory and the boys dormitory. In the girls dormitory, a new safety door has been installed, it has been painted and new curtains have been put up. A new "House Mother" has been appointed to take care of the girls. In the boys dormitory, a new ceiling has been erected, repainted throughout and new curtains. During the year 25 new duvets and covers were sent to the orphanage and they also were able to purchase pillows, three mattresses and a laundry basket.

During the year the teacher left the orphanage and a new teacher has been appointed. The new teacher has settled into his role and is involved with the young people both in their school work and all their other activities and needs.

**Public benefit statement**

The trustees continue to work toward the benefit originally laid out in the creation of the charity.

The direct benefit which flows from purpose one includes an improved quality of life for the orphans and vulnerable children of Mufulira through the provision of accommodation, clothes, food, and emotional support. The improvement of the life chances of the children supported by the orphanage happens through the provision of funding for education and a caring and nurturing establishment where they are taught life skills to equip them to live independent lives as skilled and productive citizens who are self-sufficient when they reach adulthood. The establishment of sustainable projects e.g. banana plantation and farming projects enables the children and young adults to learn valuable life skills such as farming skills and money management and develop their potential to live as independent, self-sustaining adults. This is evidenced by the establishment of the orphanage and the increased number of children supported by the orphanage, the increasing number of children who leave the orphanage with a formal education and are self-motivated young adults capable of independent living and by the successful banana harvest each year which is used to buy provisions for the orphanage.

The direct benefit from purpose two is to encourage an increased knowledge and understanding of Christian principles and their relevance and application to everyday life which will empower the young people to live socially and morally conscious lives. The benefits are evidenced by the positive feedback from the children who have lived at the orphanage as well as the increased number of children who seek to live within Biblical principles.

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The direct benefit from purpose three is to enable the Charity to grow and develop as funding become available to include other charitable purposes, e.g. the advancement of citizenship or community development, and further improve the quality of life for the people of Mufulira. This benefit is evidenced by the growing work of Mufulira Orphaned Children. The beneficiaries of all our purposes are the orphans of the Mufulira area and these purposes do not lead to harm. There is no private benefit for the trustees.

**Financial Review**

During the year, the charity had an income of £24,779 with expenses incurred of £23,117. At the year end the charity had a balance of £1,815 in its bank account.

The trustees of the charity are getting older and are not as able to conduct the work of the charity. They are thankful that Rea McMillan was able to visit Mulfulira in May 2023. However, her husband was unable to accompany her due to his health. The trustees are unlikely to be able to attend church meetings etc and tell of their work with the result it is likely that income will not increase to pre pandemic levels. The trustees expect that all funds raised will be required to keep the children fed, clothed, and schooled.

The orphanage is in a position that they grow vegetables, maize, bananas etc and they also have chickens which supply eggs. Most of this is used for the orphanage meals and the remainder sold and this provides some money to buy rice etc to enhance their meals. This also helps to make what money there is available for electricity, school, clothing, car maintenance payments etc. Generally, there is little, or nothing left over for any other expenses which may occur.

**Structure, governance, and management**

The trustees continue to work as the overarching management of the charity. This is done through regular meetings in which progress and financial reporting are delivered as well as recorded. Financial accountability is always made possible through regular reporting and money being dealt with by two people.

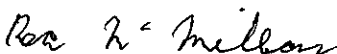
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the charity's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees at a meeting on 12 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rea McMillan

Trustee