

**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

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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.

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. The orphanage now owns four cows which produce milk for the children.

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. They have both had to be repainted due to dust which is coming off the main road which runs alongside the Orphanage and this has been causing problems. Due to disruption on the National Grid, the electricity supply to the Orphanage is very poor. It can be switched off at any time for long periods, on some occasions up to two days. Four solar panels have been purchased and installed to help provide a power supply during these disruptions. Battery bulbs have also been purchased, so that if there is no electricity, then the children can at least have some light at nighttime for homework, study etc.

The school teacher, Mervyn, is continuing to do great work with the children. Last year there were seven new children at the orphanage and they have been integrated into the school.

New Regulations have now been introduced by the Government. All children in orphanages have to be registered and assessed by Government Officials. This is being carried out at present and each child is being assessed and having their photograph and medical details recorded. Once complete, this will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### **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.

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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.

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 £29,612 with expenses incurred of £31,214. At the year end the charity had a balance of £670 in its bank account.

The orphanage is in a position that they grow vegetables, maize, bananas etc, they have chickens which supply eggs and now cows supplying milk. 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.

The trustees of the charity are getting older and are not as able to conduct the work of the charity. William and Rea McMullan have decided, with regret, not to take any further trips to the Orphanage due to their age. However, they will continue to stay in touch weekly by telephone to check if any problems have arisen. The trustees expect that all funds raised will continue to be required to keep the children fed, clothed, and schooled.

### **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.

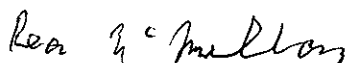
### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 21 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rea McMullan

Trustee