

Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust

Registered Charity Number 1130429

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Keith Wright, Chairman
Lesley Wright, Secretary
Michael Pettman, Treasurer
David Miller
Anne Rafferty

Charity's principal address

36 Beel Close, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 9NS

Description of the charity's trusts

The governing document is a trust deed. The charitable trust is administered by the trustees, new trustees being selected and appointed by the existing trustees.

Additional governance issues

One or more of the committee members of the Trust will give training to newly appointed Trustees which will include familiarity with the Trust, how the Trust supports the Centre, copies of recent minutes of meetings and accounts and responsibilities of trustees (from the Charity Commission website).

The Charity is managed by a committee which meets at least 3 times per year to conduct the formal business and to pass resolutions as may be required for the good governance of the Trust and especially to carefully consider the needs of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre and how fund raising should meet these needs.

The Trust's main direction is to support the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in the Tanga province of Tanzania in East Africa. Staff salaries, equipment, the needs of the children resident at the Centre and special projects are paid by the Trust and by the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania, together with revenue the Centre is able to earn. The Charity works closely with Polio Children (UK charity registration number 1096394) which has similar objectives and which donates funds for the Centre through the Trust.

The Trustees do not consider that the Charity is exposed to major risks.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide grants of equipment and funds to support the charitable work of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre as the trustees shall select.

The income of the Trust must be applied for the furtherance of these objects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Trust supports the charitable work of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in Tanzania by providing grants for equipment and funding so the Centre can offer rehabilitation, education and training to physically disabled young people, enabling them to live independently when they leave.

All the children go to the local school for primary and secondary education. The Tanzanian Government has recently agreed to pay for the fees for secondary school education but additional costs such as uniforms, meals and other extras have to be paid for separately. The Trust pays these extras for those who attend secondary education. A small number may also benefit from a college place, the cost being provided by the Trust and its other charitable supporters.

The Trust offers after school activities for all secondary students to help with future employment such as tailoring, carpentry and computing and the community are also offered computer training. All the residents help with the poultry project that provides both food and income for the hostel.

Treatment and operations are provided when required at St Francis Hospital (a local hospital) and orthopaedic work and rehabilitation at St Augustine's Hospital at Muheza.

The Centre owns a farm field ('Shamba') and tractor for cultivating the Shamba. The Centre staff grows crops, such as maize, for food for the Centre's children and staff, and for the local community when the harvest is sufficient. The Centre grows its own vegetables using rainwater and grey water at the Centre's site for the benefit of the resident children and staff.

The trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe that the foregoing and the summary of achievements in the year, below, show their compliance in providing a public benefit.

Policies on grant making and related investments

Grants are made to the Centre on a quarterly basis to contribute to the Centre's running costs, medical treatment and further education. Requests for grants for individuals are submitted to the Centre for children that would benefit from private or secondary school education or vocational training. At the discretion of the Committee of the Trust and the Centre staff, grants may be made to individuals for further secondary education and training and can include books tools and other necessities. Education and training will be supervised by Centre personnel and monitored by the Trust.

The Trust does not hold any investments.

Contribution made by volunteers

The Trust's committee is made up entirely of volunteers. All fund raising is done by the committee and volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year 44 children have been cared for at the Centre and 4 children at college. The Centre has children of kindergarten, primary, secondary ages and 4 who board at college. The Trust paid for 4 students to attend boarding education facilities. Adam is a first year student at Hegongo secondary school. There are three students at Sindeni vocational college; Omari is doing a carpentry course, Sauda and Veronica are studying tailoring. There were 14 staff employed at the Centre during 2016/17.

The Chairman and Mrs Wright have again visited the Centre in September 2016 to meet the new Centre Administrator, Fr Noel and to observe and advise on the projects being done. They were accompanied by Mr Norman Allen who was of great help in building the new chicken house and entertaining the children. Mr and Mrs Wright and Mr Allen paid for their own travel and expenses to Tanzania from the UK.

Projects at the Centre have been completed this year to make life easier and more comfortable for both the children and the staff at the Centre. In summary they are: a new surrounding fence, refurbishment of the administrator's house, construction of kitchen with 2 new cooking stoves, renovation of the kindergarten classroom for a new hall and kindergarten, re-building of staff toilets, re-roofing of office and computer room, and reconstruction of a cesspit. The chicken numbers have increased to over 125 and there are also a few ducks. A chicken house has been built with a run covered with a wire roof to keep the poultry safe from predators. The centre intends to increase chicken numbers to 200 for use of the children and to sell to the village. The new hall, which was previously the kindergarten, has been extended allowing all the children to eat together and will be available for use/hire by villagers. It has already been used for a wedding party. The kitchen is working well and the new stoves make for a better atmosphere and use less fuel. The Centre has a tidy appearance with the new fence and gates giving a neater and well cared look to the outside world. The Trust has been greatly helped financially in these projects by Polio Children, to whom the Trust is very grateful.

Although the Shamba (farm field) was planted with crops, the shortage of rain has reduced the amount that could be harvested, although there has just been sufficient for the Centre's use but little for the villagers, reducing the income for the Centre.

The committee have revisited the possibility of obtaining water from a borehole originally sunk for the use of the St Francis Hospital (adjacent to the Centre) in the Sunguru Valley, about 3km from the Centre. An agreement has been drawn up with the Hospital which owns the borehole site for the Centre's use. A contractor has been asked to look at the feasibility and cost of re-habilitating the borehole, with a view to transporting water from the borehole to the Centre by using a bowser in times of drought. There may also be a possibility for growing vegetables at the borehole site.

The Centre has plans for taking in a further 20 or so more disabled children in the next year or two. The present facilities at the Centre are adequate for this further intake.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the aim of the Trust to keep in reserve sufficient funds equivalent to 6 months of its normal payments made to the Centre. In addition the Trust will accumulate funds for identified projects, supplemented by fundraising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Trust has no funds in deficit.

Financial review

Income from donations and grants amounted to £21,004 (2015/16 £29,612). Fundraising and sales were £2,384 and comparable to the previous to the year (£2,230). Money given for projects at the Centre was £9,423 (£7,633) and the Gift Aid reclaim from HMRC was £1,980 (£1,621).

Expenditure on running costs made to the Centre was lower this year at £14,034 (£23,433). Costs for medical treatment for children at the Centre were comparable in the year at £389 to the previous year (£320). Money sent to the Centre for projects outlined in **Summary of main achievements** above, amounted to £21,224 (£23,296). Education costs at the Centre have increased to £2,812 (£1,850) as there are more children now receiving secondary education. Currency transfer is no longer made through our bank and incurs no fees.

We are grateful again to the Polio Children Charity for supporting the Trust in the last year for education costs, projects and contribution to the Centre's running costs, all amounting to £ 14,462.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Keith Wright, Chairman.

Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations and grants	21,004	29,612
Fundraising and sales	2,384	2,230
Projects	9,423	7,633
GA claims	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,621</u>
Total Receipts	<u>34,791</u>	<u>41,096</u>
PAYMENTS		
Running costs to Centre	14,034	23,433
Medical treatment	389	320
Secondary education	2,812	1,850
Projects	21,224	23,296
Bank charges	<u>--</u>	<u>75</u>
Total Payments	<u>38,459</u>	<u>48,974</u>
NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(3,668)	(7,878)
Cash funds last year end	15,467	23,345
CASH FUNDS AT YEAR END	<u>11,799</u>	<u>15,467</u>
Statements of Assets and Liabilities For the Year Ended 31 March 2017		
CASH FUNDS		
Cash at Bank	11,774	15,427
Cash in hand	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>
	<u>11,799</u>	<u>15,467</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Gift Aid claim	<u>941</u>	<u>1,980</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16th May 2017 and signed on their behalf
K.Wright –Trustee