

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2015
for

Chilli Children of Rukungiri (Uganda)

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2015. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Secretary

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trust's primary aim is to provide funding for the North Kigezi Diocese Grower's, Orphan's and Disabled Children project. This project is often referred to as the Chilli Children project as the crop grown is chilli.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

1. The relief of those in need, by reason of ill health, sickness, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of support for the North Kigezi Diocese Grower's, Orphan's and Disabled Children Project, Rukungiri, Uganda.
2. The advancement of both education and religion, in particular among the beneficiaries of the charity and their families/communities, by such means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The trust achieves its objectives for the public benefit to improve the lives of disabled and orphaned children and their families through regular grants to the North Kigezi Diocese Grower's, Orphan's and Disabled Children Project, Rukungiri, SW Uganda.

Trustees have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and always ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with our charitable aims and objectives.

The Ugandan Project team based in Rukungiri carry out surveys into the more remote districts. They register all children with disabilities or chronic illnesses with the North Kigezi Diocese with a view to providing appropriate help wherever possible.

The activities carried out for the public benefit can be divided into the following seven categories:

Surgery, Life skills clinics, Medical Treatment for children with epilepsy and heart conditions, Clubfoot clinics, The advancement of Education, The advancement of Religion and The relief of financial hardship.

Surgery

Where possible, children requiring surgery, for example, for conditions such as cleft palate, burns or orthopaedic conditions are helped to access the treatment needed. The costs of transport, blood tests, drugs, consultations and rehabilitation are met by the project. The operations are often funded by other charities whose focus is the provision of surgeons.

The project team have good links with several hospitals in Kampala, the capital, as well as other larger towns, such as Mbarara. Transport is provided for children and parents to the hospital for assessment, surgery and follow up care. This, over a year, involves a large number of children at different stages of this process. Translation is sometimes needed as the local language is not necessarily understood in the capital.

The Project has special links with Kisiizi Hospital, which is a Mission Hospital about an hour's drive from Rukungiri, where some surgery takes place and children also stay there for rehabilitation and convalescence after surgery in hospitals that are further away.

Life Skills Clinics

These regularly provide both occupational therapy for children with brain damage but also an important support network for parents.

Evas, the project leader, actively encourages the families to support each other and has trained one mother to play a more active role at the clinics where new parents can see what her son is now managing to achieve.

Medical Treatment for Children with epilepsy and heart conditions

Local clinics are held to enable children with epilepsy and heart conditions to receive support and medication. Heart surgery is very expensive and it is often not possible to provide this option for parents.

Club foot clinics

This highly successful public benefit programme led by a specially trained member of the team in Rukungiri enables infants within the diocese to have early treatment using the Ponseti Method. Babies are seen at an early stage enabling treatment to start promptly.

The advancement of Education

In many parts of rural SW Uganda primary and particularly secondary schools are not readily accessible and this is particularly true for children who are ill or have a disability. A number of children are supported by the Project with school fees and equipment so that they may attend secondary and higher education. Transport is also provided at the start and end of term as these schools are a long distance from their homes.

A maximum of fifty children with hearing impairment are boarders at Nyakibale school in Rukungiri. The Project supports them with boarding accommodation, meals, matrons to care for them and health care. During the school holidays the project runs a programme of home visits to help parents and families learn sign language. The boarding school at Kitazigurukwa for children with disabilities continues to develop with support from Mission Direct Volunteers.

The advancement of Religion

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The project serves all families with disabled or orphaned children in the North Kigezi Diocese irrespective of their tribal or religious afflictions. No attempt is made to make anyone change their religion. However, in their lives and in their work the local project staff aim to promote the Christian faith in action. Each day at the Diocese headquarters, where the project is based, starts with a time for worship and prayer for all staff. As a UK Christian charity we aim to consciously depend on God, seek his guidance and believe in the power of prayer.

The relief of financial hardship

The trustees consider that the best way to achieve this aim is through the development of an income generating scheme which enables families registered with the project to grow chilli for export. The families are taught how to grow Birds Eye chilli and provided with the necessary equipment. Field officers, who are part of the team, have responsibility for separate areas and develop good relationships with the farmers and encourage others to join the successful scheme. The chilli is harvested twice a year and taken by project staff to the capital Kampala for export.

All trustees give of their time freely and there are not paid.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The year began with a wonderful visit to the Project by the trustees in April 2014. This was funded by the trustees themselves.

We spent a week with the Project team, learning, listening, praying, worshipping, discussing and absorbing all the information we could. We were delighted to find that the charity's founder, Pat Gilmer, was in Rukungiri at the same time and enjoyed a delicious lunch at her home.

It was a humbling experience to witness the work of Evas, the team leader, and her team in the rural communities where, without the Project, no treatment would be available for children needing medical help. Jones is able to treat babies born with club feet promptly enabling the children to avoid a crippling disability later.

We were also able to appreciate the stunning landscape of the region, the green hills, the rivers, the distant views with no towns in sight. We spent one day at Kisiizi Hospital (a Christian Mission Hospital) where children go for surgery and others recuperate after surgery in Kampala. We returned to UK with a much deeper understanding of the Project and impressed by the team's Christian faith in action, helping those of all faiths and none.

The charity's summer newsletter 2014 with further details of our visit can be read on our website, www.chillichildren.org.uk. The website also has information on audio visual material from this visit.

This year has been a real challenge for The Chilli Children of Rukungiri Charity. We are indebted to all our regular supporters and to those who have given unexpectedly just when the need was so great. The need to increase our funding, to find more trustees and continue to provide enough financial support for the Project in Rukungiri has been a constant worry.

For three of the four quarterly grants in 2014-15 the trustees didn't have enough funds in the bank to provide the full grant. We knew this would have a negative impact on the work they would be able to do in the community. When we could, we sent an additional grant within the quarter to enable staff to be paid and the project work to continue.

In order for Evas and her team to carry out their important and life changing work across the district they require reliable vehicles which the Chilli Children Charity buys and maintains. There are no roads in UK to compare with the bumpy rural murram roads of West Uganda.

This year the Chilli Truck which is used across the rural areas at Harvest time as well as for many other errands including transporting people broke down and had to be repaired in Kampala. At the around the same time two of the motorbikes reached the end of their long lives and had to be replaced.

This meant that when the trustees were struggling to send the quarterly grant we had to find an additional £7000 to fund the repairs and purchase two new motorbikes. Once again we found our prayers, and those of our supporters, were answered and we were able to provide the much needed vehicles.

For several years supporters in Scotland have been fundraising specifically for a new vehicle to replace the elderly and worn out "Ambulance". Those familiar with our website or who receive our newsletters will have seen the sorry state of this essential vehicle. Over £30,000 has been raised and the trustees are now closing this fundraising event so that the team in Rukungiri can now look for a replacement. The vehicle needs to be able to carry between eight to ten people and is used to transport children and their parents to and from hospital as well as taking the whole team out to the rural districts together for their surveys and transporting a variety of items including motorbikes! The trustees spent just two days travelling for hours in this vehicle. An experience we will never forget!

During the last year it has been exciting to see the development of the new school for children with disabilities at Kitazigurukwa near Rukungiri. It is being built with help from volunteers from the charity Mission Direct in the grounds of the existing Primary School. Since the opening of this groundbreaking school Evas has noticed a real and developing change in perception towards disability in the community around Kitazigurukwa.

This is a significant and positive step forward and the knowledge that attitudes towards the education of children with disabilities are slowly changing is wonderful. This exciting new project brings with it the responsibility for additional funding to provide support staff, matrons, laundry, clothing, cooks, food and firewood for the children. The trustees understand that this school may be the first in Uganda to educate main stream and disabled children on the same site which means that some of the chilli children are now being educated in the main stream primary school which is an important and exciting step forward towards inclusion.

In July 2014 a group of guides from Surrey spent time in Rukungiri helping to refurbish the dormitories for deaf children attending school in Rukungiri. These children have been supported by the charity with the project providing dorms, food and matrons for them. The trustees had seen this dorms in April before the guides arrived and the photos afterwards demonstrated the transformation achieved with new beds and bedding, including new mosquito nets, and a fresh coat of paint!

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The project regularly reports to the Trustees, This report received in August 2014 is an example:
17 children have gone to Mbarara Hospital for assessment for spinal surgery.
11 had been selected, 7 had been operated on already, the rest would be done that week .
The X-rays ,operation and scans are no cost to the project. The surgeons are from USA.
The challenge will be the cost of transport etc for the reviews .

There are 4 children going to CORSU in Kampala for plastic surgery (burn cases) and 5 orthopaedic cases with a few for review of earlier surgery.

9 children awaiting cleft lip/palette surgery and Evas is waiting to collect the 15 she needs before the surgeon will come to Kisiizi. The surgery is carried out free of charge with support from the SMILE Chain - a UK charity .

If you are interested in visiting Rukungiri to learn more about this unique project Mission Direct regularly organise teams of volunteers to travel to Uganda to help complete the new school at Kitazigurukwa. Many of these become supporters of our charity. We also have a page on the Virgin Giving website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Currently the charity has no reserve funds due to the challenges described above. It continues to be our aim to maintain a reserve fund when conditions allow this to happen.

Principal funding sources

The Charity's principal source of funding is from church groups and individuals who are often active Christians.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs B Kucharski - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Chilli Children of Rukungiri (Uganda)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages seven to ten.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.15 Total funds £	31.3.14 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		63,405	10,863	74,268	60,635
Investment income	2	-	-	-	10
Total incoming resources		<u>63,405</u>	<u>10,863</u>	<u>74,268</u>	<u>60,645</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Uganda payments		58,122	-	58,122	56,795
Other resources expended		<u>661</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>58,783</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>59,050</u>	<u>56,795</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>4,622</u>	<u>10,596</u>	<u>15,218</u>	<u>3,850</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,792</u>	<u>21,278</u>	<u>32,070</u>	<u>28,220</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>15,414</u></u>	<u><u>31,874</u></u>	<u><u>47,288</u></u>	<u><u>32,070</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.15 Total funds £	31.3.14 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		15,414	31,874	47,288	32,070
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,414</u>	<u>31,874</u>	<u>47,288</u>	<u>32,070</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,414	31,874	47,288	32,070
NET ASSETS		<u>15,414</u>	<u>31,874</u>	<u>47,288</u>	<u>32,070</u>
FUNDS	4				
Unrestricted funds				15,414	10,792
Restricted funds				<u>31,874</u>	<u>21,278</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>47,288</u>	<u>32,070</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 September 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs B Kucharski -Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared using a receipts and payments basis.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Financial reporting standard number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charity qualifies as a small charity.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity actually receives the income.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for when it is actually paid and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.15	31.3.14
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	10
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2015 nor for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses of £226 were incurred and reimbursed during the year ended 31st March 2015.

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.14 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.15 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,792	4,622	15,414
Restricted funds			
Ambulance Fund	21,278	10,596	31,874
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,070</u>	<u>15,218</u>	<u>47,288</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,405	(58,783)	4,622
Restricted funds			
Ambulance Fund	10,863	(267)	10,596
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>74,268</u>	<u>(59,050)</u>	<u>15,218</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

	31.3.15 £	31.3.14 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	74,268	60,635
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	-	10
Total incoming resources	<u>74,268</u>	<u>60,645</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	58,122	56,064
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	-	57
Advertising	-	66
Bank charges	700	258
Travel	226	350
Bank interest	2	-
	<u>928</u>	<u>731</u>
Total resources expended	<u>59,050</u>	<u>56,795</u>
Net income	<u><u>15,218</u></u>	<u><u>3,850</u></u>