

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC044499

# AFRICA ON THE BALL



## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

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### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** **Year ended 31 December 2023**

#### **Trustees**

Andrew Jenkin (Secretary)  
Craig Smith  
Daniel Leftwich (Treasurer)  
Jérôme Read (Chairperson)  
Jules McGeever (new from 11/12/2023)  
Ndu Okoh (new from 11/12/2023)  
Sophie Oeyen

#### **Charity Number**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Structure Governance and Management**

Constitution

The charity is a SCIO and is governed by its constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity has a single tier model – Trustee Board members are the only members of the charity. All Trustees are appointed then re-elected annually by the Trustee Board at the AGM.

Any active Trustees are as shown under the Reference and Administrative Information.

Two new Trustees were recruited in the 2023 year as identified clearly within the previous section.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity as well as having the responsibility of running and developing the charity's work.

The charity does have contractors in Africa that undertake work on behalf of the organisation.

**Objectives and Activities**

Charitable Purposes

The organisation's charitable purposes are as follows:

1. The prevention and relief of poverty through the provision and delivery of services and opportunities including but not limited to food programmes, employment, access to education or vocational training;
2. The advancement of education through subsidy of school fees and delivery of educational workshops;
3. The advancement of public participation in sport through the delivery of sporting and recreational activities;
4. The advancement of health, by delivering services and activities to empower individuals and communities to live healthy lives, with particular attention but not limited to the prevention of HIV & AIDS and support for those already affected;
5. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life of communities;
6. The advancement of citizenship and community development by encouraging and supporting personal development and fulfilment of potential, promoting the advancement of personal skills such as motivation, leadership and teamwork.

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### Activities throughout 2023 included:

- Creation of 'on the ground' staff organogram

This has enabled both the operational team on the ground and the Trustees to have a better oversight of the programmes, the people involved in the delivery and their roles.

- Recommencement of primary school outreach programmes

Following the government lifting of Covid restrictions on outreach programmes our team on the ground were able to recommence our physical activity delivery into 4 separate primary schools reaching 1,170 schoolchildren.

- Continued donations of the container contents

Ongoing Zambia wide donations nearing completion.

- Bauleni football tournament and workshops

We reached over 70 young players who attended this tournament where we sought to deliver workshops outside of those games played on the field. The topics that were covered included: mental health; substance abuse; and sexual/reproductive health.

- Kalingalinga Girls outreach tournament

Collaborating with Nowspare, Eagles of Change, Youth Life Zambia and Girl Guides of Zambia over 150 females were attracted to this tournament. In between games workshops were held with all the girls being able to take away menstrual health packs to facilitate the riddance of period poverty.

- Kalingalinga football teams

Continued support of not only 3 women/girls and 6 men/boys football teams with coaches, assistant coaches, and managers.

- Two new over 35's women's team started

November saw the on the ground team identify an opportunity to support stronger cohesion between parents and children in the communities we serve by setting up two additional women's football teams one for 35 years + and another for 40 years +.

- Mental Health support for our team 'behind the teams'

This year we practically saw the benefits of supporting the AOTB 'team behind the team' in very desperate and sad times of need. Two separate occasions included supporting one of our Young Leaders who was struggling with mental health issues and another occasion with one of our Coaches following the tragic loss of both his wife and first child during, and just after, childbirth.

- Eastern province outreach

The 'on the ground team' consolidated on the foundations of supporting the tournament in Lundazi, Eastern province and this year the team provided support to over thirty teams totalling approximately 500 participants, 870 km East of Lusaka.

- Nine meetings of the Board and wider invitees

This allowed the Board of Trustees to further develop the charity's governance structures, review the objectives, gain insight into the future aspirations, and also instigate a plan to commit to delivering a strategy for the 2024-2030 period to paper in the first six months of 2024.

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- Two separate Trustee visits to the Zambian 'Team on the Ground'

In March and August 2023 two separate Trustees visited the 'Team on the Ground' to consolidate our strong partnership and collaborative efforts in addition to helping both parties understand present challenges that are there for us to collaborate on and thus overcome in order to continue to progress.

- New Trustees recruited

Following the completion of a skills matrix of the Board and as a consequence of the strategic planning discussions, the Trustees along with the Executive Director of the team on the ground unanimously agreed to sourcing two additional Trustees to support the gaps within the Board and to help develop the strategic plan. This process sourced the Trustees and also willing operational volunteers.

- Fundraising

Inaugural meeting with a group of enthusiastic volunteers from the USA to investigate and potentially develop a fundraising arm in the US/North America to support the charity. This also included investigations and discussions around holding an inaugural annual fundraising Charity Golf Day.

### Financial Review

In 2023, Africa on the Ball's income (£11,138) and expenditure (£10,083) were broadly in balance, posting a small surplus of £1,055 for the year.

Income generated by donations (and gift aid) decreased c.4% from £11,544 (2022) to £11,105 (2023), though regular donor numbers and average donation sums were broadly level despite challenging economic headwinds.

As anticipated, fundraising activity dropped from £1,697 in 2022 to zero in 2023 on account of the cessation of activities relating to Glasgow on the Ball that financially benefited Africa on the Ball.

By recent standards, 2022 saw unusually high expenditure (£24,230), relating to the purchase of a shipping container and transit to Zambia. 2023 saw a c. 62% decrease in expenditure (to £9,000) on account of charitable activities returning to their 'core' level and scope.

Reserves increased 12% to £9,798, however it should be noted that c. 36% of total income resulted from a one-off donation. The Trustees are cognisant that the sustainability of the charity depends on becoming less reliant on such acts of generosity, very welcome though they are.

### Reserves Policy

Reserves that are not classified as restricted funds will be utilised in further pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives in line with its charitable purposes outlined in its constitution.

Once regular donations consistently meet or exceed the cost of monthly charitable activity, it is the Trustees' intention to establish reserves to cover the charity's day-to-day running costs for a rolling period of 3 months.

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### Plans for Future Periods

Following extensive meetings and discussions with the Board Trustees, the team on the Ground and a wider audience of interested individuals it is the Board's aim to publish a new strategic plan for 2024-2030 within the first 6 months of 2024. The strategic plan will document the ambition, aims, and short term roadmap for the immediate and medium term.

In line with Africa on the Ball's overarching new strategic plan, during 2024 detailed MarComs and Fundraising strategies will also be detailed and their implementation initiated.

In order to achieve the desired effective impacts and substantial progress the capacity building of the volunteer (and potentially paid) operational platform will also be a key aim for 2024.

Approved by the Trustees on 22/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jérôme Read', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large loop at the end.

**Jérôme Read**  
Chair



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICA ON THE BALL  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave 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.

**Nicholas Igoe BA ACA**  
22 March 2024

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### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS For the year ending 31 December 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations and Gift Aid	11,105	11,544
Other Fundraising	-	1,697
Bank Interest Received	31	27
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>11,136</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Cost of Charitable Activities	(9,000)	(24,230)
Cost of Fundraising (note 2)	(132)	(2,631)
Governance Costs	(935)	(532)
Marketing & Communications	(16)	(16)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(10,083)</b>	<b>27,409</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>(14,141)</b>

The notes on page 11 form an integral part of these accounts

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES  
31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash & bank balances at start of year	8,743	22,884
Surplus / (deficit) on receipts & payments account	1,053	(14,141)
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances at end of year</b>	<b><u>9,796</u></b>	<b><u>8,743</u></b>

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Approved by the trustees on 22/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

**Jérôme Read**  
**Chair**

**Daniel Leftwich**  
**Treasurer**



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation, is set out below.

***Basis of Preparation***

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

***Going Concern***

In the opinion of the trustees, the charity has sufficient cash reserves to meet its working capital requirements for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

***Fund Accounting***

All receipts and payments were in respect of unrestricted funds during the year.

***Irrecoverable VAT***

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**2. Cost of Fundraising**

The cost of fundraising includes the costs of promoting the organisation's activities to potential donors and of collecting donations.

**3. Related Party Transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected person during the year. No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.