



The Roof of Africa (SCIO)

Trustees' Annual Report

30th June 2022 to 29th June 2023



Charity contact information



The Roof of Africa SCIO

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Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. Donna Charway
2. Clive McLaren
3. Freda Mwashu
4. Joanna Mackenzie

Objectives and activities

The organisation's purposes are:

1. To use the UN convention on the rights of the child to guide activities in disadvantaged areas of Tanzania, to improve the lives of children and their families.
2. To make education as accessible as possible for children of all ages by running schools, activities, sports and clubs in impoverished areas.
3. To support adult learning and the transition of Tanzanian students from school to Higher Education
4. To support families in the community to help break the cycle of poverty
5. To use guidance from the Scottish Government to structure teaching, including 'Getting It Right For Every Child'
6. To expand on activities away from education in an effort to relieve poverty in a sustainable manner

Our main activity is building and running a nursery and primary school in Sonu, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. We also support the community through a family sponsorship programme, distribute food parcels and have this year planted a fruit tree garden.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO Constitution (Single Tier)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

No changes

Achievements and performance

During this year, we have continued our child sponsorship programme which continues to be a successful source of income to cover the running costs of the school. By January 2023, we had 6 primary classes and 2 nursery classes, providing an education to 230 pupils.



We also continued our family sponsorship programme, which allows sponsors to directly support families living in poverty in Sonu, through cash grants and provision of basic supplies such as beds and mosquito nets.



Last year, we were successful in getting a grant for a water and sanitation project, to provide plumbing to 2 homes, and build 2 toilets. This work was in progress throughout the year and is nearing completion with only the sewage outflow to complete.



The Roof of Africa Founder Genuine visited the United States in April 2023 and was successful in raising funds towards school build and road building costs. This is to be used for making the access routes to the school more accessible for the children, as currently they are walking on muddy paths which were becoming waterlogged in the rainy season.



We were delighted to have the support of the Haus of Conservation who raised funds for us, for a fruit tree garden to be planted at the school and in the surrounding area. The fruit from the trees will supplement the two free meals that all the children at The Roof of Africa School receive.



We had very generous donations from the Edinburgh Academy Junior School who held a fundraiser at their nativity performance. These donations allowed us to bulk buy food for the school, buy chickens and their run to provide eggs for the school and sponsor two children for the year.



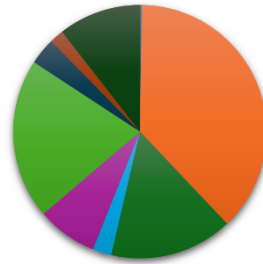
Our Standard 4 class sat their National Assessment exams and did incredibly well. The average grade across the class was B, and all pupils passed. We treated the teachers to a Wellbeing day for their hard work preparing the pupils for their exams.

Financial review

This year we had a successful year of fundraising and our income was similar to the previous year, despite not receiving grant funding this year. The biggest percentage of income comes from child sponsors (38 %) from our school sponsorship programme. We also received significant fundraising income (23 %) from funds raised from school build fundraisers, the Edinburgh Academy fundraiser and Haus of Conservation fundraising.

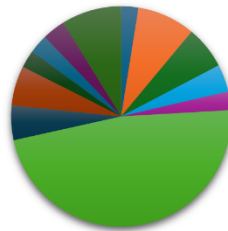
The majority of our expenses goes on the salaries of the school teachers and school support staff (47 %)

Income - Total £20,952



- Amazon Smile
- Direct Public Support – Individual Contributions
- Family Sponsorship
- Gift Aid
- School build fundraisers
- Child Sponsorship
- Environmental
- Fundraising Activity
- PayPal Giving Fund

Expenses - Total £18,949



- Christmas Parties
- Chickens
- School Build
- Sponsorship Starter Pack
- Family Support
- Fruit Tree Garden
- Water and Sanitation Project
- Website
- Food
- Payroll – Salary & Wages
- School Supplies
- Other

Statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

As the school has not yet been completed and the charity is still growing, the charity generally only holds one month’s reserves. At the end of this year, the majority of the balance is from the school build fundraisers and is restricted for this use. As the charity stabilises we hope to increase the reserves.

Future plans

The future year we hope to open our Standard 7 class in January 2024. The school will continue to grow as funds allow with more classrooms added when possible. We hope to continue our success in both the child sponsorship and family sponsorship programmes.



Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Freda Mwasha

Print name

Freda Mwasha

Designation

Trustee

Date

04/04/2024