



**The Roof of Africa (SCIO)**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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## Charity Trustees



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## 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 running a nursery and primary school in Sonu, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. In addition, the charity is building strong relationships with the community and building upon ways to support the families of pupils and the wider community.

We were very pleased with the progress made this year.

The year began with the children returning to school after covid restrictions were lifted and schools reopened. They were all very excited to be in the new school building, which at the start of the year had 4 classrooms for nursery – P3. In addition to the Tanzanian Curriculum, on Fridays the pupils engage in Art, Sport and helping in the community.

The objectives for the year were

- to continue fundraising to cover the running costs of the school and therefore continue to be able to provide free education

- to build a 5<sup>th</sup> classroom ready for the new school year in Jan 2021 allowing an intake of a new class
- to use funds for covid-19 response to make the school as safe as possible
- to continue to raise funds for the two community projects started last year – repairing one house damaged by a landslide, and major rebuilding of a second house which was unsafe.
- To identify more families in need of financial support and look for family sponsors

We have continued to be humbled by the generosity of our supporters and are pleased to say that the objectives were met, as will be described in ‘Achievements and Performance’.

We were also delighted have two new trustees join the team this year, Donna and Clive. Donna had been volunteering for us as a marketing manager and works hard keeping our social media up to date as well as creating and promoting appeals and fundraisers. Clive has previously lived in Tanzania and has experience and understanding of the challenges of charity work in East Africa.



## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO Constitution (Single Tier)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Two new trustees were appointed:

November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021: Donna Charway and Clive MacLaren

## Achievements and performance

Highlights this year include:



Continued fundraising for the new school, plus support from the local community, allowed us to build Classroom 5 in time for the new intake of students in January 2021.



Funds available for covid-19 response were used to buy more desks to allow for physical distancing between pupils, more buckets and soap for hand hygiene, a printer and extra learning materials to limit sharing between pupils and to support home learning.



The project to repair a pupil's house that had been damaged by a landslide "Community Home Build 1" was completed. Here we show the damage to the house.



The house following repair.



The second project “Community Home Build 2” was to repair and rebuild a pupil’s house which was unsafe. Fundraising continued throughout the year for this project, led by one of the charities dedicated supporters.

The house before work began



Work has started on their house – first steps were to reinforce the walls and add secure windows and doors.





A Christmas Appeal was very successful, with money raised for Christmas parties for all the classes, 58 food parcels to help those in need throughout the holidays and gifts for all the Tanzanian teachers and support staff.





A branch of our fundraising activity is a sponsorship programme, regular donations from sponsors is vital to the continued running of the school. We were delighted to find 10 new school sponsors during the year. Newly sponsored children receive a pack of uniform, PE kit, bag, shoes and learning materials.



We were very pleased to find 5 new sponsors who will support families with a regular donation based upon their needs. This money will either be given directly, or used to buy items needed, such as beds and mosquito nets.

Family sponsorship allowed this family to plant a crop of tomatoes



A graduation ceremony was held for the class finishing nursery in December 2020. The children received a certificate and showcased their singing skills to the school!



The graduating class enjoying lunch at their party



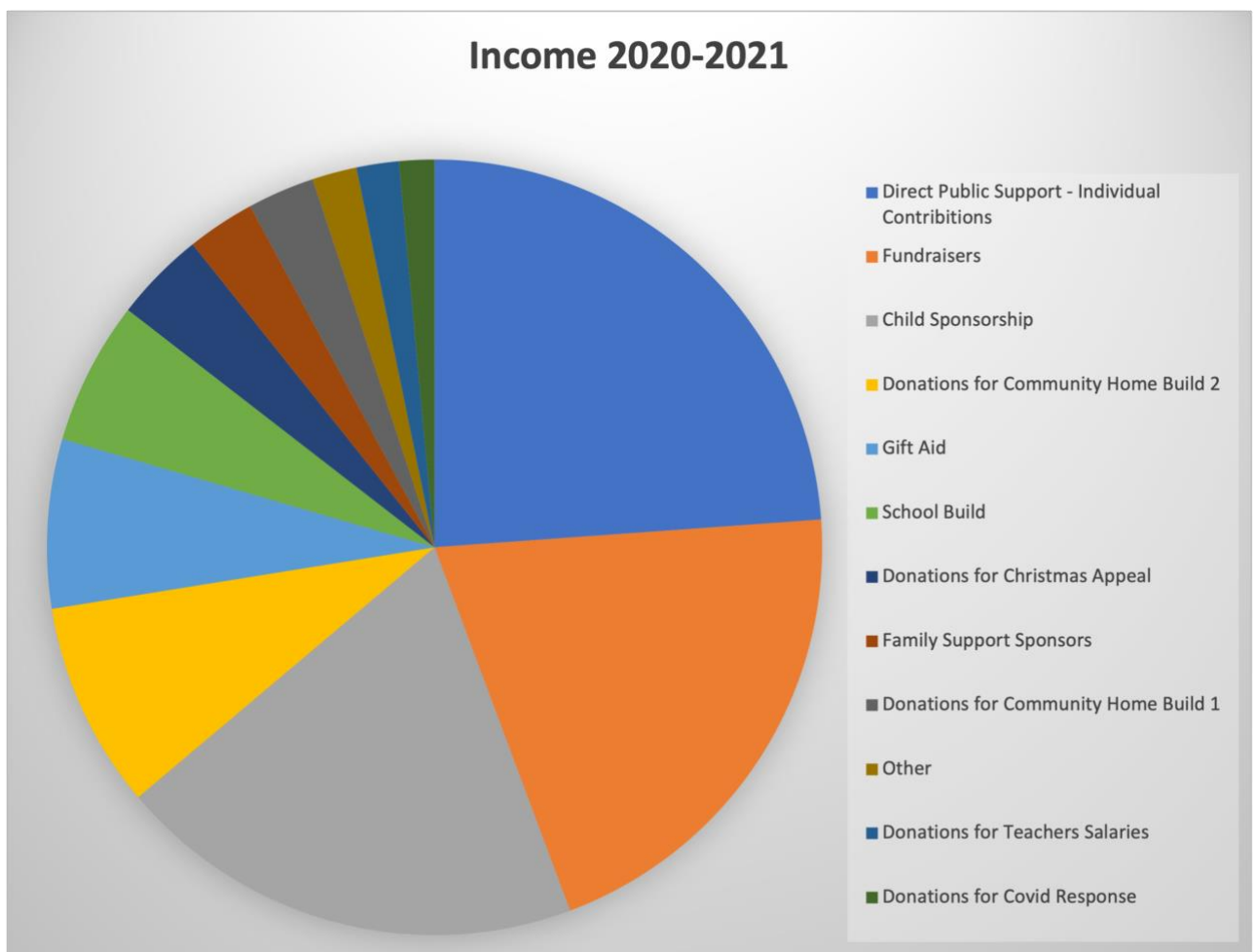
Many of the children had never had a birthday party before, so in June 2021 we hosted a big joint party for all students with a birthday in May and June. They enjoyed cake, songs, dressing up and dancing!



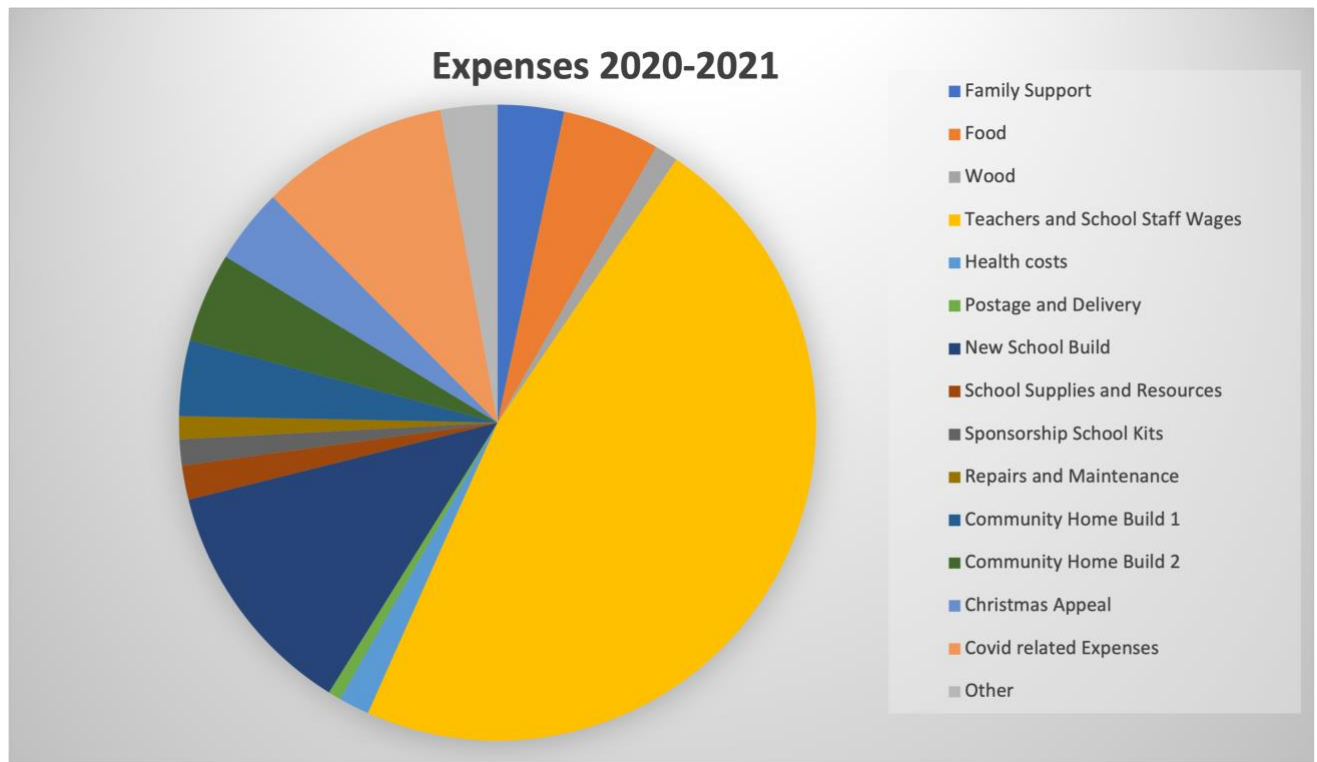
## Financial review

Our finances have remained largely stable from last year, with a marginal increase in income and spending, The largest expense, accounting for nearly half of all spending, was on the salaries of the teachers and support staff at the school. These expenses are funded through the child sponsorship programme and other unrestricted funds. As our sponsorship programme grows, we can employ more teachers to offer a high standard of education and ensure class size remains small.

Income – Total: £17,000 (Unrestricted: £12,245 ,Restricted: £4,755)



Expenses: Total: £17,869 (Unrestricted: £12,193, Restricted:£5,676)



### Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As the charity is still growing, our current policy of reserves is 1 months expenses. At the end of this financial year, the majority of our reserves were restricted for use for the Community Home Build 2. When possible, we aim to increase reserves to 3 months.

## Future plans

Next year, we will continue with the school build to accommodate one new class. We also plan to concentrate on our sponsorship programmes, to support both the school and more families at home. The primary 4 class will also be taking exams this year which will allow us to assess the quality of the teaching and identify areas in which improvements may need to be made.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

*Freda Mwashu*

Print name

FREDA MWASHA

Designation

TRUSTEE/TREASURER

Date

30 March 2022