

Abaana Ministries

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2020

Company No: NI 33513

Trustees

Sally Baxter (resigned 26 Feb-21)
Colin Caughey
Noel Gordon
Janet Hetherington (resigned 2 Sep-20)
David Manning (resigned 28 Apr-20, reappointed 12 Apr-21)
Archie McAvoy MBE
Dr Gillian McBride (appointed 23 Nov-20)
Martin Pitt (appointed 28 Apr-20)
Sharon Slack (resigned 28 Apr-20, reappointed 12 Apr-21)
Jonathan Young

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Secretary

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CEO

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102174

Trustees' report

For year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2020 which have also been prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with charity and company law, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Chair's report

As was the case with most organisations, 2020 has been a year of change and fundamental challenge for Abaana operationally. As a Board, we continued to provide strategic direction to and good governance for Abaana.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The effects of the global pandemic have had a very significant impact on how Abaana has been able to carry out its business during 2020 and on its work in Uganda, as it was no longer possible for Abaana staff to visit churches, schools, and other organisations to share about the charity's work. A number of scheduled fundraising events were postponed and visits by volunteer teams to Uganda were also either cancelled or rescheduled to future years.

Throughout 2020, the focus of Abaana's work in Uganda has been to continue to provide effective and practical assistance and support to the children and their communities. The ongoing financial support and encouragement from Abaana supporters that has made this possible has been both amazing and humbling.

As a Board, we continue to recognise the enormous contribution to the work of Abaana made by staff, volunteers, and supporters across the UK and wider afield, as together we seek to bring hope to children living in poverty in Uganda.

Purposes and activities

Abaana Ministries' principal activity, as set out in The Memorandum and Articles of Association is the relief of poverty in the African continent, and the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to educate the general public regarding poverty and the spiritual needs of these people and the advancement of the Christian faith. This is mainly achieved through building schools, sponsoring children to enable them to receive an education, providing food and basic medical care to children living on the streets, rescuing children from the streets, providing clean water supplies by building wells, installing pumps and supporting farming and microfinance projects in partner communities.

The overall vision of Abaana is to see the children of Africa have their needs met, their rights upheld and their hopes fulfilled.

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning our activities the Trustees have considered a number of key components, namely the financial resources available, prioritised projects in Uganda and the on-going needs of existing key programmes.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives include regular production of management accounting information, oversight by Trustees of key deliverables and progress made, a detailed Grant Agreement process for funded programmes and post-project delivery review.

Role of volunteers

The financial statements set out the results for the year but do not reflect the very considerable and vital support given to Abaana by volunteers. Locally, volunteers help to run our charity shop, fundraise and prepare mail outs. Overseas, they make up the teams in Uganda, carrying out building and other work across our projects.

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities:

Raising of support

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible during most of 2020 for Abaana staff to visit and speak at various schools, churches, and other organisations to share about the charity's work. During the period however, Abaana has significantly enhanced its profile via a range of social media platforms. It is recognised that social media output will play an increasingly important role for the charity in the future.

Support of Schools

5,000 children attend the 15 Abaana-supported primary schools. The main source of income for these schools comes from sponsored kids, with an estimated 3 children paying lower subsidised rates for every 1 child sponsored at the school. Sponsorship income provides an assured funding stream for the schools to pay teachers and run the school.

Child Sponsorship

During 2020, 2,300 children received support under the Child Sponsorship Scheme. The children normally attend the 15 Abaana primary schools or various other secondary or vocational schools. However, with schools being closed for most of the year, (except for students preparing for or sitting examinations), Abaana provided 4,500 home-schooling packs directly to sponsor children. Home visits were also conducted by school teachers and work completed marked.

Covid Relief Programme

Through a direct appeal to supporters in the early part of 2020, approximately £61,000 was donated which was used to provide food parcels and other essential Covid-related items such as soap and masks directly to families across Uganda. Essential items such as sanitiser, soap and masks were also supplied to local community health centres. Through this programme and the Christmas Gift Scheme, food parcels supplied in 2020 equated to 200,000 meals.

Christmas Gift Scheme

The annual Child Sponsorship Christmas Gift Appeal was significantly expanded in 2020 with approximately £39,000 raised. In addition to food parcels and covid-related items, this enabled personal gifts to be given to the sponsor children along with mattresses and mosquito nets.

New Life Homes Project and Street Reach

Abaana continues to fund The New Life Homes, where boys who previously lived on the streets now live in a secure and caring environment. These homes are transitional rehabilitation homes and to date 64 boys have been successfully and permanently resettled back with their families. Abaana continues to support them in their education and with any medical needs which arise.

Abaana also partners with organisations working with children living on the streets, including, Heroes and Frontline.

Street children were particularly impacted by Lockdown. Abaana worked in close co-operation with the Kampala Capital City Authority and other organisations to support 200 street children who were temporarily housed in an Emergency Centre, set up in a local primary school. Abaana supplied food, mattresses, cleaning materials and medical supplies. 11 of the children were subsequently reunited successfully by Abaana with their direct or extended families.

6000 Miles Challenge

During October and November 2020 approximately 100 supporters took part in our 6000 Miles Challenge, seeking to collectively cover the 6000 miles from our Northern Ireland office to Uganda. Participants walked, jogged, ran, and cycled a total of 15,000 miles and raised almost £19,000. Funds raised were split across three projects, namely: building a new Primary School at Atukubui in Eastern Uganda, the on-going Covid-relief programme, and preparations for the next visit of the New Life Choir.

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New Life Choir

The eagerly awaited New Life Choir tour in 2021 has been postponed due to the pandemic. Normally the year prior to a Choir tour is very busy in Uganda, with extended training sessions for the Choir and preparation of all the necessary documentation to allow the Choir to go on tour. It is hoped that the Choir will be able to tour the UK and Ireland in 2023.

The Abaana shop continues to raise support for Abaana and provides a sustainable income.

Projects

A range of projects were completed across our various school sites. These included:

- Internal and external painting – Rainey Summit View Primary School.
- Furniture – Ayila Primary School.
- Provision of textbooks – Ayila Primary School.
- Desks – Rainey Summit View Primary School
- Teaching materials and textbooks – Rainey Summit View Primary School.

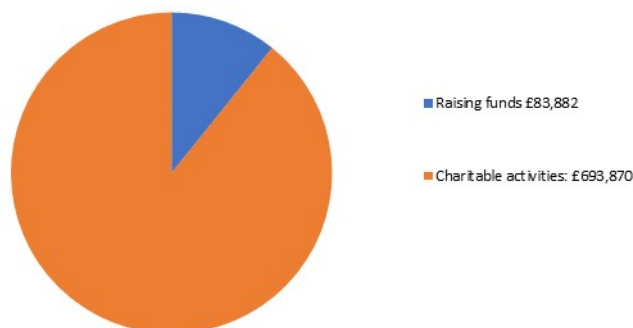
Preparations for the building of Abaana's 16th Primary School at Atukubui also commenced.

Financial review

Income and expenditure

Income for the year decreased to £961,486 (2019: £1,238,421). Total expenditure decreased to £777,752 (2019: £999,530) and gross expenditure on Charitable Activities decreased to £693,870 (2019: £931,380). The amount of money spent on charitable activities represented 89.2% (2019: 93.2%) of total expenditure.

Expenditure £777,752



Expenditure on charitable activities includes governance costs of £8,169 (2019: £7,993).

Overall, there was a net incoming resource of £183,734 for the year (2019: net incoming resource £238,891). All restricted funds held by Abaana are spent on charitable activities to benefit children in Africa and where the funding is collected over more than one accounting year; individual funds will often show a surplus at the year end and the subsequent year show a deficit. The net position for each specific fund across multiple accounting periods will be zero. (i.e., any deficit is met from accumulated fund balances).

Detailed day to day management of the charity endeavours to keep the costs as low as possible without compromising the output and quality of the activities.

Investment powers and policy

The Trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of the charity have kept available funds in an interest-bearing deposit account and seek to achieve a rate on deposit, which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail price index.

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Reserves

The Board of Trustees reviews the reserves annually. There are two categories of reserves: restricted and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. At the end of the year the total restricted funds were £383,122 (2019: £255,348).

Unrestricted funds at year end were £425,162 (2019: £369,202). It is the policy of the Board to ensure that the Charity has sufficient funds to cope with unexpected events. In particular, it aims to have an earmarked amount in designated funds to cover 6 months (2019: 5 months) running costs. In 2020 this is £110,000 (2019: £80,000).

There is also a designated Property Fund of £107,400 (2019: £nil) representing the net book value of land and building; funds which are not readily available as cash.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020/21 has underlined the need to be able to respond to unprecedented crises and the Board believe the current level of unrestricted general funds is both prudent and reasonable.

Plans for future periods

In 2021, work is scheduled to begin on the construction of a new school at Atukubui in Eastern Uganda. This will take the form of a 4-classroom block, a 3-classroom block with an administration office and two toilet blocks. This will be the 16th Primary School built by Abaana in Uganda.

In 2020 the Board had agreed to expand the staff team with a new Finance post, but recruitment was put on hold due to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to advertise this post once restrictions start to ease. During lockdown, we also had one staff member move on and this post was not filled. Due to the extra capacity of staff during lockdown, the duties of this post are being shared between current staff. However, it will be necessary to fill this position as we move back to normal operations.

Management is also actively looking for replacement office and shop facilities in the North Down area. The Board has identified that increased office space is required and the shop is not in the most suitable location to attract footfall. We are currently looking for solutions for both these needs across potential single or dual sites.

Organisational development

The application of robust and effective IT and financial systems provide an essential framework for the professional operation of the organisation.

Performance Management training has been developed for each employee of Abaana to ensure that the operational structure results in an efficient and effective organisation.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are listed on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Abaana Ministries is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16 January 1998 and updated on 17 June 2015.

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Appointment of Trustees

Abaana has a policy of developing its Board membership to ensure a wide range of professional expertise. Where potential candidates for Board membership are identified, informal discussions are held with the Chairperson, followed by attendance in an observer capacity at several Board meetings. If appointment is subsequently recommended by the existing Trustees, the candidate is formally invited to join the Board.

Trustee induction and training

Through membership of the Board, Trustees have oversight and develop their knowledge of all of Abaana's key activities. Trustees also meet several times a year with Abaana staff. Training for Trustees is sourced as required.

Organisation

The Board of Trustees is continuing to enhance its ways of working, to best fit the charity as it continues to operate in a challenging economy. The overall range of key skills available to the Charity through its Trustees will help to further develop the overall governance and management of the charity.

Relationship with other charities

A separate company exists in Uganda – 'Abaana Ministries, Uganda'. This company, registered in Uganda is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board is made up of local professionals. Scott Baxter (Abaana Ministries Northern Ireland CEO and Company Secretary) also sits on the Board as the 'International Director'.

Abaana Ministries Uganda receives its funding from Abaana Ministries, Northern Ireland and carries out the various project activities and expenditure in line with formal agreements authorised by Abaana Ministries, Northern Ireland.

The Board of Directors and management of Abaana Ministries, Uganda continue to report on a regular basis, to Scott Baxter, the Northern Ireland CEO on all its operational and financial activities. The CEO aims to visit the Ugandan operations at least twice each year, to review the physical projects which have been funded by Northern Ireland, as well as meeting with the Board of Directors to monitor and make decisions regarding the general day to day running of the company.

Abaana Ministries also has a close relationship with Fields of Life, a charity which shares Abaana Ministries' passion for Africa – some of Abaana Ministries' earliest child sponsorships continue to be administered by Fields of Life.

Pay policy for senior staff

The Board of Directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, have overall oversight of the activities of the charity. This includes responsibility for considering, and where relevant, approving any pay increases for all staff. Senior staff comprises the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All staff posts are based on NJC pay scales. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration during the year.

Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for Abaana Ministries' system of internal control. Such a system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against errors or fraud. The key controls used by the charity include:

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- Formal agendas for Board meetings and Minutes taken;
- Regular Board meetings;
- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- Established organisational structure and lines of reporting;
- Formal written policies;
- Clear authorisation and approval levels;
- Formal grant agreements.

Abaana maintains a detailed Risk Register, which outlines the key risks to the organisation and specific actions identified to mitigate those risks. The risk register is subject to annual review by the Board of Trustees and more frequently, if required. Key risks identified (together with mitigation measures) include:

- Reputational damage due to project failure (full technical/financial assessments pre-project; full post-completion review);
- Loss of income due to economic climate (focus on key fundraising activities);
- Interruption of activities (data backed up using Cloud technology; adequate insurance provision; building security);
- Death/serious injury of team member in Africa (risk assessments for teams; training of staff, team leaders/members; adequate insurance provision).

Public benefit reporting

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit reporting on the Charity's benefits and achievements.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Abaana Ministries for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (1) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (2) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (3) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (4) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the organisation's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the organisation's auditor that they ought to have individually made, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

PKF-FPM Accountants Limited have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



Noel Gordon
Chairperson



Date

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Abaana Ministries
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Abaana Ministries (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the cash flow statement and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Abaana Ministries
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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To the members of Abaana Ministries
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This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



JL Grant (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
PKF-FPM Accountants Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Date: 22-6-21

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income:					
Donations and legacies	4	247,300	683,718	931,018	1,214,121
<i>Income from other trading activities:</i>					
Shop Income		10,568	-	10,568	23,833
Investment income	5	289	-	289	467
Other income		19,611	-	19,611	-
Total income		<u>277,768</u>	<u>683,718</u>	<u>961,486</u>	<u>1,238,421</u>
Expenditure:					
Costs of raising funds	6	82,761	1,121	83,882	68,150
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	139,047	554,823	693,870	931,380
Total expenditure		<u>221,808</u>	<u>555,944</u>	<u>777,752</u>	<u>999,530</u>
Net income (expenditure) for the year before transfers		<u>55,960</u>	<u>127,774</u>	<u>183,734</u>	<u>238,891</u>
Transfers between funds	16	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>55,960</u>	<u>127,774</u>	<u>183,734</u>	<u>238,891</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>369,202</u>	<u>255,348</u>	<u>624,550</u>	<u>385,659</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>425,162</u>	<u>383,122</u>	<u>808,284</u>	<u>624,550</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	109,720	109,800
Current assets			
Debtors	13	114,261	181,138
Cash at bank and in hand		698,155	441,274
		<u>812,416</u>	<u>622,412</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(113,852)</u>	<u>(107,662)</u>
Net current assets		698,564	514,750
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>808,284</u>	<u>624,550</u>
Net assets		<u><u>808,284</u></u>	<u><u>624,550</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	15	425,162	369,202
Restricted funds	15	383,122	255,348
Total charity funds		<u><u>808,284</u></u>	<u><u>624,550</u></u>


These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf:



Noel Gordon
Director
on behalf of the Trustees
Company No: NI 33513



Date

Statement of cashflows

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2020</i> £	<i>2019</i> £
<i>Cash received in operating activities</i>	18	260,072	139,243
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>			
Interest received		289	467
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(3,480)	-
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		(3,191)	467
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>			
Interest paid		-	(296)
Repayment of long-term loans		-	(23,581)
<i>Net cash flow from financing activities</i>		-	(23,877)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		256,881	115,833
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		441,274	325,441
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</i>		698,155	441,274

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(i) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(ii) Preparation of the accounts on the going concern basis

The trustees have assessed the reserves and the post year end performance of the charity and are content that it continues to be a going concern. The Trustees have considered this in the knowledge that on the 30th January, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced Coronavirus as a global health emergency and on the 11th March 2020, it announced that Coronavirus was a global pandemic.

(iii) Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

(iv) Donated goods and services

Clothing and other items donated for resale through the charity's shop or for distribution as part of a charitable activity are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised. Refer to the Trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

(v) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(vi) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

General funds may be transferred to designated funds where Trustees wish to use these funds for a specific purpose. Such funds may be transferred back to general funds once the criteria for the designation have been met or are no longer applicable.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

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(vii) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of operating the charity's shop, promotional and event costs along with the associated support costs;
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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

(viii) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 8.

(ix) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Land and buildings	2% straight line
Equipment, furniture and fittings	25% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% straight line

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

(x) Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

(xi) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(xii) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(xiii) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are normally initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at the carrying value plus accrued interest less repayments. The financing charge to expenditure is at a constant rate calculated using the effective interest method.

(xiv) Pensions

The company enrolls staff into a defined contribution pension scheme (National Employment Savings Trust). Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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(xv) Taxation

The company is a registered charity and the charitable tax exemptions are therefore being claimed to the extent that income and/or gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. These exemptions will remain in place as long as income and expenditure are applied to charitable purposes only.

(xvi) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider that there are no material areas of judgement or estimation uncertainty.

2. Status

The company has obtained charitable status with HMRC, reference number XR 23866 and is limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company is also registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, reference number 102174.

3. Net income (expenditure) for the year

	2020	2019
	£	£
<i>This is stated after charging:</i>		
Depreciation	3,560	3,500
Auditors' remuneration	3,600	3,380
<i>and after crediting:</i>		
Interest receivable	289	467

4. Income from donations and legacies

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	2020	2019
			£	£
Child sponsorship	48,152	540,725	588,877	493,248
Africa teams	5,100	(6,730)	(1,630)	207,707
Africa team projects	-	(552)	(552)	84,800
Choir	235	4,634	4,869	191,037
Groups and corporate funding	3,473	4,951	8,424	36,007
Donations and appeals	187,516	124,921	312,437	196,763
Other fundraising events	2,477	14,952	17,429	3,712
Other income	347	817	1,164	847
Total income from donations and legacies	247,300	683,718	931,018	1,214,121

Of the £1,214,121 received by the charity in 2019, £326,409 was unrestricted funds and £887,712 was restricted funds.

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The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the accounts.

5. Investment income

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

6. Costs of raising funds

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Advertising and promotional material		-	1,118	1,118	1,985
Events		155	-	155	40
Other fundraising costs		2,886	-	2,886	859
Shop costs		11,960	-	11,960	15,409
Support costs allocated to shop	8	6,472	1	6,473	8,331
Support costs allocated to raising funds	8	61,288	2	61,290	41,526
Total costs of raising funds		82,761	1,121	83,882	68,150

Of the £68,150 paid by the charity in 2019, £66,689 was unrestricted funds and £1,461 was restricted funds.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Child sponsorship		-	412,820	412,820	382,574
Educational projects		20,000	42,730	62,730	92,941
Africa teams		2,312	(1,160)	1,152	203,699
Children at risk		5,577	46,661	52,238	50,318
Choir		-	1,469	1,469	51,021
Emergency aid		-	52,000	52,000	-
Other projects		-	300	300	18,780
Support costs allocated to activities	8	111,158	3	111,161	132,047
Total expenditure on charitable activities		139,047	554,823	693,870	931,380

Of the £931,380 paid by the charity in 2019, £138,700 was unrestricted funds and £792,680 was restricted funds.

8. Analysis of governance and support costs

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are apportioned between the costs of raising funds and charitable activities undertaken (see notes 6 and 7) in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

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	<i>Basis of allocation</i>	<i>Shop</i> £	<i>Raising Funds</i> £	<i>Charitable Activities</i> £	<i>Total 2020</i> £	<i>Total 2019</i> £
Premises costs	<i>Staff time</i>	221	668	983	1,872	2,257
Staff costs	<i>Staff cost</i>	3,009	50,819	87,601	141,429	135,720
General office costs	<i>Staff time</i>	3,243	9,803	14,408	27,454	35,934
Audit fees	<i>Governance</i>	-	-	3,681	3,681	3,380
Accountancy fees	<i>Governance</i>	-	-	4,440	4,440	4,560
Legal and other professional fees	<i>Governance</i>	-	-	48	48	53
Total		<u>6,473</u>	<u>61,290</u>	<u>111,161</u>	<u>178,924</u>	<u>181,904</u>

9. Analysis of staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	<i>2020</i> £	<i>2019</i> £
Salary costs	138,754	140,231
Social security costs	5,321	6,364
Pension costs	6,055	5,450
	<u>150,130</u>	<u>152,045</u>

Pension costs are allocated to activities in proportion to the related staffing costs incurred and are wholly charged to unrestricted funds.

The charity Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2019: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2019: £nil). No charity Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2019: £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees, the Chair, the CEO and the Assistant Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Trust were £56,983 (2019: £57,146).

10. Staff numbers

	<i>2020</i> <i>Number</i>	<i>2019</i> <i>Number</i>
Average monthly number of full-time equivalents employed by the company during the year:	7	9

11. Related party transactions

None of the Trustees receive remuneration from the charity. A company of which one of the Trustees is a Director received £7,185 (2019: £6,525) for the supply of mailing and postage services to Abaana during the year. No other Trustee received any other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a Trustee or senior manager of the charity with organisations the charity works with must be disclosed to the full Board of Trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

A separate company exists in Uganda — 'Abaana Ministries, Uganda'. This company, registered in Uganda is governed by a Committee of Management consisting of local professionals. Scott Baxter (Abaana Ministries Northern Ireland CEO and Company Secretary) also sits on the Committee as the 'International Director'.

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Abaana Ministries Uganda receives funding from Abaana Ministries, Northern Ireland and carries out the various projects' activities and expenditure in line with formal agreements authorised by Scott Baxter as the CEO of Abaana Ministries, Northern Ireland. Funding for projects is forwarded to Abaana Uganda throughout the financial year. Total funding transferred to Abaana Ministries Uganda was £567,200 (2019: £608,124).

Abaana Ministries also has a close relationship with Fields of Life, a charity which shares Abaana Ministries' passion for Africa — some of Abaana Ministries' earliest child sponsorships continue to be administered by Fields of Life. Payments to Fields of Life for these sponsorships amounted to £9,542 (2019: £5,989).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Land and Buildings</i> £	<i>Equipment Furniture and Fittings</i> £	<i>Motor Vehicles</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
<i>Cost</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2020	120,000	12,725	4,400	137,125
Additions	-	3,480	-	3,480
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>120,000</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>140,605</u>
<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2020	10,200	12,725	4,400	27,325
Charge for the year	2,400	1,160	-	3,560
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>12,600</u>	<u>13,885</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>30,885</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2020	<u>107,400</u>	<u>2,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,720</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2019	<u>109,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,800</u>

The property at 78 High Street, Bangor, Co Down, BT20 5AZ, was most recently revalued on 17 September 2015 by Neill Estate Agents, 98-100 High Street, Bangor, BT20 4AG at £120,000.

13. Debtors and prepayments

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	108,455	149,817
Prepayments	5,806	31,321
	<u>114,261</u>	<u>181,138</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other accruals	113,852	107,662
	<u>113,852</u>	<u>107,662</u>

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15. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	<i>Balance at 31/12/19</i>	<i>Incoming Funds</i>	<i>Amounts Expended</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Transfers Out</i>	<i>Balance at 31/12/20</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cards	44	35	-	-	(79)	-
Choir 2 Tour income	3,091	(17)	-	-	(3,074)	-
General fund	183,313	250,737	(183,142)	-	(110,769)	140,139
Ladies group	-	672	-	-	(672)	-
Partners	-	15,773	-	-	(15,773)	-
Shop	10,518	10,568	(13,090)	-	(7,947)	49
Designated funds	172,236	-	(25,576)	138,314	-	284,974
	<u>369,202</u>	<u>277,768</u>	<u>(221,808)</u>	<u>138,314</u>	<u>(138,314)</u>	<u>425,162</u>

Name of unrestricted Fund Description, nature and purposes of fund

General fund	Free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Other unrestricted funds	Funds available for use at the discretion of the Trustees
Designated fund	Funds earmarked by the Trustees for the following specific purposes:

	<i>Balance at 31/12/19</i>	<i>Incoming Funds</i>	<i>Amounts Expended</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Transfers Out</i>	<i>Balance at 31/12/20</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Designated funds</u>						
Running costs (1)	80,000	-	-	30,000	-	110,000
Designated Africa Development	67,236	-	(25,576)	914	-	42,574
Designated Choir 3	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Designated Property	-	-	-	107,400	-	107,400
	<u>172,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,576)</u>	<u>138,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,974</u>

(1) Running costs: Earmarked amount which covers approximately 6 months running costs (2019: 5 months)

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	<i>Balance at 31/12/19</i>	<i>Incoming Funds</i>	<i>Amounts Expended</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Transfers Out</i>	<i>Balance at 31/12/20</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Africa team funds	7,869	(6,730)	1,160	7,549	(7,649)	2,199
Africa team projects	14,394	(553)	(1,729)	177	(2,321)	9,968
Child sponsorship	145,107	539,782	(413,939)	71,007	(71,007)	270,950
Choir funds	4,735	4,634	(1,469)	1,626	(1,626)	7,900
Health funds	5,997	1,659	-	-	-	7,656
School funds	33,647	25,053	(41,006)	1,256	-	18,950
Street children funds	26,711	45,431	(46,661)	494	-	25,975
Other funds	16,888	74,442	(52,300)	494	-	39,524
	<u>255,348</u>	<u>683,718</u>	<u>(555,944)</u>	<u>82,603</u>	<u>(82,603)</u>	<u>383,122</u>

Restricted funds have been grouped in accordance with the expenditure category to which they relate. All restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

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16. Income attributed to unrestricted funds.

Child Sponsorship Fund:

Abaana maintains a commitment to each donor that at least 95% of their child sponsorship donation is used directly in Uganda for Child Sponsorship Activities. In cases when child sponsorship donors contribute an additional voluntary amount towards the administration and running costs of Abaana, these additional voluntary donations are recorded as unrestricted income upon receipt. Where Gift Aid is applicable, it is attributed to UK Support

Africa teams:

Direct team payments are recorded within the appropriate restricted team fund. Preagreed team support costs are recorded as unrestricted income.

For all other restricted funds:

In order to cover project monitoring and administrative support costs, between 0% and 10% of receipts on all other restricted funds is recognised as unrestricted income on the date of receipt.

The following principles are applied when calculating the income attributed to unrestricted funds:

- A rate of 0-5% is applied if project is undersubscribed;
- A rate of 5% is applied to large funding projects;
- In all other cases a rate of 10% is applied as standard.

17. Summary of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Fixed assets	109,720	-	109,720
Current assets	331,086	481,330	812,416
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(15,644)	(98,208)	(113,852)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-
Net assets	<u>425,162</u>	<u>383,122</u>	<u>808,284</u>

18. Reconciliation of net cash movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net movement in funds	183,734	238,891
Depreciation charge	3,560	3,500
Interest charge	-	296
Interest income shown in investing activities	(289)	(467)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	66,877	(115,903)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	6,190	12,926
Net cash (used) received in operating activities	<u>260,072</u>	<u>139,243</u>