



Charity no: 1153532

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 7th February 2017**



Chidzangoni Library – our second library addition.

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Name of the Charity: Just be a Child
Registration number: 1153532
Date of registration: 7th February 2013
Bank: Barclays Bank Plc
A/c number: 30472328
Sort code: 20-41-15
Principal address: 5 The Lindens
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Governing instrument: Just be a Child was formed as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee, on 7th February 2013 and is governed by Articles of Association
Trustees: Lenka McAlinden (Chair)
Alex Lang (Treasurer)
Diane Bugeja
Yusuf Waikwa
Aisha Mohamed Mwachibibo

All held the position of a Trustee for the duration of the entire year.



And after

Aim and Objectives

To continue our work with community groups and children of all ages in order to:

“inspire Kenyan children to read ”

by

“using donated books we create and support libraries in poor but aspirational Kenyan communities, because we believe that with inspiration, knowledge and hope, every community can lead themselves out of poverty.”

The main objectives, as registered with the Charities Commission, are:

- (a) Advancing in life and helping children and young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities;
- (b) Advancing education; and
- (c) Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social and general welfare for children and young people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

This year we did....

Formed another partnership with the Chidzangoni community located on the western outskirts of Ukunda. The community has a strong leadership structure although lacks the necessary space to create playground of any significance. Plans on how to accommodate at least a limited number of play equipment are still undergoing and it is hoped that the playground will be constructed in July 2017.

Chidzangoni community worked very hard on the conversion and thus creation of our second library. The library opened with much needed celebration and rest in September 2017. To date, the library has approximately 500 members with many children using the library without the need for registration. It is therefore estimated that over 1,200 children use the library every month. This is due to the larger number or relatively large schools in the vicinity of the library.

The cost of the library project this year was higher due to the mistakes made by our forwarding agent when calculating import taxes. The introduction of the Certificate of

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Conformity and the subsequent Health and Fumigation certificate also contributed to the higher cost. The cost was £12,940.

Our other projects such as fun days and small trips as well as repairs to the existing playgrounds and Dzunga library came to £3,573. This includes very active arts and crafts club in Dzunga library with over 40 children participating every Saturday.

This year we learnt....

That working with the local government and the Chamber of Commerce makes our libraries much more 'official' and seems to lead to the community's greater participation.

That our community selection criteria and two-pronged (playground-library) approach to our projects work extremely well.

That in order to form libraries with committed communities we need to work with them for at least one year. We have therefore decided that we will create one library every two years.

That if we want to partner up with other UK charity and 'allow' them to ship to Kenya in our container this agreement and payment needs to be done no later than January of the 'shipping year'.

That we need to find a new and reputable forwarder, form a real relationship and ensure that our taxes are calculated in the most beneficial way to us.

That UK children and communities are extremely generous when asked for books. This year we have collected 13,000 school textbooks, children story books, adult fiction and reference books.

That we need to buy strong and sturdy chains in the UK.

1) Achievements and Performance:

Our second library was constructed under much more structured approach but in a little bit more remote area. As such the number of members is around 900. Dzunga library continues to experience some difficulties with governance, but under JBAC's guidance their performance is improving. Ganja la Simba's playground needed various repairs and it is continuously disappointing to note that the community does not collaborate well.

Our sports days and arts and crafts classes continue to be attended well. Children's school performance is improving remarkably and JBAC's reputation in Ukunda is growing.

2) Financial Review:

Grant applications were on the whole unsuccessful and different funding streams will have to be explored for 2018.

However, sufficient funding was raised to support our smaller activities as well as constructing our second library. The funding was received from Rotary Clubs, businesses, one grant provider, individual donations, gift aid and fundraising activities.

3) Collaborations and Partnerships:

JBAC continues to collaborate with schools in the UK. Dollimore and Christie remains an invaluable partner and supporter.

In Kenya, JBAC sought support from Government officials, private business owners and individuals.

4) Reserves Policy:

The Trustees have agreed on sustained growth in terms of projects' impact and scale for the Charity. They further agreed that majority of the money is raised in order to be spent on projects as soon as possible. There is minimal amount of money in the reserve.

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5) Volunteers:

As ever, JBAC can continue to operate mainly due to the support of volunteers. We would like to thank our volunteers in the UK and in Kenya for their hard work.

6) Structure, Governance and Management:

JBAC continues to be governed by five Trustees with transparent management structure. Our website contains information on how communities get selected and what they need to do to be considered for library installation.

Social media continues to be utilised to raise awareness. Local, UK press and radio is also used to publicise JBAC's projects.

7) Conclusion:

I am satisfied that the Charity has operated within its remit and the guidelines of the Charity Commission.



Diane Bugeja

Treasurer.

10th March 2017

This report on the accounts of Just be a Child for the period ended 7th February 2016, which are set out on page 12, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 114 of the Charities Act 2011.



That's what we like to see.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. In consideration of the Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 a full audit of JBAC's accounts and an independent examination is not needed at this time. Nevertheless, for clarity, transparency and the need to be accurate I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Act 2011 - section 145 (5) (b); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and

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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 statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with the Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met; or

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



Mal Gorzata Zubrzycka

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15th April 2017

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Individual donations	2,330	12,940	15,270	12,875
Sales	0	0	0	60
Total incoming resources	<u>2,330</u>	<u>12,940</u>	<u>15,270</u>	<u>12,935</u>
Resources expended				
Administrative costs	396	0	396	222
Travel costs	487	0	487	166
UK project costs	1,588	3,336	4,924	1,603
Kenya project costs	3,573	9,604	13,177	7,032
Total expended resources	<u>6,044</u>	<u>12,940</u>	<u>18,984</u>	<u>9,023</u>
Net incoming / (outgoing)	(3,714)	0	(3,714)	3,912
Net movement in funds	(3,714)	0	(3,714)	3,912
Fund balances brought forward	<u>4,888</u>		<u>4,888</u>	976
Fund balances carried forward	<u>1,174</u>	0	<u>1,174</u>	<u>4,888</u>

Balance sheet
As at 7 February 2017

Current assets

Cash at bank and in hand

1,173

4,888

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors and accruals

Total net assets

1,173

4,888