

Annual Report 2023 – 2024



Trustees: The number of trustees was unchanged from the previous year. The trustees are:

- Rev. Adrian Burholt (Chair of trustees)
- Mr Andrew Robertson (Hon. CEO)
- Mrs Cathie Rutter (Liaison with Friends of Kajo Keji College and Diocese)
- Mrs Rachel Gardner-Poole
- Mr Andrew Ferguson

Officers: During the year the trustees were delighted to appoint:

- Mr Andrew Eustace (Hon. Treasurer from April 1st, 2023)
- Miss Hannah Williams (Website editor)
- Mr David Sibson (Newsletter editor)

Thanks were expressed to our previous finance administrator, Mrs Charlotte Bell, and our previous treasurer, Mr Jim Buckley for preparing the accounts for 2022 and 2023.

The independent examination of our 2022/23 accounts was carried out once again by Cass Walsh Accountancy.

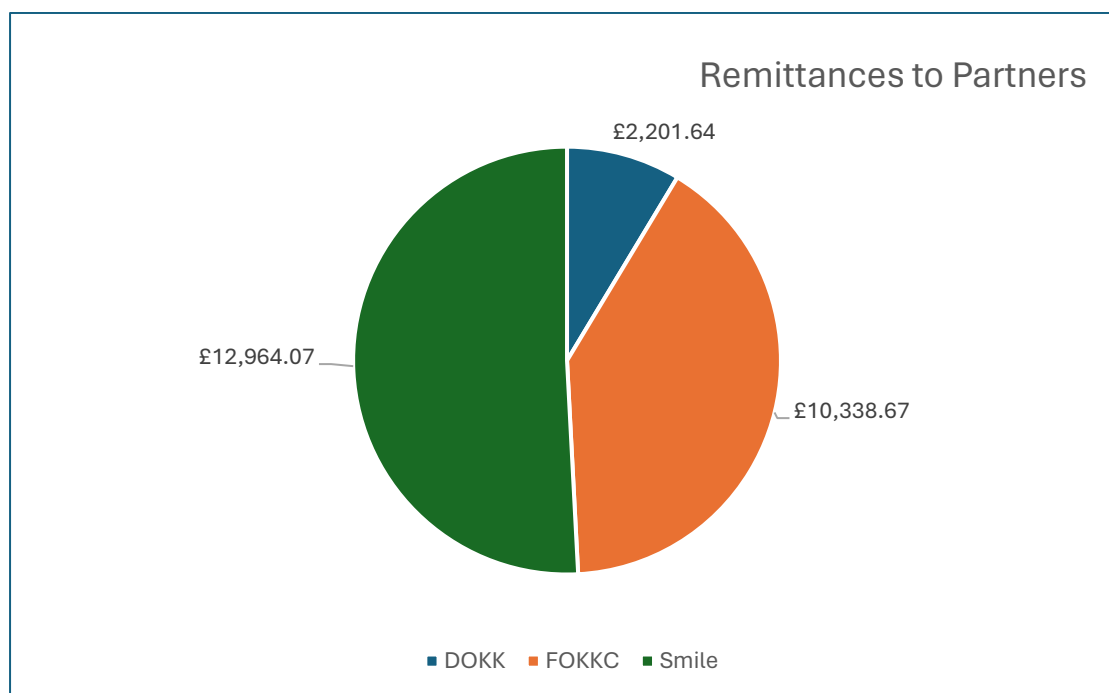
Operating Partners in South Sudan and Uganda:

We have continued our previous relationship with the same three local operating partners as previously:



- **The Diocese of Kajo Keji.** We noted the significant appointment of Rev. Dr. James Lule as the Bishop of Kajo Keji following the sad death of Bishop Emmanuel Murye the previous year.
- **Kajo Keji Christian College.** We continue to incorporate the Friends of the College within the PDH structure and noted the significant appointment of Rev. Michael Kiju Paul as College Principal filling the vacancy created by Bishop James' on his appointment as Bishop. Bishop James is now chair of the College Board of Management.
- **Smile Children's Charity Village** headed by its director Rev. Francis Candiga. This comprises an orphanage for 35 children, a school for 400 children and a training academy for around 30 young people.

Expenditure:



Projects Undertaken: A number of projects have been completed during the year:

a) With the Diocese of Kajo Keji: Our support of the Diocese of Kaji Keji was somewhat curtailed during the year as we were awaiting the appointment of the next Bishop, and this delayed decisions on their priorities for project funding. However, we completed one project with the diocese and Mothers Union and made a small contribution to Bishop James' personal expenses incurred at his enthronement.

- Vegetable Growing £2,040
- Contribution to cost of Bishop appointment £160

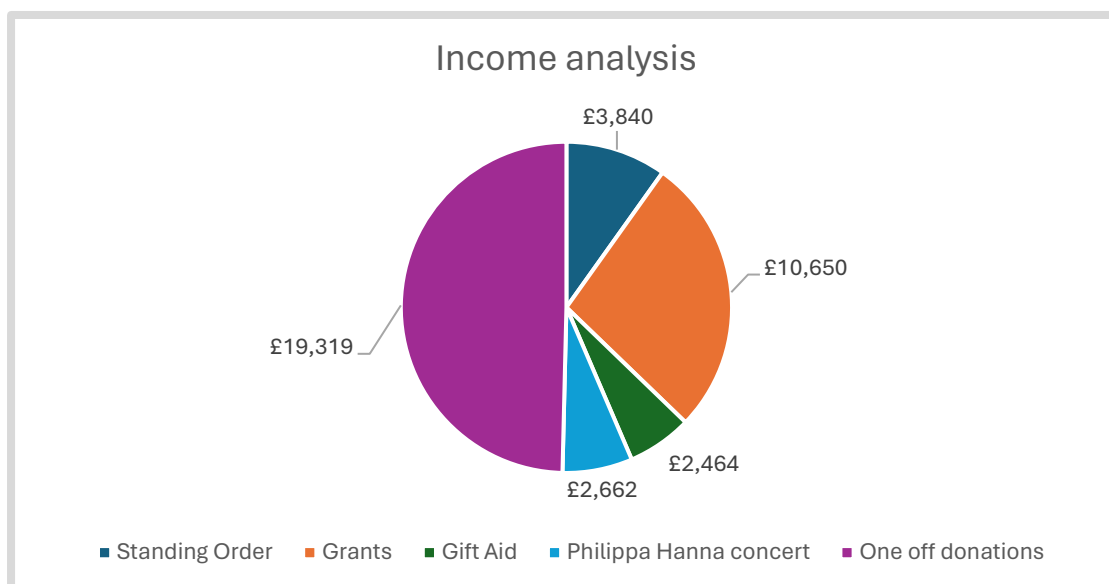
b) With Kajo Keji Christian College:

- Vegetable Growing £2,040
- Friends of Kajo Kejo College - donations to running costs £7,703

c) With Smile Children's Charity Village:

- Building of new Clinic £5,038
- Skills Training £5,877
- Provision of microscope and bench £814
- Provision of 10 laptops £300
- Grant for graduation of skills Training students £815
- Seeds for MU widows at Kawolokota £120

Income:



One off donations amounting to £19,319 were received through project updates in our quarterly newsletter and social media pages. In addition, we have received regular monthly donations by standing order amounting to £3,840.

Gift Aid: Tax relief was claimed against all eligible donations each month via the governments Gift Aid scheme. A total of £2,464 was claimed from HMRC either directly or by Stewardship on our behalf.

Grants: A large proportion of our income this year has been grants from churches and organisations amounting to £10,650.

- £2,000 from the Barnabas Trust Salisbury
- £1,800 from the PCC of St James' Church, Devizes
- £640 from Salisbury Baptist Church
- £1,000 from Holy Trinity Ripon
- £210 from the PCC of Bratton Church
- £5,000 anonymous (for Smile skills training)

Fund Raising: Philippa Hanna concert.

A very successful fund-raising concert was held at St Paul's Church in Salisbury in February 2024 when singer Philippa Hanna entertained a capacity audience of 300. After all costs, £2,662 was raised from ticket sales, refreshment sales and one-off donations. St Paul's Church kindly provided the venue hire free of charge.



Visits to local partners



In March 2024 a team of 4 people visited the Smile Children's Charity Village in Kitimbwa, Uganda. The team comprised, Andrew Robertson, Andrew and Karen Eustace and Peter Sainsbury. The visit lasted 4 days during which the team:

- Attended and officiated at the opening of the new clinic.
- Attended the graduation ceremony of the 2023 skills training course.

- Delivered a microscope and provided training in its use.
- Delivered 10 laptop computers and provided a computer basics course to a class of 30 year 5 & 6 children. Computers were kindly provided at low cost by Jamie's Computers Southampton (part of St James housing association)
- Distributed seeds and hand tools to around 20 widows and grandmothers at Kawolokota Mothers Union group.
- Delivered an update on the 2023 business training course to last year's graduates.
- Arranged for the provision of a motorbike for the deputy director of the Smile Village – funded by the Richard Taylor Foundation.
- Arranged for the provision of a wheelchair for Joseph, a young lad from Kawolokota – provided by Wheels for the World.



The future:

Trustees have commenced discussions on the medium to long term future of the charity to ensure continuity and succession. There is a strong desire for the charity to continue, and to grow, but it is recognised that the current structure is working at capacity, and this will therefore mean significant changes in the day-to-day management of its affairs.

Andrew Robertson.

April 2024