

Annual Report 2024 – 2025



Projects Delivering Hope is a charity registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Charity Registration number is 1177923.

Our registered address is: 29 Burford Road, Salisbury, SP2 8AW.

The charity's governing document is a Constitution.

Purposes of the charity as set out in our governing document:

- a) The prevention or relief of poverty
- b) The advancement of religion

These objectives will be carried out by the delivery of aid to the South Sudanese (*wherever they are – in their own land or as refugees*) through the establishment and delivery of time and cost bound projects.

Public Benefit: The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Reserves Policy and reserves. The trustees have approved a Reserves Policy of £1,000 to be retained in the accounts. The trustees confirm that £1,000 reserve has been designated and retained at year end as required by this policy.

Introduction: The past year has been very rewarding as Projects Delivering Hope has successfully completed two major projects in line with our aims of facilitating 'Short Term Projects that Deliver Long Term Benefit'. We have been pleased to see many households returning from the refugee camps to their homes in Kajo Keji after 7 years away and have had the privilege of providing 100 households with seeds and tools.

At the Smile Academy another 30 young people funded by PDH graduated with new skills and careers enabling them to support themselves and their families. In addition, we have provided much needed assistance to a community devastated by a violent and unprovoked attack – an outcome of the ongoing insecurity in South Sudan. Further details of each of these follow in this report.

Trustees: The number of trustees was increased from 5 to 6 during this year with the appointment of Mr David Sibson at the November 2024 meeting of the trustees. The trustees are:

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

In addition, our treasurer, Mr Andrew Eustace has been invited to join the board of trustees, and it is expected that his appointment will be ratified at the AGM on May 20th 2025.

Officers: The trustees are grateful to the following people who have been continuing their valuable voluntary role as officers during the past year:

- Rev. Adrian Burholt (chair of Trustees)
- Mr Andrew Robertson (CEO and clerk to the trustees)
- Mr Andrew Eustace (Hon. Treasurer)
- Miss Hannah Williams (Website editor)
- Mr David Sibson (Newsletter editor)

The independent examination of our 2023/24 accounts was carried out once again by Cass Walsh Accountancy to whom we also extend our gratitude.

Our 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.

Rev. Dr. James Lule, Bishop of Kajo leads the work and ministry of the Diocese, and we hold him in high esteem as he continues his work amidst huge national and local insecurity. Not only does he face the threat to his people of ongoing violence from political extremists, but he is also having to travel many miles in order to pastor and lead his people, some of whom remain in Ugandan refugee camps, while others have returned to find homes and land looted and destroyed. He is supported locally by FADRA (Faith, Development and Relief Agency) and by the Mothers Union.



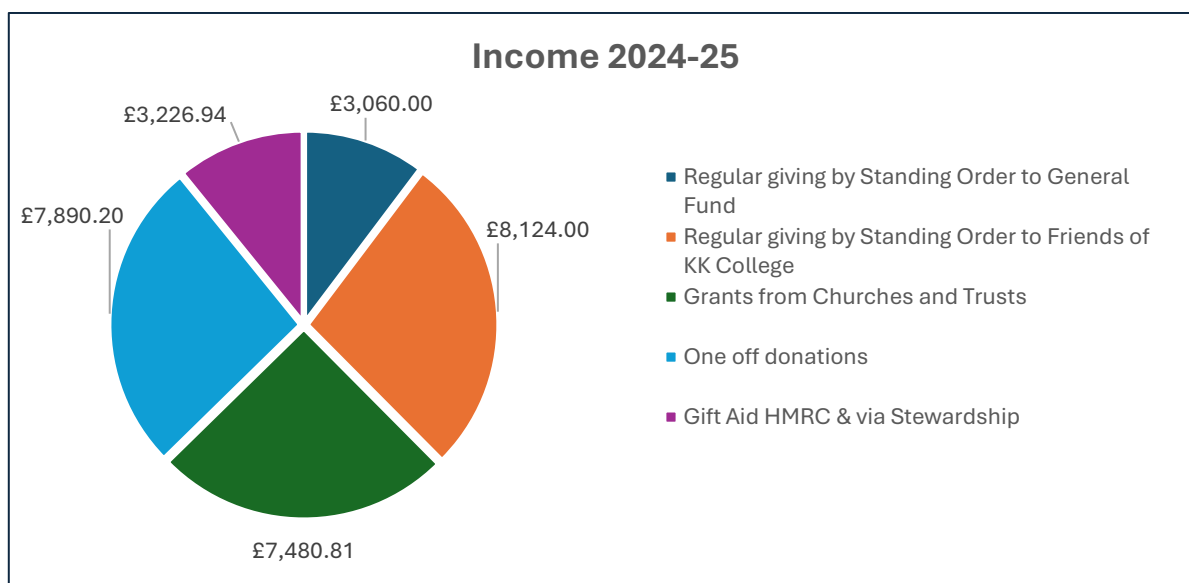
Kajo Keji Christian College.

We continue to incorporate the Friends of the College within the PDH structure and have been pleased to support them with a monthly grant which is used to support the running costs of the college. The college has made significant steps towards recovering after its forced evacuation to Uganda in 2017 when its buildings and systems were looted and vandalised. The college community returned to Kajo Keji in 2022 and in the autumn of 2024, Cathie Rutter (one of our trustees) and her husband Rev. John Rutter spent 3 months visiting and supporting the college. John continues to lecture from his home in Ripon via Zoom.



Smile Children's Charity Village headed by its director Rev. Francis Candiga. This comprises an orphanage for 60 children, a school for 400 children and a training academy for around 30 young people. In the past PDH has funded a clinic and a full time nurse, and this has allowed the children and young people to be treated for various illnesses such as malaria which is common in the area.

Income:



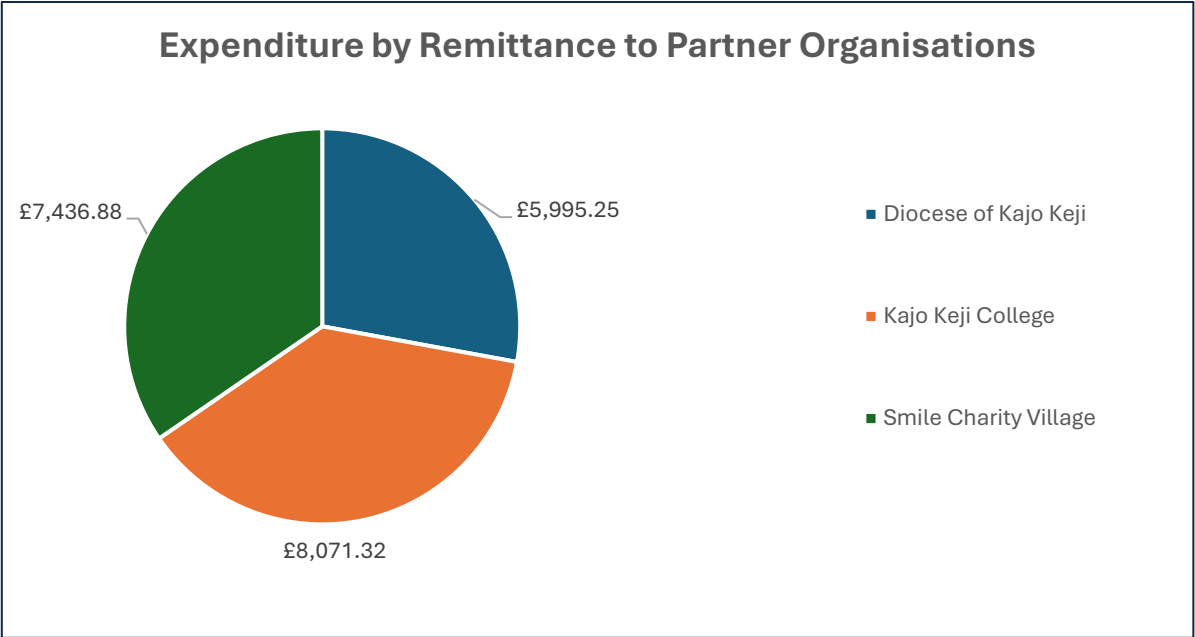
One off donations amounting to £7,890.20 were received through project updates in our quarterly newsletter and social media pages. In addition, we have received regular monthly donations by standing order amounting to £3,060 to the General Fund.

Gift Aid: Tax relief was claimed against all eligible donations each month via the government's Gift Aid scheme. A total of £3,226.94 was claimed from HMRC either directly or by Stewardship on our behalf.

Grants: A significant proportion of our income this year has been grants from churches and organisations amounting to £7,480.81.

- £500 from the Barnabas Trust Salisbury
- £1,300 from the PCC of St James' Church, Devizes
- £998.89 from Salisbury Baptist Church
- £500 from Holy Trinity, Ripon
- £125 from the PCC of Worton Church
- £1,501.92 from St Paul's, Salisbury
- £2,300 from the Richard Taylor Foundation
- £255 from The Hair Salon, Ripon

Expenditure:



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

a) With the Diocese of Kajo Keji:

- a. We provided £5,185.09 for the provision of Seeds and Tools which were distributed to 100 families returning from Refugee camps in Uganda to enable them to grow nutritious vegetables to supplement their diet.
- b. We provided £810.20 for emergency supplies to be distributed to the twelve families devastated by this violent and unprovoked attack in Jalimo Boma. Each family received building materials to repair their damaged homes as well as essential emergency food supplies.



b) With Kajo Keji Christian College:

- a. Friends of Kajo Keji College - donations to running costs £8,071.32

c) With Smile Children's Charity Village:

- a. Skills Training £4,255.00
- b. Nurse and Clinic £1,199.85
- c. Wheelchairs for Joseph and Suzan £476.18
- d. Motorbike for deputy director £1,505.85



The Village Motto is 'Every Child Deserves a Smile'

A surplus of funding was generated in our accounts this year, and this has enabled us to immediately 'Forward Fund' two large projects at the commencement of 2025-26.

Visits to local partners

To South Sudan

During the autumn of 2024, John and Cathie Rutter spent three months visiting our friends and colleagues in the Diocese of Kajo Keji. Whilst there, they give significant help and encouragement to Bishop James and his staff and also to Rev. Michael Paul Kiju the Principal of Kajo Keji Christian College. John was pleased to be able to deliver lectures in person rather than over a fragile Zoom connection, and Cathie helped with various administrative duties and spent time with the women, helping and encouraging them. We were pleased to see them safely home again and enjoyed an inspiring evening when they gave us a detailed update of their trip.



John and Cathie with the College Staff

To the Smile Children's Charity Village in Uganda

In March 2025 Andrew and Karen Eustace visited the Smile Children's Charity Village in Kitimbwa, Uganda. The visit lasted 10 days during which they:

- Attended the graduation ceremony of the 2024 skills training course.
- Delivered a computer basics course to a class of 30 year 5 & 6 children.
- Distributed seeds and hand tools to around 20 widows and grandmothers at Kawolokota Mothers Union group.
- Delivered an update on the 2024 business training course to last year's graduates.
- Judged a lively debate between the boys and girls at the school.
- Attended a Football match between the Smile children and a local school.
- Spent time with Director Francis Candiga and his staff team, training, equipping and encouraging them.
- Discussed future projects and the development of the Village site and buildings.

Andrew Eustace is also Trustee and CEO of Smile Child Sponsorship a charity set up in 2024 to provide funding for specific children and projects in the village. PDH is pleased to partner with SCS and looks forward to working with them in the future.



The 2024 Graduates

The future:

The Trustees are looking forward to the coming year with two exciting projects already underway. With the board of trustees now strengthened by two additional trustees, we are preparing for the challenges that supporting our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and Uganda inevitably brings.

As a Christian charity, we look always to God for his leading and guidance in our decision making, and acknowledge his help in all the successes of the past year.

Andrew Robertson.

April 2025