## Report of the Trustees and

## **Unaudited Financial Statements**

## for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

for





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Photograph shows the first intake of pupils of the new Hope School for Deafblind
Children, Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

#### Introduction by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Deaf Reach started life in 1971 as The Richmond Charitable Trust. It was established by Joan Mackinnon to make grants to deaf and deafblind children and adults across the UK towards toys, equipment and leisure pursuits that could not be funded by the state. The trust's income was exhausted in 2016, but rather than close down, the trustees decided on a new venture in Africa.

Our members and supporters have for many years been involved with organisations and services for children and adults with sensory impairments, both at home and overseas, and through the existing international networks. While it is fair to say that a child diagnosed with sensory loss is likely to receive appropriate services in the developed world, this is very far from being the case in many countries, and this prompted our decision to support deaf deafblind and multiply disabled children and young people in Africa.

After consultation with colleague organisations, it was decided to focus initially on Uganda and Rwanda in those first days. Since then we have also worked in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In November 2022, we have joined forces with another Shropshire based charity, Signal as a result of which we are also working in Tanzania and Malawi. The two charities now share the same people as trustees, but we aim to support Signal to once again become a fully independent charity.

## THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC and OTHER CHALLENGES

We reported at length on the effects of the pandemic on our African partners in last year's report. Thankfully, with smaller cities and towns, sub-Saharan Africa had a smaller percentage of deaths than in Europe, but lockdown brought huge challenges to nations who had no hope of governmental support. On top of this, the outbreak of war between Russia and Ukraine in January 2022 sent food prices rocketing as many African countries are greatly dependent on imports from Ukraine.

CENYESED, our partner in DRC, also suffered two further events: 1) when the volcano near Goma erupted as a result of which the lava flow covered many fields and the seismic shocks damaged buildings at their local school. On top of this, rebel militias fought and took control of the Rutshuru area, where another of CENYESED's schools is located, resulting in its closure and a flood of refugees arriving in Goma.

We therefore had to launch emergency appeals for a third year and are grateful to the many members and supporters who responded generously.

#### **UGANDA**

Since we began work in Africa in 2015, we have been working with our partner, Signhealth Uganda (SU), to develop pre-school education for deaf children across the country, thanks to the generous support of our Lead Trustee for Uganda, Anne Ryan.

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The major Outreach Programme which SU was conducting in the refugee camps and local villages in the north of the country came to an end in 2022. This was funded by a UK charity, The True Colours Trust through Signal. We are delighted to report that they have renewed their support for a further three years, and DeafReach has undertaken to provide approximately 60% of SU's core costs for two years.

#### **RWANDA**

Our main programme is in Rwanda, working with two deafness charities, Empowering Children with Disabilities (EmCD) which runs Nyabihu Deaf School, and with Friends of Handicap in Rwanda (FHR) in support of its deaf school, Umutara, and its plans to build an inclusive Vocational Training Centre serving both deaf and hearing trainees. During the year we continued to sponsor pupils from poor families at each school. The year also saw the fourth and final grant to FHR towards its running expenses.

In addition, thanks to a major grant from the Rangoonwalla Foundation and support from a wide range of donors we were able to complete the construction and equipping of the Umutara Vocational Centre for the Deaf. It provides training to school leavers in Hairdressing, Tailoring and Construction. During the year, the centre was badly damaged by a tropical storm, and again our trustees and supporters came through with sufficient donations for repairs.

Our final capital grant to FHR was for the purchase of the former Headmaster's House in Umutara village to help meet the school's pressing need for additional accommodation.

One of our Trustees kindly funded the creation of a Chicken Farm at Nyabihu School.

Thanks to a grant from the Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust, we were able to support a conference of special needs schools which took place in early 2022. As a result of this a new network of these schools has been established which will not only fulfil the traditional roles of an umbrella organisation, but which will also host joint activities amongst its members: sports, arts, training, audiology etc.

#### BURUNDI

Our work in Burundi, comes about as a result of us joining forces with Aurora, a charity established by Chris Kubwimana, a Burundian now living and working in London.

We are contributing to the fees of pupils of two deaf schools, Ephphtha in Bujumbura and CESDA in Gitega, and to an informal class run by the deaf women's organisation at the as yet unfinished Cibitoke School.

As we reported last year, arrangements for Business Planning exercises with these schools were held during the year. Two major capital projects are under consideration - the completion of the school at Cibitoke and the opening of a school in existing new buildings to be called Gethsemane. Both will be the subject of planning exercises to be undertaken in Spring 2023. These activities will represent the majority of our financial support to these projects, although we hope to be able to make a small contribution to their development.

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

#### **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

CENYESED is a charity running three deaf schools in Congo. We have known and worked with its Founder and Chief Executive, Rev Kamonyo Botanyi, for many years and have assisted him in developing not only a Business Plan for the charity, but also a specific plan for the development of a Deafblind School in Goma. We are grateful to Stephen Waldron, an architect based in Wales, for his generous offer of designing the new school without charge.

The four challenging events reported above have unsurprisingly had a marked effect on the charity's development programme, not least in the substantial fundraising campaign required for the building repairs and the construction of the new school, to be called HOPE. Undaunted, a start has been made with children being taught in Kamonyo's home.

#### **AUDIOLOGY**

Teresa Quail, our Lead Trustee on Audiology and Deafblindness, was concerned during a visit to Rwanda at the lack of audiological services in the country, not least for children. She discovered that one school, St Gabriel's, has such a service where the staff are very willing to participate in a development programme in other deaf schools in the country.

Thanks to a supporter from the USA, we have been able to undertake the calibration of existing equipment and liaison with professional peers in Uganda and Kenya. The planned development programme is now fixed for Spring 2023.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

In its 52 years of existence, Deaf Reach has been an entirely volunteer organisation with no paid staff. This was the situation until the end of 2020, when we were able to engage our International Director as a part-time consultant. The charity is managed from the home of its Chairman, and all administrative costs are met by the Trustees, which means that most of its income from members and supporters is used for front-line activities. The charity's policy is that Deaf Reach will continue on this basis for the foreseeable future.

As a result, the scope of programmes and projects that it undertakes is limited to the degree that they are manageable by volunteers. However, we are fortunate that we have been able to meet the demands of the challenging programme we have given ourselves.

We have also been fortunate in bringing together a group of people willing to give time, money and energy to our cause. They have our deepest thanks and gratitude.

#### **FURTHER THANKS**

We are highly indebted to two supporters who have stepped down this year. Isobel Blakeley was a founding trustee and a hugely active volunteer over the last 6 years. Also a special thanks must go to lan Sowerby who has managed our website from the start.

A permanent recognition of the contribution of Howard, our International Director, must be made, as our work would be greatly limited without his generous willingness to spend substantial amounts of time with our partners, often in less than conducive situations.

Finally, we have been pleased to welcome to our ranks Simone Banks, a Teacher of the Deaf, who, like Isobel Blakely, has worked in Rwanda.

Rod Clark Chairman Joelne Clark

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES Objectives and aims Activities for achieving objectives

Our **Vision** is a world where all deaf children and adults have the opportunities for early diagnosis, followed by effective, educational, work, health and social services to enable them to live life to the full.

Our Mission is to work with deaf schools and organisations in developing countries in support of this vision.

Our Aims are to help establish or develop in those countries where we work:

- . Pre-school classes for deaf children to enable them to start school on a level with their hearing peers
- Access to secondary education for deaf children
- . Inclusive Vocational Training Centres for both young deaf and hearing trainees
- Management Training for our partners

#### Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### Principal funding sources

During this year, nearly all of Deaf Reach's income has again come from its trustees, members and supporters together with the resulting Gift Aid. We continue to be grateful to the trusts that have supported our work over the past few years, notably The Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust and the Rangoonwala Foundation, and of course those that wish to remain anonymous.

#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

#### Investment policy and objectives

With little in the way of reserves, and with returns currently so low, the trustees have not felt it necessary to consider and investment policy. We hope for an amelioration in both aspects in the years to come.

#### Reserves policy

Since Deaf Reach does not employ staff, there is no requirement for us to meet any contractual commitments arising either from an unexpected cancellation of a programme or project, or the closure of the charity. We ensure that we have sufficient resources at all times to meet committed expenditure and basic operational expenditure which is very small. Free reserves at 31 August 2022 were £35,659 (2021: £59,516).

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Deaf Reach is a charitable trust, its charity number is 262962 (England & Wales). It is governed by the Board of Trustees under its Trust Deed, dated 20th August 1971. The Trustees who served during the year were;

Isobel Blakeley

resigned 05.03.22

Rod Clark Anthony Eaton Chris Kubwimana Teresa Quail Anne Ryan Susan Tindall

Deaf Reach is a membership organisation and the trustees are drawn from its members. They are appointed on the basis of a declared wish to contribute positively to the work of the charity, and in order to provide the Board with the necessary professional, business and compliance expertise. The Board meets at least 4 times a year, and none of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The charity has a policy that all of its work is done on a volunteer basis. The reasonable expenses, incurred overseas, of volunteers who are actively involved in delivering Deaf Reach's mission are met.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number

262962

## **Principal address**

31 Sutton Road SHREWSBURY Shropshire SY2 6DL

#### **Trustees**

Mr Rodney Clark Chairman
Mr Anthony Eaton Trustee
Mrs Susan Tindall Trustee

Mrs Isobel Blakeley Trustee resigned 17.01.22

Ms Anne Ryan Trustee
Mr Christopher Kubwimana Trustee
Ms Teresa Quail Trustee

Appointed after the year end:

Ms Simone Banks Trustee appointed 01.12.22

## **Report of the Trustees** for the year ended 31 August 2022

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Caerwyn Jones

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 Manch and signed on its behalf by:

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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Deaf Reach

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Deaf Reach

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Deaf Reach (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**BSc FCA MEWI** 

Caerwyn Jones

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Date: 19th March 2023

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
Notes	£	£	£	£
	49,963	13,717	63,680	126,577
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	49,963	13,717	63,680	126,581
	298	53,051	53,349	99,859
4	34,188		34,188	8,706
	34,486	53,051	87,537	108,565
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	(23,857)	*	(23,857)	18,016
	59,516	-	59,516	41,500
	35,659		35,659	59,516
	2	fund £  49,963  2	Notes       fund funds £         49,963       13,717         2	Unrestricted fund funds         Restricted funds funds         Total funds funds           49,963         13,717         63,680           2

## Balance Sheet 31 August 2022

FIVED ACCETC	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	7	2		2	81
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank		36,857	-	36,857	60,575
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,200)		(1,200)	(1,140)
					-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		35,657		35,657	59,435
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIE	s	35,659	-	35,659	59,516
			-		
NET ASSETS		35,659		35,659	59,516
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	9			35,659	59,516
TOTAL FUNDS				35,659	59,516

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% straight line

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

2.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2022	2021
		£	£
	Deposit account interest		4
3.	GRANTS PAYABLE		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Grants	53,349	99,859
	Analysis of Grants payable		
	, maryote or evante payable	2022	2021
		£	£
	DRC	5,314	7,348
	Rwanda: FHR/UDS	11,859	62,481
	Rwanda: Nyabihu and Umutara	10,758	9,820
	Burundi	5,233	7,144
	Uganda	12,586	9,650
	Tanzania		3,416
	Individuals	7,599	
		53,349	99,859
4.	OTHER		
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Depreciation - owned assets	79	± 79
	Independent examination fees	1,200	1,200
	independent examination rees		

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £Nil). During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £Nil).

During the year no (2021 - none) trustees received reimbursement in relation to expenses.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

## 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	£ 32,550	£
	32,550	406 555
Donations and legacies 94,027		126,577
Investment income4		4
Total 94,031	32,550	126,581
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Grants 2,916	96,943	99,859
Other <u>8,706</u>		8,706
Total11,622	96,943	108,565
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) 82,409	(64,393)	18,016
Transfers between funds (58,813)	58,813	
Net movement in funds 23,596	(5,580)	18,016
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward 35,920	5,580	41,500
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 59,516		59,516

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

## 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

/.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				Computer equipment £
	COST				
	At 1 September 2021 and				
	31 August 2022				240
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1 September 2021				159
	Charge for year				79
	At 31 August 2022				238
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31 August 2022				2
					1750 to 17
	At 31 August 2021				81
8.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DU	JE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2022	2024
				2022 £	2021
	Other creditors			_	£
	Other creditors			1,200	1,140
9.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
٥.	MOVEMENT IN TONES		Net	Transfers	
			movement	between	At
		At 1.9.21	in funds	funds	31.8.22
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	59,516	15,477	(39,334)	35,659
	Restricted funds				
	Projects fund	5.5	(39,334)	39,334	-
				2	-
	TOTAL FUNDS	59,516	(23,857)		35,659

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

#### 9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		49,963	(34,486)	15,477
Restricted funds				
Projects fund		13,717	(53,051)	(39,334)
		-		
TOTAL FUNDS		63,680	(87,537)	(23,857)
Comparatives for movement in funds				
		Net	Transfers	
	At 1.9.20	movement in funds	between funds	At 31.8.21
	£ 1.5.20	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<del></del>	( <del>-1</del> )	-	
General fund	35,920	82,409	(58,813)	59,516
Restricted funds				
Projects fund	5,580	(64,393)	58,813	-
TOTAL FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	41,500	18,016		59,516
Comparative net movement in funds, inclu	ided in the abo	ve are as follow	s·	

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	94,031	(11,622)	82,409
Restricted funds			
Projects fund	32,550	(96,943)	(64,393)
			·
TOTAL FUNDS	126,581	(108,565)	18,016

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds		-	-	-
General fund	35,920	97,886	(98,147)	35,659
Restricted funds				
Projects fund	5,580	(103,727)	98,147	
			-	
TOTAL FUNDS	41,500	(5,841)		35,659

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,994	(46,108)	97,886
Restricted funds			
Projects fund	46,267	(149,994)	(103,727)
		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	190,261	(196,102)	(5,841)

#### **General Funds**

The general funds relate to all income and expenditure the Charity incurs by carrying out its charitable activities.

## **Restricted Funds**

The restricted donations relate to the following:

DRC: An emergency appeal for funds for CENYESED in relation to the damage occasioned by a volcanic eruption, COVID and the war in Ukraine. This also applies to all of DeafReach's partners in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

Rwanda: Nyabihu and Umutara School Revenue: Donations towards the provision of food for the children and for the salaries of teachers at Nyabihu and Umutara Deaf Schools in Rwanda.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Rwanda FHR TVET Project: The completion of a capital project to construct a Technical and Vocational Education and Training Centre at Umutara Deaf School for Friends of Handicap in Rwanda.

Uganda: Support for the Early years Programme.

### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made aggregate grants and donations to the charity of £24,993 (2021 - £42,358). These grants and donations were made without conditions.

## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	for the year ended 31 August 2022		
		2022	2021
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations and legacies			
Donations		47,923	105,566
Gift aid		13,257	20,011
Grants		2,500	1,000
		63,680	126,577
Investment income			
Deposit account interest		_	4
Total incoming resources		63,680	126,581
EVDENDITUDE			
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities			
Grants to institutions		45,750	99,859
Grants to individuals		7,599	
		53,349	99,859
Support costs			
-			
Finance			
Printing and postage		198	113
Bank charges		317	308
Travel expenses		7,839	21
Website		508	420
Telephone and Wi-Fi		180	25
Sundry expenses		1,062	40
Consultancy		22,745	6,500
Depreciation: computer equipm	nent	79	79
		32,928	7,506
Governance costs			
Accountancy and legal fees		1,260	1,200
Total resources expended		87,537	108,565
Net (expenditure)/income		(23,857)	18,016

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements