

**DISABILITY AFRICA**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR**  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

**Registered Charity number**  
1143704

**Principal address**  
110 Grange Road  
Guildford  
Surrey  
GU2 9QP

**Trustees**

Mr. Ken Tyrrell (Chair)

Mr. Adrian Abbott (Hon Treasurer) appointed March 2013

Dr. Penny Gibson

Mrs. Sue Haworth-Edwards

Dr. David Monk

**Patron**

Mr. Larry Sullivan

**Hon Director**

Mr. Ric Law

**Hon Independent Accounts Examiner**

Mrs. Karen Mears

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

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

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects as set out in the Trust Deed are:

1. To advance education and promote and protect health among people living in Africa, in particular children and young people with disabilities, through the provision of grants, items and services and by such other means as the trustees may determine.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law.) The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are 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 Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

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Date .....

K Tyrrell - Chairman of Trustees

### Our Mission:

To work with communities to explore causes which exclude disabled young people. To challenge conventional attitudes and practice to inform, inspire and deliver change because we believe that an approach that includes disabled children will be better for all children.

### Our Vision:

Disability Africa is working towards an inclusive global society in which the attitudes of the non-disabled are no longer barriers to the life-chances of those with impairments; where equity of opportunity exists for disabled people and societies recognise the benefits to all of Inclusive thinking and action.

### A Message from our Chairman

An annual report is, by definition, old news which is particularly frustrating in a young, fast-moving organisation. At the time of writing, Disability Africa is at the most significant stage in its short history. Thanks to our partners TARUD in the Gambia, and the Toy Trust in the UK, we have secured both the land and the funding to build our first “Inclusion Centre” to provide a platform to raise awareness of the needs of disabled children and as a ‘hub’ from which to provide essential services to them. We intend to open more Inclusion Centres in the years to come.

We are also delighted that Damon Hill very recently agreed to be our Patron. Damon is very aware of the unfair inequality of opportunities that disabled young people face, but he has been particularly struck by how unimaginably hard conditions can be for disabled children in Africa. He has a long association with many of the Disability Africa team and we are very grateful that he has agreed to support us in this way.

“I support Disability Africa because they focus on real partnership with local people and they recognise that changing hearts and minds is as crucial in the fight against prejudice as providing practical help to children that need it.”

Damon Hill OBE

Disabled people continue to comprise the poorest and worst-served group in the world. Clearly, the greater the level of general poverty in any community, the worse the conditions are for the disabled people who live there. Or to put it another way; disabled people in the poorest communities are among the most disadvantaged people on our planet.

Disability Africa is a team of individuals who have worked on projects for disabled young people, both together and in separate fields for many years. We combine extensive experience of project development for and with disabled people, special education, paediatrics, financial management, and fundraising. Much of our work has been in the UK, but our experience also includes projects in African countries including, Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique and The Gambia.

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Ken Tyrrell, Chairman

As a group, we have become aware of the distressing disparity between the quality of life for disabled young people in the UK compared with disabled children in many African countries. Two years ago we established Disability Africa as a charity to address these problems.

We work with local people to develop community engagement and services to improve outcomes for disabled children; simultaneously we explore and dismantle barriers that prevent their full inclusion at home, in schools and within their communities. We believe that to change social perceptions and practices will ultimately result in acceptance and equity for disabled young people in the future.

As a framework for our activities we have adopted recommendations of the World Health Organisation's World Report on Disability (2011); we seek to implement the Millennium Development Goals and to honour the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), signed by Britain in 2006. A fundamental aspect of our work is to develop model practices and programmes which can be replicated in many communities and countries throughout the African continent. We call this our "Template for Action".

At the time of writing, Disability Africa has just passed its second anniversary. Within the last year, we have delivered support to young people in both The Gambia and Zambia. Currently our major focus is in The Gambia. We have established our first pilot project in Gunjur, a village of 27,000 people in Gambia where we have run a successful play scheme for 2 years. With this simple, fun and cost-effective scheme we are already changing lives. Our Playscheme produces cheap and immediate, positive benefits for children who were previously isolated and largely unknown to their communities. They also provide a vital context within which to explore other needs such as healthcare and education.

"Before the Playscheme, my boy did not go out and he never spoke. Since the summer he has been going every time – now he talks and I can even send him to the shops to buy sugar and ataya (tea)."

Kaddy Jatta (mother)

### Recent Developments

It is already clear that our model will require a facility in each community in which we work from which a range of programmes can be delivered. It is a great fulfilment to be able say that we have now secured the land and funding to build an 'Inclusion Centre' in Gunjur in the coming months.

**The Gunjur Inclusion Centre** will provide a permanent resource base, with a range of essential support and outreach services to disabled children and their families. Programmes will include:

**Medical support** - many disabled children have conditions, injuries and infections which go untreated.

**Physiotherapy** - there is a clear need for community-based physiotherapy services.

**A Play and Youth Scheme** - to run six days a week - ending isolation and teaching vital communication, social and other development skills.

**Parents' Groups** - providing information and support for carers .

**Inclusive Education** - helping to create the right environment in schools, courses on disability awareness and anti-bullying.

**Psychological and Behavioural support** - many parents need support and strategies to manage challenging behaviours.

**Occupational Therapy** - day placements at the Inclusion Centre for children with profound and complex impairments.

**Community Awareness & Education** - understanding and attitudinal change are necessary for disabled young people to experience equity of opportunities in their



communities.

The past two years have been spent building the relationships and strategies which will now form the sound foundation for the development and replication of our 'Template for Action'. We are very grateful to all our supporters and partners both in Africa and the UK without whom our rapid progress would be impossible.

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DISABILITY AFRICA

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013, which are set out on pages 8 - 11 below.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### Basis of independent examiner's report

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and 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:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

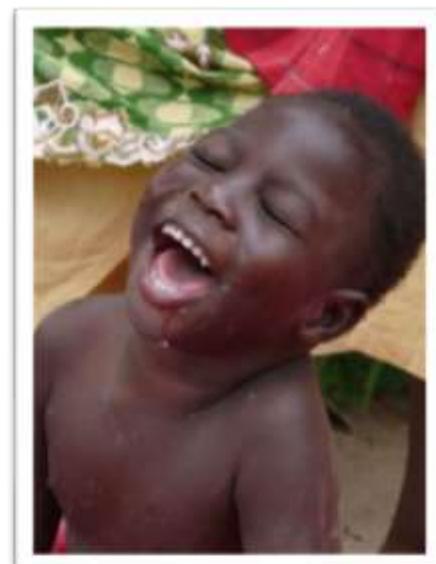
Signed

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Date .....

Karen Mears

Address:



**DISABILITY AFRICA**  
**DRAFT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2013**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2013 Restricted Funds £	Total £	Period 8th September 2011 to 5th April 2012 Total £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Grants and income from activities		-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	9,623	19,960	29,583	20,475
Investment income and interest				-	
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>£ 9,623</u>	<u>£ 19,960</u>	<u>£ 29,583</u>	<u>£ 20,475</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3	2,400	25,730	28,130	1,177
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising and publicity	4	2,620	-	2,620	4,998
<b>Governance costs</b>	5	30	-	30	20
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<u>£ 5,050</u>	<u>£ 25,730</u>	<u>£ 30,780</u>	<u>£ 6,195</u>
<b>Net resources expended for the year before transfers</b>		4,573	(5,770)	(1,197)	14,280
<b>Transfer between funds</b>					
<b>Net resources expended</b>		4,573	(5,770)	(1,197)	14,280
Fund balances at 5th April 2012		6,457	7,823	14,280	-
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 5th APRIL 2013</b>		<u>£ 11,030</u>	<u>£ 2,053</u>	<u>£ 13,083</u>	<u>£ 14,280</u>

**DISABILITY AFRICA**  
**REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1143704**  
**DRAFT BALANCE SHEET AT 5th APRIL 2013**

	Notes	2013		Period 8th September 2011 to 5th April 2012	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets			-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		13,083		14,280	
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		13,083		14,280	
<b>CREDITORS</b> (Amounts Falling Due Within One Year)					
		-		-	
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<b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>			13,083		14,280
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>£ 13,083</u>		<u>£ 14,280</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	6		11,030		6,457
Restricted Funds	6		2,053		7,823
			<u>£ 13,083</u>		<u>£ 14,280</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), the Charities Act 1993 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary income, including donations, gifts and legacies are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where the charity receives assistance in the form of donated services, such incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable and measurable. Where donated services are recognised an equivalent amount is included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, when the event takes place). Amounts received in respect of events which have not taken place are deferred to future periods.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

**Resources expended**

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.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Costs of project development are those costs incurred in establishing or setting up projects but are not charitable grants.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2013**

	2013		Period 8th September 2011 to 5th April 2012	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
<b>2 VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>				
Grants		10,000		9,000
Donations	7,123	5,460	6,990	
Donated services and facilities	2,500	4,500	4,485	
Totals	<u>9,623</u>	<u>19,960</u>	<u>11,475</u>	<u>9,000</u>
<b>3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Project costs		18,762		1,177
Project management & development costs	2,400	6,968		
Totals	<u>2,400</u>	<u>25,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,177</u>
<b>4 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>				
Promotional activities and publicity	2,620	-	4,998	-
Totals	<u>2,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,998</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>5 GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>				
Bank charges	30		20	
Totals	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>6 FUNDS</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
Balances at 5th April 2012	6,457	7,823	14,280	
Movements in	9,623	19,960	29,583	
Movements out	-5,050	-25,730	-30,780	
Transfers	-	-	-	
Balances at 5th April 2013	<u>11,030</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>13,083</u>	

**7 COMMITMENTS**

There were no commitments at 5th April 2013

**8 DONATIONS IN KIND**

The figures included in these accounts include development and maintenance services from our website providers and donated consultancy services for project development in The Gambia.

