

FEEDING FUTURES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for 2013-14

Charity Registration No. 1136009

Trustees: Vanessa Bennett Chair
Judith Edwards
Peter Stockwell Secretary/Treasurer

Governance

The Charity is a Trust, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 10th. January 2010.

Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

All the Trustees live and are based in the UK but the Trustees' have an authorised representative in Kenya, Peterson Githinji, the Head-teacher of St. Brendan's School, Ngwataniro, near Molo, Kenya – the school and its community is presently the focus of the Charity's activities. He is wholly accountable to the Trustees for the use of the monies transferred and for the implementation of the Charity's policies.

Objects of the Charity

The object of the Charity is the prevention or relief of poverty among the children and their communities in Kenya

1. by providing food, associated equipment and facilities, clothing and other welfare support through schools [initially St. Brendan's School, Ngwataniro] and using locally obtained resources where possible and financially reasonable.
2. by encouraging and supporting measures to improve the community's self-sustainability, including assisting in the growing, harvesting and marketing of produce and in the raising and marketing of livestock.

Activities, including Public benefit in relation to these objects

In considering and implementing its objectives the Trustees have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit. The Charity has financed the provision of a daily lunchtime meal for approximately 730 children of the school. About 160,000 meals were provided in the period covered by this report. For many of the children this is the only nutritious meal of the day.

Vanessa Bennett, Chair of the Charity, made a visit to the school in March 2014 during which she reviewed with Peterson Githinji and others the general working of the food programme, refined and amended the local accounting reporting system, had general meetings with members of the community [see below], and held discussions with Peter Kanyi, the manager

of the Farm Training Programme [FTP], concerning the ongoing implementation of the community sustainability policy.

This Programme is designed to assist the community as a whole but particularly its poorer members, using the Foundations for Farming approach to land cultivation and use. The Farm Training Manager's role is to teach and encourage cohorts of about 30 people, including visiting their smallholding ["shambas"] to inspect progress and giving guidance and encouragement. The FTP Manager and all basic training programme needs for those in the programme [good seed, basic tools etc.] are financed by the Charity.

The first year of this programme coincides with this report. 30 people, including some of the poorest members of the community, have completed the first year. It has been a great encouragement that none dropped out and this is in no small part to the conscientious work of Messrs Guthinji and Kanyi. During her March visit Mrs. Bennett visited all the Year1 cohort under the programme and was greatly encouraged by the benefits to and appreciation of the participants. The Charity's policy is to continue to support participants for at least two years.

The trial plots, rented by the Charity, have proved very successful both in providing some food for the meals programme but particularly in illustrating how the recommended techniques can increase crop yields.

The Trustees' policy is to establish and implement policies that are of benefit to all or as large a proportion of the children at the school and its community as possible and only to give assistance to individual children in the most exceptional circumstances.

All time given by Supporters and the Trustees is on a voluntary basis at no cost to the Charity.

Risks and Reserves. The Trustees have undertaken a Risk Assessment and are in the process of reviewing their existing Medium Term Strategic Plan.

The Charity only commits to funding activities when funds are available.

Sources of income. The Charity receives, and gratefully acknowledges, most of its financial support from individuals. It has also received generous donations from several grant making social and charitable organisations and two schools, all in the Chichester area, and from four churches.

Signed Vanessa Bennett

Dated 21/08/2014

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