

**Annual Report of the Trustees of
Friends of CME (Centre Medical Evangelique) Trust**

For the year ended 31st March 2024

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The Charity's correspondence address is:

c/o Mr C Almond 295 Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8TH

Charity Registration Number: 1104119

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For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Charity Information

Bankers: National Westminster Bank
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The Charity commenced operations in January 2004 and was registered with the UK Charities Commission on 4 June 2004. Its Charity Registration Number is 1104119. The Charity is also registered with the HM Revenue & Customs under Reference Number XR 79313.

Constitutional Documents

The Charity's Trust Deed was approved on 4 May 2004 and governs the objects and operations of the Charity

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Trust Deed and are as follows:

To advance education, particularly in community health promotion, disease and sickness prevention and in the form of medical personnel training, and the relief of sickness and the relief of poverty. In particular, but not exclusively by supporting the work of the Centre Medical Evangelique (CME) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) by the provision of funds, equipment and other resources and any other exclusively charitable means as the Trustees in their absolute discretion think fit.

Trustees

The Trustees below all held office during the year up to and including 31 March 2024. The names of the current Trustees are:

Chris Almond
Justin Burdon
Chris Heard
Hannah Morreil
Remy Toko

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

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Reserves Policy

The Charity does not intend to hold unrestricted reserves since its aim is to grant funds received as soon as possible to support its objectives in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Charity has no significant operating costs apart from these grants.

Investment Policy

The Charity does not intend to have long term surplus funds and so any bank balances held in excess of working capital needs are invested in bank deposit accounts and no investment policy has been established.

Grants Made

Grants are made to projects according to assessments made by the Trustees of the needs the Charity is trying to fulfil and its ability to fund them. The Trustees gather information from a number of sources including contacts with individuals and organisations working on site in the Democratic Republic of Congo and from personal visits from time to time. In addition, the Trustees use contacts with other UK charities and individuals working in the country. The effectiveness of the grants in meeting the objectives of the Charity is monitored by the Trustees receiving reports from time to time from the CME.

A list of the various types of support given by the Charity is set out on page 6 of the financial statements. We are providing funds to subsidise the hospital bed costs for the most vulnerable and to pay for their medical treatment including the costs of any operations.

Some support is also given to subsidise personnel, including training, costs for employees of CME.

We also provided funds for needy children to go to school in the Nyankunde area as well as supporting orphaned children in Beni and Oicha.

We have provided £183,000 to build a new hospital in Sose near Beni.

Approved by the Trustees on the And signed on their behalf
by

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Chris Almond (Trustee)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the

Unaudited Accounts of Friends of CME Trust

For the year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the period ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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. An independent examination is needed and it is my responsibility to:

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

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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

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

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Date:

Friends of CME Trust
Receipts and Payments account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Income	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Transfers Between Reserves	Total	Total
Personnel support	31	-	31	375
Beni orphans in Oicha	35,046	-	35,046	49,060
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	5,376	-	5,376	5,774
Equipment with MedAid	-	-	-	-
Nyankunde area schools	500	-	-	-
Beni new hospital	516	-	516	475
Nyankunde physiotherapy	60	-	60	240
Independent Examination	600	-	600	600
Total restricted income	42,129	-	41,629	56,524
Unrestricted donations:	-	14,783	14,783	8,941
Total income	42,129	14,783	56,912	65,465

Expenditure	Spent from		Total	
	Restricted income £	Unrestricted income £	expenditure £	expenditure £
Personnel support	339	21	360	840
Sponsor-a-hospital bed	-	8,730	8,730	10,125
Womens' projects	-	-	-	-
Beni Orphanage and schooling	-	-	-	-
Beni orphans in Oicha	20,041	-	20,041	56,381
Essential medicines	-	1,440	1,440	1,680
Essential operations	-	5,520	5,520	6,440
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	9,433	-	9,433	1,729
Nyankunde area schools	500	1,671	2,171	2,067
Independent examination	1,200	-	1,200	-
Total expenditure	31,513	17,382	48,895	79,262
Income less expenditure in year	10,616	(2,599)	8,017	(13,797)
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023	14,718	9,171	23,889	37,686
Balances carried forward at 31st March 2024	25,334	6,572	31,906	23,889

**Friends of CME Trust
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	25,335	6,572	31,907	23,889
Debtors - HMRC Gift Aid claims	2,750	1,024	3,774	5,047
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Net Assets	<u>28,085</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>35,681</u>	<u>28,936</u>
Reserves: cash balances	25,335	6,572	31,907	23,889
Reserves: debtors	2,750	1,024	3,774	5,047
	<u>28,085</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>35,681</u>	<u>28,936</u>

The Balance Sheet was approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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C Almond

Trustee

**Friends of CME Trust
Movements on Restricted funds
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	At 1 April 2023 £	Transfers and Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Personnel support	307	31	(339)	(1)	307
Beni orphans in Oicha	2,759	35,046	(20,041)	17,764	2,759
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	7,514	5,376	(9,433)	3,457	7,514
Nyankunde area schools	-	500	(500)	-	-
Equipment with MedAid	800	-	-	800	800
Beni new hospital	925	516	-	1,441	925
Independent Examination	600	600	(1,200)	-	600
Nyankunde physiotherapy	1,813	60	-	1,873	1,813
Total Restricted Funds	14,718	42,129	(31,513)	25,334	14,718

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Personnel support

These provide funds to help train and support those helping to run projects funded by the Charity.

Beni orphans in Oicha

Various fundraising campaigns and regular restricted donations have been designated to help the displaced orphans from Beni who relocated to Oicha because of the death of their parents from militia attacks. The funds are used to provide food, counselling and schooling. In 2024, 289 children benefited from this program at a cost of £95 a year.

Beni new hospital

CME are building a new hospital on land they have acquired in Beni. This is replacing the buildings it currently rents in the centre of the town. To date, with £183,000 of funds provided by the Charity, CME has been able to construct an operating theatre, an intensive care block, a maternity ward, a male ward, a paediatric ward, a secure fence around the site and to acquire needed equipment.

Nyankunde physiotherapy

These funds have been raised to help fund a physiotherapist and the physio work at or near the CME hospitals.

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(a) General information and basis of preparation

Friends of CME (Centre Medical Evangelique) Trust is a charity in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to advance education and promote good health in Congo.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes on page 8.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).