

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

For the year ended 31st March 2026

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Charity Registration Number: 1104119

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Charity Information

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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 2026. The names of the current Trustees are:

Chris Almond

Justin Burdon

Chris Heard – deceased 31 July 2025

Hannah Morrell – resigned 29 April 2026

Remy Toko

Dr.P Knight – appointed 7 September 2026

Dr.G Wannan – appointed 7 September 2026

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.

Since the year end, the Trustees have been seeking to make further appointments through a selection and interview process. Two further Trustees were appointed on the 7th September 2026

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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 pages 7 to 8 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 7th September 2026 And signed on their behalf
by



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 2026

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the period ended 31st March 2026, 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

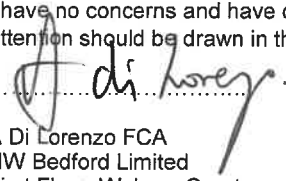
Independent examiner's statement

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: 18/07/2026

• Friends of CME Trust
Receipts and Payments account
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	£	2026 £	£	2025 £
Income	Restricted	Transfers Between Reserves	Total	Total
Personnel support	2,500	-	2,500	-
Sponsor-a-hospital bed	286	-	286	520
Nursing School - students and materials	-	2,815	2,815	1,000
Poor Fund Bunia for IDPs	2,000	-	2,000	-
University education	6,150	-	6,150	5,400
Orphans in Beni and Oicha	27,266	-	27,266	12,443
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	4,543	-	4,543	4,847
Nyankunde area schools	-	-	-	302
Equipment with MedAid	-	(800)	(800)	-
Beni new hospital	525	(2,015)	(1,490)	525
Independent Examination	632	-	632	630
Total restricted income	43,901	-	43,901	25,666
Unrestricted donations:	-	14,206	14,206	17,796
Total income	43,901	14,206	58,107	43,462

Expenditure	Spent from Restricted income £	Spent from Unrestricted Income £	Total expenditure £	Total expenditure £
Personnel support	2,500	526	3,026	-
Sponsor-a-hospital bed	286	8,444	8,730	8,760
Nursing School - students and materials	2,815	-	2,815	1,015
University education	4,646	-	4,646	4,214
Orphans in Beni and Oicha	39,274	-	39,274	12,706
Essential medicines	-	1,440	1,440	1,440
Essential operations	-	5,520	5,520	5,520
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	8,224	-	8,224	1,814
Nyankunde area schools	-	2,371	2,371	2,446
Nyankunde physiotherapy	-	-	-	1,800
Independent examination	-	-	-	630
Total expenditure	57,744	18,301	76,045	40,345
Income less expenditure in year	(13,843)	(4,095)	(17,938)	3,117
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2025	28,015	7,008	35,023	31,906
Balances carried forward at 31st March 2026	14,172	2,913	17,085	35,023

• **Friends of CME Trust**
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2026

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	14,172	2,913	17,085	35,023
Net Assets	14,172	2,913	17,085	35,023
Reserves: cash balances	14,172	2,913	17,085	35,023

Gift Aid income of £4,276 was received in the next accounting year.

The Balance Sheet was approved by the Trustees on the 7th September 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



C Almond

Trustee

*** Friends of CME Trust**
Movements on Restricted funds
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	At 1 April 2025 £	Transfers and Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Personnel support	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Sponsor-a-hospital bed	-	286	(286)	-	-
Nursing School - students and materials	-	2,815	(2,815)	-	-
Poor Fund Bunia for IDPs	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
University education	1,186	6,150	(4,646)	2,690	1,186
Orphans in Beni and Oicha	17,501	27,266	(39,274)	5,493	17,501
Fundraising events for Oicha orphans	6,489	4,543	(8,224)	2,808	6,489
Equipment with MedAid	800	(800)	-	-	800
Beni new hospital	1,966	(1,490)	-	476	1,966
Independent Examination	-	632	-	632	-
Nyankunde physiotherapy	73	-	-	73	73
Total Restricted Funds	28,015	43,901	(57,744)	14,172	28,015

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Personnel support

These funds help staff of or related to CME in their work achieving the goals of Friends of CME Trust.

Sponsor a hospital bed

This fund has been set up to enable the hospital staff to provide medical treatment to the poorest patients.

Nursing school – students and materials

CME runs various training schools for medical students. These funds help provide support for the purchase of equipment for the schools and also to pay for fees.

Poor Fund Bunia for IDPs

This was set up in the year in response to a need at the hospital in Bunia because of a large influx on Internally Displaced Peoples who needed help paying their medical fees.

University education

Since 2024, some orphans in Beni and Oicha have finished secondary school and some of them aspire to continue their education. We helped establish a program to pay for a 4-year degree for certain eligible students who we hope can take on various leadership roles within their community.

Orphans in Beni and Oicha

These funds were raised to help children who had lost at least one parent through fighting around the Beni and Oicha areas. While they have been placed with new families, those families need financial support. The funds are to enable the orphans to go to school by paying their fees, uniforms and basic materials. They also provide a basic family meal and trauma counselling.

Fundraising events for orphans in Beni and Oicha

These funds supplement those above.

Nyankunde area schools

As a result of fighting in the Nyankunde area, we have been paying the final exam fees for orphans which would be difficult for their new families to pay.

Equipment with MEDAID

We have partnered with MEDAID to send various hospital equipment to CME.

Beni new hospital

These funds have been received and used to help build a new hospital in Sose just outside of Beni. Several wards and an operating theatre have been built to date.

Independent Examination

These funds cover the costs of the annual independent examiners fees.

Nyankunde physiotherapy

These funds help provide equipment for physiotherapists and also help pay fees and other expenses of students.

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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 charity prepares its financial statements on a receipts and payments basis. Income is recognised only when received and expenditure when payment is actually made.

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).