

JINJA DEAF

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees of Jinja DEAF (“JD”) present their report and the accounts in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

Status

JD is an unincorporated association, constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 7 April 2008 and registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registration number 1124205. It was originally registered with the name “Friends of Jidda Children’s Project” but changed its name to “Jinja D.E.A.F (Jinja Deaf Education Access Fund)” by a trustee resolution passed on 27 July 2008 and further changed its name to “Jinja DEAF” by a trustee resolution passed on 8 January 2017.

Addresses

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Trustees

JD is managed by the trustees, each of whom is appointed for a term of three years by resolution of the trustees. The following served as trustees during 2021, in each case throughout the year unless otherwise specified, and the dates of expiry of their current terms of office are set out against their respective names below:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Expiry of current term of office</u>
David Johnstone (Chairperson)	3 November 2021
Anil Bhatt	8 June 2022
Derek Harwood	6 January 2021
Emma Heseltine	31 March 2021
Yasmin Moore	6 January 2021
Dominic Turinde	6 January 2021
Judy Ferguson	21 March 2021

Trustees update and changes at year-end:

David Johnstone and Anil Bhatt reminded the board not to renew their respective tenure upon expiry date.

Objects

The objects of JD are:

(a) to advance the education of people who have special educational needs and in particular to advance the education of children and young people who have a hearing impairment and live in Jinja District, Uganda, by:

- promoting early years support for hearing impaired children and their families,
- increasing access to quality sign-bilingual education, and

- promoting the role of deaf adults in deaf education and the use of deaf role-models in educational settings; and

(b) to promote equality and diversity for the public benefit, with a focus on equality for adults and children with disabilities and, in particular, to promote equality for people with a hearing impairment in Jinja District, Uganda, by:

- promoting the inclusion of children with hearing impairments within their families and communities,
- promoting equal access to education and employment for people with a hearing impairment, and
- promoting activities which foster understanding between deaf and hearing children, youths and adults.

In giving effect to these objects the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities, objectives and achievements during 2021

Supporting the education of deaf children

JD sponsors the employment of four specialist staff to support the education of deaf children in Jinja District, Uganda. In each of Kyomya Primary School and Walukuba West we sponsor a sign language instructor and an interpreter. They work together as a team to teach Uganda Sign Language (USL) to the deaf children when they start school. The interpreter works across the year groups. The deaf children are taught alongside hearing children with the interpreter signing for the deaf children what the teacher is saying.

The roles of USL instructor and interpreter are demanding of time and concentration. The two specialist workers in each school support 7 year streams, each class having between 60 and 80 children who are all hearing except for an average of 4 or 5 deaf children in each year group.

Our sponsored workers hold extra classes at the end of the day to go over and explain to the deaf children anything they have failed to understand during class. In 2021 sponsorship of Saturday classes didn't continue due to pandemic situation in Uganda. However learning material for children were delivered to their homes so as to keep the learning momentum going until the schools are safe to reopen per Ugandan government's guideline.

Collaboration between Jinja DEAF and Organisation of Parents with Deaf Children (OPDC)

At the beginning of 2019 JD entered into a collaborative partnership with OPDC. The purpose of the partnership is that OPDC be the voice and eyes of JD in Jinja District.

OPDC was established by a group of parents with deaf children who attended a course funded by JD to learn basic sign language. It is a parent led organisation. It has gone from strength to strength and is now a strong and respected advocate for the education and well being of deaf and disabled children. JD and OPDC have worked collaboratively on several initiatives in recent years.

In 2018, when reviewing our strengths and development challenges, Trustees recognised that we needed to have a stronger and active presence in Jinja to oversee our existing programmes and to identify potential new initiatives. Following exploratory discussions with a couple of potential Jinja based partners with whom we had worked we entered into a partnership arrangement with OPDC commencing in January 2019.

Through our partnership with OPDC our sponsored workers are supported and supervised. OPDC managed on our behalf recruitment of a new sponsored worker and two temporary workers to cover short-term vacancies. They maintain regular contact with the schools in which our sponsored workers are placed, ensuring that their skills and time are used appropriately, and that the educational needs of the deaf children are met as well as possible. OPDC has delegated some budget responsibilities on behalf of JD for which there is full accountability. The partnership has worked well since 2019 and will continue its progress in the future.

Impact of Covid 19 on JD and OPDC

At the beginning of 2021 the Ugandan Government closed all of the country's schools as a protection against the spread of Covid. A limited range of subjects was made available on radio and television, but this has only been of benefit to a small number of children in those communities and families with access to radio and television. The children and families supported by Jinja DEAF have been excluded from on-line teaching by poverty, no access to radio or television and by their deafness.

It is a matter of concern that school closure over such a prolonged period will result in numbers of the deaf children never being able to resume their schooling. Jinja DEAF has continued to pay the salaries of the sponsored workers during lockdown. However, it has not been possible for them to contact the children to either offer support or check on their wellbeing because travel within Uganda has not been allowed as a measure to reduce the spread of corona virus.

Despite the problems in reaching out to the deaf children Jinja DEAF has provided finance to OPDC and to the sponsored workers to make contact with children and to provide some learning material when circumstances made this safe and possible.

Funding improvement techniques implemented by JD

The negative impact of Corona Virus on fund raising has been felt by Jinja DEAF as with most other charities. While our core funding from donors has held up, it has been more difficult to be outgoing and promote new fund raising initiatives by reaching out to potential supporters. Nevertheless, during 2021 has worked to expand our outreach to new supporters through strengthening our profile on social media platforms.

JD's trustees have been encouraging communication with new donors to sign up to Gift Aid Declaration with the HMRC which is anticipated to improve reimbursements earned on tax paid to HMRC.

Raising standards of education

Trustees agreed to continue contributing grants when both schools (Walukuba West and Kyomya primary schools) open up in 2022 as they both remained shut on the instruction by the Ugandan government.

Schools in Uganda have very little money to provide learning material for the children. Most of the teaching at primary level is delivered by teachers writing on the chalk-board and copied by the children into books which they have to provide themselves. This is difficult for all children, and especially so for the deaf children. We requested that this allocation of funds should give priority to providing books for each deaf child.

Sponsored Children

During 2021, JD didn't sponsor any students or for vocational course as the establishment was shut due to the pandemic situation. The trustees had previously concluded that individual sponsorship was not the best use of our funds, and so these residual arrangements will cease upon graduation.

Finance

JD is a small volunteer-run charity. It does not have an office and is able to keep expenses to a minimum and so ensure that as much as possible is available for the vital work of providing access to education and support for deaf children in Jinja District, Uganda.

JD's accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Refer **Appendix A** attached. Apart from a small amount of deposit interest, the whole of the income of JD derives from donations and related gift aid tax recovery. The total income in 2021 amounted to £7,224.47 (2020: £8,506.65). Total expenditure during the year amounted to £8,268.00 (2020: £7,237.00) - the total expenditure of £8,268.00 was on the charitable activities (2020: £7,237.00) and £Nil on administration and fundraising expense. Thus leaving a **deficit** for the year of **£(1,043.53)** compared with a surplus of (2020: £1,269.65).

As a result, JD's reserves of £16,327.22 in 2020 have decreased to a new level of £15,283.69 at the end of year 2021. With the ongoing 2021 sponsorship of both staff and children referred to above, the trustees consider that it is prudent to carry reserves sufficient to cover at least one year's operations and provide support to its beneficiaries.

In conclusion the trustees would like to place on record the debt of gratitude that they owe to all the supporters of JD and its work, without whose generosity JD would be unable to provide the assistance it does to hearing-impaired children in Jinja.

This report was approved by the Trustees Board on 16 January 2022.



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Ian Newth
Chairperson

Anil Bhatt
Treasurer

APPENDIX A**JINJA DEAF****Receipts and Payments account**
year ended 31 December 2021

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31.12.21</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31.12.20</u>
Receipts		
Donations, including gift aid	£7,223.16	£7,827.37
Repayment of prior year grant	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£1.31	£29.28
Other-Covid19 related funding	£0.00	£605.00
Total receipts	<u>£7,224.47</u>	<u>£8,506.65</u>
Payments		
Charitable activities	£8,268.00	£7,237.00
Fundraising	£0.00	£0.00
Administration	£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	<u>£8,268.00</u>	<u>£7,237.00</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	£(1,043.53)	£1,269.65
Add balance brought forward from previous year	<u>£16,327.22</u>	<u>£15,057.57</u>
Balance at year end	<u>£15,283.69</u>	<u>£16,327.22</u>
Represented by:		
Cash at bank	£15,283.69	£16,327.22
Payment in process	£0.00	£0.00
Total	<u>£15,283.69</u>	<u>£16,327.22</u>