

LCP Trustees

The work of Luwero Community Projects Ltd (LCP) continues to be overseen by five trustees drawn from various backgrounds, professions and church denominations. In Uganda a separate governance group, Luwero Community Ministries (LCM) continues to oversee the work locally. Coronavirus dictated the work of LCP and LCM both in the UK and Uganda during the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

LCP Trustees Report

LCP supports the development of a holistic project in rural Uganda at Kiryanyonza, Luwero. Luwero is some 60 miles north of Kampala and lacks many essential facilities including basic infrastructure requirements. The project seeks to address local needs and comprises a church, primary and secondary schools, clinic, farm, orphanage and Bible College.

UK Activities

- Authorisation of a financial aid package totalling £10,000 to address the immediate impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Aid was appropriately given to staff laid off because of the pandemic and the needs of pupils, supporting sponsored pupils and their families, church members and others affected locally by lockdown restrictions.
- No UK or other visitors were able to visit the project during the year although regular contact was maintained between UK and Ugandan personnel.
- About 95 children are sponsored at the primary and secondary school. With the agreement of UK sponsors although children were largely unable to attend school during the year sponsorship giving was channelled towards the relief of suffering and support of pupils and teachers during the period of lockdown. All sponsors were kept fully updated throughout the year of the changing needs of the

project due to the pandemic and their active support continued.

- LCP continued to support the Ugandan Project Director and his family practically and financially.
- During the year contact was maintained with the German foundation now established to also support the work in Uganda. Contact ensures a uniform approach to the work of LCM in Uganda.
- A website featuring the work at Luwero continues to provide information regarding the project. In addition an annual report and a bi-monthly newsletter updating supporters about the project are published. 2021 calendars featuring the work at Luwero were available for the benefit of Luwero supporters.
- Translation of a book entitled 'Knowing and Doing' by John McQuoid from English into Luganda has been completed and printing and publication is now awaited.
- LCP Board and executive group meetings were held periodically throughout the year. Meetings, because of lockdown restrictions, were held virtually via Zoom with the consent of all those attending.
- Opportunities to visit schools, churches and other groups across the UK to update them regarding the project and its development were not generally possible during the year although some limited presentations were given via platforms such as Zoom, Team, etc.
- The Trust continues to provide spiritual, pastoral, moral, practical and financial support to a project which has grown substantially since its inception in 2003.
- Income and expenditure both fell during the year by 20.5% and 2.5% respectively.

- Key items of expenditure during the year included child and staff sponsorships including Christmas gifts £40,396.00; building boys and girls dormitory blocks £40,000.00; aid for COVID relief funding £11,150.00; boundary wall for secondary school dormitories £6,750.00; personal support for Kijjambu family £3,000.00; bursary fund £864.00.

Luwero Activities

The project in Uganda continues to be overseen by its founder and project director, Gabriel Kijjambu ably assisted by a team of 50 staff and volunteers. Activities included:-

- The church, which provides spiritual, moral and social support to people in the rural community where the project is situated. Church meetings and services were restricted throughout the year and held in accordance with Ugandan government laws and guidelines.
- In addition to normal church activities other annual events such as conferences, youth camps and children's clubs, each normally attracting up to and including around 1,000 people were cancelled.
- The development of a Bible College known as The International Christian College Uganda (ICCU) was suspended because of travel and other restrictions in Uganda.
- In accordance with Ugandan government restrictions schools were closed for much of the year, most pupils losing a full academic year in their education. A partial return of schools began towards the end of 2020 for P7, S4 and S6 pupils. A phased return of other academic years should lead to a planned full return by mid-2021. The normal academic year January to December has been changed temporarily to August to July. School exams are being held later than usual. Most pupils who return to school to resume their studies from the time when their education was suspended.

- In order to put the school situation into context many schools in Uganda have closed, declared bankruptcy or been sold during the year due to coronavirus. The kindergarten, primary and secondary schools at Luwero have however reopened having been granted the necessary licences by the Ugandan government by satisfying all of the necessary protocols such as sanitation, social distancing, etc. This is largely due to the efforts of Luwero's Project Director and staff.
- Work on building both girls and boys dormitory blocks for the secondary school, in line with government requirements progressed, albeit at a slower rate than planned. A boundary wall enclosing the dormitory blocks for security purposes is largely complete in accordance with government requirements. Funding for these projects has been provided by LCP.
- The clinic continued to operate albeit on a severely limited basis during the year.
- The farm continued to operate during the year with maize, cassava, beans and pineapples being the main crops. Crop yields improved during 2020/2021 due to plentiful rain. The farm also has livestock reared for breeding and feeding purposes.

**Financial Statement for the period
ending 31st March 2021**

Accounts have been independently examined for the financial year. Copies of the accounts are available upon request. Reports and accounts have also been submitted in compliance with OSCR and HMRC requirements.

It is important to note that the high balance of funds held at the end of the year is due to funds being reserved for specific purposes such as the purchase of additional land for the farm, sponsorship fees and the development of the Bible College, etc. The balance held at the year-end totalling £236,625 includes restricted funds of £16,596 and designated funds of £179,562.

Income and Expenditure

	2021	2020
Income	92,740	116,351
Expenditure	111,111	113,980
Net (deficit)/surplus	(18,371)	2,371
Funds as at 01.04.20/19	254,996	252,625
Funds as at 31.03.21/20	236,625	254,996

Thank you for taking time to read this report.



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**Annual
Report**

To 31st March 2021