



Annual

Report

To 31st March 2022

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. Covid-19 dictated the work of LCP and LCM both in the UK and Uganda during the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

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

- Further financial aid was provided to help alleviate the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Aid was appropriately given to staff laid off because of the pandemic and the needs of pupils, their families, church members and others affected locally by lockdown restrictions.
- During the year no UK or other visitors were able to visit the project although regular contact was maintained between UK and Ugandan personnel. In addition the bi-annual visit to the UK of the Ugandan Project Director for Luwero did not take place. However meetings took place with groups hoping to visit Luwero during 2022 or 2023.
- Approximately 95 children are sponsored at the primary or 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.

- When the schools returned approximately 20% of sponsored pupils did not return. The main reasons for the non-return of pupils were that some pupils had found employment and chose not to return to school, some had moved away from the area and sadly some female students had become pregnant during the period of lockdown. Steps are being taken by LCP to replace pupils who have left the scheme with new pupils.
- LCP continued to support the Ugandan Project Director and his family pastorally, practically and financially.
- LCP continues to maintain regular contact with a sister support organisation in Germany for the work in Luwero. Regular contact with the Directors of the German support group means a harmonisation of both organisations activities.
- A social media platform featuring the work at Luwero, on Facebook, was set up during the year. It, along with the website, continues to provide information regarding the project. In addition the publication of an annual report and a bi-monthly newsletter updating supporters about the project are published. Calendars for 2022 featuring the work at Luwero were produced 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 was achieved during the year. Two thousand copies of the book have been sent to Luwero for distribution.
- 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 & other groups across the UK to update them regarding the development of the project were not generally possible during the year although some limited presentations were given via platforms such as Zoom, Teams, etc.

- The Trust continues to provide spiritual, pastoral, moral, practical & financial support to the project which has grown substantially since its inception in 2003.
- During the year income increased by 40.7%, while expenditure fell by 38.4%
- Key items of expenditure during the year included:
Dormitory blocks £20,000
Covid financial package £5,000

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 although the Ugandan government restrictions were gradually eased, allowing up to 200 people to meet.
- 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 the first nine months of the year. As a consequence, pupils effectively lost two full academic years of education. A partial return of schools began towards the end of 2020 for P7, S4 and S6 pupils, but lockdown restrictions were re-imposed during 2021 so a planned phased return for other pupils did not happen. It was not until January 2022 that a full reopening of schools took place. Approximately 400 pupils have returned to the Primary School and 175 to the Secondary School.

- To put the school situation into context many schools in Uganda have closed, declared bankruptcy or been sold during the year due to coronavirus. However the nursery, primary and secondary schools at Luwero reopened having been granted the necessary licences by the Ugandan government by satisfying all of the necessary protocols. This is largely due to the efforts of Luwero's Project Director and staff. There is also a national shortage of teachers, many teachers sought alternative employment during the pandemic and chose not to return to teaching, however the project has been able to secure adequate teaching 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. Work has been delayed due to a national shortage of labour and materials. In addition material costs have risen substantially.
- 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 during 2021/2022 were good due to plentiful rain. The farm also has livestock reared for breeding and feeding purposes.
- Part of the longer term planning for the project involves the acquisition of more land in Uganda for farming to support the project, the UK LCP Board, to ensure its own protection, the protection of project supporters and the local management team in Luwero, has established a protocol for any future land purchase, a due diligence report carried out by an independent third party with agricultural expertise is required to assess and report upon the viability of any potential site for purchase.

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2022

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 £298,731 includes restricted funds of £14,724 and designated funds of £179,562.

Income and Expenditure

	2022	2021
Income	130,505	92,740
Expenditure	68,399	111,111
Net (deficit)/surplus	62,106	(18,371)
Funds as at 01.04.21/20	236,625	254,996
Funds as at 31.03.22/21	298,731	236,625

Thank you for taking time to read this report.



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