



## Annual Report

To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### LCP Trustees

The work of Luwero Community Projects Ltd (LCP) continues to be overseen by six trustees (2023: 6) drawn from various backgrounds, professions and church denominations. In Uganda a separate governance group, Luwero Community Ministries (LCM) continues to oversee the work locally.

### 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. It is only within the twelve-month period covered by this report that the national electricity grid has been extended to include the area surrounding the project. Indeed the last point of access to the national grid terminates on land owned by the Luwero project.

The project seeks to address local needs and comprises a church, kindergarden, primary and secondary schools, vocational training, clinic, farm, orphanage and Bible College.

### UK Activities

- The number of sponsored children at the primary or secondary school has increased to around 85 (2023: 80). A bursary scheme has also been introduced to assist parents with the payment of school fees for children attending the school. The scheme provides a subsidy for parents who are able to pay some but not all of their children's school fees.
- LCP continues 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, Christliches Kinderhilfswerk Luwero Uganda (CKLU), 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, on Facebook, continues to operate along with the website, providing up to date information regarding the project. In addition, the publication of the annual report and a quarterly newsletter updates supporters about the project. Calendars for 2024 featuring the work at Luwero were produced for the benefit of Luwero supporters.
- LCP Board and executive group meetings were held periodically throughout the year. Meetings were held virtually via Zoom with the consent of all those attending.
- During the period October to December 2023 the Ugandan Project Director visited the UK to meet and update supporters regarding the development and progress of the work in Uganda. During the seven-week visit 50 meetings with individuals, small groups, large meetings at churches, schools and other public events took place across the whole of the UK.
- Opportunities for representatives of LCP to visit schools, churches & other groups across the UK to update them regarding the project and its development continue to be given as opportunity and invitations arise. Presentations have been given via platforms such as Zoom, Teams, etc. as well as face to face with audiences.
- 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 18%, while expenditure increased by 145%.
- Key items of expenditure during the year included:
 

Land	£150,000
Youth camp	£9,230
Pastor's conference	£6,784

## 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 continues to provide spiritual, moral and social support to people in the rural community where the project is situated. Regular services are held weekly. Emphasis is given, amongst other issues, to an individual's development spiritually, mentally, physically, socially and in other ways.
- In addition to normal church activities other annual events took place, such as the pastor and church leader's conference in May 2023 and the youth camp in September 2023. Both residential events attracted around 500 to 600 delegates. Visitors from the UK attended to participate in the first of these events.
- The development of a Bible College known as The International Christian College Uganda (ICCU) recommenced in 2023 following the suspension due to the Covid emergency. Training modules have been prepared for a designated number of students attending periodically for training relating to biblical understanding, interpretation and application. With successful delegates being prepared with the resources and ability to train others. In May 2023 the first cohort of approximately 20 students completed twelve modules of a programme designed for use in Africa.
- The national shortage of teachers in Uganda continued to affect all schools in the country following the covid emergency. At Luwero, the school was able to recruit sufficient staff to address both the new curriculum introduced by the Ugandan Government and a full range of subjects to facilitate the P1 to P7 primary school and S1 to S6 secondary school's needs.
- Approximately 450 pupils attended the kindergarten and primary school together with 175 at the secondary school.

- A much-needed replacement vehicle was purchased for the project during the year by the Ugandan Project Director.
- Work has progressed on both the girls and boys dormitory blocks for the secondary school, in line with government requirements, albeit at a slower rate than planned. The work is nearing completion and has reached the fitting-out stage in both dormitory blocks.
- The clinic continued to operate with a full-time nurse in attendance daily addressing the health needs of the children at school and also members of the wider community. Additionally during the course of the year special clinics, e.g. for diabetes, HIV/Aids etc are held in conjunction with a local hospital.
- The farm continued to operate during the year with maize, cassava, beans and pineapples being the main crops. Crop yields during 2023/2024 were good due to plentiful rain at the right time. The farm also has livestock, reared for breeding and feeding purposes.
- During the year a 220-acre site was identified and purchased as a farm to support the project. It is located approximately 25 miles from the project at Luwero but still within the district's boundaries. Prior to its acquisition due diligence regarding the suitability and viability of the land was carried out by the UK Board by engaging a consultant agriculturalist who provided a positive report and excellent guidance on the land, its use and potential. The UK Board had held funds in reserve for the possible acquisition of land and some of those funds were used during the fiscal year. The acquisition of the land is being undertaken by the trustees of the Ugandan NGO, Luwero Community Ministries (LCM), established to oversee the work at Luwero. LCP has liaised with LCM, its legal team and other advisers to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to protect the interests of both LCM's trustees and supporters.

## Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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 a high balance of funds is being maintained for specific purposes such as additional land acquisition costs including legal fees, and the development of the Bible College, etc.

The balance held at the year-end totalling £176,794 includes restricted funds of £4,611 and designated funds of £59,562.

### *Income and Expenditure*

	2024	2023
Income	100,613	85,132
Expenditure	218,500	89,182
Net (deficit)/surplus	(117,887)	(4,050)
Funds as at 01.04.23/22	294,681	298,731
Funds as at 31.03.24/23	176,794	294,681

Thank you for taking time to read this report.



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