



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2018		Day 30	Month 06	Year 2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by



Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address	2 Byron Court	
	Balderton	
	Newark	
	Postcode	NG24 3PY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Thomas Jackson	Chairperson		
2	Rebecca Cornish	Vice Chairperson		Trustee's Group
3	Emma Wallis	Public Relations		Trustee's Group
4	Ruth Fain	Secretary		Trustee's Group
5	Chris Harris	Overseas Affairs		Trustee's Group
6	Sue Baldock	Volunteer Support		Trustee's Group
7	Chris Acton	Treasurer		Trustee's Group
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by management trustee group

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION;
- (2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH; AND
- (3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN ANY PART OF AFRICA.

Accomplish Children's Trust (ACT) has continued to work in line with its key objectives whilst being guided by the Charity Commission advice on public benefit.

It should be noted that ACT became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with effect from 1 July 2019 - on that date all funds of the Trust were transferred to Accomplish Children's Trust CIO (registered charity number 1182573). The financial year of the existing charity has been extended by six months from the 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019 to facilitate this process (an eighteen-month period).

ACT has continued to build on our relationships with partner organisations in Uganda, DRC and Malawi. These are Rwenzori Association of Parents of Children with Disabilities (RAPCD), Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation (RSNF) and Kyaninga Child Development Centre (KCDC) in Uganda, Heart of Mercy (community outreach) in Malawi, and PRORESO (a school for the blind) in the DRC. Total spend by country has been £78,336 in Uganda, £3,145 in DRC, and £2,048 in Malawi.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The RAPCD primary school continues to flourish and the secondary school continues to grow. This is our largest project by spend and received £35,206 in this financial period. The teachers, equipment, food and sponsorship provided by Accomplish have been used to provide education at affordable prices to families with disabilities. ACT has paid the wages for nine primary school teachers, six secondary school teachers and an office worker's salary throughout the period of this report, and has also paid a significant contribution towards the food costs (some £750 per term) and outreach work where villages are visited to identify potential new students. ACT has also paid for renovation work and connecting a water supply to the secondary school totalling some £3,300.

All ACT's partner organisations in Uganda have developed links with each other, facilitated by Accomplish. This has been as a direct response to internationally recognised suggestions that charitable groups should integrate and work together rather than in isolation. Accomplish facilitated a conference in Uganda over two days in November 2018 to take forward this process. Strategic planning, bookkeeping and fundraising were topics covered during this workshop which was funded from a grant from the charity ROPE which who invest into partnering with on-the-ground, local organisations and churches led by local visionaries who seek to bring about transformational change in their communities.

KCDC (who received £13,105 in this financial period) and RSNF (who received £21,397) continue to have a close working relationship with services and management resource being regularly shared. Both RSNF and KCDC also have good working relationships with other charities such as cleft lip and palate groups who help provide funding for other aspects of these organisations' work.

There are now over 600 patients registered with the epilepsy project which continues to thrive. The project is run by a Ugandan clinical officer who has received extra training in Epilepsy care. He coordinates a team who diagnose epilepsy, educate communities, and break down barriers to epilepsy care. As well as using our own funds, the Kate Farrer Foundation has helped with the funding of this project in which we invested some £8,000 during the period of this report.

On a recent visit, Dr Chris Harris (Trustee) was able to visit the clinics at Kilembe and the RAPCD school and saw good progress with the epilepsy project. Patients were attending and had good understanding of their condition, the treatment needed, and also had stories of how their lives had changed now their epilepsy is controlled.



Figure 1: Pharmacist Sampson talking to a mother of a baby with epilepsy at Kilembe

The ongoing work of all our partner groups depend on the money we raise in the UK and give out by way of grants to support capital and ongoing costs. We are grateful for the ongoing support we receive, and the fantastic work done on the ground by these partner organisations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

ACT has continued to provide grants to grass roots organisations in Africa that improve the lives of children with disabilities. The projects supported by ACT provide medical care and social empowerment to these children by educating both them and their communities.

ACT recognises the need for full accountability for all grants sent to our partner organisations and this is fully supported by those in receipt of these grants. We maintain strong working relationships with all our partners through regular email, Skype and written communications.

We have a volunteer network which is led by Susan Baldock (Trustee). We have received great help from Dr Clare Steele-King with linking with schools who support our fundraising work, Nigel Pells who does our gift aid claims, Stephanie Cole who helps with our accounts, Angela Dorey who coordinates the thank you letters we send to donors in the UK, and Helen Dobson who is the Independent Examiner of our accounts. There are also many others who donate and raise funds including several churches. Our volunteers remain a key part of our organisation.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Once again, we have seen our existing projects being strengthened and our reach expanded. A new project is underway in Malawi with the Heart of Mercy organisation for whom we provided some goats for families with a disabled child some years ago, which have done well by providing both milk and offspring which can then be given to other families. The new project will pay for two outreach workers to regularly visit families with disabled families to offer support and training. We are also funding meetings of the group of families with disabled children so that they can offer mutual support and receive training from a local physiotherapist whilst also plan for what support they will need in the future.



Figure 3: Dr Chris Harris (Trustee Medical Director) on a visit to Kagando Hospital. During his annual visit to Uganda he also visits RAPCD, SADICH and KCDC which are based nearby.



Figure 4: Two children from the Heart of Mercy project in Malawi



Figure 4: Some other children with the Heart of Mercy project

SADICH continued to be supported by ACT to provide practical, vocational education (in carpentry, tailoring and hairdressing) for those with disabilities as well as the region’s flagship epilepsy project until the end of 2018. At this point the epilepsy project was transferred to be managed by KCDC who opened an office in the Kasese district of Uganda where this work is based, as they had greater management capacity to take responsibility for this. Unfortunately, ACT did not receive the necessary financial accountability reports from SADICH for their vocational work, and so support was withdrawn until such time as we can be certain that adequate accountability and effective management is in place.

Funding has helped RSNF to provide two tutors salaries, two social workers, the centre manager, rent for their building and other running costs along with additional garden and pig projects for families of children with disabilities. These projects give families a great opportunity to provide food for themselves and generate income to ensure sustainable development. The tutors providing vocational training in tailoring and hairdressing.

KCDC has continued training Ugandan physiotherapists and occupational therapists in the rehabilitation of children with disabilities. These children are an incredibly under resourced group in Uganda.

KCDC now employ four therapists supported by ACT, who work at local health centres, in the community and at the KCDC bases in Fort Portal and Kasese.



Figure 5: KCDC staff at work in the community



Figure 6: KCDC is led by Fiona Beckerlegge, a Physiotherapist by training, who is based at Kyaninga Child Development Centre (KCDC) in Fort Portal, Uganda.

Two field visits were made by Trustees during 2018 to meet with all four project leads and their staff in Uganda and the Heart of Mercy project in Malawi. During these visits we check that all grants given by Accomplish have been spent as agreed. Accountability in the form of receipts for all funds sent is also monitored by two trustees. Costs for these visits is met by the Trustees themselves by donating an equivalent to the travel costs to ACT who then pays for the travel costs. This allows for Gift Aid to be claimed on the donations of the travel costs.

During one of these visits two trustees and two volunteers took part in a fundraising triathlon in Uganda raising some £5,000 for ACT.

Figure 7: Dr Caroline Acton, Christopher Acton, Dr Robert Dobson and Dr Chris Harris just before setting off on their fund-raising triathlon in Uganda



Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our reserve policy is to ensure that we always have adequate funds in place in an interest-bearing account to fund at least 6 months of committed recurrent expenditure .

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no deficits within any areas of ACT.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Accomplish Children's Trust had a total income of £105,283 in 2018/19 – an 18-month period (compared to £65,350 in 2017 – for a 12-month period) and a total expenditure of £106,533 in 2018/19 (compared to £58,661 in 2017). We have received money from regular donors, one off donations, events, sponsorship, craft income and grants.

All accounts are submitted to the Charity Commission and are independently examined.

We have been delighted to work in partnership with the Little Society and the Kate Farrer Foundation, in addition to our partnerships with Billericay Baptist Church, St Edward's, St Olave's and Christ churches in York, St Mary's Church in Eaton Bray and St James's Church of England High School in Bolton.

We are incredibly grateful for those who fundraise on our behalf.

Our expenditure has continued to support the main aims of the charity. We have been able to expand the epilepsy project, in addition to growing the RAPCD primary and secondary schools and supporting important infrastructure improvements at RAPCD and SADICH. The RSNF project is also continuing to expand and diversify.

Our UK based costs remain low. Costs of travel by our trustees are covered by specific donations.

We pride ourselves on ensuring that the vast majority of our income is spent on projects having a real effect on the ground in Africa, ensuring that the children with disabilities benefit most.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Tom Jackson

Full name(s) Tom Jackson

Position Chair

Date
