



Accomplish Children's Trust CIO

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022**

### **Legal and Administrative Details**

Accomplish Children's Trust (ACT) CIO was incorporated on 21 March 2019. This charity took over the work and net assets of Accomplish Children's Trust which was originally established in 2008, charity registration number 1127235. This is the third accounting period for the charity since incorporation on the 21 March 2019 and covers the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

**Principal Office** : 2 Byron Court, Balderton, Newark, NG24 3PY

**Registered Charity number**: 1182573

### **Trustees**

Dr Thomas Jackson                      Chair  
Rebecca Cornish  
Dr Christopher Harris  
Christopher Acton  
Susan Baldock  
Jessica Acton  
Elizabeth Bulkeley  
Aimee Plumptre  
Phoebe Cooke

### **Governing Document**

The governing document is in the form of a constitution which sets out objects, what the charity can do, how it can spend its money, requirements of the trustees, how meetings must be managed, and other similar governance issues which are required of all charities. A copy of the full document is available on the Charity Commission web site or by contacting any of the trustees.

### **Charitable objects**

Accomplish Children's Trust CIO is a UK based fund-raising body whose aim is to meet the needs of children and families suffering with disability in disadvantaged parts of Africa. It continues the work



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of the registered charity, Accomplish Children's Trust which was established in 2008. It seeks to achieve this by following three objectives:

- 1) The advancement of education for children with disabilities and their families.
- 2) To enable medical relief and treatment for disabilities of all types affecting children and young people.
- 3) A Christian response and social outreach to children & young people with disabilities & their families in any part of Africa.

The modus operandi for Accomplish to fulfil these objectives is to partner with African organisations already working in the area of children's disability and to provide funding grants to these bodies to support and extend their work.

#### **Explanation of the work of the charity**

ACT supports projects for children with disabilities in regions of rural Africa, that promote the following:

- Education
- Medical needs
- Income generation
- Community outreach

This is done in several ways:

- UK-based fundraising
- Awarding grants
- Strategic collaborations and
- Long-term African partnerships

In the areas we work, disability is poorly understood. It is often seen as a curse, with these children often described as being worthless. Disabled children disproportionately suffer even compared to others who live in poverty.

Total income for the financial period has been £83,093 (compared to £84,840 in the previous year). Grants totaling £96,597 (compared to £84,514 in the previous year) have been distributed across a number of projects as detailed below.

- RAPCD ([www.rapcd.org/](http://www.rapcd.org/)) primary and secondary school, Uganda - £33,146 (compared to £44,694 in the previous year). This money has been used to employ nine primary school teachers, eight secondary school teachers (including one for Braille and one for computer studies), an office worker, and support for school meals. We also gave money for food support for the families of some of the poorest disabled children who attend the RAPCD schools which came from our Covid 19



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appeal. COVID restrictions resulted in many being out of work and food insecurity in families became normal. In one of the regions we work in with RAPCD, UNICEF recorded the rate of malnutrition in children at 80%. Children who are malnourished not only suffer health problems and untimely death but have difficulty in concentrating at school or being able to carry out their rehabilitation. There has been no government support during this difficult time, and we have therefore worked with our Ugandan partners during both lockdowns to provide emergency food aid.

- RSNF ([www.facebook.com/rwenzorispecialneedsfoundation.org/](http://www.facebook.com/rwenzorispecialneedsfoundation.org/)) skills training and income generation, Uganda - £20,688 (compared to £13,947 in the previous year). This money has been used to run a vocational training centre and pays for two tutors, two social workers, the director and a security guard/gardener. Rent has also been paid for the building in which the centre is located. Additionally outreach work is funded as is startup funding pig and garden income generating projects, along with some help towards electricity, water and internet costs. The Covid 19 appeal also supported feeding costs for students at the school.
- KCDC ([www.kcdc.org](http://www.kcdc.org)), physiotherapy, epilepsy clinics and other community outreach, Uganda - £19,838 (compared to £13,778 in the previous year). This money is used to pay for the medical officers who deliver outreach epilepsy clinics for around 700 patients and to pay for personal protective equipment and epilepsy clinic travel expenses. Staff employed by KCDC who ACT supports include two physiotherapists, a medical officer, an outreach worker, and an occupational therapist. We also supported the salary of a nurse for a year and food support for their malnourished children.
- Friends of Kagando Hospital (<https://friendsofkagando.co.uk/>), Epilepsy medication, Uganda - £5,280 (the same amount was given in the previous year).
- Proreso School, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - £5,856 (compared to £810 for the previous year) for food support, sponsorship for school fees, and teachers of the deaf and disabled children. The grant for the teachers was some £3,816 for the year but ACT will be unable to continue this due to its current shortage of funds.
- Heart of Mercy, Community outreach and training, Malawi – £11,041 (compared to £6,004 in the previous year). This money has been used for funding the salaries of three outreach workers and for monthly meetings and sign language training of the parents of those looking after children with disabilities. It has also supported two



project support workers and miscellaneous items such as mobile phone costs, travel, blankets, soap, mattresses and PPE.

Further details about the work of all these projects is given in our twice-yearly newsletter and regular prayer letters.

In summary ACT's impact has included:

- Enabling 356 children with disabilities to attend school during 2021-22. Over 90% of these children with disabilities had never previously been able to attend school.
- Providing over 700 children and young adults with epilepsy medication. Enabling them to attend school, work and get married
- Providing sign language training which has enabled children to communicate with their families for the first time
- Training 60 young adults with disabilities in vocational skills. From previous year data we know that 90% of these students are able to find work after graduating
- Self-sustaining income generating farm and pig projects for families of children with disabilities. 60% of the packages given out so far have been returns from beneficiary families donating back into the scheme
- Helping enable more than 3,500 children to receive physical and occupational therapy in the last 6 years.
- Parents repeatedly reporting that they no longer feel isolated and have been given hope.

Accomplish is run solely by volunteers. All donations go directly to the projects we support. We work with local organisations run by local people. They are best placed to not only understand the local needs, but also to be able to educate and change attitudes in the community.

[For further information](#)

Website: <https://www.accomplishtrust.org.uk>

Introductory video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-72hP4bUQ>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AccomplishTrust>



## **Organisation and sources of support**

The charity is led and managed by nine trustees who meet at least four times annually to approve grants, set policy, and to administer governance. All administration has been carried out by the trustees including making funding applications, liaising with projects in Africa, and fundraising.

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, video calls 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. Volunteer Emma Wallis has also done a great deal of work for Accomplish with the website, Facebook and newsletter. There are also many others who donate and raise funds including several churches including St Olave's, St Edward's and Heworth Christ Church in York. Our volunteers remain a key part of our organisation and we thank them for their continued support.



## **Policies**

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and confirm that all activities of the charity comply with this guidance.

The reserves policy is to hold adequate funds in a savings account that can be used in a situation where the charity is unable to raise adequate funding to committed projects and so it becomes necessary to inform them that funding will stop. The reserves can then be used to help the project reduce its reliance on ACT, or close services, in a managed way, over a period of at least 6 months. The savings account currently holds £25,605.

No other assets are held for other charities.

We use the following criteria for making grants:

- Grants will be awarded to African based charities or organisations
- Grants will be awarded to charities that share the objectives of Accomplish in addressing well-being, social, medical and educational needs of children with disability
- Grants will be awarded to charities or organisations that can demonstrate good governance and financial accountability
- Grants will be awarded within the constraints of the Accomplish fund availability
- Grants will be awarded to charities or organisations that can demonstrate appropriate child protection practices
- Grants may be awarded for capital expenditure, but in such cases demonstration of longer-term sustainability of these awards will be requested
- Grants will not be awarded to organisations that are opposed to the Christian ethos of the Accomplish charity
- Grants will not be awarded to organisations which themselves mainly distribute grants to other organisations.
- Accomplish will recognise that the term 'child' in Africa can refer to anybody up to the age of 25

## **Trustees' approval and signature**

This report has been approved by the trustees at their meeting on 19 December 2022.

**Tom Jackson**  
Chair

**Christopher Acton**  
Treasurer