

Annual Report and Accounts:  
Friends of Amani Tanzania  
Registered Charity Number 1114281  
Year Ending – 31 December 2017

## **Charity Registered Address**

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# Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania (the Charity) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017 under the Charities Act 1993, together with the financial statements for that year which have been subject to independent examination.

## Governance

The Charity was formed in 2005, made its Declaration of Trust on 24 March 2006 and obtained registered charity status on 18 May 2006.

The Trustees are obliged to hold at least two ordinary meetings a year. In 2017 the Trustees met on:

- 16 March
- 20 June
- 6 October
- 8 December

The Trustees apply the income of the charity in furthering the following objectives:

- The relief of financial hardship in Tanzania, in particular for supporting the work of the Amani Centre, Morogoro, for persons with mental disabilities.
- To advance the education of people in Tanzania, in particular those with disabilities.

## Trustee Visits

There were three Trustee visits to Amani during the year:

- Aug 2017 by Leslie and Bridget Green.
- Sept 2017 by Rachel Derry
- Nov 2017 by Ken Spours

## About Amani

Located in the Chamwino area of Morogoro, the Amani Centre for Persons with Disabilities is a non-profit making organization that educates and empowers mentally and physically challenged children and youth. Established in 1992 by Josephine Bakhita, Amani has over the last 25 years grown to become a major social partner in the Morogoro area. It aims in the future, with the support of its friends in the UK and The Netherlands, to become a model NGO promoting awareness about disability, services for the disabled and broader partnerships for education and care across Tanzania as a whole. In 2012 the Director, Father Beatus Sewando, began a programme of restructuring to ensure the future sustainability of the Amani Centre. He continues as Director of Amani, assisted by Emmanuel Mlegu.

Presently the Amani Centre:

- employs over 30 workers, most in a voluntary capacity, in a society suffering from structural unemployment and gains additional support from both international and local volunteers;
- has developed an infrastructure comprising three centres - Amani Centre in Morogoro (Chamwino), the Mvomero Farm and Training Centre, which includes a residential school for the hearing impaired, and Mikese Farm and Vocational Centre;
- undertakes community-based rehabilitation for mentally disabled children – over 5,000 persons currently receive either primary health care and education at the Amani Centre, at its outreach stations or in the wider community;
- seeks to improve the quality of life identified through the continued efforts of Amani awareness groups throughout the Morogoro District;
- educates the young members of staff who work at the Centre and supports the work of volunteers;
- supports the elderly in terms of both physical well-being and appropriate social activities.

What follows is a summary of achievements by Friends of Amani Tanzania for the financial year ending 31 December 2017

## Fundraising

The Charity made donations of £30,313 in its twelfth year. The increase of over £10,811 on the previous year demonstrates the fluctuating support, year-on-year from key individual and institutional donors. The additional funds received by the Charity was mainly due to the increased

support from the pupils at Dame Alice Owen School and the establishment of The Helena Green memorial Fund. Helena was a GAP student at Amani in 2005 and sadly died in August 2017. That fund currently stands at £4,505 and will be channeled to Amani in 2018 for economical empowerment projects with families of the disabled living near Amani Chamwino.

The Charity has five major strategies for fundraising and awareness raising:

1. Educational partnership and support.
2. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers.
3. Events and initiatives.
4. Regular giving and gift aid.
5. Corporate donations and bids to charities.

Examples of each are given below:

### **1. Educational partnership and support**

The Charity has developed a range of important partnerships with schools, colleges and more recently with universities. These initiatives, examples of which are outlined below, continued during 2017. Perhaps as importantly, the number of young people whose awareness of poverty and educational circumstances in Tanzania has been raised by the work of the Charity is significant. The hope is that those young people in the UK who are involved in either fundraising or visiting the Amani Centre will continue to be committed to its work in the future, having learned a great deal in the process. In addition, the links with schools, colleges and universities in the Morogoro and Mvomero regions of Tanzania will not only lead to better resourcing for these institutions, but also to visits for some to the UK.

In previous years the Amani Centre has hosted a number of UK physiotherapy volunteers who have provided enthusiastic voluntary support to the resident physiotherapist while gaining experience of working with disabled children in a less developed country. In 2015, student volunteers from the University of Liverpool visited the Centre on an elective placement, which counts towards their course. The courses that the volunteers are studying are predominantly physiotherapy and occupational therapy, and their contribution is towards the Community Based Rehabilitation activities in particular. For example, the Liverpool School of Health Sciences liaises directly with the Amani Centre in advance of the students' arrival so that supervision arrangements for the elective placements are understood at Amani.

All student volunteers have spoken highly of their experience on their return whilst offering valuable constructive feedback on how certain procedures may be organised with greater efficiency. A volunteer legacy for Amani Centre and FOAT is the regular giving by those who are able. One such previous volunteer, Rachel Derry, who has visited three times and provided excellent service to the physiotherapy suite, has since become a Trustee of the charity.

City of Bristol College and Dame Alice Owen School, Hertfordshire, both of which have sent groups of young people to the Amani Centre in the past, have continued their active partnership with the Amani Centre, raising considerable funds for the charity and for local schools and future visits are being planned. This year pupils from Dame Alice Owen visited Amani and donated over £6,000 to Amani. £3,700 of this has been used to build a dispensary at the remote village of Mpapa near Mvomero.

## **2. Harnessing the good will of UK Amani volunteers**

Several of the former Gap Year students and other young people who have undertaken voluntary work at the Amani Centre have gone on to retain links with Amani and to fundraise for the Charity. Edward Holden, Alice Harvey and Rachel Derry have served as Trustees of the Charity and have been active in supporting the Amani volunteers' network and the Child Sponsorship scheme. Sadly for personal reasons Alice has had to resign her post as Trustee but she, her husband and family continue to financially support the Charity.

New volunteers and supporters, often with professional and medical skills, come forward each year either via the former volunteers' universities or places of work, or through the Facebook web pages of Friends of Amani and the Amani Centre itself. While this is something that the Charity is keen to support, we recognize the need both for the young people to play an active and constructive role, and for the Amani Centre to provide relevant project work for them to undertake. This has not always been the case, so the Trustees updated the guidelines for these visits to ensure that they are productive for both parties. We are fortunate to be supported in this work by Cathy Swanson, who is resident in Morogoro and regularly visits the Amani Centre, to provide an independent view of Amani activities and to act as an informal mentor and medical adviser to volunteers.

## **3. Events and initiatives**

The Trustees themselves have organized and/or participated in a range of fundraising initiatives and events, including a number of card and cake sales and sponsored events, such as marathons,

and encouraging friends and family members to become regular donors. There was further use of Just Giving this year, raising to £2,076.

#### **4. Regular giving and gift aid**

This year we collected £7,680 (an increase of £810 on last year) from regular donations including the child sponsorship. We currently have 19 regular monthly givers and a further five annual givers who support the Child Sponsorship scheme. The child sponsorship scheme raised £2,550 an increase of £705 on last year. The trustees have tried to ensure that regular givers and as many donors as possible, sign gift aid declarations in order to maximize the income to the Charity. This year the Charity received a tax rebate of £3,372, an increase of £227 on last year.

#### **5. Corporate donations and bids to charities**

Trustees and volunteers have worked hard to present their work to companies who might be interested in donating to the charity. In 2017, The Charity has not received any funds but two funding bids have been submitted and at least one is expected to have a positive outcome in 2018.

## Projects supported in 2017

The following projects were supported during 2017.

### **1. Community-based rehabilitation work and economic sustainability projects at the Amani Centre.**

A total of £30,313 was donated to the Amani Centre in 2016. This was primarily directed towards supporting the core mission of the Centre (i.e. community-based rehabilitation (CBR). General funds, including honoraria for staff, CBR and social and medical costs equating to £9,600 was sent for use at the discretion of the Director of Amani Centre). In addition, £2,250 was given to the Amani Centre through the Child Sponsorship Scheme with an agreement that it should be spent to benefit all the children at the Amani Centre, not just a named sponsored child.

There are currently 26 children who reside at Amani and are part of the child sponsorship scheme. A total of 13 of these children have regular sponsors who give a minimum of £15 per month. Eight sponsors provide a Direct Debit every month and five sponsors provide an annual payment of between £180 and £240. This provides a source of regular income to support the children who reside at Amani Centre. All money from this is collated and used to support all 26 children, through food, clothing and medicines. All sponsors are encouraged to gift aid their donations. Trustee Rachel Derry monitors the child sponsorship scheme and communicates with the sponsors, whilst encouraging new sponsors. Rachel communicates frequently with a volunteer staff member at the Amani Centre in order to obtain regular updates about the children, ensuring the child information is maintained and kept up-to-date.

Each year the Friends of Amani Tanzania charity pays towards the costs of a large community Christmas Party at the Amani Centre, which not only raises awareness in the community of issues of disability and the work of the Centre, but also serves as a way of thanking volunteers and the increasing number of local donors for their generosity. In 2017, £200 was donated for the party. Funding is also provided to support a range of economic sustainability projects both agricultural and enterprise that involves members of the Amani staff developing their leadership capacities to provide sources of income that reduces dependency on overseas donors. This year £3,700 was donated by the pupils of Dame Alice Owen school towards the construction of a Dispensary at Mpapa and monies have been provided at all three sites to improve water supplies.

### **2. School Fees for young people**

The Amani Centre provides a home for able-bodied young people from some of the most rural areas in the surrounding district and pays for their education. In return, these young people assist

in the care of the disabled youth at Amani. In 2017, supporters of Friends of Amani donated a total of £1,875 towards the education of some of these young people. This sum included a commitment to one child in particular (£875) who is sponsored through the Charity and for whom the Amani Centre received an administrative fee of £50.

### **3. Assistance for elderly people**

£300 was made available to the Elders in Mvomero to support them in their social and educational activities at the Amani Centre. The Charity has encouraged the elders to work more closely with the residential school to develop a market garden.

### **4. School projects**

This year a further £600 was provided towards the supply of mains water to the school for the deaf and those with special needs at Mvomero. This was a requirement to allow the school to become fully registered by the Government and receive financial support towards some of the teacher's salaries. Emmanuel Elias, who heads the new school, is currently employed by the Government at Morogoro Secondary School as a special needs teacher

### **5. Partners in World Mission (Ecumenical Project)**

During 2016 and 2017, Leslie and Bridget Green have continued working to bring together members of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocese of Morogoro in their work to support people with disabilities and orphans. Following the successful completion of workshops at four remote villages in 2017 further funding of £10,000 has been secured from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund to take this joint enterprise forward in two of the four villages visited in phase two.

The Ecumenical Social Entrepreneurship Project (ESEP) will engage with disabled children and their families in a rural setting to develop entrepreneurship skills and to establish projects in order to both raise family income and to overcome social isolation.

## Future Plans

The main objectives going forward build on current efforts by continuing to:

- Support Amani's core mission of Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled children and young people through the work at Amani, Mikese and Mvomero centres, including donating to the medical, social and travel fund, and monitoring the results of the restructuring of the organization on the Centre's CBR work.
- Encourage volunteers to visit and work on projects within the Amani Centre, using the revised set of guidelines to make these visits more productive for both parties.
- Consolidate the solid work that has been undertaken both by FOAT Trustees and volunteers at the Amani Centre, to widen the reach of the Charity through developing the website and other forms of social media.
- Direct support for a range of small-scale and sustainable projects that both improve the nutrition of those living at the Amani Centre and also bring in much needed income. The projects started in 2015 include livestock initiatives at Mvomero, Mikese and Chamwino, together with the further development of the Amani Café continued throughout 2017.
- Lobby local authorities and education institutions to expand links between schools, colleges and universities in the UK and Tanzania, to raise the profile of the educational and financial needs of the Tanzanian education and training system and to promote joint work and exchange visits.
- Encourage our contacts to become regular donors through direct debit/gift aid and to support the Child Sponsorship Scheme.
- Support the elderly associated with the Amani Centre.

## Financial Review for the Year

The financial position of the Charity at the end of its twelfth year of operation is satisfactory, when considering the economic situation worldwide. Interest in the work of the Charity has increased. This year the financial support from Dame Alice Owen school showed an 810 per cent increase on last year donating (£7,630). Barbara Bristow raised £1,551, a 5% increase on last year. Over £4,000 was also raised in memory of Helena Green, a GAP student at Amani in 2005 who died this August. Once again the Trustees have been encouraged by the extent of charitable giving received from:

- Trustees' personal friends and family.
- Local organisations known to the Trustees.
- Young people who have been volunteers at the Amani Centre.
- A number of schools and colleges eager to support the work of the Amani Centre and establish future links with the local schools in the Morogoro region. Several of the schools and colleges have given directly to the Amani Centre and local schools both financially and in goods; these details do not form part of these accounts.

The Corporate sector provided only £1,100 a reduction on last year (£2,500) but two funding bids have been lodged and a decision on these is expected in 2018.

Income for the year was **£30,697**.

Expenditure included:

- £30,313 which was distributed to the Amani Centre as summarised in the financial statement;
- expenses, including bank charges for transferring monies to Tanzania, of £283 (0.9% of expenditure).
- Just Giving costs and Conference calls for 2016 and 2017 totalling £569 are yet to be paid.

There was a deficit of income over expenditure of £145 for the year (surplus of income for the year 2016 was £4,083).

The Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 showed cash balances of £6,341 and net assets of £5,773.

£15,320 (compared to £10,830 in 2016) as donated by individuals who pay UK tax and under the gift aid scheme this tax will be reclaimed on these donations in 2018

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2017

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016</b>			<b>2017</b>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
				£	£	£
Regular Giving (incl. school fees)	3,519	1,515	5,025	3,630	1,500	5,130
Child Sponsorship Scheme	0	1,845	1,845	0	2,550	2,550
Card & Cake Sales	440	0	440	590	0	590
Bristow Initiatives	0	1,470	1,470	0	1,551	1,551
Charity Donation	4,050	800	4,850	2,089	300	2,389
Reading Half Marathon excl JG	0	0	0	766	0	766
Dame Alice Owen	940	0	940	3,930	3,700	7,630
Social Fund	0	600	600	0	700	700
Helena Green Memorial Fund excl JG	0	0	0	0	3,842	3,842
Giveasyoulive	0	0	0	37	0	37
Just giving & Virgin Money	860	240	1,100	2,140	0	2,140
Ecumenical project	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
Tax Rebate	1,432	1,713	3,145	1,236	2,136	3,372
Interest	14	0	14	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>13,184</b>	<b>24,430</b>	<b>14,418</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>30,697</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Sundry Expenses	322	0	322	0	0	0
Bank Charges	165	34	199	214	69	283
Donations	10,427	9,075	19,502	13,443	16,870	30,313
Creditors	323	0	323	246	0	246
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,914</b>	<b>9,109</b>	<b>20,023</b>	<b>13,657</b>	<b>16,939</b>	<b>30,596</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>-660</b>	<b>-145</b>
Funds brought forward	14	1,498	1,512	345	5,573	5,917
Previous years creditors paid off	322	0	322	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>5,573</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>4,913</b>	<b>5,772</b>

**Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No: 1114281**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2016**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts:		
Friends of Amani Tanzania	6,240	6,342
Less: Creditors	323	246
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	5,917	5,773
 <b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted funds: general reserves	345	860
Restricted funds	5,573	4,913
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	5,917	5,773

## Friends of Amani Tanzania Charity No 1114281

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

- (i) Income and expenditure is accounted for generally on a receipts and payments basis, modified by provision for year-end creditors.
- (ii) Funds accounting  
Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees  
Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.  
Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 2 Grants Paid in the year to 31 December 2017

	£
Amani CBR and Social Fund	3,450
Amani General Funds incl. staff training and operating costs	10,338
Child Sponsorship	3,200
Ecumenical Project	5,000
Mpapa Dispensary	3,700
Mvomero Elders	300
Water Projects	2,450
School Fees	1,875
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,313</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Ken Spours  
Chairman

Date

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Amani Tanzania**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, which are set out on pages 11 to 13.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that despite the charity's income not exceeding the £25,000 threshold, they have elected under s145(1) to have an independent examiner's report.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nigel Gowing

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1st October 2017