

Trustees Annual Report 2019

Charity name: Casa Reom Trust

Registered charity number: 1113673

Charity address: 1a New Street,
Rugby,
Warwickshire,
CV22 7BE

Trustees: Dave MacLellan (Chairman)
Iain Slater (Treasurer)
Farai Mutsambiwa

Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing document: Deed of Trust

How is the charity constituted? Declaration of Trust dated 23rd October 2005

Trustee selection method: By resolution of the trustees

Objectives and Activities:

Objects of the charity are:

To promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Beira, Mozambique and the surrounding area, and to provide relief from financial hardship and social and/or economic disadvantage and to advance the education of its residents of all ages; and in particular to provide opportunities for the aforementioned residents to participate fully in the life of their community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects:

The present aims of the trust are:

- to raise funds to finance the completion of the new Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Casa Reom centre for street children in Inhamizua, Beira
- to ensure that the Casa Reom project has sufficient funds to cover the day-to-day running costs.

The trustees agree any development plans with the director of the Casa Reom centre, providing funds and receiving reports to monitor progress.

Some of the day-to-day running costs for the Casa Reom centre are provided by independent donations (not associated with the Casa Reom Trust) to YWAM UK. However, the trustees correspond with YWAM UK to ensure that sufficient funds are provided for running costs by sending Trust funds if necessary. Whilst donors can specify that they want to support regular running costs or the building project, normally funds which are donated to Casa Reom Trust will be allocated by the trustees to either the building project or running costs as is appropriate and required at the time.

Summary of main activities of the charity during 2019:

In the middle of March 2019, the east coast of Mozambique at the port of Beira experienced catastrophic damage as a result of **Cyclone Idai** which caused massive damage to Beira city and other parts of Mozambique (and parts of Malawi and Zimbabwe) as a result of winds up to 120 mph (205 kph) and severe flooding due to heavy rainfall. Much of 2019 was focused on emergency relief and extensive repairs of the damage to the JOCUM Beira base building (the original site of Casa Reom in Beira city centre) and damage to the site at Inhamizua.

Cyclone Idai: Damage to Inhamizua Site

The high winds of the cyclone hit Inhamizua in the evening of 14 March 2019. One of the large trees was uprooted and damaged the roof of the dormitory block where all the boys were sheltering but mercifully it fell in a room adjacent to the boys.



As well as the dormitory, there was damage to the roofs and windows of the classroom blocks and the new kitchen/dining room that was under construction had the roof fully peeled off by the high winds.

Cyclone Idai: Damage to JOCUM Beira City Centre Building

The city centre building (which served as an office, base and staff accommodation) was also massively damaged by the high winds and heavy rain. The roof was blown off and the basement flooded by rain. Some records and the office files and computers were destroyed and the staff accommodation rendered unusable.



Again, mercifully nobody was injured by the damage to the building and the staff were able to be accommodated elsewhere.

Shortly after the visit, Stephen Mbewe (YWAM staff) left from the UK to assist the international relief effort – being able to help with local knowledge, language skills and taking some funds from the Trust to assist immediate repairs and getting aid to those who needed it most. A Cyclone Appeal page was set up and funds of £18,788 were donated towards the relief, repairs and rebuilding.

During this visit, Stephen was able to liaise with the Trustees, JOCUM Beira, YWAM UK, RescueNet and Mercy Air. Funds were used to buy food, materials and tools to facilitate the recovery.

It was apparent that the high building standards of the buildings built using Casa Reom Trust funds at Inhamizua was much higher than other local buildings and consequently the damage was limited largely to roofs and windows – the structure of the buildings remaining intact.

Repairs and Rebuilding

During the remainder of 2019 a phase of rebuilding damaged buildings to “build back better” took place. Great progress was made and the refurbished buildings have benefitted from new windows and doors, as well as a fresh coat of paint making the site a better place to live and learn.



Trustee Visit

During August and September 2019, Iain Slater was able to visit Casa Reom to meet staff and witness progress in the repair of buildings and the recovery from the cyclone in March. This visit highlighted the importance of visits by Trustees to gain a fuller picture of the status of the project and the response to the challenge of Cyclone Idai.

The site at Inhamizua was found to be in good condition and the staff team had been strengthened by the addition of Nelio and Tabitha who bring experience and skills to the team. The need for improved staff accommodation was evidently becoming a high priority and the repairs to the city centre building were proceeding rather slowly.

A project to build a number of homes for local families was observed and the Trustees agreed that £1,000 from the cyclone appeal funds could be allocated to help these buildings be completed.



Iain was also able to visit families being helped and see their desperate situation following the cyclone as well seeing their new houses under construction. By having conversations direct with local people a greater understanding of local conditions was gained.



Looking Ahead:

Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic

During 2020, Mozambique has suffered a long period of lockdown and since April schools and many businesses have been closed. This has had a number of consequences in terms of interrupted education, diminished career opportunities and disruption to the supply of food and raw materials imported from outside the country. The weakening of the Mozambican metical and supply shortages have led to higher prices in the shops and have been challenging for those young men and women trying to establish homes and livelihoods around Beira.

Further Information:

Past copies of all of our Annual Reports can be found on the Casa Reom website (www.casa-reom.org.uk) along with newsletters and further updates on the project.

Financial Review:

Brief statement of the charity policy on reserves:

The trustees do not aim to keep particular reserves, but ensure that commitments to provide funds do not exceed trust assets.

The fund is not in deficit.

Principal funding sources:

Funds are collected through different mechanisms:

- fundraising events
- individual donations, both one off and by standing order
- applications for grants from other charitable trusts

Fundraising events are organised by individuals or groups, including trustees of Casa Reom Trust. The Casa Reom Trust may be willing with prior agreement to pay for fundraising expenses, but the events remain the responsibility of the organisers.

The accounts are included below on page 7. The restricted funds are itemised and include money given by individual donors specifically for running costs and money raised for specific projects and purposes such as the Cyclone Idai Appeal.

Receipts in 2019 totaled £43,468 and included:

- £22,250 unrestricted one-off and regular donations
- £18,963 restricted donations
- £2,232 tax refund on Gift Aid Donations

To all our donors, supporters, friends and volunteers – Thank you for your ongoing support!

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

Full name:

Position:

Date:

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Casa Reom Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Casa Reom Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2019

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: NICOLA TYSALL

Address: 16 EVEREST RD RUGBY CV22 6EX

Date: 29th JULY 2020.

Casa Reom Trust - Financial statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

Receipts and payment account:

| Receipts | 2019 | | | 2018 | | | Payments | | | 2019 | | | 2018 | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Standing Order/ Regular Donations | 14,684 | 84 | 14,768 | 10,444 | 84 | 10,528 | | | | 25,897 | 103 | 26,000 | 23,235 | 117 | 23,352 |
| One-off Donations | 4,545 | 1,076 | 5,621 | 11,447 | 0 | 11,447 | Running Costs (through YWAM UK) | | | 0 | 13,047 | 13,047 | 0 | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| Donations from Other Charities / Trusts | 1,803 | 1,762 | 3,565 | 876 | 350 | 1,226 | Cyclone Appeal | | | 161 | 0 | 161 | 161 | 0 | 161 |
| Christmas Appeal (not Just Giving) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Fundraising Expenses | | | 1,535 | 0 | 1,535 | | | |
| GAYL / Paypal / Amazon | 550 | 35 | 585 | 15 | 477 | 492 | Fuel Pump | | | | | | | | |
| Give.net / JustGiving.com | 668 | 15,864 | 16,532 | 0 | 1,329 | 1,329 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 23 | 0 | 23 | 11 | 0 | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax Refund on Gift Aid Donations | 2,232 | 142 | 2,374 | 1,722 | 33 | 1,755 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total receipts | 24,505 | 18,963 | 43,468 | 24,515 | 2,273 | 26,788 | Total payments | | | 27,592 | 13,150 | 40,742 | 23,396 | 1,367 | 24,763 |
| Receipts exceed payments by: | | | 2,726 | | | 2,025 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2019 | | | 19,990 | | 1st Jan 2018 | 17,965 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash, and bank deposits 1st Jan 2020 | | | 22,716 | | 1st Jan 2019 | 19,990 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 Restricted Receipts: | | | £ | | | £ | 2019 Restricted Payments: | | | | | | | | |
| Running Costs | | | 103 | | | | Running Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings4Beira | | | 72 | | | | Cyclone Appeal | | | | | | | | |
| Cyclone | | | 18,788 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 18,963 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2019

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets | £ | £ |
| Bank current account | 6,893 | 4,190 |
| Bank deposit account | 15,823 | 15,800 |
| Cash in hand | 0 | 0 |
| Total cash | 22,716 | 19,990 |
| Restricted cash | 18,571 | 12,758 |