

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



“You may choose to look the other way,
but you can never say again
that you did not know”

William Wilberforce

Chairman's Report:

The year has seen the consolidation of the charity and, with the welcoming of 3 new Trustees, the strengthening of our organisational structure. The Trustees bring with them much needed skills, experience and oversight. They have been able to broaden fundraising activities to include events and postal appeals. Increasing the fund and awareness raising base has brought in extra funding though overall cash flow has reduced as we were unable to secure any large organisational partnerships. This will need more work.

I was lucky enough to visit Kenya in October and spend time both with our partners and their projects, and many of their beneficiaries. Immersed in the great work they do reminded me of the harshness, the brutality of life on the street; the despair in a mother's eye as her child reaches the abyss.

CRK's work is vital as it is humbling to see it in progress, how much they do with so little. Money well spent!

Oliver Lynton (Chairman)

Activities and Results:

CRK-UK with our Kenya partners have further developed several vital strategies and interventions that have directly benefited over 695 destitute children and youth not including the 196 families in the family programme. We support effective interventions that empower families in a sustainable way to enable them to better care for their own children.

A new and exciting development has been the introduction of targeted training for girls within the Youth Association* structure. This is attracting more young women into the programme and ensuring they have solid knowledge of their rights and have insight into such diverse issues as reproductive health and family planning. Over 50% of the 76 who reported that they are now self sufficient are female.

*The youth Association programme is a highly successful model initially developed with youth in Nairobi. The aim is to give marginalised youth, who live and work on the streets, the support to form and register groups and enter into and participate in legal mainstream socio-economic activities.

Children: Protection and Family Reunification

- 318 new street children were reached on the streets
- 157 children referred to Birunda from Street Smart
- 178 children successfully reintegrated with their families
- 292 Children provided with 24/7 care

Family: Empowerment

- 95 new families were enrolled into the programme
- 101 families previously worked with were phased out after they attained self-reliance and are able to provide for their children
- 126 children were provided with school support from home
- 50 families received training and start-up grants.
- 12 families required additional support with food baskets.

Youth: Associations & Training

- 377 young people in 21 associations received skills training.
- 130 new youths formed new associations, 8 are functional ready to move to capacity building stage 2017.
- 40 young people have completed training
- 96 have been provided with tools or small business grants
- 76 have reported they are now completely self-sufficient and are able to support their families.

Treasurer's Report:

Although our donor base remains small at under a dozen, occasional generous one-off donations and special fund raising events have enabled us to send £7,050 to our partner organisation in Kenya over the last 12 months. The fall in the exchange rate, however, means that such transfers do not go as far as they once did and that, coupled with the high cost of bank transfers and the urgent need in Kenya makes it crucial that we bring more people in as regular donors in the next 12 months, while at the same time seeking out charitable trusts and other organisations that are sympathetic to the work that we do. It would be my hope that we could transfer at least £10,000 to further the work of Child Rescue Kenya, in the course of 2017

Hazel Shellens (Treasurer)

Summary Statement of Accounts:

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Receipts:

Balance brought forward	776.18
Income	
Donations:	
Heart of Hope	720.00
CMW Charitable Trust	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	<u>6,029.69</u>
Total Income	8,525.87

Expenditure:

Transfers to CRK (Kenya)	7,050.00
Transfer fees	<u>192.00</u>
Total Expenditure	7,242.00

Balance Carried Forward 1,283.87

Chronological List of Notable Events 2016:

1. 3 new Trustees welcomed
2. New Treasurer appointed
3. CRK-UK brochure published
4. Logical Framework Approach workshops held in Kenya
5. Fundraising concert held in Southend-on-sea
6. Christmas tool-kit appeal
7. Photographic exhibition in Spain

Plans for 2017:

- Explore ways to attract more regular small donors
- Coordinate larger organisational appeals with CRK in Kenya
- Strengthen understanding of the Logical Framework Approach with follow-up workshops
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