

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	13	06	2022		31	03

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	TRUST, OFFERING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (TOUCEO)
Other names charity is known by	TOUCEO
Registered charity number (if any)	1199277
Charity's principal address	46 Filton Road Postcode L14 8AD

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	Rev Robert Kisa	Chair	04/08/2022	All Trustees
2	Matthew Featherstone	Communications Manager	04/08/2022	
3	Rev Simon Fellows	Secretary/Grant Officer	04/08/2022	
4	Martha Kateme M.A	Project Coordinator	04/08/2022	
5	Alastair Keith Dowell	Treasurer	04/08/2022	
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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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 13 Jun 2022
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing trustees

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.

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

The objectives of TOUCEO are:

The relief of poverty, advancement of education and preservation and protection of health of children and young people living in Uganda by the provision of goods and services as the trustees determine.

TOUCEO's Full Registration with the Charity Commission

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, TOUCEO achieved a significant milestone by obtaining full registration under the Charity Commission. This formal recognition solidified our commitment to serving the community and allowed us to operate as an official charitable organization.

Building the Foundation and Streamlining Objectives

Throughout the year, our primary focus was on laying the groundwork for TOUCEO. We meticulously crafted our organizational foundation, aligning our efforts with our long-term vision.

Key highlights include:

Trustees' Roles Defined: We formulated clear roles for our trustees in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines. These roles included the chair, secretary, treasurer, communication manager, and project coordinator. By doing so, we aimed to enhance productivity and ensure effective governance.

Departmental Teams: Smaller teams were established, led by departmental heads. These teams deliberated on strategies to propel TOUCEO forward, ensuring that our mission and objectives remained at the forefront.

The TOUCEO Website and social media platform

Our website, www.touceo.org, became a vital platform for sharing our mission and engaging with stakeholders. Here is how we achieved this:

During this fiscal year (2022-2023), our communications manager successfully created social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. These platforms are gradually attracting followers, and our plan is to continue using them to raise awareness about our organization.

One of our trustees played a crucial role in developing the TOUCEO website. Working closely with all trustees, we gathered essential information to ensure that the website now clearly reflects our vision, mission, and objectives.

Additionally, we conducted thorough research and acquired essential tools. These included Microsoft 365, Canvas, Google Workspace, Instagram, and Facebook. By leveraging these authentic yet free resources, we are positioning ourselves to efficiently overcome future challenges.

Empowering the Ugandan Team

Given our focus on serving underprivileged children and youth in Uganda, we established a dedicated team of volunteers on the ground. Here is how this initiative unfolded:

Local Expertise: Some of our trustees were already familiar with Uganda and had existing connections. Leveraging their knowledge, we identified committed and qualified individuals who shared our passion. These individuals possessed the necessary experience to serve the communities effectively.

Country Director and Volunteers: Under the leadership of our appointed country director, we recruited additional volunteers. Together, they are implementing TOUCEO's mission, making a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve.

Child Sponsorship: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

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)

Child sponsorship emerged as our flagship project, and it was meticulously planned and executed.

Taking Children Beyond Their Community to break the cycle of poverty, we knew children needed exposure beyond their immediate surroundings.

Here is how we approached it:

We engaged in intensive discussions to design an approach that would truly make a difference. Unlike conventional child sponsorship programs, we recognized that systemic poverty required a unique solution.

Child sponsorship is more than financial assistance; it's a lifeline. Sponsors form meaningful connections with children, providing emotional support alongside essential resources. Together, we break barriers, ensuring these young minds reach their full potential.

Since our inception, TOUCEO has successfully matched sponsors with three deserving children, empowering them to pursue education and thrive.

Our decision to place them in boarding schools—away from potential distractions—aimed to broaden their horizons, expose them to diverse perspectives, and empower them with education.

TOUCEO's team regularly visits pupils in their enrolled schools. We monitor academic performance, consult with teachers about attendance, and track progress. Our commitment extends beyond sponsorship—it's about nurturing futures.

Our sponsored children are thriving academically, showing improved self-esteem, and demonstrating resilience. Some are even advancing to secondary school—a testament to the effectiveness of our approach.

However, there are still twenty more identified children awaiting sponsorship.

As we move forward, let us continue this transformative journey, knowing that every child we empower contributes to a brighter, more equitable world. Thank you to all the sponsors.

TOUCEO Annual Christmas Party:

The Kids Christmas Party organized by TOUCEO in Nenkwenji Village, Zeu Sub-County, Zombo District, in 2022 was not just a festive event but a meaningful gathering that aligned with the organization's mission and objectives. Here's why it was such a joyous and successful occasion:

Celebrating Family and Community: The primary objective of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ as a family underscores the importance of togetherness and unity within the community. By bringing together children and families from diverse backgrounds, the event promoted a sense of belonging and solidarity.

Providing a Festive Experience: The party provided a joyful and festive experience for children and their families, offering a break from their daily routines and hardships. Through activities like music and dance performances, gift sharing, and delightful moments, TOUCEO created an atmosphere of happiness and celebration.

Fostering Community Spirit: By inviting guests such as the Sub-county Chief, Clan Cultural Leaders, Local Chairpersons, and School Teachers, TOUCEO strengthened ties with the broader community. This helped foster a sense of community spirit and collaboration in promoting the well-being of underprivileged children.

Inclusive Participation: The event welcomed children of different religious backgrounds, ensuring inclusivity and respect for diversity. This reflects TOUCEO's commitment to providing equal opportunities for all children, regardless of their beliefs or backgrounds.

Overall, the Kids Christmas Party organized by TOUCEO was not just a moment of celebration but a reflection of the organization's dedication to empowering underprivileged children, building community resilience, and spreading joy and hope during the festive season.

TOUCEO football team:

The establishment of TOUCEO's football team serves as a pivotal initiative in fostering empowerment and positive change among underprivileged youth. Aligned with TOUCEO's mission to provide educational opportunities through education, health, and vocation, the football team initiative embodies the organization's commitment to holistic development.

Sport, particularly football, is recognized as a powerful tool for promoting teamwork, physical health, and emotional well-being among children and youth.

The football team serves as a platform for nurturing talent, building camaraderie, and instilling essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience. Through participation in training sessions and competitive matches, the youth develop confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging, empowering them to overcome socio-economic challenges and pursue their aspirations.

Moreover, the football team initiative extends beyond the individual participants, engaging parents, and the broader community in supporting children's education and personal development. By utilizing sports as a vehicle for social engagement and community involvement, TOUCEO fosters a culture of learning, cooperation, and mutual support, thereby promoting sustainable change and empowerment among underprivileged children and youth.

In essence, TOUCEO's football team exemplifies the organization's innovative approach to empowerment, utilizing sports as a catalyst for positive transformation, educational advancement, and community development. TOUCEO continues to inspire and uplift underprivileged children and youth, equipping them with the tools and opportunities needed to thrive and succeed in life.

TOUCEO's commitment to youth empowerment extended to sports, particularly football. Here is how we made an impact:

Chair's Involvement: Even before TOUCEO's formal registration, our chair was actively engaged in empowering Ugandan youth through football. He secured football jerseys and boots from Everton FC, which he generously donated to a local team.

Football Becomes a TOUCEO Project: Recognizing the potential of this initiative, the TOUCEO leadership team on the ground took ownership of the football team. We integrated it into our projects, leveraging football as a vehicle for positive change.

Local Tournaments: Under the TOUCEO umbrella, the local football team now participates in community tournaments. Through sports, we foster teamwork, discipline, and community spirit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

TOUCEO Grantmaking Financial Policy

TOUCEO is committed to providing educational opportunities for underprivileged children and youth living in poverty across some of the world's most disadvantaged regions. Effective financial management is essential to achieve this goal. Here are the key components of TOUCEO's grant making financial policy:

Financial Objectives:

TOUCEO sets clear financial objectives aligned with its mission.

These objectives guide resource allocation and decision-making related to grant making.

TOUCEO actively plans and secures funds to support its initiatives.

Fundraising efforts, grants, donations, and partnerships play a vital role in sustaining TOUCEO's grant making activities.

Effective Fund Management:

Transparency and accountability are paramount.

Regular monitoring ensures that grant funds are utilized efficiently and transparently.

Strategic Formulation:

TOUCEO develops grant making strategies that align with its mission.

These strategies consider the specific needs of underprivileged children and prioritize impactful interventions.

Planning and Control:

Detailed planning ensures effective resource utilization.

Controls are in place to prevent misuse or mismanagement of grant funds.

Decision-Making Process:

Grant decisions are made based on data, impact assessment, and alignment with TOUCEO's goals.

The Board of Trustees plays a crucial role in approving what kind of grants that we can apply for.

Resource Optimization:

TOUCEO maximizes the use of available resources to benefit underprivileged children. Efficiency and effectiveness are key considerations.

Transparency and Reporting:

TOUCEO communicates grant-related financial information to external stakeholders. Transparency builds trust and fosters donor confidence.

Safeguarding Assets:

Measures are in place to protect grant assets. Responsible handling of funds ensures the sustainability of grant programs.

By adhering to this grant making policy, TOUCEO ensures that every grant received contributes to empowering underprivileged children and youth breaking the cycle of poverty.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Full Charity Registration:

TOUCEO's official recognition by the Charity Commission marked a pivotal. It affirmed our commitment to community service and provided a solid foundation for our endeavours.

Trustees' Roles Defined:

Our trustees assumed specific roles—chair, secretary, treasurer, communication manager, and project coordinator. These well-defined roles streamlined decision-making and ensured effective governance.

In addition to the roles held by our trustees, the Ugandan team, under the capable leadership of our Country Director, also played crucial roles within TOUCEO. We established specific positions and nominated individuals to fill them. These roles included health coordinator, community mobilizer, education coordinator, communications coordinator, deputy director for program and finance controller. Their dedication and diverse expertise contributed significantly to our mission's success. Together, we forged a path toward positive change, ensuring that every role mattered in our transformative journey.

Child Sponsorship:

Our innovative approach went beyond conventional child sponsorship. Placing children in boarding schools allowed them to break free from systemic poverty. The results were remarkable: improved academic performance, enhanced self-esteem, and some advancing to secondary school.

Football Empowerment:

The local football team, equipped with Everton FC gear, became a TOUCEO project. Beyond sports, this initiative instilled discipline, teamwork, and community spirit among youth.

Digital Presence:

Our website, www.touceo.org, now serves as a platform for sharing our vision, mission, and impact stories. It's where hope finds expression and stakeholders engage.

Ugandan Team:

TOUCEO's dedicated team in Uganda actively monitors, research, engages with beneficiaries, advice, implement, and ensures that our initiatives create lasting change on the ground.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**Statement on Reserves Policy:**

TOUCEO adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Charity Commission regarding reserves management. Our reserves policy is designed to ensure the long-term sustainability and resilience of our organization while effectively fulfilling our charitable objectives.

Key principles of our reserves policy include:

Prudent Financial Management: We maintain reserves at a level deemed necessary to mitigate financial risks and uncertainties, ensuring the continuity of our operations and the fulfilment of our mission in both the short and long term.

Alignment with Charitable Purposes:

Reserves are allocated and managed in a manner consistent with our charitable objectives, prioritizing the delivery of essential services and programs to underprivileged children and youth in line with our mission.

Transparency and Accountability:

TOUCEO is committed to transparency in reserves management, providing clear and comprehensive reporting to stakeholders on the purpose, size, and utilization of reserves. We uphold high standards of governance and accountability in all financial matters.

Risk Management:

Reserves are utilized to manage financial risks and unexpected challenges that may arise, such as economic downturns, funding fluctuations, or unforeseen operational expenses. We conduct regular risk assessments to inform reserve allocation decisions.

Strategic Planning:

Our reserves policy is integrated into our strategic planning process, ensuring that reserves are allocated strategically to support organizational growth, sustainability, and resilience while remaining responsive to changing circumstances and emerging needs.

Overall, TOUCEO is committed to maintaining reserves in a responsible and prudent manner, in accordance with regulatory requirements and best practices in the charitable sector. Our reserves policy reflects our dedication to financial stewardship, mission effectiveness, and the long-term impact of our work in empowering underprivileged children and youth.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)****Financial Statement**

In the first year of operation of TOUCEO the majority of the income and expenditure related to child sponsorship for three children from individual sponsors. Other donations were received following an appeal to supporters to provide a Christmas party for children connected to TOUCEO through its projects.

Cash funds brought forward from 2021-2022 was £541

Total income for 2022-2023 was £1320 and expenditure was £1245.

Therefore, there is a credit balance of £616 brought forward to 2023-2024.

For this first year of operation TOUCEO has not had a bank account, therefore income and expenditure have been limited as funding has been limited to donations from supporters and child sponsorship. Several applications for bank accounts have been made and eventually in January 2024 TOUCEO was successful in opening a bank account in the UK. This should make fund raising easier and make grant applications possible.

During the next financial period TOUCEO will be registered with HMRC to enable gift aid to be claimed on qualifying donations in the UK.

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.

Principal Sources of Funds:

TOUCEO relies on various sources of funding to support its mission of providing underprivileged children with educational opportunities. Our primary sources of funds include:

Individual and organisation donations:

The generous giving of individuals and support from established organisations and businesses have been significant contributors to TOUCEO's financial resources. These donations, although not substantial, have played a crucial role in sustaining our operations and programs.

Child Sponsorship Programs: Child sponsorship has emerged as the most frequent and reliable source of finance for TOUCEO in this fiscal year. Through this program, individuals and organizations commit to providing financial support for the educational needs of sponsored children. These funds directly contribute to covering school fees, supplies, uniforms, and other essential educational expenses for underprivileged children.

Fundraising Activities: TOUCEO intends to conduct fundraising activities that would be organized by dedicated individuals within the community. These initiatives, led by passionate supporters of our cause, help raise additional funds to support our programs and expand our reach.

Grant Applications: In line with our strategic goals, TOUCEO aims to diversify its funding sources by actively pursuing grant opportunities and engage in crowdfunding for particular projects. In the upcoming financial year, we intend to allocate resources and efforts towards submitting grant applications to secure funding from governmental, institutional, and philanthropic sources.

Expenditure in Support of Key Objectives:

TOUCEO's expenditure is meticulously allocated to fulfil our core objectives, which include the relief of poverty, advancement of education, and preservation and protection of the health of children and young people.

Educational Support: Most of our expenditure provides educational support to underprivileged children and youth. This includes covering school fees, purchasing educational materials, uniforms, and facilitating access to quality education through various initiatives such as after-school programs, tutoring, preservation of the environment leadership training, and vocational training projects.

Healthcare Initiatives: A portion of our funds will be allocated towards preserving and protecting the health of children and young people. This encompasses initiatives such as providing access to healthcare services, immunizations, nutrition programs, and promoting hygiene and sanitation practices to improve overall health outcomes.

Poverty Alleviation Programs: TOUCEO utilizes its resources to implement poverty alleviation programs aimed at addressing the root causes of systemic poverty. These programs may include livelihood support, skills development training, community empowerment initiatives, and social welfare interventions to uplift the socio-economic status of vulnerable families and communities.

Administrative and Operational Costs: To ensure efficient and effective delivery of our programs, a 5% of our expenditure would be allocated towards administrative and operational costs. These may include staff salaries, office rent, utilities, transportation, and other overhead expenses necessary for the smooth functioning of the organization.

In summary, TOUCEO remains committed to transparently managing its finances and ensuring that every pound spent contributes to making a meaningful impact in the lives of underprivileged children and youth. Through prudent financial management and strategic resource allocation, we strive to achieve our mission of breaking the vicious cycle of systemic poverty and empowering future generations through education.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	kisa	
Full name(s)	Rev Robert Kisa	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair Board of Trustees	
Date	16 Feb 2024	

