



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17**



# Welcome!

2016 was a year of significant challenges for the beneficiaries and staff of the Kindu Trust with unrest in some areas of Ethiopia, but we have been inspired and encouraged by the way in which these difficulties were faced and have been able to not only continue activities but even slightly grow all our core activities.

In April two of our sponsored families were affected by a fire that burnt down many homes but thanks in part to the donations raised by Kindu Trust supporters over 30 houses have been rebuilt and our two sponsored families have been rehomed.

We have also expanded our community development programmes, establishing a girls' football team alongside our existing boys' football team.

We hope you will enjoy reading about what our amazing team have achieved this year with your support and we thank you for being a vital part in this important work.

*With best wishes, The Kindu Trust*

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**THE KINDU TRUST'S VISION IS AN ETHIOPIA IN WHICH EVERY CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE, AND WHERE FAMILIES ARE EMPOWERED TO BE SELF-RELIANT.**

# THIS YEAR AT A GLANCE

**350**

children received support through  
the sponsorship programme

**30**

families were rehomed  
through the Kindu Trust's  
housing construction



**155**

families  
received medical support




**11**

young adults graduated from vocational  
training college or university



**£128,724**  
our UK income

 **93** children  
received hot meals every  
week

**92**

special gifts were made by sponsors to improve the wellbeing of families through home improvements, training courses, business loans and food parcels.

**100%** of sponsored

children taking national exams passed successfully and moved on to the next stage of their education



# CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Our Child Sponsorship Programme exists to help children from disadvantaged backgrounds overcome obstacles to education. We want to be sure that all children can go to school, that they have the right school books and stationery as well as food in their bellies and a roof over their head. The Child Sponsorship Programme operates on a one-to-one basis, where a sponsor is linked directly to one child and their family. In this way, many of our supporters take a proactive attitude to their family's development and have been able to witness the positive changes that their support has made in the life of their sponsored child over time.



**350** children's educations were supported through sponsorship.

**59** young people went to university or college.

**155** families received medical support.



We have been supporting children through education for over 17 years and our current sponsorship model has been honed over this time to ensure we are meeting their needs best. Our model does this by providing support in the following areas:

#### **DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

This support is given directly to the child's guardian to enable them to create a home environment that ensures the child's wellbeing.

#### **SCHOOL RESOURCES**

This provides a school uniform, exercise books and pens at the start of each school year. Education is free, but children must have a uniform to attend and books to make notes, which are unaffordable for many.

#### **TRAINING FUND**

This fund covers the cost of vocational training courses, sponsored children can apply to this fund if they choose that direction for higher education.

#### **MEDICAL FUND**

This covers the cost of healthcare for the whole household, supporting any of the family members to visit a doctor or buy medication.

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The welfare and educational progress of each child is monitored by our experienced staff through home visits and extra support when needed.

**“IF THE KINDU TRUST HAD NOT SUPPORTED ME THROUGH MY EDUCATION, NO ONE ELSE WOULD HAVE DONE SO. I CAN'T EXPLAIN THE WAY THEY HAVE HELPED ME TO CHANGE MY LIFE. IF I HAD NOT HAD SUPPORT FROM THEM MY LIFE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LIKE THIS. THE KINDU TRUST IS THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE.”**

**ASHAGERU, NURSE AND FORMER SPONSORED CHILD**

# SPONSORSHIP: FROM NURSERY TO COLLEGE

Teseme is 22 and he is in his second year at Technical College studying a Tourism Management course.

Growing up, Teseme never knew his father who was a soldier in the Ethiopian army. Sadly, his mother died when he was only in grade three at school. After she passed away, Teseme's mother's relatives came to Gondar and took him back to the rural area that his mother was originally from.

No more than a year later Teseme ran away and returned to Gondar where he lived as a beggar and became very unwell. A passer-by noticed Teseme in the street and gave him money, advising him to go to the hospital for help. Teseme made it to the health centre where a doctor found him lying on the floor. Learning that he had no parents or home, she helped him, buying medicine and food and checking in on him as got better. Once he was better the doctor brought him to Kate, founder of the Kindu Trust, and asked her to help. The Kindu Trust has supported Teseme through his education ever since.

Unfortunately, in February 2015 Teseme's sponsor was unable to continue his sponsorship. Once the Kindu Trust begins sponsoring a child, we are committed to helping that child achieve their complete academic potential.



(Above) Teseme picks a blanket his sponsor has gifted.



Teseme had only just started his first year at college. As such, he became a priority for new sponsorship.

We were very lucky to be contacted by a supporter who had heard that we were in need of sponsors for older children who had to complete their higher education. She promised to fundraise £100 to help Teseme stay in education. Using eBay, the sponsor sold unwanted and donated items online to generate the sponsorship funds. Several hundred pounds, some new bedding, and one year later the sponsor had raised enough money to ensure Teseme's sponsorship would continue until the end of his course.

As well as studying, Teseme can now often be found at the Kindu Klub where he volunteers to help younger sponsored children learn and practice their English. The sponsor who supported Teseme has gone on to support another two other students to complete their higher education courses and is now sponsoring a young girl through her early education too!



**THE KINDU TRUST IS  
CURRENTLY SUPPORTING  
59 YOUNG PEOPLE IN  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR  
AT UNIVERSITY.**

Teseme gives an English lesson with a volunteer at Kindu Klub

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

## KINDU KLUB

The Kindu Klub is an academic and recreational resource for sponsored children and their siblings to support children to remain in education despite difficult personal circumstances. The Kindu Klub provides educational support through its library facilities, classes and extra-curricular activities.



Many of the children that the Kindu Trust supports face additional difficulties in school due to their poverty status, HIV status, health issues or because they have lost their parents. Children with guardians tend to struggle at school and with homework as guardians are often illiterate. With proper support and a complete education these children have a much greater chance of employment in later life.

## PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup provides a space for early childhood development for sponsored children whose guardians would not otherwise have access to these services. The Playgroup gives a child the optimum chance of success by engaging in literacy and numeracy games from a young age, and through teaching guardians about the importance of good nutrition and hygiene practices.



In addition to education, the Kindu Klub and Playgroup provide hot meals to children each day with a balance of vegetables and protein vital to their healthy growth and development. The groups also serve a simple, but valuable function as a safe space to play, and provide fun and educational toys, which are not otherwise easily accessible to disadvantaged children.

Both children's groups have a dedicated youth worker who works with the children (and guardians in the Playgroup) to organise activities, assist with their particular educational needs and be an extra point of support for the sponsored families

**93** children received hot meals at the clubs every week

**24** children used the library each week

**60** children got extra school support every week

**31** toddlers had baths with fresh water, soap and clean towels



# GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



We were very excited this year to set up Gondar's first girls' football team. The project involves 20 girls aged between 12 and 16 from disadvantaged backgrounds who have little access to social growth activities.

Happily, school enrolment rates for boys and girls in primary and secondary school are largely equal in cities, such as Gondar, in Ethiopia. However, our work with communities shows that when school is done, girls carry the burden of the housework - cooking, cleaning, fetching water and firewood are seen as girls' jobs, while boys have free time. Girls are also generally accorded less independence as there is a greater fear for their safety. This means that girls are often kept at home without access to outdoor, group play, after-school education, or sports clubs while boys are given greater freedom.

This football team, which builds on our experience supporting a boys' football team for the past 5 years, will be the first time many of these girls will have benefited from materials, time and resources dedicated to their wellbeing and

happiness. Playing in flip-flops was just the first hurdle! Now they each own a pair of football shoes. The team has a female football coach who holds training sessions with them twice a week. Each training session is followed by a shower with soap, a hot meal and water. These may seem like common things to us but a shower and soap is not frequently available to these girls and the meal will provide valuable protein after the exercise.

We are hopeful that this project will help teach the girls teamwork, leadership skills and build their social and support network, as well as encouraging sport as a healthy activity both physically and mentally.





# FIRE RECONSTRUCTION



Above: Ahmed and his sister at the burnt site. Below: Seyda's family in the tent providing temporary shelter.



In April 2016 many residents in Gondar were left devastated by a fire that burnt down houses in a poor community near the market area. 165 homes were destroyed and families had to leave all their possessions behind. Two of the Kindu Trust's sponsored families were affected, Ahmed and Seyda, who can be seen in the photos on these pages.

The Kindu Trust team arrived at the site quickly when informed and brought clothes which had been donated to us to distribute among the families, who were then living in a shared tent.

The Kindu Trust held an emergency appeal to raise money to build new home homes. We were are delighted and so grateful to raise £6,500! Soon after re-construction began the local authority ran into a funding shortage; it is only thanks to the donations raised by Kindu Trust supporters that building could continue. Construction of the houses has been ongoing ever since and over 30 houses have already been built.

These were prioritised for the elderly and the disabled, and our two sponsored families have now been rehomed. We gave furniture including beds and wardrobes to the families from the Kindu Trust's volunteer flat and had enough money from the donations to install taps in the homes of both families.





**KINDU TRUST SUPPORTERS RAISED £6,500 FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE FIRE**



Top left: Seyda stands by the new houses in process of construction. Top right: Seyda with her mother in their new home with the donated furniture. Bottom left: Ahmed's mother with their new water tap. Bottom right: Ahmed's family in their new home. **12**

# OUR TEAM



## SPONSORSHIP



Marta Bekele,  
Manager



Aster Molla,  
Coordinator



Sitotaw Ambachew,  
Coordinator

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Zemene  
Mersha,  
Project  
Manager



Selamawit  
Abebe,  
Kindu Klub  
Youth  
Worker



Chekula  
Gebre-  
Egzabier,  
Playgroup  
Youth  
Worker



Wubit  
Molla,  
Cook



Askalech  
Astatkie,  
Cook



Abebech  
Mequanent,  
Cleaner



Wagnew  
Shumeye,  
Guard



Abate Taye,  
Guard

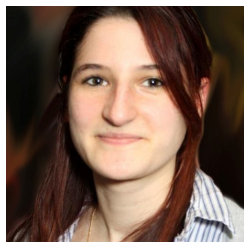


Abebe  
Dinku,  
Gardener





# UNITED KINGDOM



Caroline Walker,  
Kindu UK Manager

The Kindu Trust employs Ethiopian staff for our Ethiopian projects. We keep our overheads to a minimum with one part-time member of staff in the UK. Caroline liaises with supporters, oversees project implementation and fundraises for our Ethiopian activities.

The Kindu Trust is a UK registered charity and has a trustee board who support and oversee the charity's work and fundraising.

## TRUSTEES

Pete Belfield, Chair

Melaku Getachew (until April 17)

Jack Sharville, Treasurer

Gabriella Otty

Ashley England

Elizabeth Gezahegn King (from April 17)

## HONORARY PRESIDENT

Kate Fereday Eshete



Kate is the founder of the Kindu Trust. Now living in the foothills of the Simien Mountains, she no longer manages the day-to-day running of the Kindu Trust. She continues to promote our work through her role as Honorary President and continues to support children's education in Ethiopia through her school, Empress Mentaweb, which she runs for children local to the rural area in which she now lives.

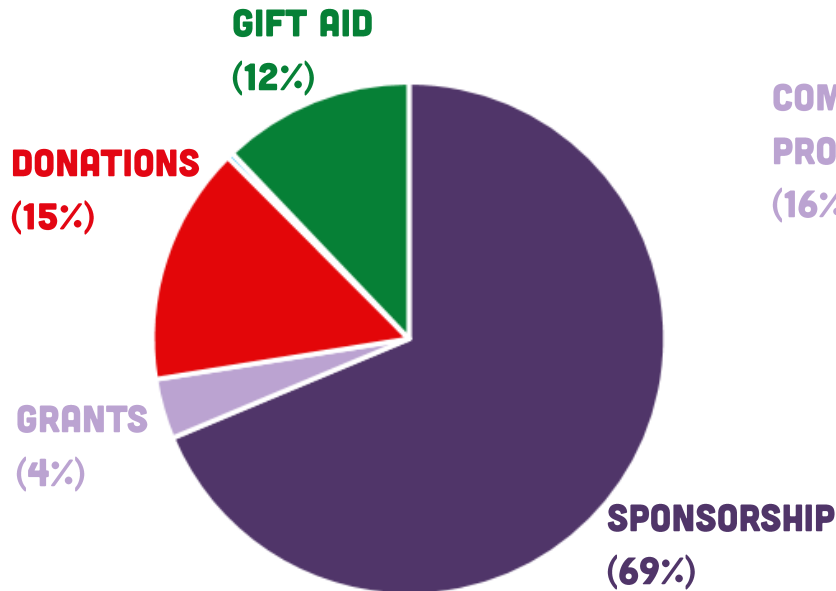
You can follow what Kate's doing through her website: [www.kateferedayeshete.net](http://www.kateferedayeshete.net)

# 2016-17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2017 Total		2016 Total
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
Sponsorship	-	88,407	88,407		89,839
Projects	-	4,882	4,882		8,524
<b>Income from generating funds</b>					
Voluntary income	12,651	6,722	19,373		22,419
Merchandise	168	302	470		260
Interest	5	-	5		4
Gift Aid	15,588	-	15,588		16,909
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,412</b>	<b>100,312</b>	<b>128,724</b>		<b>137,955</b>

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	2017 Total		2016 Total
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
Sponsorship	14,313	94,794	109,108		93,332
Projects	6,606	14,838	21,444		11,664
Grants	141	-	141		200
<b>Expenditure on generating funds</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2,937</b>		<b>2,592</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,056</b>	<b>110,574</b>	<b>133,630</b>		<b>107,788</b>
Net Income	5,355	- 10,262	- 4,906		30,168
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>13,974</b>	<b>37,405</b>	<b>51,379</b>		<b>21,211</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>19,329</b>	<b>27,143</b>	<b>46,472</b>		<b>51,379</b>

# INCOME



# EXPENDITURE



# BALANCE SHEET

	2017	2016
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	7,546	5,873
Cash at bank and in hand	38,925	46,650
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors	-	1,147
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>46,471</b>	<b>51,377</b>

Funds	2017	2016
Unrestricted funds	19,329	13,974
Restricted funds	27,143	37,405
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,472</b>	<b>51,379</b>





# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The principal accounting policies, all of which have applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below. Where a change of accounting policy or treatment has occurred, the prior year figures have been adjusted to reflect the new treatment.

a) **Basis of Accounting** The financial statements are prepared using the historical cost convention and are in accordance with trust law, applicable accounting standards, and the Statement of Recommended Practice, “Accounting and Reporting by Charities”, issued in March 2005, as amended.

b) **Fund Accounting** Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of any of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose and the restriction means that the funds can only be used for specific projects or activities.

c) **Income** Represents the amounts donated in cash. The Charity’s unrestricted fund consists of funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes.

d) **Foreign Currencies** Transactions in foreign currencies are recognised at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. The Charity makes monthly payments in Sterling to Ethiopia which has a closed currency, the Birr. The Charity does not own any non-monetary assets abroad.

e) **Trustee’s Remuneration and Expenses** No remuneration was paid by the Charity to any of the Trustees for their services during the year. Trustees may receive out-of-pocket expenses.

f) **Taxation Irrecoverable** VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I, Steven Hendy, report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2017, which are set out on page 15 to 17 with Notes to the Accounts on page 18.

## **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) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under the section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act and; to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of the 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 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 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 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Steven Hendy, c/o 80 Strand, London, WC2R 0RL

Date: 30 January 2017

The trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report and Accounts, including notes.  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by Jack Sharville and Pete Belfield.

# THANK YOU!

**None of the work in this report would be possible without you!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every sponsor, supporter, foundation and community group who have supported the work of the Kindu Trust this year.

The generosity of people such as yourselves from all over the world mean that we are able to continue supporting children in Ethiopia to achieve their educational potential, and to help parents work towards financial stability and independence for their families.

**Thank you sincerely for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.**

To find out more about the Kindu Trust and how you can **Sponsor** or **Donate**, please visit our web page:  
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