



Annual Report 2015-16

Our Vision:

Our vision is of an Ethiopia in which every child has the opportunity to fulfil their full potential through access to education and healthcare and where families are empowered to be self-reliant.

Our Mission:

To create an environment in which children can be healthy, go to school and work towards a brighter future.



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Welcome!

In 2015 the Kindu Trust has continued our core work supporting more children through sponsorship than ever, we had increasing numbers of young adults going onto vocational training courses and even graduating from university. The Kindu Trust has been operating in Gondar for over 15 years and we now have the joy of seeing many of the children that we started supporting as young children, through the completion of their education and onto jobs and financial independence.

We also continue to grow and in 2015 we have been developing our programmes, learning from our past projects and developing ideas to best meet the needs of the children. We have evaluated our first ever girl's educational support project and established a Women's Steering Committee to explore the obstacles girls face and solutions we could provide. We are also very happy to have been able to increase our Vocational Training; enabling more young people to train for a skilled profession.

2015 has also seen some change with both our Ethiopian and UK offices moving. We are pleased to have moved in with our sister organisation, Link Ethiopia, and look forward to working with them more closely. In the UK, we continue to share offices with Link Ethiopia, now based in Finsbury Park, London.

Finally, we are very pleased to have a video which transports viewers to Ethiopia and shows exactly how the Kindu Trust's programmes are having an impact on the lives of the children we support. Check it out on our website and follow us on social media to keep up to date with our work!

We hope you will enjoy reading about all we have achieved with your support over the past year and thank you for helping us to continue our mission!

With best wishes, The Kindu Trust



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This Year at a Glance

★ 345 children receiving sponsorship support and accessing education

★ 58 sponsored young people went to university or college

★ 5 volunteers participated in our Volunteer Ethiopia Programme

★ £135,987 UK income

Child Sponsorship Programme

Our child sponsorship programme links children from disadvantaged families in Ethiopia with international supporters. The sponsorship is one-to-one, building an international bond and creating an environment which improves wellbeing and enables children to go to school and improve their opportunities in the future.

The programme makes this possible by using sponsorship in the following ways:

Direct Financial Support is given to the mother or guardian of the child each month to purchase essential items such as food, water, fuel and to pay rent.

School Resources; education at state schools in Ethiopia is free, but children must provide their own uniform, books and pens. This cost is beyond many families' means so sponsorship includes a set of school materials at the beginning of the year.

Medical Fund covers the costs of visiting a doctor or buying medication for the sponsored child and any household members if they are unwell.

Training Fund; University places in Ethiopia are highly competitive, and not all sponsored children will achieve high enough grades to be able to attend. The Training Fund contributes to the costs of vocational and night school courses for a number of sponsored young people.

Project Management covers the costs of regular home welfare visits, ongoing in-country support for the sponsored families and annual updates to sponsors.



Children write messages to their sponsors for the annual update

Our Impact

- ★ 345 children received sponsorship support and had access to education
- ★ 147 families received medical support
- ★ 18 sponsored young people went to university
- ★ 40 sponsored young people attended vocational training or extension classes
- ★ 6 Sponsored young people graduated from higher education
- ★ 35 families received support for home improvements

More Young Adults Benefit from Training Fund



Students learn cookery as part of their Tourism training course.

Vocational and higher education training has long been an important part of Kindu Trust's sponsorship model. The sponsorship programme aims to support disadvantaged children reach their full potential in education. For some children or young adults, rather than university, this can mean learning a skill or taking university extension classes.

We were delighted this year to receive support to boost our Training Fund thanks to the Irish Ethiopia Friendship Association, supporting even more children through training.

In 2014-15 we supported 40 young adults on vocational training courses. Many undertook courses in electric installation, construction management, tourism or textiles and will graduate, fully skilled and with a diploma qualification, in 2 or 3 years!

Community Development Programmes

The Kindu Klub and Playgroup



Many of the children that the Kindu Trust works with are unable to reach their full potential in education as a result of their families' poverty status, HIV status, health issues or because they've lost their parents. Many parents are illiterate and so unable to help their children with school work. It is also normal for children to take on household chores or small jobs, depriving them of study or play time, in order to contribute to

the household. The combination of these pressures make the children more likely to drop out of school, thereby continuing the cycle of poverty for the next generation.

The Kindu Klub and Playgroup were established to break this cycle by offering the children academic, social and emotional support and providing them with the necessary support to remain in education. Each club has a dedicated Youth Worker to run activities and support the children. The sessions run twice a day and each child is given a hot, nutritious meal when they attend.

The Kindu Klub is equipped with 3 computers, 2 tablets and a library with a range of fiction and educational books. Lessons are held in IT and English, children can bring homework to the sessions for support and the library is open to children anytime. The Kindu Klub is also a place for fun! Games are played at the beginning of each session, donated items mean arts and craft sessions for the children, and every Friday the whole Klub plays football at the local field.



This year volunteers from New Zealand helped the Kindu Klub settle into their new accommodation building bookshelves as well as a whole new Kindu Playgroup space in the courtyard!

The Playgroup is a space for younger children aged 1-6 and creates a fun and safe space to play with access to a range of toys and games.

The Youth Worker speaks to the mothers and guardians who attend with their children to teach good sanitation and nutritional practice. The toddlers also benefit from a weekly bath with soap and clean towels provided!

Funding of these clubs is covered through donations, not sponsorship money.



On average every week ...

- ★ 107 children received hot, nutritionally balanced meals
- ★ 69 children received educational support
- ★ 20 children used the library
- ★ 19 children came together to play football on Friday
- ★ 37 toddlers took a bath with soap and fresh towels

Kindu Klub School Trip: Do Go Chasing Waterfalls!

At the Kindu Trust we believe that development is about more than just meeting the basic needs of families. Improving quality of life is just as vital.

It is a sad fact that visitors living in other continents are more likely to see the many fantastic sites of Ethiopia than the children who actually live here. When we realised that the majority of the sponsored children and their siblings had never been outside of Gondar we thought it was important to take them on trips and show them the wonders of the country.

Thanks to our supporters we have been able to take the children that attend Kindu Klub on a number of 'school trips' and in August 2015 we took them to see the Blue Nile Falls.



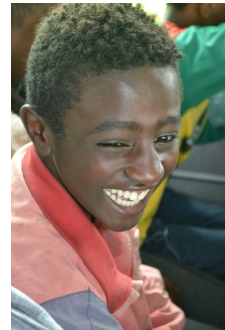
We took 100 children to visit the impressive falls, also known as Tis Isat (Smoking Water). The falls are one of Ethiopia's most famous tourist destinations so spirits were high as everyone filled the two buses hired for the day trip.

We planned the trip for rainy season, to see the waterfall at it's peak time, and we were lucky that it fell on a clear, sunny day. After a breakfast on the bus and another snack to boost their energy, the children set off on the exciting walk to the waterfall. We were accompanied by a guide who taught the children about the history of the area, the buildings and the two bridges which lead to the waterfall.

The children loved the trip, crossing the thrilling suspension bridge to reach the waterfall, viewing the stunning scene and taking photos to show family later. We were able to squeeze in the treat of a restaurant dinner at Bahir Dar before the return bus journey home.

Thanks to further funding we were also able to take the children from the Playgroup, too young for big trips, to visit Fasil Ghebbi, a royal enclosure that contains the remains of a fortress-city within Gondar, and one of Gondar's most popular tourist sites!

These trips were entirely funded by donations.



Expanding our Biogas Sanitation Facilities

In 2013 the Kindu completed our first Biogas Community Sanitation project; an innovative programme which provided latrine and shower facilities to a community and trialed an innovative sustainability solution; building a biogas digester which uses waste from the latrines to provide gas for an attached community kitchen and slurry for fertiliser. This year we were delighted to receive funding from Partenaires Association to extend the biogas facility construction to two further areas suffering with extremely poor sanitation facilities.

The new facilities will replicate the last, including showers, toilets and a kitchen. One of the facilities is based near the busy market area of Gondar and will generate income through the use of latrines and showers, for a fee decided by the local committee of residents. Another area is on the outskirts of Gondar in a forested area and local authorities in this area have donated a piece of land for farming. Residents here will be able to farm flowers, fruits and vegetables using the fertilising slurry that is an output of the biogas digester. Income from this will fund the water supply, upkeep and guard and cleaner's salaries for the facilities. We anticipate that construction will be complete and the facilities will enter into public use in 2016!

Income Generating Bakery Scheme Turning a Profit

In 2014 the The Kindu Trust and Meketa bakery opened doors for business. The bakery had a bumpy start due to flour shortages, power cuts and some staff changes but began making money and providing an income for over 5 Kindu Trust and Meketa parents from May 2015. The bakery staff have now settled in, refined baking techniques and have been setting up connections for new business in the local area. Well ahead of targets, the bakery cooperative started repayments on the loan in 2015 and will eventually own the business themselves. Loan payments will be reinvested in further income generation schemes.



Helping Girls Achieve their Educational Potential

Ethiopia has made great strides over past decades to improve access to education for all. However access to education for disadvantaged children can be a challenge. While poverty is a condition that does not discriminate, it often has greater consequences for girls whose value may be rated differently to that of male siblings. Today, as many girls as boys are enrolled at primary school but at secondary school, for every 100 boys enrolled, there are only 77 girls.

Last year the Kindu Trust started a Girls' Education Project to try and tackle this. With funding from the Irish Ethiopia Friendship Association, the project provided 44 girls at risk of dropping out of school, extra educational support in English and IT, access to educational resources and awareness sessions about the value of education for all. Nearly half the girls involved in the project achieved higher grades than the year before on all subjects and **62% of the girls improved their grades in English** with **two girls achieving a 50% higher result than the year before.**

Following feedback from the project, we wanted to further our understanding of the obstacles that girls face in secondary education and solutions to help overcome these. In 2015, working with our partner charity, Link Ethiopia, we established a Women's Steering Committee to discuss these issues, share their experience and propose solutions. The Committee was selected to involve Ethiopian women working in various aspects of girls' education, support and women's empowerment. It includes our Sponsorship Manager, Link Ethiopia's Regional Manager, Director of a local Women's Cooperative, the Women's Officer and a student from Gondar University, and more. The women met on a regular basis over 6 months to discuss these issues and will devise a number of pilot projects which we will trial to support girls in secondary education.



Girls learn to use computers purchased for the project.

"When we take English classes in school we are usually nervous to participate but here we feel free. This help us develop our English skill better."

Giziework, grade 11



Members of the Women's Steering Committee

Building Latrines and Building Learning!

Providing facilities to support communities is not always a glamorous business but we have found it to be a very valuable one! We would like to share this story of community latrine construction and how we learnt over the years the importance of instilling a sense of ownership in the communities we work with, and empowering them to maintain investments in their area.

In 2005 a sponsor heard about how far their family had to travel to the nearest toilet. Most of the families supported by the Kindu Trust do not have their own toilet. There are usually communal pit latrines shared by residents of that area. Latrines are not guaranteed for communities, nor relative to the number of people living there and there are no consistent standards.

Building Latrines The sponsor sent funds for the construction of a block of 4 pit latrines through the Kindu Trust. The local community were very pleased to finally have access to toilet facilities nearby. However, 10 years down the line the Kindu Trust's Sponsorship Manager highlighted that the latrines had fallen into disrepair. The floor of the latrines was insecure with holes through to the pits underneath, the block had been vandalised and metal fixings, including the doors, had been stolen. We were very sorry to learn about the deterioration of the latrines and, with the sponsor, resolved to re-build them using the knowledge and good practice learnt since first construction.

Building Learning Firstly, we wanted to ensure that the community and local authority were in a position to ensure the latrines' protection and up-keep. We met with the local authority and signed a Memorandum of Understanding that they would oversee the latrines as part of the properties in the area; we met with the households in the community to inform them about the new latrines and to form a committee responsible for them. Latrines need to be emptied every few years and this carries a cost. The committee and other residents agreed for each household to contribute a small monthly sum of 5 birr (15p) and Kindu Trust helped them open a co-operative bank account to collect the monthly contributions for maintenance of the latrine block. They also proposed a key system, adding a lock to each latrine door. As the community was made up of 22 households this meant around 5 households would share one latrine which the families were happy to do to ensure responsibility for cleanliness and maintenance of each latrine. Finally, we simply built the latrines stronger! With time as our teacher, we and the construction workers knew that to ensure longevity the latrines had to be built with stronger foundations, so we doubled the iron reinforcement bars and tripled the concrete thickness in the new construction.



April 2014

After many years the latrine doors had been stolen and there were holes in the floor.



Discussions are held with the local families to develop a sense of ownership, set up a committee and share sanitation lessons



Construction is reviewed to build stronger and longer lasting foundations.



May 2015

The final new latrine block, with doors, locks, firm foundations and community investment in up-keep!



January 2017

Nearly two years later the latrines are still in good shape, all latrines intact and the community very happy with the new system!



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 sponsored, donated and fundraised to support the work of the Kindu Trust.

The generosity of people such as yourselves from all over the world mean that we are able to continue our work 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 at **www.kindustrust.org**.



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We are grateful to Tom

Picton-Turberville for
his assistance with our
annual accounts.

Staff and Finances

The Kindu Team



Staff

Top, from left

Hiwot Sileshi - **Kindu Shop Artist**

Wubit Molla - **Cook**

Wagnew Shumeye - **Guard**

Abate Taye - **Guard**

Hanna Biadgie - **Kindu Shop Artist**

Marta Bekele - **Sponsorship Manager**

Abebech Mequanent - **Cleaner**

Leul Abebe - **Finance Manager**

Askalech Astatkie - **Cook**

Chekula Gebre-Egzhabier - **Playgroup Youth Worker**

Bottom, from left

Binalfew Alemu - **Cashier/Purchaser**

Aster Molla - **Sponsorship Coordinator**

Terefu Meleke - **Kindu Shop Artist**

Selamawit Abebe - **Kindu Klub Youth Worker**

Caroline Walker - **Kindu UK Manager**

Absent from photo

Tadele Demessie - **Project Manager** (until July 2015)

Abebe Dinku - **Gardener**

Trustees

Jack Neville, Treasurer

Pete Belfield, Chair

Ashley England

Gabriella Otty

Melaku Getachew

The Kindu Trust is largely staffed by local Ethiopian staff, one part-time staff member, along with the board of trustees in the UK, supports and helps oversee the charity's work and fundraising.

Honorary President

Kate Fereday Eshete, Founder of The Kindu Trust

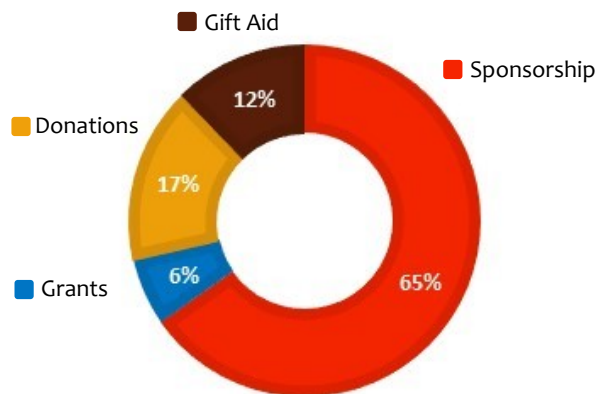


Kate no longer manages the day to day running of The Kindu Trust but promotes our work through her role as Honorary President.

She now runs the Empress Mentaweb School in Dib Bahir, Ethiopia, supporting the children in this rural area.

You can follow what she's doing at her website:
kateferedayeshete.net

Income



65% of our total income came from sponsorship related donations, with a further 17% of donations received to fund specific projects. The remaining 18% of UK income came from unrestricted sources, including general donations, gift aid claims and income from craft and card sales.

Unrestricted income is very important as it enables us to fund new projects and cover the costs of running the charity.

If you would like to **donate** towards the work of the Kindu Trust you can do so online www.kindutrust.org or you can contact us to discuss how you would like to donate by emailing kindu@kindutrust.org.

Further contact details are included at the back of this report.

The trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report and Accounts, including notes.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 27th January 2017 by Ashley England and Jack Neville.

Income and Expenditure

Incoming Resources (£)	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2016 Total	2015 Total
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Sponsorship		380	89,459	89,839	78,747
Projects		1,782	6,742	8,524	2,400
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income		17,672	4,747	22,419	28,696
Merchandise		26	234	260	797
Interest		4	0	4	5
Gift Aid		16,909	0	16,909	13,877
Total incoming resources		36,773	101,182	137,955	124,522
Resources Expended (£)	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2016 Total	2015 Total
Charitable Activities					
Sponsorship	2	16,685	75,883	92,569	102,698
Projects	2	7,395	4,269	11,664	31,200
Grants		200	0	200	9,003
Cost of generating funds	2				
		1,869	723	2,592	3,358
Governance costs					
		513	249	763	1,284
Total resources expended		26,663	81,125	107,787	147,541
Net incoming resources		10,111	20,057	30,168	23,019
Balance brought forward		3,863	17,348	21,211	44,230
Balance carried forward		13,974	37,405	51,379	21,211

Balance Sheet

	2016	2015
Current Assets		
Debtors	5,873	3,967
Cash at bank and in hand	46,650	21,409
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	1,147	4,166
Net Assets	51,377	21,210

Funds	2016	2015
Unrestricted Funds	13,974	3,863
Restricted Funds	37,405	17,348
Total	51,379	21,211



Accounts and Governance Notes

1. Accounting Policies

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) Donated Goods, Volunteer and other Donated Services

Those donated and acquired for onward transmission to beneficiaries (chiefly clothing, toys and medical supplies) are included in the statement of financial activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity paid.

e) Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recognised at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. The Charity makes month payments in Sterling to Ethiopia which has a closed currency, the Birr.

The charity does not own any non-monetary assets abroad.

f) Governance costs including 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.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance by the trustees of the charity’s assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements of operating the charity.

g) 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.

2. Cost Detail

	2016	2015
UK Costs	3,537	2,897
Office Expenses	12,856	25,861
Staff	758	561
Telecoms	582	507
Travel	334	529
Volunteering	189	773
Bank Charges	0	500
Total	18,257	31,628
Allocated	2016 (UK costs only)	2015 (UK costs only)
Sponsorship	11,867	22,747
Projects	5,112	4,660
Cost of generating funds	913	3,015
Governance costs	365	1,206
Total	18,257	31,628

3. Staff

Staff Numbers	2016	2015
UK Activities	1	2
Ethiopia Activities	16	18

Independent Examiner's Report

I, Thomas Picton-Turbervill, report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2016, which are set out on pages 12 to 13 with Accounts and Governance Notes on pages 17-20.

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.



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Tie-dye napkins made by the children dry out at Kindu Trust's play area in Gondar

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