



**Annual Report
Year Ending 30th Dec 2017**

Dedicated to the Youth of Rwanda



Unincorporated Charitable Association (UK)

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October 28, 2018

Message from the Director



On behalf of rYico, I wish you all a happy 2018, and may you have successfully achieved your 2017 set goals. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of rYico's beneficiaries, volunteers, donors, trustees and friends for all your contributions to rYico throughout 2017. I am proud to say that your support has had made a positive impact to the young people we work for. The report I am about to present to you contains the overall activities carried out by our two partners in Rwanda: Centre Marembo and African Sewing Club. The two organizations have worked hard delivering rYico's goals and our vision of creating a society in Rwanda where vulnerable young people are empowered and inspired to make a positive contribution to themselves, their communities, and the country as a whole. They couldn't have been able to do this without rYico paying attention to the needs of the young vulnerable people for whom we work.

For so long, vulnerable young people around the world continue to suffer from discrimination and abuse, and young women are most likely to experience sexual violence. Gender Based Violence isn't even a myth in a country like Rwanda, where women's representation in the house of parliament surpasses that of men's, and the rights of women are being promoted in the public spheres. Through Centre Marembo, rYico continued caring for those affected by sexual violence and freeing them from violence and its effects. Throughout 2017, Centre Marembo treated new cases of young girls in great need of education, training, health and social welfare, allowing these people to learn new skills, access medical treatment, information, accommodation, wellbeing, education, food, and many other benefits. The organisation also continues to confront the haunting ghost of sexual violence committed during the 1994 genocide.

Finding fundamental solutions for the sustainability of Centre Marembo's activities has been rYico's priority and a focal point for many years. This year, Centre Marembo has finally found working methods for sustaining its projects. The organisation offers innovative, practical, and strategic projects that benefit vulnerable young women. From our small office in Brighton, we are beginning to see real changes, as the center continues accomplishing unimaginable work. rYico has been supporting African Sewing Club in the startup phase of its social enterprise garment businesses as well as encouraging Centre Marembo in its adventure the new farming of livestock and agriculture business initiative. This report covers all these new initiatives, including Centre Marembo's new youth clinic "Imirasire".

It's been a privilege to lead rYico and learn from women who have experienced truly hard lives and come out strong as a rock. They have given our team in the UK the courage and determination to work harder to make difference.

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1. Charity Overview

Charity Details:

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Tom Hardiment – Accountant

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Helen Mebrate

Trustees play a primary role in ensuring good governance and functionality of the charity. The board's roles, functions, and responsibilities are clearly defined in our constitution. rYico's trustees have been consulted in the submission of this Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 30th December 2017. The trustees confirmed that this rYico's Annual Report and Financial Statements comply with current statutory requirements of the charity's governing document.

2. About rYico

rYico was established in 2004 as a UK charity with the aim to support vulnerable young people in Rwanda and to raise awareness of Rwandan history, including the 1994 genocide against Tutsi. In the last twelve years, rYico has been fully committed towards its core local partner organisations in Rwanda, Centre Marembo Association and African Sewing Club, and the vulnerable young people supported by the center's programmes.

In the UK, while raising funds to support African Sewing Club and Centre Marembo's programme, rYico facilitates cultural exchange activities by working with the Rwandan community and artists whose work focuses on Rwanda. Since 2005, the charity has been giving continuous support to the Rwandan community in the UK and helping victims to remember and commemorate the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi.

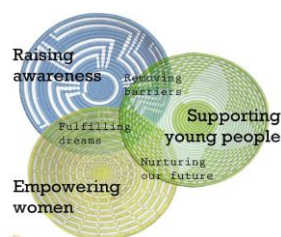
Objectives

To advance education among young people in Rwanda through a resource centre providing advice on, but not by way of limitation, welfare rights and benefits, health matters, and training to provide skills to improve life and employment opportunities, and raise awareness of Rwandan culture, primarily in the South East Sussex area.

Vision

Our visions are to enable and empower vulnerable young people in Rwanda to make better choices that change their lives, and also to support the Rwandan community in the UK in telling their story of the Genocide to further their healing and prevent further tragedies.

How we work



Mission

- To empower and support young women and girls as the fundamental basis for achieving successful family units that can sustain vulnerable young people in the longer term
- To provide education, vocational training, and support to vulnerable young people in Rwanda to improve their wellbeing
- To articulate and enable the sharing of the history and current situation of Rwanda and its people

Governance Structure

rYico is governed by a Model Constitution for a Charitable Unincorporated Association. rYico's Trustees are appointed by the management committee and its activities are coordinated by the director. Currently, the organisation has one part-time paid consultant.

3. Activities

rYico operates in the UK, and through its local partners in Rwanda rYico funds Centre Marembo and African Sewing Club. Below are the main activities and developments in each country over the course of 2017.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

rYico continued to run its fundraising activities at its office in Brighton. Our volunteers worked tirelessly trying to approach trusts funders and individual donors. We continued to recruit volunteers interested in joining our team and contributing to vulnerable young people in Rwanda. We improved our website www.ryico.org and we tried to make sure that rYico's newsletter reaches all our members. The "Raising Awareness Programme" continued to attract those hungry to learn about Rwanda and its history of genocide. rYico's online Learning Resource continued to be present throughout 2017. We still receive a large number of people online wanting to access our online resource material. We continued to offer information on Rwanda and the Rwandan community in the UK through the online learning material aimed for key stage 4 and which continues to be relevant for use in PSHE lessons. We lacked the volunteers necessary to organise a commemoration event this year, but are looking forward to organizing a larger event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the genocide.

rYico has a mutual partnership with Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. This year we were invited alongside the Rwandan Communities in the UK, and other communities who have survived genocide, to participate in 2017 Holocaust Memorial Day at Westminster Abbey.



We continued to see students from Sussex University who want to use resources produced by rYico:

- To learn about the heritage and experiences of UK Rwandan communities
- To make sense of the history of Rwanda and the impact of conflict on identity

4. rYico in Rwanda

4.1 Centre Marembo

ACCOMMODATION & REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.

Receiving young girls and teen mothers from the streets of Kigali is normal at Centre Marembo. This year rYico has supported Centre Marembo in assisting 70 young women escaping the streets and domestic violence at any one time. These young girls often arrive at Centre Marembo already pregnant or with new born babies, sick and urgently in need of medical treatment or assistance in meeting basic needs. The number of girls and children who have been received this year is over 100. Other services provided throughout the year include education, training, clothes, accommodation, counselling, affection, and friendship. With rYico's support, Centre Marembo was also able to afford the expensive medical costs of two disabled children, one of whom underwent a complicated operation on both her legs. She was able to recover and walk again after the treatment.

Figure 1: Braddon and Ian are among our beneficiaries who received medical treatment with rYico support



The work rYico does through Centre Marembo enables beneficiaries, not only to meet their primary basic needs, but also allows them to access treatment for physiological and biological needs. The centre's holistic approach to the victims allows them to transform, giving them the dignity and human value they had lost, as well as the ability to build their resilience and self-esteem. It gives them a new package that allows them to take advantage of the opportunities the centre offers them, with the hope to shape their future.

This year Centre Marembo worked with American psychologist volunteer, Emily Paige, to enhance psycho-social services, making use of the center's fully equipped counselling space. The young women from Centre Marembo were able to benefit from Emily's time, and vice versa, as she was able to see the positive impact her contribution has made to the girls she worked with.

EDUCATION

rYico has been supporting Centre Marembo's education programme. We help beneficiaries to access both formal (academic) and vocational training studies.

Formal Education: Although the centre doesn't own its primary or secondary schools, we enable our young girls to have access to academic studies as both daily and boarding school students. So far, rYico's main contribution to education has gone to cover school fees, the cost of uniforms, training, stationary materials, and health insurance for 100 children. Centre Marembo also continued to assist with these costs for children who have been integrated back into families and foster families. This year, one of our beneficiaries, **DUHOZANYE Mary Jeanne**, was awarded a certificate by the Imbuto Foundation (the organization supported by Her Excellency the First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs Jeannette Kagame) for her outstanding performance at the 2017 National Examination.



Figure 2: DUHOZANYE Mary Jane (on the right) showing off her outstanding performance in National Examination award with the Director of Centre Marembo, Madam Nicolette Sabimana

Vocational Training education: rYico has put its efforts in vocational training and creative activities that are delivered at Centre Marembo. This year we have financed many activities enabling young women to develop skills in sewing and tailoring, with the hope

that they will be employable by private companies henceforth.

The new agriculture project has also been a positive source of training, as those beneficiaries wishing to start new lives in the countryside have been able to gain experience working with animals and in farming. We foresee that many of our beneficiaries will be able to sustain happy and healthy lives outside of Kigali in the near future with assistance from the Centre Marembo in setting up small farming cooperatives.

Generally, our young women face so many health issues that result from the violence and rape they encountered before joining Centre Marembo. The center's rehabilitation programme allows these women to cope and start recovering from their past trauma as well as enabling them to play a maternal role for their babies. It has been very difficult for Centre Marembo to provide medical assistance for young victims of rape, due to the restrictions surrounding rape cases where victims have to go through many assessments and tests before they access medical assistance. In an ideal world Centre Marembo and its partners for many years have wished to build our own youth clinic that could deal with all the sexual health issues our beneficiaries come with. In 2017, rYico supported the idea by allowing Centre Marembo to build a youth clinic. The aim of the clinic is to maximize health support given to our beneficiaries and generate income, as some of the services provided at the clinic that are free of charge to the Centre Marembo's beneficiaries but wouldn't be free to the rest of the public that are able to afford the services.

Imirasire Youth Clinic: The work of building Imirasire Youth Clinic began in March 2017 and will be completed in 2018. It's planned to begin its operations in May 2019



The clinic is designed to complement government services for vulnerable children that are currently lacking in the medical sector, given the fact that the clinic will provide gynecology and pediatric services to young children and mothers.

The Imirasire Clinic plans to provide:

A Laboratory with

- Counselling and rehab services
- Laboratory services (parasitology, haematology, hormonology, etc)
- Providing X-ray services to young girls and children
- Providing dentistry services to the young girls and children
- Integrate street children and other vulnerable children into the government health system
- Consultation services
- Pediatric services
- Check-ups for rejected infants and babies
- Physiotherapy services
- Ultra-sound services
- Education to raise awareness on ASRH, family planning, and GBV
- Services to reduce HIV/AIDs and other STIs prevalence among youth through sensitization, voluntary counselling and testing, and provision of ARV to those living with HIV
- Providing gynecological services

FARMING AND AGRICULTURE

Our transformation would not be successful if we left behind crucial measures to improve nutrition. The Farming and Agriculture project contributed in preventing malnutrition and chronic stunting among our children. With the help of a grant, Centre Marembo has built a farm that grows food, as well as farms chicken, cows, and other livestock.

As well as providing food for our beneficiaries, the project has an income generating element as surplus food produced on the farm is sold locally, and the money raised from this goes towards the running of the centre. This is greatly contributing to the increased sustainability of the Centre Marembo project which we have seen over the course of 2017, and which we hope to see increase even further in the near future.



This project also includes educational elements, as the Centre Marembo has also been training beneficiaries in farming and agriculture, and running health training for its beneficiaries to learn about

proper nutrition, especially targeted at those with babies, who will grow up stronger and healthier with proper diets.

Livestock

Cows



Figure 3: Cows provide us with milk for our beneficiaries

Our beneficiaries, including teen mothers, pregnant girls, and babies, can receive one cup of milk per child, together with the sustenance from the eggs daily. These are all from the cows and chicken and other livestock in Centre Marembo's farm.



Figure 4: Chicken provide us with eggs and meat for our beneficiaries

SEWING CLUB

Our Sewing workshop has been tremendously useful in contributing to the development of our girls by empowering and providing them with sustainability and self-reliance for the future.

The sewing workshop's worth does not only come in the form of the financial income generated from

the craft shop, but also the vocational training skills provided to the Centre Marembo beneficiaries, even the vulnerable young girls from the surrounding communities were able to cash in on the dressmaking services it provides.



Figure 5: Enhancing empowerment through sewing

With the training, beneficiaries are able to start sewing cooperatives and small business, but also they increasingly, as the garment industry in Rwanda grows, have access to jobs through both African Sewing Club and other garment manufacturers.

1. Social welfare

We highly commend the results from our rehabilitation and reintegration services. This work is not easy, but is made possible by the centre with hard work throughout the year.

At Centre Marembo, we recognize that every child is unique and we strive to enrich and enhance every life we touch. By listening to the needs of our children and their families, we have created a culture of healing that is life-affirming, satisfying, and meaningful. High-quality programming addresses a vast array of cultures, interests, life experiences, and religious practices, and our social activities include richly stimulating activity programs that provide something for everyone.

We offer numerous activities that allow residents to associate with one another and resume many endeavors that they have previously enjoyed. We have activities offered in a group setting or in the rooms of our residents and their families. Activities offered may include physical fitness, meditation, table games, trivia quizzes, sports, and patio activities.

Rehabilitation & Reintegration

The centre houses 78 young girls, teen, and pre-teen mothers at any one time, and in 2017 more than a half of them, 52 children to be precise, have been successfully reintegrated, whether through reunification with their biological parents and relatives, with the help of legitimate adopted families, or by reintegration into independent living.

Around 9 teen mothers have been independently reintegrated with the support and follow up of Centre Marembo. They were facilitated in finding employment, especially in sewing, as the results of empowerment and capacity building policies implemented at the Centre Marembo.



Figure 6: Our beneficiaries before reintegration with reintegration kits

ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

Centre Marembo annually holds the ‘Advocacy Day’. It is a function, held on 28th May, to debate on the vast issues surrounding the family and children. May 28th 2003 is a date when the co-founder of the Centre Marembo Organisation got the idea of establishing the centre for the girls after finding an 11 year old street girl carrying her baby on her back whilst walking on the streets of Kigali.

The main objective of the campaign is to educate the Rwandan community by creating awareness about parenting, children’s rights, domestic violence, family planning, early pregnancies, and to show the community the problem Rwandan children are facing in homes, schools, and on the streets and to advocate for the possible ways of overcoming them.

This year’s theme was, ***“The contribution of young boys in preventing gender-based violence through family basic education”***. The theme was proposed with the aim of tackling the conservative assumption that only girls are responsible for the results of the violence done to them, whilst boys and men remain exempt despite their possible implication in said violence. This year’s advocacy day was a great success and many members of local government and the press were there to support our aims and help change perceptions around the issues Centre Marembo seeks to tackle.



SAFE HOMES CONSTRUCTION

The construction of safe homes for the centre's beneficiaries kicked off within this period to enhance the wellbeing by creating conducive environment for rehabilitation.

The refuge homes will be completed in 2019, and we hope to move all our current residential beneficiaries to this new, purpose-built home then. This new house will have the ability to house more young women than we currently have the capacity for. The new home will also remove the burden we currently carry in regards to the rent for our two refuge houses, a major part of our expenses and a block to the Centre Marembo's sustainability.



Figure 7: Ongoing construction of safe homes and refectory for our beneficiaries

2. SWOT Analysis

Although Centre Marembo has a lot to be proud of and many opportunities, we have been facing great challenges, and some of them were tough to solve and even resulted in failures. Here below is our SWOT analysis to clearly give you the picture of how we coped with the challenges, how we

overcome them, and the way we turn the solutions or outcomes of these problems into new opportunities.

Strengths	Weakness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being legally known and offered facilities by the central government and local government • Having been one of the most experienced centers in GBV prevention and care for teen or pre-teen mothers across the country. Our expertise has been shared in policy reform regarding the establishment of the guidelines for future institutions • Having our own sewing workshop which helps our children to acquire adequate skills to be empowered in the labour market within tailoring • Having a dedicated staff and the experience to provide high quality services to vulnerable children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of our own schools where Centre Marembo children would go for academic studies without difficulties and achieve their maximum goals in education • Our safe home for the girls is not wide enough to be a conducive place for the girls. Centre Marembo pays to the land lord a monthly payment of \$500, and this remains a burden to the center as we cannot remodel anything on the facility to secure the girls. • We have not enough financial capacity so that we can meet all our beneficiaries' needs, despite all the efforts different initiatives we make.

Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre Marembo has been privileged to access to important opportunities of partnerships locally and globally. Having been officially registered as a local non-governmental organisation, it boosts us to easily apply for various opportunities. This also helps us to work with public institutions, and we hope this mutual collaboration will provide us with more opportunities. • We became part of the Global Giving network, giving us the ability to fundraise globally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging demands of the children (girls) victims, who continue to come seeking refuge at the Centre Marembo despite our limited capacity. • In many cases of abuse, girls are in serious need of emergency support but we have limited means and ways to be responsive to all their needs. Our limited means did not prevent us from accepting further beneficiaries, but this meant exceeding the capacity of the centre. Abused and impregnated teens need more attention and care, and so a stretched capacity is a threat.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with girls and young women opens for us a wide range of opportunities, as they are targeted group of people both in country and at international level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't have a constant source of funding that we can rely on in two years' time and must plan ahead. Most of our funds are short term and are given for achieving a specific activity. Lack of our own clinic where our children can get health services anytime without difficulties, as many of them are still experiencing health problems resulting from violence
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4.2 AFRICAN SEWING CLUB



A Sustainable Garment Manufacturer in Rwanda.

Address:

African Sewing Club

Registration no (TIN):104976355

Located in Zara Investments Premises,

G4 Special Economic Zone

P.O Box 1789 Kigali

African Sewing Club (ASC) is an established business based in Rwanda and the UK, and is in its first year of trading, having undergone development since 2015. The start-up process, including all funding, was organised by rYico as a way out of poverty through sustainable employment.

rYico set up ASC with a fully comprehensive and effective garment production unit in Kigali, Rwanda, producing and trading clothes.

It is ASC's vision to make profit within the business that will be used to bring a change in the lives of those involved in the production of their clothing products, and to ensure that the next generation will not face poverty.

rYico has supported ASC in its growth, which has, and will be, driven by empowered men and women who have been given dignity, independence and self-sufficiency through the provision of a high standard of skills training and employment to develop and reach their full potential.

LOCATION

All of ASC's garment production takes place from our manufacturing unit based in the Kigali Economic Zone in Rwanda's capital city, Zara Investments Premises, G4 Special



In Rwanda, we have a smart space, a modern factory that offers a clean and professional environment in order to satisfy market demands and health and safety regulations. The previous location did not have the required space and facilities. In December 2016, ASC decided to move to the Kigali industrial area, a more smart and viable area (Kigali Special Economic zone). The UK office of is based in Brighton and run from the rYico offices. This is where administration, marketing, and management of activities takes place.

TEAM



ASC's current team is made up of talented and creative individuals, all of whom have undergone intensive training in sewing and management.

ASC began in 2016 with a group of trainees that identified as vulnerable. We thought that the needs of the beneficiaries of the Center Marembo were too great to let them be the first trainees, as getting the ASC off the ground first would mean we could provide more secure jobs after the creases were ironed out with the first training program.

After a hugely successful training program, production began, and sales were quick on the local market. We could see from the responses of the trainees to research we conducted throughout 2017 that the training

model was working and that our beneficiaries were responding in the best possible ways to the plans we had made. This gave us the confidence to begin to raise funds for a second round of training.

We raised enough money for the machines necessary for an expanded work force and for the pay, food, and childcare that would be necessary for our new trainees. After successfully raising the money, rYico sent the machines to Rwanda and gave the go-ahead for the new batch of trainees.

Centre Marembo girls get employment

With much discussion between rYico, ASC, and Centre Marembo, we managed to identify the needs that would have to be covered in order for us to successfully train 8 beneficiaries of the Centre Marembo. Nicolette, the manager of Centre Marembo, chose the girls she knew would be motivated to succeed and who were ready for reintegration. We agreed that the centre could receive money to continue childcare for the babies of the new trainees during working hours and also agreed that the girls from the centre would have the money for this added to their salaries. With this, they began training and have successfully become employees of ASC. Having already undergone training at the sewing workshops at Centre Marembo, the girls were quick to learn and already very enthusiastic.

With the help of Centre Marembo, they were able to find accommodation with their children outside of the refuge houses and have all now been successfully reintegrated and are living independent lives.

Research on beginning stages

At the end of 2016 and then in April 2017, we conducted semi-structured interviews with the first batch of trainees. This was to identify whether the project was making changes to the lives of the employees and to identify the successes and failures of the project so far.

The original interviews from 2016 showed that the beneficiaries felt a real change to their lives and many stated that the ASC had made them able to see a better future for themselves and their families. The interviews were turned into a promotional video that then helped to raise money for the project.

After full employment for another 6 months it was felt necessary to go back and talk again with the first employees to see how their views of the project had progressed. This was conducted by a volunteer, who also used the interviews as research for her MA dissertation at the University of Sussex. Again, the findings of the interviews were overwhelmingly positive, and the MA research focused heavily on how this project represented a real departure from the employees' previous experiences of programmes for employment which they had experienced. All respondents felt happier and more secure in their lives having been employed by ASC, and all felt better able to make plans for a brighter future.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

ASC has also managed to increase the range of clothing that they produce, and also to improve the quality of stitching that takes place. With the products ASC currently make selling well on the Rwandan market, and at some UK outlets and market stalls, the current plan is to begin to sell wholesale globally. There is already some interest in the wholesale products in the UK, with one major retailer looking to buy from us when we are ready. We look forward to a lot of growth in the next couple of years as a result of this.



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EXCELLENCE



In 2017, during the Made in Rwanda expo, ASC was the only garment company to receive the Best Exhibitor for Clothing (Garment & Textile).

The processes and activities involved with creating the brand will continue to be executed with a continuous commitment to achieving excellence and a positive and dynamic contribution to Rwandan communities.

Innovation, creativity, and passion for every element of ASC has allowed them to create a product, mission, and a brand image that has the potential for global reach and a cult following. ASC's aim is to always strive for excellence, and in their pursuit for excellence the resulting benchmark will always be perfection, and always designed to make a positive and sustained impact on the lives of their workforce and communities.

Conclusions

African Sewing Club has made amazing progress this year and being able to begin the second round of training with the knowledge gained from the first round has been a privilege. The staff continue to show amazing dedication to their craft and the clothes made at ASC are always improving as our market expands.

We can now safely say that rYico's approach to creating the ASC is making huge differences in the lives of beneficiaries and that rYico's aim of returning dignity to young Rwandans whilst bringing them out of poverty is closer to being achieved than ever before.

Although there is still a lot of work to be done, and the situation of the garment industry in Rwanda creates some obstacles, we are very hopeful that our growth will continue in the coming years. We see opportunity with in the current government's policies and within the UK market for growth.

REQUIREMENTS AND INVESTMENT

Although the startup period has been very successful, and we are very happy to have been able to support the number of employees we have, there is definite room for improvement and barriers that need to be broken down if we are to expand to the levels we foresee in the future.

We would like to grow, but with the trainees from the Centre Marembo already working, we will need more space in order to take on another round of trainees. We may be able to expand the space we currently have by renting more space in the current building. Alternatively, we would like to one day be able to build our own premises with enough space and specific areas for training.

We also lack some of the skills that are needed to grow the business to be competitive with factories around the world. Specifically, we would like a trained pattern maker, pattern cutter, sample maker, and quality controller to come to the ASC and train our staff in those skills. As the garment making industry in Rwanda is still very young, these skills do not exist within the country, and we will have to source them from abroad. We hope to get the funding to do this next year.

With our success at the Made in Rwanda expo and the policies put in place by the government concerning second hand clothing, we see many opportunities to overcome the obstacles in our way and continue to grow well into the future.

Another amazing opportunity for ASC is seen in the UK and European markets' continued increase in the desirability of fairtrade and ultra-fairtrade goods. This has created some amazing businesses that we can partner with in order to make the best of the Western markets. We think that our brand will do very well in the current climate within the fashion industry.

3. Conclusion—rYico

Our work would not be possible without your unrivalled support. We thank everyone who supported Centre Marembo. Your donation and funding backed us in our commitment to keep on delivering rehabilitation-based therapy to young girls, teen, and pre-teen mothers; helping to heal and strengthen youth and children challenged by health, social, emotional and behavioural issues while breaking down the stigma resulting from earlier domestic and street violence and a lack of proper care.

The main activities conducted this year highlighted our five key pillars: health and wellbeing, education, empowerment, justice, and reintegration. Centre Marembo has supported hundreds of former street children and domestic violence survivors by providing them with holistic support and everything they need to succeed. With the help of the community and our partners, we hope to continue improving the lives of young women and girls in the years to come.

11. Accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

During the year, no trustees have received any remuneration. The Director Vivenie Mugunga received £12,000 for consultancy work for the charity management.



Rwanda Youth Information Community Organisation
(RYICO)

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2017	To	31/12/2017
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Transfer from Appeals Account	0	0	0	0	-
Single donations	29,199	0	0	29,199	37,000
Regular donations	17,876	0	0	17,876	18,181
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	0	0	0	0	-
Sale of crafts	605	0	0	605	-
Bank interest	21	0	0	21	25
Refund of bank transfer; bank charge; bank error	98	0	0	98	536
Various refunds (rent; flights)	79	0	0	79	1,557
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,878	0	0	47,878	57,299
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,878	-	-	47,878	57,299
A3 Payments					
UK Project : Rwanda With Love (RWL)	0	0	0	0	-
UK Office - Donations	1,025	0	0	1,025	-
UK Office - Admin, bank charges, subscriptions, insurance, training	1,502	0	0	1,502	1,675
UK Office - Marketing	0	0	0	0	-
UK Office - Communications, Travel and subsistence.	7,078	0	0	7,078	6,532
UK Office - Consultancy fees	12,350	0	0	12,350	19,790
UK Office - Rent	2,293	0	0	2,293	5,348
UK Office - Running costs of selling crafts	549	0	0	549	9,740
UK Office - Purchase of office equipment	377	0	0	377	-
Bank error	0	0	0	0	536
Transfer between accounts	0	0	0	0	-
Transfer to Rwanda	35,129	0	0	35,129	75,549
Equipment for Africa	11,400	0	0	11,400	1,250
Sub total	71,704	0	0	71,704	120,420
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,704	0	0	71,704	120,420
Net of receipts/(payments)	-23,827	0	0	-23,827	-63,121
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,351	0	0	66,351	129,472
Cash funds this year end	42,524	0	0	42,524	66,351

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	UK current account	14,950	0	-
	Paypal account - crafts	344		-
	Appeals account	12,181		-
	Reserves account	15,048	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,524	0	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

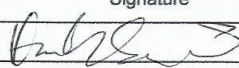
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				
	Gift Aid reclaim 2017	-	-	-
	Stock at notional cost at 31/12/2017	898	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Desktop computer - April 14	Unrestricted		
	Camera - May 2014	Unrestricted		
	Lap top - Jan 2017	Unrestricted		
	Printer - April 2017	Unrestricted		
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hannah Libb	30.10.18
	Sarid de Montbray	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of RYICO (UK) Rwandan Youth Information Community Organisation (United Kingdom) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017 set out on the attached Charity Commission's form CC16a.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a 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 the trustees concerning 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. 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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Dated: 26th October 2018

