



Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2026

Charity name

Friends of Kuunika Foundation

Known charity name

UK Friends of Kuunika Foundation

Date of registration with OSCR

13/05/2009

Scottish charity number

SC040485

HMRC Gift Aid reference number

ST01001

Parent charity name, country of registration (registration number, date)

Kuunika Foundation, Malawi (TR/INC 4017, 21/12/2007)

Parent charity's postal address

Kuunika Foundation, P.O. Box 3459, Blantyre, Malawi (South-East Africa)

Postal address of the charity (charity trustee's home address):

Friends of Kuunika Foundation, 166 Palace View, Bromley, London, BR1 3ER

Current trustees

Dr. Sima Berendes (Treasurer and Chair of board of trustees)

Dr. Niall Campbell

Dr. Katharine Abba

Ms Friederike Hachmeier

Other trustees during the year

n/a

Governing document

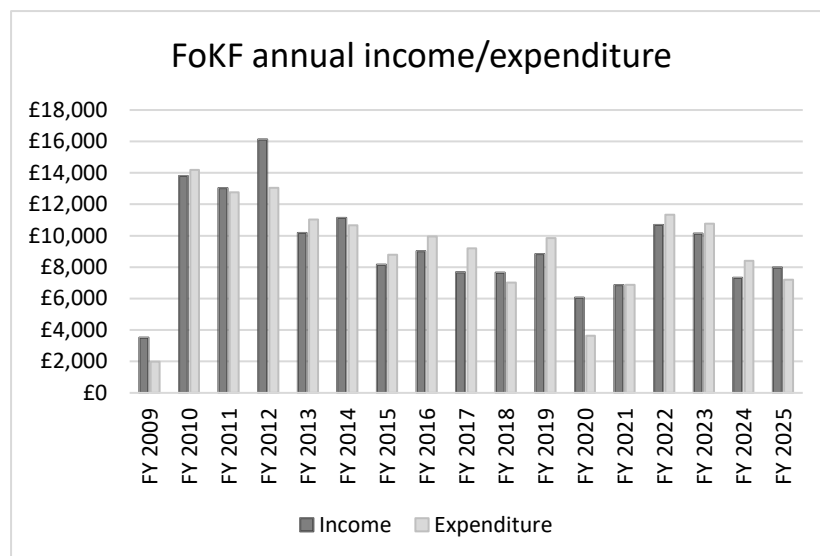
Friends of Kuunika Foundation (FoKF) is a charitable trust and the purpose and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution/ declaration of trust.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, is the relief of poverty distress or suffering in Malawi by providing financial assistance to the Kuunika Foundation (parent charity) and promoting such of the work of Kuunika Foundation as is exclusively charitable.

Activities and achievements

During Financial Year (FY) 2025, the Friends of Kuunika Foundation (FoKF) trustees were able to raise a total of **£7,981**, representing a small increase compared with the previous year.



Funds were raised through outreach to trustees' families, friends, colleagues and the wider public, raising awareness of the needs and activities of the Kuunika Foundation (KF) in Malawi. A range of fundraising tools were used, including the KF Facebook page and the FoKF JustGiving platform, as well as monthly membership contributions of £18.00.

A significant proportion of UK donations made via JustGiving by eligible taxpayers qualified for Gift Aid, thereby generating additional income for the charity. During FY 2025, Gift Aid totalled £616.81, as shown in the receipts and payments accounts below.

These funds contributed to the ongoing work of the Kuunika Centre for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Chirimba, Malawi, supporting its efforts to improve the lives of children and their surrounding communities. The main charitable activities delivered by Kuunika Foundation during the year are summarised below.

Food programme:

- Provision of breakfast and lunch to 50 nursery-age children (age 3-5; 5 days per week)
- Provision of lunch to 23 standard 1 primary school-age children (age 6; 5 days per week)

Education programme:

- Early childhood education for 50 nursery children
- Educational support for 75 primary school children (educational material and school uniforms) and an additional 85 children from the surrounding community, all of whom are welcome to attend the *Kuunika children corner* (after-school club).
- Provision of assorted school learning materials to more than 200 children
- Facilitation of school re-enrolment for 35 primary-age children through a community-based back-to-school campaign

Health and welfare programme:

- Home-based care provided to 38 vulnerable community members through home visits, practical assistance, monitoring of wellbeing, and facilitation of referrals to clinics or hospital where necessary, including of seven beneficiaries who accepted referrals despite initial reluctance to seek medical care for religious reasons.

- Facilitation of under-five preventative and primary health care by the Ministry of Health at the Kuunika premises, through provision of space and community engagement. During the year, >1,500 children from the surrounding community attended the clinics, where services such as routine vaccination, deworming, growth monitoring and basic primary care were provided by District Health Office staff on an approximately monthly basis.
- Support to the Ministry of Health by acting as a chlorine distribution point during the cholera outbreak in Blantyre, which was among the districts most affected during the 2025-26 reporting period.

Agriculture programme:

- Cultivation of vegetables for the food programme by local community volunteers, with surplus produce used to support the volunteers' own households.
- Cultivation of fruit trees, including six banana plants which have produced eight suckers for future transplantation.

Other activities:

- Maintenance of the Kuunika Centre as a trusted and recognised point of support within the community, providing reassurance and a place of refuge in times of crisis when needed, and serving as a known contact point for children requiring support, including facilitation of foster care arrangements where appropriate.
- Ongoing community engagement to reduce stigma and to address harmful myths.
- Organisation of the annual Christmas celebration, attended by >200 children. Gifts were distributed to all children, incl. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, pens, pencils, exercise books, balloons, biscuits and sweets. Volunteers received gifts of sugar, salt, washing powder & soap in appreciation of their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

The trustees wish to express their sincere thanks to all donors for their continued generosity and support, which is greatly appreciated. In the context of ongoing global challenges, sustained charitable contributions to support those most in need remain vital.

For further information and photographs please visit the Kuunika Foundation Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KuunikaFoundation> .

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during this year.

Reserves

We held £1,155.5 on our Co-operative Bank Sterling account and 378.03 € (equivalent to £330.25, Bank of England exchange rate) on our HSBC Euro deposit account at the year-end (as at 31 Mar, 2026). These funds will be transferred to our parent charity during future transactions.

In addition, we held £85.- on our HSBC Sterling account. (This account is only used to transfer funds from our HSBC Euro account to our Co-operative Bank Sterling account, from where we can make international transfers to Malawi.)

The total amount our charity held in bank and cash at the end of FY 2025 was £1,570.7.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Sima Berendes, 06/05/2026
 Sima Berendes (Chairperson of Board of Trustees) Date

Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ending 31st Mar 2026

A CO-OPERATIVE BANK STERLING ACCOUNT:

Receipts

Monetary donations received	£3,222.39
Transferred from HSBC Euro account	£3,775.49
Giftaid payments on taxable donations	£616.81
Bank interest	£0.00
Total receipts	<u>£7,614.69</u>

Receipts (*excluding transfers from HSBC Euro account*):

Monetary donations received	£3,222.39
Giftaid payments on taxable donations	£616.81
Bank interest	£0.00
Total receipts	<u>£3,839.20</u>

Payments

Fundraising expenses:

Costs for JustGiving membership	£216.00
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Payments for charitable activities:

Money transferred to Kuunika Foundation	£6,800.00
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Governance costs:

Bank transaction fees for transfer to Malawi and other bank fees	£66.00
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Total payments	<u>£7,082.00</u>
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Surplus/ (deficit) for year	<u>£532.69</u>
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B EURO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT:

Receipts	EUR	£ equivalent*	Exchange rate
Monetary donations received	4,872.19 €	£4,141.80	0.8501
Giftaid payments on taxable donations	0.00 €		
Bank interest	0.00 €		
Total receipts	<u>4,872.19 €</u>	£4,141.80	0.8501
Payments	EUR	£ equivalent*	Exchange rate
<i>Fundraising expenses:</i>			
n/a	0.00 €	£0.00	
<i>Payments for charitable activities:</i>			
Money transferred to HSBC Sterling acc	4,441.28 €	£3,775.49	0.8501
<i>Governance costs:</i>			
Bank fees	142.95 €	£121.52	0.8501
Total payments	<u>4,584.23 €</u>	£3,897.01	0.8501
Surplus/ (deficit) for year	<u>287.96 €</u>		

* Exchange rate (from rate given by HSBC at time of transfers of Euro to Sterling account)

D STERLING AND EURO DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS COMBINED:

Receipts	EUR	GBP
Monetary donations received (directly to Sterling account, excluding transfers from Euro account)		£3,222.39
Monetary donations received from EU account (£ equivalent)	€ 4,872.19	£4,141.80
Giftaid payments on taxable donations		£616.81
Bank interest		£0.00
Total receipts		<u>£7,981.00</u>
Payments		GBP
<i>Fundraising expenses:</i>		
Costs for JustGiving membership		£216.00
<i>Payments for charitable activities:</i>		
Money transferred to Kuunika Foundation		£6,800.00
<i>Governance costs:</i>		
Monthly bank account fees & other bank fees		£121.52
Bank transaction fees for transfer to Malawi		£66.00
Total payments		<u>£7,203.52</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) for year		<u>£777.48</u>

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

A CO-OPERATIVE BANK STERLING ACCOUNT:

Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026

Bank and cash in hand

Opening balances (1st Apr '25)	£622.81
Surplus/ (deficit) for year	£532.69
Closing balances	<u>£1,155.50</u>

Reserves

General funds	£1,155.50
Designated funds	0
Closing balances	<u>£1,155.50</u>

Assets

n/a

B HSBC EURO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT:

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2026

Bank and cash in hand

Opening balances (1-Apr-25)	90.07 €
Surplus/ (deficit) for year	287.96 €
Closing balances	<u>378.03 €</u>

Reserves

General funds	378.03 €
Designated funds	0.00 €
Closing balances	<u>378.03 €</u>

Assets

n/a

All funds are unrestricted.

Note: The HSBC EURO account requires to have a **mandatory linked HSBC Sterling account**, which is not needed/ which we do not use to receive any donations. However, monthly bank fees that have been deducted from this account (rather than the EURO account) since January 2022 require us to deposit a small amount of funds on this linked Sterling account, so that the opening balance on 1st April 2025 was £85.00 and the **closing balance £85.00** as at 31st of March 2026.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Sima Berendes, 06/05/2026
Sima Berendes (Chairperson of Board of Trustees) Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Kuunika Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and with the updated guide to the 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mitsuru Ruise

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: *Association of Chartered Certified Accountants*

Address: *Bromley BR2*

Signature: *Mitsuru Ruise*

Date: *10 May 2026*