



**JUST
WHEELS**
Hope in motion



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A Year of Progress, Partnership and Possibility
in Tabora

Annual Report 2025

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2025 in Review

2025 has been a year of consolidation and growth for Just Wheels. In an increasingly challenging global funding environment, we have remained focused on what matters most: enabling children and young people with physical disabilities in the Tabora region of Tanzania to live with dignity, access education and realise their potential.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters, partners and volunteers, we have strengthened our core wheelchair programme, expanded practical support to families, and laid important foundations for long-term sustainability.

Our Mission

Just Wheels exists to reduce poverty and inequality for children and young people with physical disabilities in Tabora, Tanzania. We do this by providing high-quality, well-fitted wheelchairs and practical support that enables mobility, education, independence and inclusion.

Our Impact

This year, our work has continued to deliver tangible, life-changing outcomes:

- **46 children and young people** received appropriate wheelchairs or follow-up support (including the first wheelchairs sourced in-country)
- **Nearly 200 wheelchairs** remain in use since the programme began
- A **wheelchair repair and maintenance workshop** continued operating locally
- **Schools and public spaces** were supported to improve accessibility through ramps and adapted toilets (our first accessible toilet block opened at a local Primary School)
- **Families and caregivers** received practical guidance and emergency support
- **Local staff and technicians** received training to WHO standards

Each wheelchair represents far more than mobility. It means a child can attend school, a caregiver regains time and independence often enabling them to return to work, and families can participate more fully in community life.

Our data shows that 94% of caregivers are in work since their child received a wheelchair (up from 63%)



Education and Transition



Education remains at the heart of our work. In Tabora, average years of schooling are among the lowest in Tanzania, and children with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to dropping out.

In 2025, we focused on supporting all our beneficiaries to return to remain in full education by helping them overcome barriers such as mobility, uniforms, toileting and transport. We are proud to share stories like **Elizabeth**, who received her wheelchair through Just Wheels and is now studying at university—an inspiring example of what is possible with the right support at the right time.

Our Monitoring and Evaluation showed that around half of our beneficiaries are attending school regularly. We aim to increase this to 90% in 2026.

We also learnt that receipt of a comfortable and suitable wheelchair increased current or intended attendance by 37% in 2025.



New Initiatives in 2025

This year saw the launch of two important practical appeals to support school attendance:

School Uniform Appeal

School uniforms remain a significant barrier to attendance. By providing uniforms alongside mobility support, we help ensure children can enrol, attend consistently and feel a sense of belonging.

Reusable Diaper Appeal

For children with incontinence, lack of affordable and dignified toileting solutions can prevent school attendance altogether. Washable nappies are healthier, long-lasting, environmentally responsible, and reduce stigma—addressing an often overlooked barrier to inclusion.



Working in Partnership

Just Wheels is committed to locally led, collaborative delivery. We remain in a solid partnership with the Deaf Mute Institute, that sits within the Catholic Church Archdiocese of Tabora, and who run our programme effectively, efficiently and with the benefit of excellent and deeply embedded local knowledge and understanding.

In 2025 we also worked closely with:

- Local schools and community leaders
- Regional medical professionals
- Disability organisations and rehabilitation specialists
- Social enterprises in East Africa

These partnerships ensure our programmes are culturally appropriate, responsive to real needs and embedded in the communities we serve.



Governance and Management

Just Wheels is governed by a dedicated Board of Trustees who provide oversight, strategic direction and accountability. During 2025, the Board focused on:

- Strengthening financial controls and risk management
- Reviewing leadership and succession planning
- Supporting the development of a Project Director role in Tanzania
- Developing a more robust and workable Monitoring and Evaluation pathway
- Ensuring safeguarding, monitoring and evaluation systems remain robust
- Supporting fundraising campaigns and appeals

We are deeply grateful for the time, expertise and commitment our trustees bring to the charity.



Financial Overview

2025 has been a challenging year for fundraising across the sector, with reductions in UK government aid and the abrupt withdrawal of USAID funding impacting many organisations.

Despite this, Just Wheels has remained financially stable thanks to:

- Loyal monthly donors
- Successful Trust and Grant applications
- Community fundraising initiatives such as Club 300
- Challenge Events – such as the Loch Rannoch Half Marathon
- Individual gifts, events and alternative Christmas donations
- The Big Give Christmas Campaign – matched funding appeal



Our focus remains on building a resilient, diversified income base that allows us to plan with confidence and reduce reliance on highly competitive grant funding.

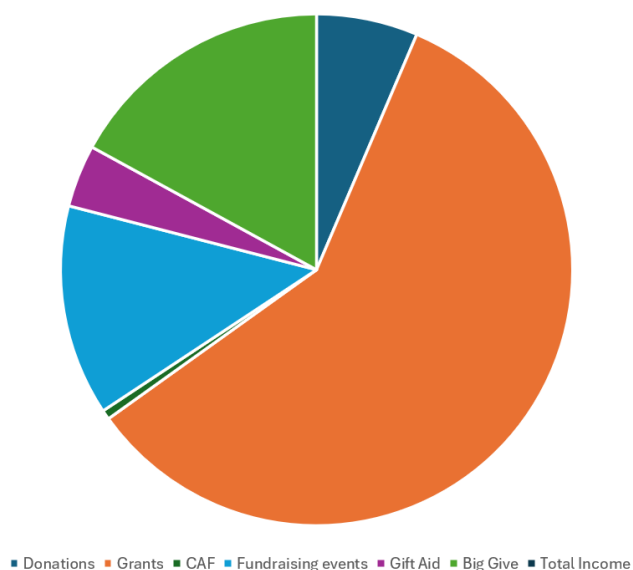
Headline financials:

Opening Balance	£19,721
Receipts	£51,960
Payments	£33,019
Surplus/ (Deficit)	£18,941
Closing Balance	£38,662

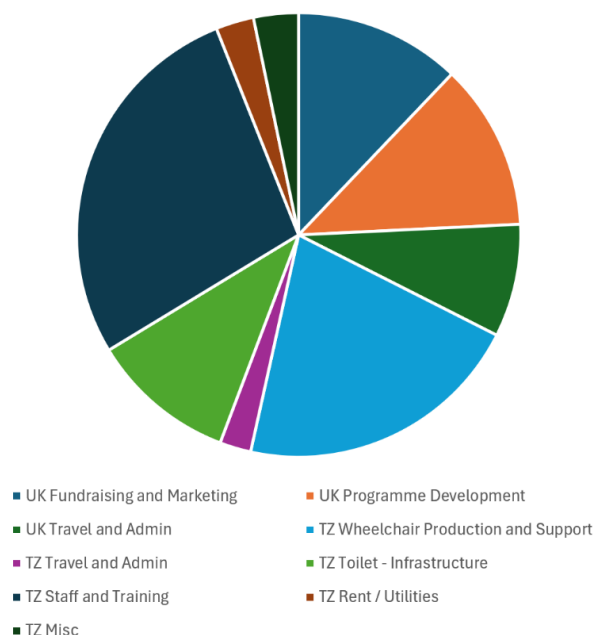


Further detail can be found at Appendix 2

Income



Expenditure



Looking Ahead to 2026

In the coming year, we aim to:

- Recruit a **Project Director in Tabora** to strengthen local leadership
- Expand support for young people transitioning into higher education or vocational training
- Grow **Club 300** and our regular giving community
- Continue piloting practical interventions that remove barriers to education
- Develop the Ubuntu programme, offering caregivers of children with neuro-disabilities practical tools and support through residential training
- Explore sustainable income opportunities linked to local production and repair
- Source all our wheelchairs from within East Africa

Thank You

None of this would be possible without our supporters. To everyone who donated, fundraised, volunteered, shared our story and supported our work—thank you. Your support keeps the wheels turning, quite literally, and helps create a more inclusive future for children and young people with disabilities in Tabora.

On behalf of the Trustees, staff, partners and beneficiaries of **Just Wheels**

Just Wheels UK Board of Trustees

December 2025

Chair	Emma Burtles
Secretary	Lorna Renwick
Treasurer	Cath Brookes
Member	Annemarie Graepel
Member	Jerome Mayaud
Member	Frederick Longino
Member	Emily Goodall

Approved by the Board of Just Wheels UK - August 2026

APPENDIX 1

OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	Jan	2025	To	31	Dec	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Just Wheels

Other names charity is known by

Just Wheels

Registered charity number

SC47294

Charity's principal address

c/o Sylvan

Urlar Road

Aberfeldy

Postcode Ph15 2ET

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Burtles	Chair		
2	Cath Brookes	Treasurer		
3	Lorna Renwick	Secreatrary		
4	Annemarie Graepel			
5	Frederick Longino			
6	Jerome Mayaud			
7	Emily Goodall			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board may appoint any suitable person to the board by way of a resolution passed by the majority of trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Just Wheels exists to reduce poverty and inequality for children and young people with physical disabilities in Tabora, Tanzania. It does this by providing high-quality, well-fitted wheelchairs and practical support that enables mobility, education, independence and inclusion including:

- Relieving poverty and hardship of those living with mobility impairments and their families
- Improving the life chances of those living with mobility impairments
- Building capacity in the support of people living with mobility impairments

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

This year it has delivered tangible, life-changing outcomes:

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Please refer to the Annual Report 2025

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold a minimum reserve equal to nine months of general expenditure.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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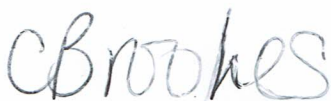
Other optional information

None

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Catherine Brookes	Emma Burtles
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	2/9/26	10/9/26

APPENDIX 2

JUST WHEELS FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Bank Balance 2025			
Opening Balance	£	19,721	Agreed to bank statement
Receipts	£	51,960	Per cash book
Payments	£	33,019	Per cash book
Closing Balance	£	38,662	Agreed to bank statement

	01 Jan-31 Dec 2025		01 Jan - 31 Dec 2024	
Income	£		£	
Donations	£	3,328.38	£	3,147.00
Grants	£	30,500.00	£	25,000.00
CAF	£	309.99		
Fundraising events	£	6,921.79	£	9,368.00
Gift Aid	£	2,047.55	£	412.00
Big Give	£	8,851.89		

Total Income	£	51,959.60	£	37,927.00
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Expenditure				
UK Staff	£	8,000.04		
UK Travel	£	2,334.33	£	1,899.00
UK Board Meetings	£	-		
UK Office Equipment	£	-		
UK Administration	£	380.28	£	50.00
UK Marketing	£	-	£	67.00
UK Training	£	-		
UK Consultancy	£	-		
UK Bank Charges	£	-		
UK Miscellaneous	£	-		
TZ Wheelchair Production	£	5,664.19	£	9,156.00
TZ Wheelchair Support	£	1,275.05		
TZ Staff	£	7,205.38	£	9,550.00
TZ Travel	£	400.85	£	2,154.00
TZ Board Meetings	£	-		
TZ Office Equipment	£	-	£	1,789.00
TZ Administration	£	352.92	£	3,194.00
TZ Rent/Utilities	£	913.24	£	2,891.00
TZ Training	£	1,918.72	£	518.00
TZ Consultancy	£	-	£	1,850.00
TZ Education	£	-		
TZ Marketing			£	491.00
TZ Infrastructure	£	3,490.88		
TZ Miscellaneous	£	1,017.40		
TZ Bank Charges	£	65.27	£	150.00

Total expenditure	£	33,018.55	£	33,759.00
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Surplus/(Deficit)		18,941.05		4,168.00
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