Vision Africa Give a Child a Future (operating as Raising Futures Kenya) Annual Report April-December 2019

Vision Africa Give a Child a Future (operating as Raising Futures Kenya as of December 2018) is a UK registered charity working in partnership with a Kenyan Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) to support vulnerable children and young people in Kenya. We work in close collaboration with local people to ensure effective, sustainable development that creates real lasting impact for individuals, families and communities in poor areas of Kenya.

Vision Africa was established in the United Kingdom in 2001 and was registered as a charity in England and Wales on 18th March 2002 under its constitution, which was adopted on 15th December 2001 and amended 9th March 2002.

Vision Africa Give a Child a Future is a registered charity No is: 1091198

In December 2018, Vision Africa Give a Child a Future re-branded as Raising Futures Kenya. In January 2019 a new organisation, Raising Futures Kenya CIO was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO, registered charity number 1181670) to replace Vision Africa Give a Child a Future. The Trustees of the charity felt that the CIO structure, which was not available when the charity was originally founded, was more appropriate for the future ambitions of the charity.

For the remainder of this annual report, the Charity will be referred to as Raising Futures Kenya. Once all of Vision Africa Give a Child a Future’s (1091198) liabilities and assets are transferred to Raising Futures Kenya (1181670), Vision Africa Give a Child a Future (1091198) will be officially closed and removed from the Charity Commission register.

This will be the last annual report produced under the charity number 1091198. Future annual reports for the charity will be produced under the new CIO number 1181670.

This is a partial year report and set of accounts covering 1st April - 31st December 2019 to accommodate a change in financial year from April-March to Jan-December.

All photos and stories in this report are shared with consent.
Trustees

Trustees are chosen and elected by the Raising Futures Kenya Board. The following trustees served throughout the year 2019:

Chair: Mr A. King  
Treasurer: Ms L. Roberts  
Secretary: Ms J. Chamberlain  
Mr. A. Munnings  
Mrs D. Kimathi  
Ms. B. Pierce  
Ms. P. Aliontye (stepped down in December 2019)  
Mr. J. Bramble

The following Trustees stepped down in 2019:  
Ms. P. Aliontye

Founders - Mrs. V. Packard, Rev. J. Packard.  
Bankers - Barclays Bank, Tamworth Business Centre 24 Middle Entry, Tamworth, B79 7NJ  
Independent Examiner - Mike Doris

Vision, Mission and Themes

Our **vision** is a world where all children and young people in Kenya live with dignity, hope, and the opportunity to fully participate in society.

Our **mission** is to create opportunities with children and young people in Kenya to break the cycle of poverty and inequality and fulfil their potential.

Our overarching themes are embedded in each and every aspect of our work at Raising Futures Kenya.

**Theme 1 – Sustainability** - We work hard to ensure that everything we do is environmentally and socially sustainable. Whether it is the decisions we make about travel or printing, or the projects we engage with in Kenya.

**Theme 2 – Transparency** - We want to be leaders in transparency in the charity sector. We commit to making our decision-making processes, finances and fundraising practices publically available for our supporters to see for themselves. We’re very confident in our approach to development and management.

**Theme 3 – Respect** - We treat everyone with respect, whether students and their families, our generous donors who make our work possible, the teachers at our vocational training centers, or our employees and volunteers.

**Theme 4 - Person centred** - We consider the whole person in our work. Sustainable development isn’t simple, solutions are often complex and unique to each individual. We work closely with the children, young people and families we support to ensure they have all the support they need to break the cycle of poverty and inequality.
Chair’s Report for the period Apr-Dec 19

2019 has been a very positive year that has seen us grow in our UK capacity and focus even more sharply on our strategic objectives.

The Board of Trustees, many of whom joined in 2018, have worked together very closely throughout 2019 and have built strong foundations for the Governance of the organisation. I’d like to take this chance to thank them all for their invaluable input.

Staff changes

In May 2019 we sadly said goodbye to our Fundraising Officer Victoria Powell. In July 2019 we welcomed our new Deputy UK Director Kirsty Erridge. Kirsty has brought a wealth of NGO experience and has enthusiastically engaged with her role - we are delighted to have her on the team.

Projects

2019 has seen us make significant progress towards our strategic priority areas:

1. Build the capacity of our two partner specialist schools, Percy Davies and Kirunguru, to facilitate full community ownership and future sustainability of the schools, without the financial support of Raising Futures Kenya.

2. Equip and empower the families of the re-integrated children and former sponsored students, to be income secure and able to provide for their families’ basic needs.

3. Continue to deliver and develop/improve our vocational training model (Seed of Hope) to boost opportunities for young men and women from vulnerable communities in Kenya.

Thanks to support from Danish charity Help Every Day and a successful Big Give Christmas Challenge in 2018, we have made significant progress with Strategic Objective 1. Both Percy Davies and Kirunguru Schools now benefit from income generating farms to supplement their feeding programme and generate income for school costs. Both also now have school business plans to ensure the total self-reliance of the schools by the end of 2021. We will continue to work with the schools throughout 2020 and 2021 to support them to reach total self-reliance.

Photo: Greenhouse for all-season planting at Percy Davies School

We’ve made excellent progress with Strategic Objective 2 thanks to our Programme Manager Winnie who leads our Family Strengthening Programme. At the end of 2019 14 of the 41 families in our Family Strengthening Programme had started in the first round of financial and business skills training and had received their business start up grant.

Our goal is that these families will be running successful profitable businesses that enable them to generate income to support their children’s basic needs and education costs within 18 months.

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We continue to work with the remaining families to support their children’s education fees until we secure funding to support them through the business start up project. We anticipate that all 41 families will be running profitable businesses and will be able to support themselves and their children by the end of 2021.

This is the final hurdle in a long and emotional journey for 63 children who have been reunited with their families after growing up in a children’s home. With this support, these families will never be torn apart by poverty again.

*Photo: Catherine, guardian of one of the children, at her small fruit and veg selling business.*

We continue to deliver and improve our flagship programme - **Seed of Hope** holistic vocational training centres. Focus groups with students, teachers and parents were held over the summer of 2019 to gather feedback about the programme and ideas for future improvements. Feedback showed us that girls and young women at our centres need more support with menstrual health and hygiene and all our centres need more educational resources such as textbooks, tools, equipment and materials. We also identified some necessary improvements to the centres. Thanks to a successful fundraising year in 2019 we were able to include improvements in our 2020 budget.

Towards the end of 2019 we continued our strategic review of our Seed of Hope Programme and were very excited to secure funding from The Waterloo Foundation to be able to spend time developing the strategy for the Programme throughout 2020.

173 students completed their Seed of Hope course in 2019 across three training centres and a variety of courses including Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Hair and Beauty, Carpentry and Joinery and Fashion Design and Dressmaking.

*Photo: Hair and Beauty student at Seed of Hope Kariti*

As always, the progress made with our projects is only possible thanks to our hardworking and dedicated partner organisation Vision Africa NGO. Operations Director Mary Mwangi and her team, Florence Olwenge, Winnie Kavutha and Sherry Waweru continue to push for progress across all our programme areas and we are very grateful for their continued energy and hard work.

We continue to prioritise the development of our organisation both in the UK and that of our partner organisation in Kenya and we recognise the importance of capacity building at all levels to ensure we are the most efficient and effective organisation we can be. In 2020 and beyond we intend to work closely with our partner organisation in Kenya to further build their capability and independence.

We’ve made good progress with our fundraising in 2019, after a year of planning and consolidation in 2018/19 we are now gradually re-building our income from a range of sources.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success this year. Every donor, volunteer, staff member, funder and Trustee has played an integral part in helping us to achieve our mission to create opportunities for vulnerable children and young people in Kenya to break the cycle of poverty and inequality and fulfil their potential.

Andy King, Chair of Trustees

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Esther’s story

Esther’s mother died when she was 15 leaving her dad to raise his two daughters on his own. He worked as a security guard and could not afford to pay for his daughters to go to college. Esther got a job as a house help to support her father with paying the bills. Whilst working as a house help Esther met a graduate of Seed of Hope who told her about the courses on offer. Esther excitedly told her father about Seed of Hope but he was anxious about being able to afford fees but didn’t want to disappoint his daughter so he accompanied her to Seed of Hope to enquire about the courses. Once there his mind was put at ease as they were informed that all courses are free for students, Esther excitedly enrolled immediately on a Fashion Design course with the support of her father!

At Seed of Hope, Esther greatly transformed from the shy girl at the corner of her class to this bold, confident and responsible girl. She was unanimously elected by other students as the Head Girl since she often led students in participating in different activities and assisted students with their work as she’d worked hard to perfect her skills.

Esther graduated Fashion Design in 2019 at the top of her class and is now completing an internship with Rosebella, one of the Seed of Hope graduates who runs a successful, well established fashion design businesses in Nairobi. Esther plans to open her own business, train and employ other young people.

When we asked Esther about her ambition in life, she said;

“I would like to start my own fashion business that will be recognized regionally but also internationally. I also want to support other young girls like me who have lost hope and face challenges in their lives.”
Finance report

The Charity Trustees received no remuneration for their work as Trustees, they were reimbursed for travel expenses in line with our expenses policy.

Receipts from all sources (income) between 1st April- 31st December 2019 was £139,001.

Payments (expenditure) for the year was £124,858.

£106,289 was spent on charitable activities which accounts for 85% of expenditure.

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis plus a statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with the charity’s constitution and in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been audited by an independent examiner.

Reserves Policy
It is the policy of Raising Futures Kenya to maintain the unrestricted reserves of the charity at a level sufficient to meet it’s committed spend, management, administration & support costs for a period of approximately 3-6 months. The ‘reserves’ are unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets and are split between UK and Kenya accounts as appropriate.

Risk Management
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the Charity and continue to review systems to mitigate the Charity’s exposure to major risk.

Public Benefit Statement
The Trustees of Raising Futures Kenya confirm that they have complied with the duty contained within the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit. Our Chairman’s report details how we have delivered our purposes for public benefit.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated supporters and donors, without your commitment and generosity we wouldn’t be able to continue our much needed work supporting vulnerable children and young people in Kenya. Thank you.
Independent Examiner’s Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
Vision Africa: Give A Child A Future

On accounts for the year ended

2019
Charity no (if any) 1091198

Set out on pages
9-10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2019

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Michael Doris
Date: 6 July 2020

Name: Michael Doris

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Membership No: 9245893

Address:
4 Vantage Apartments
74 Upper Richmond Road
London, SW15 2SU
Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.
## Receipts and payments accounts

### For the period from 01/04/2019 to 31/12/2019

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

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

B2 Other monetary assets

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| PAYE Payable                     |                                 | 557                   | 01 January 2020         |
|----------------------------------|                                 |                       |                         |
| Pension Payable                  |                                 | 424                   | 01 January 2020         |

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

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