

Annual Report 2019-20

for

Familia Moja Community Project UK

Registered Charity Number 1185386

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The Trust was formally recognised by the Charity Commission on 18th September 2019 and so has been operating as a registered charity for only six months.

We exist primarily to support the work of Familia Moja Itetemia [FMI] in an area on the outskirts of Tabora in Tanzania. This continues the relief work that was started by Dr Ruth Hulser when she was working as a missionary doctor in a Diocesan Clinic run by the Anglican Church. [She was employed by CMS – The Church Missionary Society – part of the Church of England] On her return to the UK, it was decided by members of one of her local supporting churches that we would continue to fund raise and support this work.

Her former clinic workers and others in Tabora joined together to form a 'Community Based Organisation' [CBO] as recognised and encouraged by the Tanzanian Government. They received their licence in August 2018 This further increased the credibility of this local group with the local authorities and by having a formal structure and governance processes, made it a group that was safer to fund from the UK.

Our formal 'Objects' as per our original 'Declaration of Trust are:

The prevention or relief of poverty and the prevention or relief of sickness in Tabora and the surrounding villages in Tanzania by making grants or donations to Familia Moja Tanzania¹ or, at the trustee's discretion, to individuals in need, other charities and organisations, in particular but not exclusively to provide or assist in the provision of:

- (a) emergency food and/or medical aid;
- (b) housing or accommodation to people who are homeless;
- (c) items and support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

By the time we formally started to partner with FMI, they had a 'caseload' of over 40 families [approx. 130 family members] who were being provided with food aid, home based care and treatments such as wound dressings [16 clients] and the provision of free medicines. All of these individuals had been assessed as having no means of helping themselves [eg they were unable to work and had no family that were able to support them].

¹ This Declaration of Trust was drawn up about two and a half years ago and it should be noted that the reference to Familia Moja Tanzania predates the name chosen by the local Tanzanian staff of Familia Moja Itetemia [where Itetemia is the locality of Tabora where most of the staff live and where most of the work is based]

In their Dec19 Annual Report FMI told us that they had in 2019 carried out about 680 household visits and were distributing free medicines to 45 clients. They were also enabling those clients to go to hospital where needed. This included transport to and from the hospital, the cost of medical costs and food costs for them and their families during their stay.

They also ended up providing housing for two elderly ladies [photos on our website show two basic residences and the team office being built] and one very sick child whose family situation meant that temporary fostering was required. And, in families where the 'bread winner' was too sick to provide an income to buy food, we fed children and 18 of them were given basic supplies that enabled them to attend school – uniforms, shoes, writing pads, books and pens etc. Not every life can be saved, however, and during 2019, six of our clients died – 3 male and 3 female.

But looking after the sick is not enough if they have no food [and if the volunteer workers have no food or income]. So work that was started several years back to enable the local population to grow more food, has been developed. Over the last few years Familia Moja in Tabora its various forms has been providing water for drinking and crop irrigation and also been training local people in how to restore their semi-desert land and turn it into productive farm land providing food and a small income that will allow the staff and other local people to survive.

An experiment was undertaken digging large rainwater collection ponds and over the last four years about 30 of these have been created in the local region ranging from smaller ones containing about half a million litres to larger ones containing 1.5 Megalitres. [For context – a 50m by 25m Olympic swimming pool of depth 2m contains about 2,500,000 litres or about 2,500 tons of water]

In 2019 FMCP-UK provided fund for the digging of 5 of these and in early 2020 funded two more [at a cost of about £800 each]. By the end of the financial year [the 'rainy season'] these were all full to overflowing and should provide water for at least the next nine months in this normally drought-stricken area.

The digging of these ponds has been running alongside an educational project which is training local people [including the FM volunteers] to improve the local soil, use the water effectively and so produce better crops which hopefully feed their families throughout the year and maybe even allow a little income for things like sending their children to school and buying necessary medicines.

By creating irrigation channels and adding carefully created compost to the land, the team were able to grow a crop of 300kg of onions, which was reasonable given that it was not a good year for Tanzanian food production. At the end of the year they prepared another 2.5 acres ready for planting in 2020, though when the rains eventually came they were rather too heavy and are still coming and producing floods [as of the first week in April]. It is hoped that the rice fields that were planted might yield a crop, but even with raised beds, the water may be too much for a good maize crop.

Progress with this work has been monitored by Dr Hulser who makes fairly regularly trips back to Tabora and provides numerous photos and short reports of what has been happening. Some of these photos and reports have been used to update our website at www.familiamoja.co.uk

So how much has this cost?

The approximate breakdown for this first six months is as follows. It has been provided in three grants totalling about £17,500:

Medicines, food and other necessities for clients	£2,800
Transport – fuel, repairs for road vehicles etc	£2100
Building work – 2 simple dwellings for older people and a small one room office [including basic plumbing for drinking water and simple electrics]	£1680
Staff allowances [a small stipend to assist with daily living costs – six staff initially but rising to eight. All less than £100 per month]	£4060
7 Ponds – cost of hiring the digger primarily	£5840
Agricultural supplies – eg compost, cow dung etc	£570

The slight variation in total here is due to approximations with the exchange rate which fluctuates slightly in the period between the grant application being submitted and being paid.

How has this been funded?

The UK charity was set up partly to be able to receive donations that had been collected by various churches that had supported Dr Ruth Hulser over several years. Once she had ceased to work for CMS [The Church Missionary Fund] under the auspices of the Diocese of Tabora, this money needed to be channelled to the work in Tabora by a means that could be shown to be 'above board' and where there was accountability. This is why the Tanzanian CBO and the UK Charity were set up.

By the time that FMCP-UK became a registered charity there was quite a bit of money that had been raised, with several thousand of that earmarked for the digging of the ponds.

Our bank account was opened using an initial deposit of £1000 supplied by Bunyan Baptist Church plus further donations of about £11,000 - funds collected over the previous two years.

Another major donation of about £13,700 from St John the Baptist Church, Carlton in Nottingham had been collected for over a year, and a third of £4,280 from Holy Trinity Church in Stevenage, provided our start up budget. There was also a £1000 donation from St Johns Church in Yeovil which arrived in February.

These have been supplemented by individual donations amounting to about £790 over the first six months. These include donations from the Bunyan Baptist Church Fair Trade stall and about £300 raised by a sponsored shave when our administrator lost a decent sized beard.

We had planned to send a volunteer to Tabora this spring to collect publicity material. He is an ex-fund raiser who used to work for Mercy Ships and is also a semi-professional photographer. It was hoped that with the material he was able to collect that he would be able to put together presentation material that he could take to larger donors. This would primarily fund the pond digging and agricultural side of the work and possibly even raise enough funds for the purchase and running of a mechanical digger. Due to the Covid19 crisis this had to be put on hold.

How does FMCP-UK operate and who are the Trustees?

When the application for charitable status was first drawn up, we had three Trustees; Dr Ruth Hulser, Denise Beach and Rebecca Birch.

It took us many months to get our application completed and ready for submission and we struggled with getting a bank account set up. One of the major UK banks was approached but didn't seem to be able to get their heads around what we wanted to do and spent months asking interminable questions, some of which we weren't able to answer. Eventually we gave up and applied to CAF Bank who were seemed to understand our requirements as a charity much better.

In the intervening year, Dr Hulser's situation with relation to people in Tanzania had developed and she realised that although she was able to assist in monitoring the work there [during her regular visits back and forth], there were conflicts of interest. As such, she resigned as a Trustee at one of our first meetings, and she was replaced by another long-term supporter of her work, Barbara Francis. Barbara is one of the members of Bunyan Baptist Church and was an elder and Trustee there for several years.

In January 2020 we decided to recruit another Trustee, Derek Hyde. Derek has been a missionary in Africa for several years [giving him a unique insight into some of the issues] and also is an accountant. He too is a member of Bunyan Baptist Church and was a Trustee there for several years and was the Church Treasurer.

So, as of the end of this financial year the Trustees are:

- Denise Beach
- Rebecca Birch
- Barbara Francis
- Derek Hyde

The Trustees meet in person at least once every three months [though obviously with the Covid19 outbreak this has not been possible in April 2020] and the meetings are usually held when grant requests are received from Tanzania.

So far in this financial year we have received and approved three grant requests. The money has been sent to the FMI bank account by bank transfer from our CAF Bank account as this is deemed the safest way to do this.

There are now four non-Trustees who are involved as unpaid volunteers:

- Dr Ruth Hulser – who acts as a UK-Africa link, regularly travelling back to Tanzania and providing us with reports of what is happening. As a Swahili speaker, she is best able to communicate with staff on the ground in Tabora
- Geoff LePage – formerly a fundraiser with Mercy Ships and also a professional photographer and artist. He is working with us on fund raising and was hoping to travel to Tabora this spring with a view to collecting photos, video clips etc in order to help with publicity etc. [See above]
- Gill Whiting – a community development specialist adviser
- Eric Beach – Administrator and author of this report.

Current Financial Position and Risks

This small charity was set up with the view to engaging primarily in local fund raising through churches and those who have previously supported the work of Dr Ruth Hulser. There were plans for quiz nights and other fund raisers over the summer but much of this has had to be put on hold due to the presence of the Corona Virus.

We also hope to be able to encourage people who have supported Dr Ruth's work in the past to become regular donors. While we are not allowed to directly contact people who supported her through CMS [the Church Missionary Society] due to data protection issues, we are hoping that the work will gradually spread and regular donors will be collected.

Our total income within the period to 30th March 2020 was £30,408.37

Of this £18,292.76 was for specified projects relating to agricultural work, the building of rainwater collection ponds and housing for older people. These are marked as **Restricted Funds** in the accounts below.

The other £23,462.61 is allocated as **General Funds** and is to be used for the provision of care to our clients. This includes a contribution towards food and medical provision [with other donors also paying for much of this], and also paying the cost of running vehicles and giving the FMI staff a small stipend to help them with their costs.

The accounts below show where the money has come from and where it has been spent. The first two pages show a general overview of income and expenditure. The next page shows the breakdown between General and Restricted Funds. The last page gives some indication of what the various grants paid for.

As mentioned above we have a volunteer who was previously a professional fund raiser who is hoping to raise larger amounts of funding, primarily aimed at the digging of more rainwater collection ponds. We provided money for his air fare to go to Tanzania, but as his flights were cancelled due to Covid19, he has applied for refunds from the airlines and that will go back into our funds [post 1st April 2020]

We do not have a Reserves Policy as we have no necessity to keep reserves, having no staff or property to service.

Other than the cash in the bank, we have no assets or investments, nor do we have any liabilities / bills to pay.

A balance of £13,517.19 has been carried over into the 2020-21 financial year

Accounts - Sept19 - Apr20

First Quarter

Date	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
01Oct19	Initial Deposit to open account [provided by Bunyan Baptist Church from money collected]	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
03Oct19	Bunyan Donation 1	£6,391.91		£7,391.91
04Oct19	Bunyan Donation 2	£4,598.92 *		£11,990.83
16Oct19	Grant 1 to FMI + £20 payment charge		£7,270.00	£4,720.83
Oct19	Small donation	£30.00		£4,750.83
21Oct19	Donation from St John The Baptist	£13,693.84 **		£18,444.67
Nov19	Small donations	£364.45		£18,809.12
07Nov19	Payment for insurance		£119.84	£18,689.28
15Nov19	Account fee		£5.00	£18,684.28
25Nov19	Holy Trinity Donation	£4,280.00		£22,964.28
26Nov19	Grant 2 to FMI + £20 payment charge		£5,940.00	£17,024.28
Dec19	Small Donations	£49.25		
16Dec19	Account Fee		£5.00	£17,068.53
Totals		£30,408.37	£13,339.84	£17,068.53

* This donation was given with the digging of ponds in mind as part of a Christmas Appeal from a couple of years back.

** It should be noted that the donors of this fund wrote to us in November 2019 requesting that this should be considered a restricted fund to be used primarily for the construction of ponds, gardens and care for the elderly.

Second Quarter

Date	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	Carried forward	£30,408.37	£13,339.84	£17,068.53
Jan20	Small Donation	£25.00		£17,093.53
15Jan20	Account Fee		£5.00	£17,088.53
27Jan20	Donation from Bunyan Fair Trade Stall	£200.00		£17,288.53
27Jan20	Grant 3 to FMI + £20 payment charge		£4,332.00	£12,956.53
01Feb20	Small Donation	£25.00		£12,981.53
06Feb20	Cheque for air tickets - Geoff LePage		£551.34	£12,430.19
1Feb-20	Donation from St Johns Church Yeovil	£1,000.00		£13,430.19
17Feb20	Account Fee		£5.00	£13,425.19
16Mar20	Account Fee		£5.00	£13,420.19
Mar20	Small Donations	£97.00		£13,517.19
End of Financial Year Totals		£31,755.37	£18,238.18	£13,517.19

Overview

Income

Major donations [£1000+]

Bunyan Baptist Church	£11,990.83
St John the Baptist, Carlton	£13,693.84
Holy Trinity, Stevenage	£4,280.00
St Johns Yeovil	£1,000.00
Subtotal	£30,964.67

Other donations

£790.70

Expenditure

Grants to FMI	£17,542.00
Insurance, bank fees etc	£144.84
Expenses [air fare]	£551.34*
Subtotal	£18,238.18

End of Financial Year Totals

£31,755.37

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*As the arrival of Covid19 stopped this visit to Tabora, the person who was visiting for us has applied for a refund. A refund from one of the airlines was subsequently repaid and we await the other.

Breakdown of the grant allocation - summary

		General Funds	Restricted Funds
Income	Major donations [£1000+]		
	Bunyan Baptist Church	£7,391.91	£4,598.92
	St John the Baptist, Carlton		£13,693.84
	Holy Trinity, Stevenage	£4,280.00	
	St Johns Yeovil	£1,000.00	
	Other donations	£790.70	
	Total income for each fund	£13,462.61	£18,292.76
Expenditure	Grant to FMI #1	£3,050	£4,200
	Grant to FMI #2	£1,900	£4,020
	Grant to FMI #3	£3,952	£360
	Subtotal expenditure	£8,902	£8,580
	Fee for each grant [3 x £20]	£60	
	Other expenditure	£696.18	
	Total expenditure from each fund	£9,598.18	£8,580
	Balance for each fund	£3,804.41	£9,712.76

Breakdown of the grant allocation – by individual grant

		General Funds	Restricted Funds
Expenditure	Grant to FMI #1		
	Food, medicine, misc needs for clients	£720	
	Vehicle costs [fuel + repairs]	£430	
	Staff allowances - 6 staff	£1,900	
	Horticultural materials + Ponds		£4,200
	Grant to FMI #2		
	Specialist drugs for sickle cell / epilepsy etc	£400	
	Vehicle costs [maintenance + repairs]	£1,200	
	Christmas food parcels etc for clients	£300	
	Building of accommodation for elderly		£1,200
	Associated fitting – plumbing + power		£480
	Pond digging		£2,340
	Grant to FMI #3		
	Food, medicine, misc needs for clients	£1,312	
	Vehicle costs [fuel + repairs]	£480	
Staff allowances - 8 staff	£2,160		
Soil enrichment materials for agriculture		£360	
Subtotal	£8,902	£8,580	

Our thanks go to Judith Turner who agreed to examine our accounts. Her statement can be found below.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Familia Moja Community Project UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Familia Moja Community Project UK for the year ended 31st March 2020.

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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Judith Turner

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACMA, CGMA

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Date: 19th July 2020