



life changing water



TASTE ANNUAL REPORT

2022



TASTE TRUSTEES'

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The Trustees present their report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In setting our programme each year we have regard to both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and prevention and relief of poverty for the public benefit.

The Trustees always ensure that the programmes we undertake are in line with our charitable objects and aims.

OBJECTS, STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Our legal objects

TASTE is an international non-governmental organisation (NGO), non-political organisation established in 1999. It is constituted under a trust deed dated 7 September 1999 (amended .04 June 2021). TASTE is a Christian charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1077304.

The updated Trust Deed defines the charity's Objects as being:

"To preserve and protect the health of people in Nigeria by enabling them to locate and access underground water stores as well as the safe use of the necessary equipment to achieve this and providing and assisting in the provision of any other associated facilities, support services and equipment not normally provided by the statutory authorities."


Trustees and organisational structure

As a UK charity operating overseas, TASTE UK set up TASTE Nigeria as a locally registered charity with its own independent board of Trustees ensuring compliance with local regulations that has the responsibility for the oversight of the delivery of quality services to the needy communities across Nigeria.

The UK Trustees and the CEO work closely and met 5 times in 2022.

There shall be at least three UK Trustees, who are responsible in law for the running of TASTE. There are currently 5 Trustees which are more than the minimum of 3 legally required for TASTE to continue operating as a charity. However, the existing Trustees are actively seeking to recruit additional, appropriately qualified and experienced persons to join the board. The Trustees are particularly keen to recruit women as there are currently none represented. The Trustees also want to reflect the wider national supporter base and are therefore continuing to seek to appoint additional Trustees from around the country.

The CEO visited Nigeria twice in the period covered by this report, from 22nd July to 11th August 2022 and from 24th November to 07th December 2022. The CEO was accompanied on his second visit for a week by Prof Rob Coleman who visited from 24th November to 02 December 12.



The CEO and Prof Coleman met staff and held meetings with TASTE Nigeria Trustees and TASTE Nigeria Country Director and visited TASTE UK funded projects.

The UK Trustees have long experience of being involved with charities and aside from any expenses were not remunerated for their trusteeship. All the trustees served for the whole year.

UK Trustees

Andrew McMillen - Chair
Andy Bryce - Secretary
Ibi Erekosima - Vice Chair
Robert Coleman
Suki Jandu

The Trustees gave support to the CEO TASTE, as their specialism allows.

Examples of this involvement:

- Andy Bryce had oversight of the UK accounts producing regular financial reports for the UK Trustees' meetings and is responsible for producing the Final Account for this Financial Year, which will be examined by our Accountant, John Newton (ACMA)
- Robert Coleman assisted in the drafting and submission for approval by the Charity Commission the updated Objects.

Our Staff

TASTE has a very clear belief that all of our people are vital to our success.

Ben Udejiofo as the CEO has ensured the continuation of the vital service that the charity is providing to poor communities in Nigeria.

Patron

Dan Walker (TV Presenter & Broadcaster) as our Patron continues to be an effective figurehead for TASTE, always seeking to raise funds, awareness and our supporter base. In November 2022, he took part in Celebrity Strictly Weakest Link, winning the show and raising £10,600 for TASTE. The money has been earmarked for the conversion of two diesel generator boreholes to solar powered ones and the repair of approximately 10 handpump operated boreholes.

Advisers

We are grateful to God for our professional advisers; John Newton (Accountant - TASTE UK) We will call upon John Newton's services again this year to examine our Final Accounts.

Risk Management

As a small charity, TASTE UK relies heavily on its CEO, TASTE Nigeria Country Director, professional advisers and UK & Nigeria Trustees to help identify and manage risks. Political and religious conflicts, corruption and crime continue to be the major risks to TASTE's Nigerian operation. In the UK investing the entire operation in the hands of the CEO is the main risk. Procedures to mitigate these risks are being established. The Trustees appointed an Admin Support on 16th November 2022 to work with the CEO as the first steps to addressing the risk of investing the entire operation of TASTE UK in just the CEO.

Policies

Selection of investments:

All the charity's funds are being used for working capital and therefore no funds are invested.

Reserves policy:

It is intended to keep all reserves in a positive state and not to commit to expenditure until the funds are available. Donated assets are included in the accounts as an incoming resource into a restricted fund.

Grant-making policies:

Donations may be made to suitable recipients. TASTE made no grants in 2022.

Our objective this year was met, however, by using our funds to deliver successful projects in ten needy communities/institutions in Nigeria, rather than through grants to individuals.

These projects were funded by some large donations from:

- The States of Guernsey £50,000
- Souter Charitable Trust £4,345
- Samaritan's Purse £34,827
- Good Taste, Sheffield Fair Trade Shop £8,575
- Overseas Fellowship of Nigerian Christians (OFNC) £18,825
- Andrew Taylor X-Cel Superturn £10,600.

A summary of the achievements of the 10 projects are given on the next page.



Ben Udejioko and Robert Coleman with some of the staff at TASTE Nigeria Office



PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2022

ACTIVITIES

TASTE works in Nigeria helping needy communities and civil society organisations gain access to clean drinking water and improved sanitation using a local labour force who are given the necessary training. In so doing, we seek to work in ways which demonstrate practical Christian values of honesty, trustworthiness, integrity and respect for all. The trustees consider that modelling values like these and delivering educational workshops and sustainable projects provide the best long-term method of supporting such communities.

TASTE has been able to continue its work of providing safe clean water and hygienic latrines to communities and to deliver Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) workshops over the period covered by this report. The delivery of these life changing water projects has continued despite the severe challenges posed by equipment, plant and vehicles, breakdowns, the Coronavirus pandemic, the countrywide insecurity and the country's financial meltdown.

TASTE UK recognises that the purchase of plant and equipment would be prohibitively expensive for TASTE Nigeria and would use up valuable funds that would otherwise be directed towards projects. TASTE UK, therefore, continues to try and use its charitable status to source plant and equipment from UK based firms and organisations as either, donations or purchases at vastly reduced rates.

In May 2021, TASTE UK was able to purchase and ship a second-hand drilling rig with the help of our supporters who raised over £100,000 through a combination of interest free loans and donations. The Trustees had hoped that the rig would begin operating as soon as it arrived in Nigeria. However, this will not happen until early 2023.

These were the achievement of TASTE UK in the period covered by this report:

The States of Guernsey Project

This project was implemented in five communities (Kadaura, Espat Yashi, Kurgwan gani, Angwan Baki and Angwan Rukuba) in Plateau State. In each community 15 members of the community were trained on water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and these then serve as volunteer Health Promoters. They are tasked with cascading the WASH messages to other community members and managing the water facility in the community. The project provided one solar powered borehole with 10,000 litre capacity storage tank. In each community, the water was piped to 3 draw off points each with 4 tap heads. Thirteen households in Angwan Baki and Angwan Rukuba were supported to own a latrine while 1 compartment of 4 unit latrine was built in Kaduara, Espat Yashi and Kurgwan Gani.

TASTE UK (Andrew Taylor, GoodTASTE Shop, Souter Charitable Trust)

The project was implemented in two communities of Madabai and Garin Maje both in Yobe State, the project saw the training of 20 members of the communities on WASH in each community. The project also comprised the drilling of 2 solar powered boreholes with a 25,000 litre capacity water storage steel tank in each community. The water was piped to 3 draw off points each with 4 tap heads at both communities.

Overseas Fellowship of Nigerian Christians (OFNC)

This project was carried out in Angwan Waziri which is an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) settlement in Buwaya, Kaduna State. The project entailed drilling one solar powered borehole with a 25,000 litre capacity steel tank. The water was piped to 4 draw off points each with 4 tap heads. The project also comprised the building of one compartment of a 4-unit latrine in the IDP camp in order to reduce open defecation. A Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) group was formed to increase saving and access to affordable loans for members.

Samaritan's Purse

The project was implemented in two communities of Kpachudu and Tafigana both in Bassa Local Government Area (LGA), Plateau State. As part of the project a total of 50 members from both communities (25 from each community) were trained on WASH. Two Village Savings and Loan Association were formed, one in each community. The project also saw the drilling of two solar powered boreholes, one in each community and each piped to 3 draw off points with 4 tap heads. The boreholes each has a 25,000 litre capacity steel water storage tank. The project when completed as well as providing safe water for the communities will support 100 households to own VIP (Ventilated Improved Latrine) latrines in their homes.

Projects Funded from the UK

S/N	Project Community	Project Funder	Motorised boreholes drilled	Hand pumps drilled / broken boreholes restored	People trained on WASH	Toilets built	Toilets repaired	People reached	People with access to clean water	People with access to toilet
1	Kadaura	States of Guernsey	1		15	4		1,231	2,768	1,763
2	Espat Yashi	States of Guernsey	1		15	4		1,313	2,849	1,189
3	Kurgwan Gani	States of Guernsey	1		15	4		3,461	5,223	2,276
4	Angwan Baki	States of Guernsey	1		15		3	5,253	8,454	654
5	Angwan Rukuba	States of Guernsey	1		15		10	4,254	4,332	2,431
6	Garin Maje	TASTE UK	1		20	-		898	3,534	
7	Madabai	TASTE UK	1		20	-		1,347	5,987	
8	Angwan Waziri	OFNC	1		16	4		423	5,632	232
9	Kpachudu	Samaritan's Purse	1		25			768	1821	
10	Tafigana	Samaritan's Purse	1		25			254	1432	
Total			10		181	16	13	19,202	42,032	8,545

The above table details the projects funded from the UK.

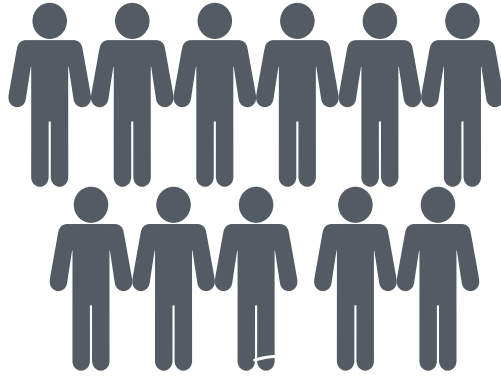
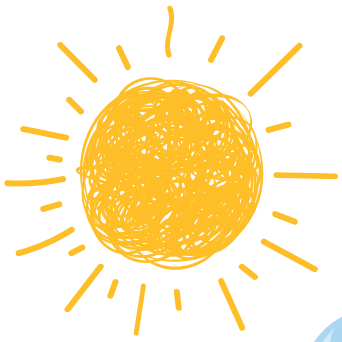
However, TASTE UK and TASTE Nigeria together during the period covered by this report have provided clean water services to **174,397 people**. We have reached **49,684 people** with awareness education on good water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) practices. The reached was possible because of the 516 persons trained on WASH, NTDs, Nutrition and Covid-19. Those trained were drawn from the local communities for which water facilities were provided.

A total of 16 toilets were built and 13 more were renovated in benefiting communities. TASTE provided 64 boreholes (5 hand pumps, 45 motorised pumps and 14 broken down boreholes restored).



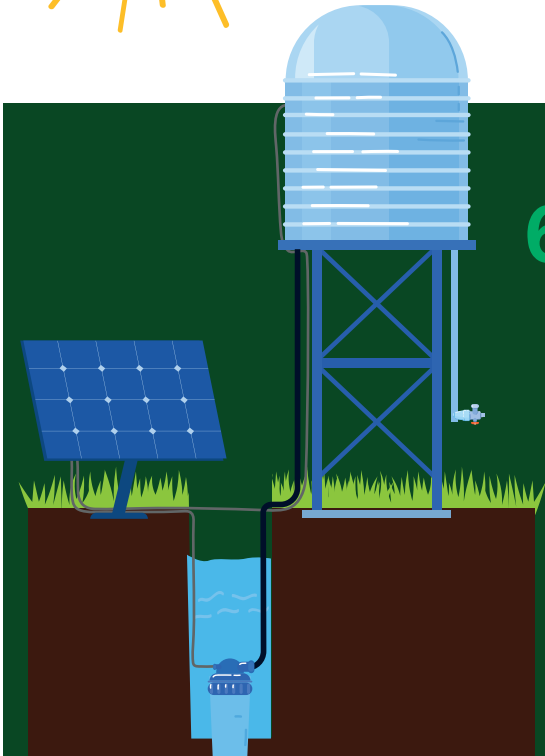
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2022 SUMMARY



How we work

TASTE UK achieves its charitable aims through direct project delivery in Nigeria where the Nigerian organisation has its own staff, plant & equipment and a separate Board of Trustees.

The work is funded through various means.

In Nigeria:

- contributions from the recipient community or organisation; mainly by the provision of land, lodging and security for our staff and secure compound for our equipment and materials and non-skilled manual labour as required.
- in-country grants made via foreign embassies and other international and Nigeria based NGOs;

In the UK:

- UK Trusts through funding applications,
- Churches through regular donations and special appeal to their congregations,
- Individual Supporters through one off gifts or regular giving through standing order, direct debit.
- Fundraising events, both by TASTE and our supporters.
- Business contacts who may give financially or donate plant or equipment or expertise through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

A sample of projects supported by successful funding applications are detailed above

UK SUPPORT

Our UK supporters also fund projects through various fundraising initiatives:



TASTE Family Funday

at The Oakes on Saturday 7 May 2022 was a huge success. We not only raised approximately **£400**, but everyone had a great time.

We would like to thank the Oakes' Impact team for their organising and running the activities and the Oakes management for allowing us free reign of their fantastic facilities. We are indebted to many of our supporters for making the day such a resounding success.

TASTY Desserts

held on Tuesday 21 June 2022, at Pelsall Evangelical Church, was another successful supporter led fundraiser which added **£1,595.11** to TASTE coffers - an incredible achievement by our West Midland Friends especially Connie Doody and her team.

Our youngest supporter Cards of Hope (@cards.of.hope) had a stall of beautiful handmade cards, with 10% of all sales being donated to TASTE.



We are very thankful to God for our army of supporters across the country who go to incredible lengths to support our work.

Ben Jackson our intrepid walker you may remember last year raised £250 when he walked the 13.5 miles from his home in Barnsley to his school in Sheffield, at the age of 14 years. Ben, now 15, did the walk again on Friday 1 July 2022, but this time to AND from school - a distance of 27 miles! In order for Ben to get to school in time for lessons, he had to leave home at 4am! (the time many people in rural communities in Nigeria also set out daily in search of water). Ben has raised an incredible **£1,000** which will be used to provide latrines to 13 Nigerian families.

Thank You Ben.



**#WATER4LENT
CHALLENGE!**



During **Lent 2022** we challenged our supporters to drink only water for 7 days during Lent. They took up the challenge raising **£165** for us in the process.

This year in the run up to Christmas we ran a video campaign to encourage our supporters to help us make it a very Happy Christmas for communities across Nigeria by repairing broken down boreholes. We were able to raise about **£1,500** with this campaign.

VOLUNTARY HELP

The Trustees are very grateful to God for the volunteers in the UK who helped during the year. Without our volunteers it would be impossible to organise the many fundraising activities that take place annually. In the UK we were able to call upon 4 volunteers.

TASTE believes that our supporters are vital to our work and that if we are to expand our work in Nigeria, we need to retain our existing supporters whilst at the same time recruiting more.

We are therefore proactive in using the social media of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and website to communicate with our supporters and society at large. In 2022 we also produced regular prayer letters to encourage our supporters to pray for our work and to give thanks to God for the positive impact that our work continues to have in needy communities in Nigeria.

Much of the time TASTE is engaged in discrete projects but occasionally will collaborate with other agencies as part of a larger, wider-ranging project.

Our aim always is to ensure that our time limited involvement, whilst bringing benefit, does not disadvantage or undermine the sustainability of the communities we serve. In order to minimise any detriment our activities may cause, we support the training of members of the communities, particularly women to maintain the projects.

As much as possible TASTE Nigeria uses local labour in any non-drilling construction (e.g. latrines construction etc) and also seeks to purchase materials from local businesses in order to ensure that the benefits of our work are maximised across the local economy.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During 2023 we hope to continue to increase the profile of TASTE, especially among the Nigerians in the UK, most of whom are based in London. Their help and support would enable us to increase the vital, life changing work that we are doing in Nigeria.

We will also seek, during 2023, to step up our fundraising initiatives by the ongoing implementation of our fundraising strategy; to increase funds to enable us to reach more needy communities with life changing water. The main way that we intend to do this by increasing our partnerships with churches across the country. We are also organising a big one off fundraising event in 2023 - Land's End to John O'Groats (LE JOG) Sponsored Hike/Bike.

The increase in our unrestricted funds will also enable us to help TASTE Nigeria to continue to develop the site of its permanent headquarters which they moved into in August 2022 and which was dedicated in November 2022. The Headquarters will incorporate a workshop run by a fully qualified and suitably experienced mechanic. This development has addressed the Nigerian team's need for increased office space and employing a mechanic will ensure the adequate maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

Our support will also help TASTE Nigeria increase its capacity to fulfil its commitments to all its partners including Tearfund Nigeria, ECWA, SIM, SIM City Ministries, WorldServe and USAID. And to continue its programme of expansion across Nigeria.

However, central to everything that we do are our Christian values, and we will endeavour, by God's grace, to keep those clearly at the centre of our activities throughout 2023.



TASTE – TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Signature and declaration

I declare in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above, and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



..... Andrew McMillen (Chairman)

Date



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