

TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOR AFRICA

Report from the Trustees:

Now that we have entered our second decade since the formation of TEST for AFRICA we are proud to see so many of the graduates from our programme excelling in their achievements, both academically, and in their careers.

We have many whom having achieved excellent grades as undergraduates, have moved on to post graduate education in the UK, China, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria and Germany as a prelude to returning home to fulfill their pledges to contribute to the social and economic development of their communities and nations.

We also more than 500 who are now in full time employment working in important roles in diverse activities ranging from surgery, medicine, nursing, midwifery, biomedical science, agriculture, engineering, water science, IT, education, etc..

In several countries our alumni are already giving back to the next generation of students by either fund raising or even from their own limited funds to provide access to University for others who are following them. We also have programmes where current scholars organize and participate in the clean up of either their campus or local villages.

In the annex to this Annual Report, we have included several testimonials from our graduates which highlight the change that TEST is making to the lives of those who are academically brilliant, yet struggled to find the funding to attend University, and who are making a difference to society now that they have graduated.

Although 2018/2019 was yet again a challenging year in terms of fundraising, we are happy to report that we received a boost from a new relationship which we have formed with The Madrinha Trust, a UK based charity which is now proving funding for a total of 10 scholarships in Uganda and Tanzania. These fully funded Madrinha Scholarships are administered by TEST with Madrinha providing one on one counseling and mentoring.

We can also report that one of our existing donors, the Travers family, who have recently pledged a major donation to boost the existing Endowment (The John and Jennie Travers Endowment) which will boost our future regular income.

Finally, we can report that we have been nominated by ICAP to as one of their charities to benefit from their London annual Charity Day where millions of Pounds are raised and distributed among many charities.

Our total income in the last financial year amounted to £ 64,565.16.

Donations for scholarship support amounted to £ 36,924.14; a further £ 8,050 was received for the Administration Fund, and additional income from investments amounted to £ 18,505.02.

A total of £ 114,050 was disbursed from both Scholarship Fund and Administration Fund as follows:

For Scholarships:

£ 40,000 to TEST for GHANA;

£ 25,000 to TEST for MALAWI

£ 27,550 to TEST for UGANDA

£ 13,150 for TEST for MALAWI

For Administration support:

£ 5,000 to TEST for GHANA

£ 3,000 to TEST for MALAWI

£350 for TEST for TANZANIA

For HSBC Bank Charges:

£ 360.24

The shortfall was funded by the withdrawal from our reserves.

During the fiscal year, the value of our investments under the management of CCLA Investments Limited, comprising principally The Kim and Sarra Lloyd Endowment, the John and Jennie Travers Endowment and the Dr Harry Potter Endowment increased by 8.4 % from £ 530,622 to £ 575,071. There was a small addition of £ 739 to the Dr Harry Potter Endowment Fund.

Over 300 scholarships were awarded by our local TEST charities, of which more than 50% were to females, continuing our progression to achieving our aim of a 60% female bias

TEST for GHANA made a total of 144 scholarship awards to students at 18 Ghanaian public universities and polytechnics.

TEST for MALAWI made only 69 scholarship awards as we continue to be impacted by the previously announced quadrupling of academic fees which has severely impacted on the number of scholarships.

TEST for UGANDA continues to make excellent progress, having made a total of 70 awards this year. Their numbers of awards continue to grow as they progress towards self sustainability in terms of local funding

TEST for TANZANIA made it's first awards. A total of 20 scholarships were given

One of our Trustees, Dr Favour Nyikosa has produced a feasibility study for the commencement operations in Zambia, based on the same model which we use in our existing operations. This would require the formation of TEST for ZAMBIA and is dependent on us receiving sufficient financial support for seed funding for the first 3 to 5 years from both current and additional donors

We recently completed the redesign and refreshment of our TEST family web sites and wish to acknowledge the work of John Mornement and Dr Franziska Meinck who have generously given considerable time to this project.

In addition we have launched the biannual publication of a TEST for AFRICA Newsletter providing highlights of the progress of several of our current TEST Scholars and Alumni. Emmanuel Mawuli Abalo and Dr Franziska Meinck are leading this project. The first edition is attached as an annex to this Annual Report.

As ever, we wish to express our gratitude to all of our Trustees in Ghana, Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania and to our Supporters for their tireless, pro-bono dedication and generosity to our shared cause.

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