

Annual Report 2009



The Gumboots Foundation



*Addressing poverty issues in South Africa by improving
education, nutrition, empowerment and well-being*

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The Gumboots Mission

Gumboots helps children in South Africa whose lives are disadvantaged by poverty and AIDS

The Gumboots Goals

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure long term funding for these and emerging initiatives.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals and organisations with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

Foreword

The Gumboots Foundation was established in 2002 in South Africa and the UK by a small team of volunteers.

In 2008, Gumboots UK was registered as a UK charity and is therefore regulated by the UK Charity Commission and complies with UK charity law.

The UK Gumboots Foundation works with the South African organisation to address poverty issues in South Africa namely education, nutrition, empowerment and well-being.

Whilst Gumboots UK and Gumboots SA are independent organisations, they work closely to raise funds, to create awareness of project needs and to build relationships between donors and those benefiting from the financial support.

Projects apply for grants to Gumboots UK on an annual basis. Each project application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees, who decide how funds raised in the UK are to be spent.

In South Africa, Gumboots SA works with each project in Alexandra Township, to provide a wide range of support including fundraising and financial accounting. Gumboots SA keeps the UK informed about the progress of each project, and produces the quarterly newsletter 'The Beat', which is distributed to Gumboots' donors and supporters worldwide. With regards to the Gumboots Seedbank in KZN, this project is funded by Gumboots UK only, for which John Tungay is the contact person and the seeds are administered by the Zakhe Agriculture College near Howick.



Gumboots' primary criteria for its chosen projects is that they are:

- Home-grown
- Community-based
- Self-sustaining in the long-term

In 2009, the UK Gumboots Foundation supported the following community projects:

In Alexandra Township

- Leratong Pre-School
- Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group
- Ratang Bana Child Support

In KwaZulu-Natal

- Gumboots Seedbank

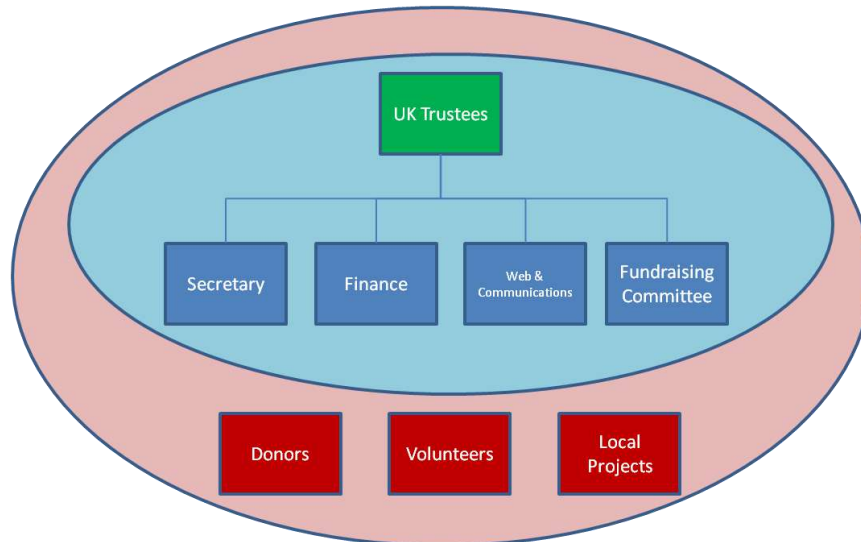
The total funding agreed for all four projects for the period March 2009 to February 2010 was £47,731. However, the accounts for 2009/2010 show income and expenditure over a 14-month period. The reason for this is that we have adjusted the previous financial year from December to February, to bring it into line with Gumboots SA, which is March to February.

The total agreed funding for all three* projects in 2008 was £41,200 (*Ratang Bana Child Support is a new project from 2009).



Governance

Organisation Structure



Roles & Responsibilities

The UK Gumboots Foundation Trustees at the date this report was approved are:

Angela Dyer, Vivien Hunt, Mark Escolme, David Magner & Karen Beard.

Lisa Morgan also served as a charity trustee in 2009.

Secretary:	Angela Dyer
Finance:	Lisa Morgan, Richard Britten-Kelly, Stephen Harris
Communications & Web:	Vivien Hunt, David Magner, Jaimes Nel
Fundraising Committee:	David Lightfoot, Chrissy Dransfield, Gary Allibone Jessica Jones, Emily Marcuson

Governing Document

The Gumboots Foundation Trust Document/Charity Commission Application is the Foundation's governing document.

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as per outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly.

Fundraising Committee meetings are held more frequently, when needed.

Leratong Pre-School

Leratong, a pre-school in the heart Alexandra Township, provides a safe haven and quality education for its pupils in a challenging environment. Alexandra is a vibrant but deprived area and one of the most densely populated places in South Africa.

Peggy Chauke, the school's principal, has run the school since its formation. She is an active leader in the township, as well as being a church pastor and Democratic Alliance councillor. The school is an integral part of the community, and pressure to take on more children each year is growing.



The weakness of the pound in relation to the rand has resulted in an almost 20% reduction in the rand value of UK donations. This, coupled with the high-inflation rate, has put Leratong's finances under pressure. However, Gumboots continue to provide food and provisions, funded by donations from Gumboots UK, and for many of the children the school meal is the only nutritious meal of the day.

A generous annual donation from Brita Water Filters UK secured the salaries of the school's seven full-time teachers in 2008 and 2009. Without the dedicated staff, the school would cease to exist. Whilst in previous years, when funding has been low, staff commitment is such that they worked on a voluntary basis. This is not sustainable in the long term and the support from Brita has been vital.

Leratong operates in two separate buildings, and in 2009 work was done both to maintain and renovate the classrooms. A small learning centre was created to provide a much-needed space for older children living adjacent to the school to do their homework.

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for Leratong in 2009 was £36,310:

- £21,200 for staff remuneration
- £15,110 for food, provisions, renovation and building maintenance



Sigiya Sonke

Sigiya Sonke is a dance group and youth project based in a warehouse on the edge of Alexandra township. The dance group was started in 1993 by Jack Letsoela. He has been working full time on this project since 2008. The centre provides dance tuition and choreography, as well as providing support and a sense of belonging for teenagers, in such a way that it has become a valuable part of the community.



Funding via Gumboots UK has helped renovate the warehouse and create a safe, colourful and versatile venue in which Sigiya Sonke rehearse, interact, study and perform. The study area with computers is in constant use, as many of the young people live in overcrowded conditions where there is nowhere to do their homework. There are also basic washing, toilet and cooking facilities, which means on occasions the dancers

will stay overnight when they have an early start for a competition or event. Sigiya Sonke is no longer only a dance group, but also a youth centre and a place of safety for young people away from the risks of crime.

The youth centre provides a permanent venue to which the young dancers can belong. It is a place where teenagers can discover their potential and grow in confidence and feel a sense of empowerment. The group are currently only using the upper floor of the building.



With support from a single donor, Gumboots SA, is negotiating to buy the building in order to secure the project's base for the future and enable its expansion to include other projects.

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for Sigiya Sonke in 2009 was £6,443.



UK funds have contributed to the upkeep of the premises, provided a small stipend for Jack Letsoela who is both dance teacher and project organiser, and Beauty his wife who provides care support for the children.

In addition, £2,428 was also provided by individual UK donors to cover school fees and expenses for young people to attend a school outside of the township where they are guaranteed a better quality education.

Ratang Bana Child Support



2009 is the first year that Gumboots UK has funded Ratang Bana. Started 5 years ago by Ingrid Moloi, a social worker and orphan care coordinator, Ratang Bana means “*Love the Children*”.

Ingrid has initiated several projects and organisations in Alexandra Township:

- Child Support Projects – orphans and child-headed households for which she provides individual support.
- Ratang Bana Home – where 13 orphans are looked after.
- Ituseng Creche – where young children are cared for and fed in a loving environment during the day.
- Red Roses Football Club – for children from disadvantaged homes, giving them hope, ambition and goals. The club builds team spirit and provides role models as many of the children have never had male role models. HIV education is also given.
- SPCA/Animal Support Project

Ingrid has an office with technical resources and a couple of people who help her. It is also where the Red Roses equipment is stored. She has other supporters in the form of football coaches, a computer trainer, and Ben, the driver.

Unlike Leratong and Sigya Sonke, which both require considerable volunteer support from Gumboots SA in the form of shopping, organising and overseeing building works, managing finances and supporting individual families, Ratang Bana is a little different in that Ingrid has developed a wide network of local supporters. The project however is in desperate need of more funding.

The total funding agreed by the UK Trustees for Ratang Bana in 2009 was £1,750 and granted to support the Child Support Projects.



Gumboots Seedbank

Situated near Howick in KwaZulu-Natal, the Gumboots Seedbank project aims to ensure nutritious produce to homes in the surrounding area where up to 80% of the population is unemployed and HIV/Aids is rife.

Gumboots UK funds a Seedbank which provides vegetable seeds of all kinds to the Richmond community, the Kazimula children's shelter and the students at Zakhe Agricultural college.

The Gumboots Foundation's "Seedbank" is run by John Tungay and administered by the Agricultural college Zakhe which teaches young people in KwaZulu-Natal how to grow their own vegetables and how to sustain a viable food source.



At the UK Sterling equivalent of approx £3.7 for 100grams of seeds, vegetable gardens have been planted with spinach, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, squash, pumpkin, green beans, beetroot, tomatoes, and peas to name a few!

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for the Gumboots Seedbank to purchase seeds in 2008/2009 was £800. Funds were agreed in the previous accounting year and transferred in the 2009/2010 accounting year.



The Gumboots Foundation UK Receipts and Payments Account



From 1st January 2009 to 28th February 2010 (14 month period)

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Receipts			
Voluntary receipts			
Personal - regular giving	19,736	0	19,736
Personal - one off donation	5,432	3,000	8,432
Legacy income	0	0	0
Corporate	100	38,000	38,100
Total Voluntary receipts	25,268	41,000	66,268
Activities for generating funds	26,521	0	26,521
Interest received	7	0	7
Total Receipts	51,796	41,000	92,796
Payments			
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	449	0	449
Costs for activities generating funds	12,377	0	12,377
Grants distributed	36,931	27,000	63,931
Total Payments	49,758	27,000	76,758
Net Receipts/Payments	2,038	14,000	16,038
Cash funds at 1 January 2009	15,452	8,719	24,171
Cash funds at 28 February 2010	17,490	22,719	40,209

Statement of assets and liabilities at end of the period

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds			
General Fund	32344	0	32344
Fundraising	0	7500	7500
Paballo ya batho	0	365	365
Total Cash Funds	32344	7865	40209

Financial Report

The Gumboots UK Financial Year started on the 1st January 2009 to 28th February 2010, a period of 14 months to coincide with South Africa's financial year end.

Gumboots UK was in a strong position at the end of February 2010 with sufficient funds to cover all commitments.

Receipts and Payments Account 2009 The Gumboots Foundation UK (Gumboots) raised £92,796, of which R63,931 was distributed as grants to projects leaving a surplus of R16,038. The opening balance at the beginning of the period was R24,171. Adding the surplus to this opening balance gave a closing bank balance of R40,209 at 28th February 2010. These numbers are detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account 2009. Of all payments made over this period, 69% were as grants.

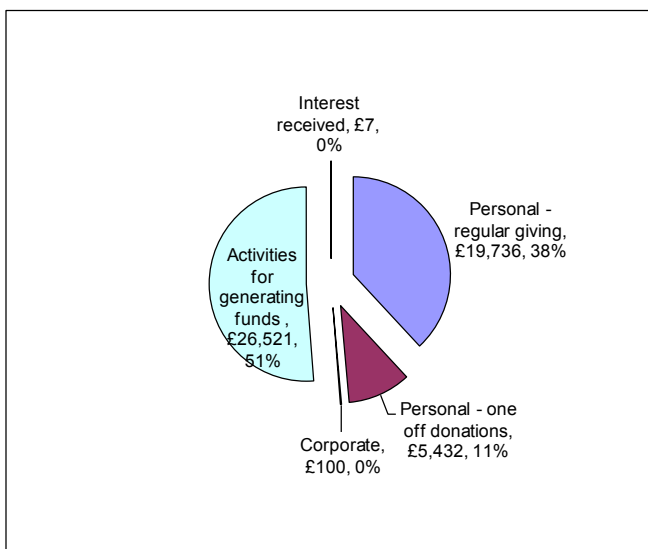
Money received from regular giving during this period was £19,736, which includes nearly £5,000 in backdated Gift Aid.

Receipts over the period were from a combination of voluntary receipts (71.4%), funds generated by fundraising activities (28.5%) and interest earned (0.1%). Of the voluntary receipts, 57.5% came from corporate donations, and the remainder from individuals who either donate to Gumboots on a regular basis or have made one off donations.

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show the split of receipts by unrestricted, restricted and total funds received. Of the total receipts, 44.2% were restricted funds.

Figure 1: Unrestricted Funds Received

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects. If part of an unrestricted fund is earmarked for a particular project it may be designated as a separate fund, but the designation has an administrative purpose only, and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund. (SORP 2005 App 3, para 3.1).

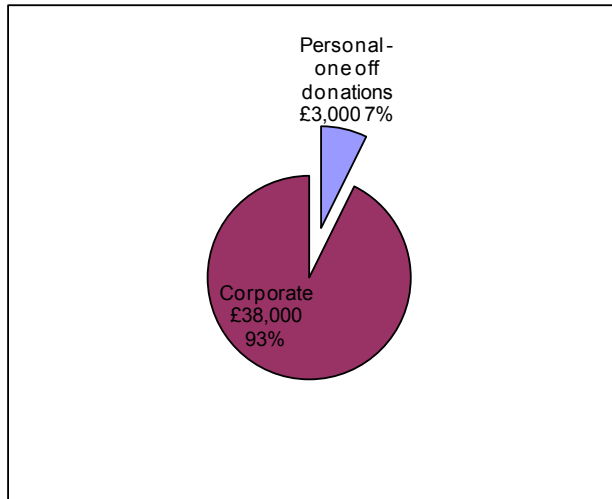


Designation is an administrative act by which trustees may earmark unrestricted funds for a particular project or use, without restricting or committing the funds legally. The designation may be cancelled by the trustees if they later decide that the charity should not proceed or continue with the use or project for which the funds were designated.

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Figure 2: Restricted Funds Received

Of the £1,100 personal one off donations in the restricted funds, £500 was spent on fundraising in 2008 (as shown in the payments section). £7,500 was also donated specifically for future fundraising and was earmarked to be spent in 2009 for the annual fundraising event.

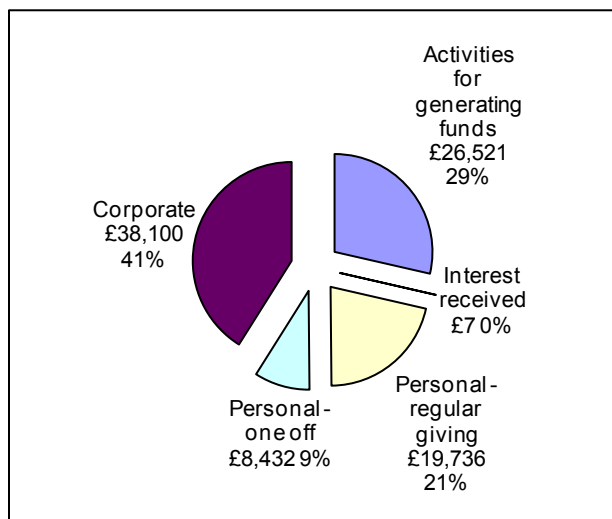


Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor(s) or with their authority (e.g. in a public appeal) or created through legal process, but still within the wider objects of the charity. Restricted funds may be restricted income funds, which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of some particular aspect(s) of the objects of the charity. (SORP 2005 App 3, para 3.2).

Figure 3: Total Funds Received

Distribution of Surplus

The surplus at 28 February 2010 can be divided between the unrestricted funds (£32,344) and Restricted Funds (£7,865). Together this totals £40,209. The unrestricted funds are allocated in their entirety towards the General Fund, which at 28 February 2010 was yet to be allocated between projects, costs of processing receipts and fundraising activities. The restricted funds have already been allocated towards a specific project £365 and fundraising £7,500 in 2010.



UK Activities & Fundraising

The following objectives for 2009 were achieved:

- Commit a minimum of £41,200 to projects.
- Improve the Gumboots UK Website and manage content efficiently.
- Raise £10,000 from fundraising events.

Gumboots Annual Fundraising Event 30th November 2009 The African Christmas Celebration successfully raised £7,748. With the support of several volunteers, the fundraising committee made this evening in London possible together with entertainment from the African children's choir and South African guest artists, a craft stall and an auction hosted by Alan Lamb.

Land's End to John O'Groats A small team of British cyclists took on the challenge of cycling the length of Britain. Not only were they successful in this endeavor but they also raised £4,714 for the Gumboots foundation.

Two Oceans Marathon Leigh Pedersen, completed the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon in Cape Town during April 2009 and raised £1,185 for the Gumboots Foundation!

Budapest Marathon In very hot summer conditions, Bridgid Binnell and her friends raised £229 by running the Budapest Marathon. Further funds came in for the 2010 accounting year.

Car Boot Sales The Birmingham fundraising team held another car boot sale in 2009 bringing in almost £267 for the Gumboots Foundation.

These events and initiatives, organized by volunteers raised a total of £14,144 for the Gumboots Foundation.



Plans for Future Periods

Objectives for 2010

- Commit a minimum of £41,200 to projects.
- Continue to improve the Gumboots UK Website and manage content efficiently.
- Raise more than £10,000 from fundraising events.
- Increase the regular donor base.

Fundraising

To hold a number of small fundraising events, i.e., film screenings, sponsored runs, pub evenings and carboot sales. Fundraising will continue to be encouraged and initiated by individual supporters.



Gumboots UK is a registered UK charity

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The Gumboots Vision

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