

THE FRIENDS OF URAMBO AND MWANHALA



NOTICE OF THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at 11.00 am on the 14th March 2026 on Zoom, streamed from the home of The Chairman

Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:
2. Minutes of 61st Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising from minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Accounts for Financial Year ending 31st December 2025
6. Messages from our Tanzanian colleagues
 - i. Message from Michael Mayamba, FUM liaison Officer, Nzega
 - ii. Message from Venance Gomegwa, Nzega building consultant
 - iii. Message from Alex Marandu, FUM Liaison Office, Urambo and Kaliua
 - iv. Message from Lucky Mgeni, water engineer and consultant
 - v. Message from Mr Joseph, Principal of Mwanhala FDC
7. Election of Officers
The nomination sheet will be placed on the website. Should you wish to join the Officers please let the Secretary know.
8. AOB including questions to the Chairman
9. Date of Next Meeting



To join Zoom Meeting, use this link

https://us02web.zoom.us/joinings/89807840808/invitations?signature=Rnw-_ai-5Ka8UzX0UxZgPUlyOZzmPzWfetr0o1N7Hj8

The Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala

Accounts for Jan - Dec 2025

Registered Charity Number 265345

		2025		[2024]
Balance b/f 1st January 2025 (note i)		19,482		[29,727]
Income (FUM)				
Standing orders	10,979			
General donations	6,157			
Other donations	1,052			
Gift Aid from 2024	2,864			
Interest	62	<u>21,113</u>		[28,316]
Other Income (Special Projects)				
Fundraising Walks 2025 (for Uhindi)	11,025	<u>11,025</u>		[23,228]
		Total income	<u>32,138</u>	[51,544]
Transfers (FUM)				
FDCs	6,690			
Clinics	3,345			
Isagenhe refurbishments	3,303			
Nzega student bursaries	845			
Nutritional flour	1,214			
Iyombo SEND toilets + tables	453			
Semembela pump repairs	239			
Local Transport	117	<u>16,207</u>		[27,558]
Transfers (Special Projects)				
Mwasala maternity	16,226	<u>16,226</u>		[33,767]
<i>(includes £6,329 FUM top-up)</i>		Total transfers	<u>32,433</u>	[61,325]
Expenses				
Audit + Meeting room		<u>439</u>	<u>439</u>	[464]
Balance			<u>18,748</u>	[19,482]
	FUM balance (note ii)		7,723	[9,585]
	Special Projects (Uhindi) balance		11,025	[9,897]

Notes to accounts

- i* Included £9,897 reserved for special projects
- ii* Includes £2,176 reserved for Nutritional Flour project

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Contains a small correction from Dr Manyama



Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting

Held 9th March 2025 by Zoom

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all participants with a particular welcome to those from Nzega, Urambo and Dubai and to Kit Lawry of the Kenilworth-Uyogo Friendship Link.

There were apologies from Nikki Hirst and Sophie Kenway.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were accepted with one correction in item 9 changing the date of the next meeting should be changed from 2024 to 2025.

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman gave his report on the year's activities:

In Urambo District the major project was the completion of a maternity unit in Usisya village which serves six satellite villages and we have funded the completion of the maternity unit at Kamalendi village after this government project stalled due to lack of money. Kamalendi serves 4 satellite villages. These clinics save pregnant mothers long journeys for medical services some as long as 30km. We are grateful to Mama Sitta for officially opening the clinics last Friday and note that the first child born was named Margaret in honour of Mama Sitta. As a gift to the clinics she supplied them with sets of bed sheets. She was accompanied by Dr Manyama, the DMO.

The village water supply at Kiloleni which had been paused for assessment after the water had reached the clinic, has now been extended 500metres to the secondary school so that pupils, particularly the girls in the boarding hostel, have a good supply of water.

At Sikonge FDC the government built a large underground rainwater harvesting tank and we sent money to fit this with a solar pump and SIM tank but we are not sure what is happening. The money sent is still in our Tanzania bank account.

In Kaliua District we have funded the renovation of the Usimba Dispensary including the installation of new windows and new, tiled floors. We have supported the connection of the dispensary, maternity unit and staff houses to the village water supply. At last we have been able to complete the rainwater harvesting project at

Ibambo dispensary by fitting the very large storage tank with a solar pump and raised sim tank next to the dispensary.

In Nzega District the major project was the successful completion of a maternity unit at Mambali village. In Lyombo village we have added a set of toilets for the disabled to the classroom for children with special needs built last year. The old bursary scheme for school children has been reborn under the guidance of Nikki Hirst and Michael Mayamba and has made grants to 22 children, some disabled, who would otherwise be unable to attend school. The house built for a family, all of whom had albinism had been abandoned after the matriarch died. The house has now been refurbished by Gomegwa's team and has been allocated to the headteacher at the Isilyaza primary school nearby. To make it easier for Michael and Gomegwa to visit projects in the district we have purchased a small motorcycle for their use.

A fortified flour scheme, masterminded by Mary Kenway and Dr Mary in Nzega is seeing great success. Dr Mary was with us on Zoom and explained how she now shows expectant mothers how to fortify their own flour using a formula

In Sikonge District we have helped with the water supply at Sikonge FDC. A shallow well FUM funded a number of years ago was deepened and fitted with a new apron and pump a large rainwater harvesting tank was repaired and another recently installed by the government was fitted with a solar pump and SIM storage tank. Mr Joseph thanks FUM and says the water supply is working well.

All of our fifteen supported clinics continue to receive their annual equipment grants, a scheme overseen by Jo Taylor and each six months the three FDCs are awarded bursaries to help with students from disadvantaged families. This grant has been increased by 10% this year and is administered by Di Cooper.

Our fundraising was unusually successful this year. The walks raised nearly £10k and due to several, generous donations we were able to spend over £61k on project this year but although we are in good shape financially, the coming year is likely to be less active. The reserves have been shrunk from £30k at the start of the year to £20k now.

The Chairman congratulated Michael Myamba on the successful completion of his Masters Degree and he thanked all our Tanzania team for their hard work during the year. . He welcomed Iain Chorlton who is now able to give time to FUM and will rejoin the officers. The Chairman at this point welcomed several from Tanzania. Mama Sitta passed on her thanks and greetings to everyone in FUM and said how much she appreciated our support. Lucky had joined us at this point as had Dr Mary and Dr George. Lucky passed on his thanks and reported that all our projects were working well. The secretary pointed out that Charles Mwisima, the Urambo/Kaliua liaison officer has been transferred. We don't yet have news of his replacement. Lucky says that he will let us know as soon as there are developments.

There were remarks from all our Tanzania friends which are given at the end of these minutes.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for our financial year ending 31st December 2024
A copy of his report is found at the end of these minutes.

We had £30k at the start of 2024 and with two large anonymous donations and a generous donation by Ralph Burgess, our income was £50k

He ran through details of expenditure on all the projects mentioned by the Chairman pointing out that Simon, our project officer, keeps close control of project expenditure. In order to complete the projects we chose it has been necessary to draw on or reserves to arrive at £61k total spent. This means that things will be a bit tighter in 2025.

The accounts were accepted and the Chairman thanked Nick for his vital work on behalf of FUM

The Officers all agreed to serve for a further year and we have been joined by Dr Iain Chorlton who now has the time, once again, to act as an officer. His role will be agreed in the next few weeks but he will be able to make a valuable contribution to FUM.

The officers were elected 'nem com' and the Chairman thanked them all for their service during the year.

The Chairman pointed out that the officers are ageing and so we are most anxious to recruit new officers. So, he urged us to actively seek out younger people who might join in.

AOB The Chairman gave time to our Tanzania team to answer questions from members about our projects.

Dr Mary answered questions about the fortified flour scheme explaining that she now teaches the ladies how to prepare their own nutritional flour for use in their cooking. The formula is a mix of maize, rice, groundnuts, red millet and pumpkin seeds, all foodstuffs readily available locally. She tours seven FUM funded clinics distributing flour which the ladies can use as a base for the mixture. Her aim now is to reduce dependence on donated products and instead use locally available foods. Seeing the ladies regularly she is able to educate and monitor them. She explained how by mixing local foods it is possible to introduce all the important minerals and vitamins. She feels the scheme is meeting with great success and thanks FUM and in particular, Mary Kenway. Dr Mary pointed out that the numbers of HIV +ve mothers is shrinking but there are other health issues which, perhaps, could next be concentrated upon.

Michael Mayamba outlined the school bursary scheme which now has 22 children in receipt of assistance. The scheme has the strong support of the District Education Office which helps select children who would otherwise be unable to attend school

because their families lack the resources to buy equipment and clothing. He was asked how the recipients are chosen and Michael told us that the District have a number of children whose parents are asking for help with the cost of educational access. The most needy are taken from that list.

Gomegwa who has overseen our project work in Nzega District for several decades thanked us for our continued support. He was asked how he was progressing with his motorcycle training. He explained that he had not got very far due to lack of time and opportunity.

We were pleased to welcome **Mama Sitta** to speak after the Chairman first thanked her for taking the trouble to open the new clinics in Usisya, Kamalendi and Usimba. As ever she was full of enthusiasm and praise for our work and pledged her continued support. She is very interested in the scheme to supply sanitary products to secondary school girls now in place as part of the bursary scheme in Nzega. This has been discussed before and she urges the small FUM group to continue examining this project.

Dr Manyama, the Urambo DMO, was thankful for FUM's efforts and expressed his determination that the money sent by FUM will be used effectively. He mentioned that the new buildings at Urambo hospital are not connected by covered walkways as is needed in periods of heavy rain. He asked that FUM consider funding those.

Lucky was asked whether he had any comments to make before the meeting was closed. He pointed out that he had sent a report to Simon detailing possible future projects in Urambo and Kaliua Districts. He mentioned the importance of completing the Kiloleni village water project so that it can be handed over to government control.

Kit Lawry of KUFL gave a short account of their efforts in Uyogo and its satellite villages. Most interestingly she told us that they have adopted the card payment scheme for water from the village supply, the same scheme that Lucky wants us to install in Kiloleni village. Although it is expensive, it is proving itself a great success, something which should encourage FUM to go ahead and try the scheme.

She explained how KUFL was working with the local secondary school in order to raise the profile of the link something she feels is meeting with success.

The Date of the 62nd AGM was set provisionally for the 14th March 2026. It will be held on Zoom.

Accounts summary is on the next page.

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Accounts for Jan - Dec 2024

	2024	
Balance b/f 1st January 2024 (note i)		29,727

Income (FUM)

Standing orders	11,343	
General donations	5,204	
Other donations	8,676	
Gift Aid from 2023	3,008	
Interest	86	<u>28,316</u>

Other Income (Special Projects)

Mambali maternity	12,500	
Nutritional flour + Dr Mary	831	
Fundraising Walks 2024 (Isagenhe)	9,897	<u>23,228</u>

	Total income	<u>51,544</u>
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Transfers (FUM)

FDCs	6,590	
Iyombo toilets + tables	4,480	
6 projects (Urambo, Kaliua, Sikonge districts)	9,538	
Kiloleni desks	990	
Isilyaza house	1,082	
Transport	1,097	
Clinics	3,780	<u>27,558</u>

Transfers (Special Projects)

Mambali maternity	15,540	
Nutritional flour + Dr Mary	1,278	
Usisya maternity	11,501	
Kamalendi maternity	5,448	<u>33,767</u>

	Total transfers	<u>61,325</u>
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Expenses

Misc + Newsletter	<u>464</u>	<u>464</u>
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Balance Dec 31 2024

19,482

FUM balance (note ii)

9,585

Special Projects balance (note iii)

9,897

Notes to accounts

i Includes £17,410 reserved for special projects