



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	Jan	2018	To	31	Dec	2018

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Niokolo Network

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1169126

Charity's principal address 2 Alexandra Road

Cardiff

Postcode

CF5 1NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Dr Tabitha Ndiaye (Chair): 09.09.2016 - Present

Dr Daphne Kerhoas (Secretary): 09.09.2016 - Present

Dr Matthis Drolet: 21.12.2016 – Present

Dr Federica Dal Pesco 10.06.2019 - Present

Roxanna Rawson 10.06.2019 - Present

Section B**Structure, governance and management****Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed for a term of 2 years by a resolution passed at a convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

Niokolo Network works in close partnership with a Senegalese Community Based Organisation called Kamben. This organisation is made up of an all-Senegalese committee & executive board with representatives from women's groups, local schools, the National Park Service, tourist guides and village chiefs.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public in economically disadvantaged communities on the periphery of Niokolo-Koba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Danger located in southeastern Senegal.

The objects of the charity are to be achieved through:

- The relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life;
- The promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- The preservation, conservation and protection of the environment by the prudent use of natural resources.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Background

In 2018 Senegal maintained its UNDP HDI ranking of being a 'low development country' based on measures of income, life expectancy and education. Alongside this, a UNESCO Conservation Report continued to rank the status of Niokolo-Koba National Park in the southeast of Senegal as of 'Critical Concern'. This report identified a number of pressures on the park's natural resources, in particular the invasion of alien species, the drying out of watering holes, and a poorly managed regime of controlled burning. It also highlighted pressures from outside the park with inefficient socio-economic projects in villages on the periphery, poaching, encroachment of livestock, wood harvesting and unofficial and unregulated mining activities.

Against this backdrop, Niokolo Network continues to work closely with the local group Kamben and its sister organisation Kamben Film Group with the goal of using local-language film to identify local issues and to empower local people to develop and implement community-led solutions.

Project activities 2018

2018 was a year of working to further develop the capacity of local groups and to invest in the planning of future projects.

1. Working together for a third year with the UK charity Purple Field Productions, a UK film professional was selected to deliver training in film editing techniques to Kamben Film Group in rural Senegal. A computer was purchased from a private donation and editing software was donated. The training was delivered everyday over a 3-week period in February 2018. Seven participants attended the training, all of which had followed the previous year's training. However no women participated in the training team this year, highlighting the difficulties of including women in the group. The topic selected for the film this year was bush fires, with the film group wanting to produce a film that would remember a tragic bush fire that destroyed half of a local village in 1997. The aim of the film was to bring attention to the dangers of fires and to encourage the population to change their behaviour to prevent the starting of bush fires. There were numerous technical

challenges throughout the training, in particular the power supply not being sufficiently strong or stable to run the computer during editing. But the group and trainer worked hard to get around these difficulties and successfully produced a 15-minute film, which was screened in a village viewing using Kamben's pedal powered cinema. For future work, Kamben Film Group will continue to encourage women to join the group and they will seek to establish a base in a town where they have better access to a reliable electricity source and where the film equipment can be kept more safely and securely.

2. Niokolo Network supported Kamben CBO and Kamben Film Group to register themselves with the relevant government bodies and they are now both legally recognised associations. This registration permits the groups to receive charitable funding for the delivery of projects with a charitable purpose. Niokolo Network further supported Kamben Film Group to become a registered business with a commercial license. This enables the Film Group to have a commercial side of their work and to offer film production services to other charities, businesses and individuals for a fee. The aim of this is that the film group is able to sustain themselves financially, making them better able to provide charitable film production services to local communities in the longer-term.
3. Many children living in villages around Niokolo-Koba National Park do not have a birth certificate which leads to them dropping out of school before finishing their primary education. In 2017 Kamben Film Group produced a first draft of a film about birth registration in Senegal. Niokolo Network and Kamben Film Group felt that their film could help to motivate parents to register the birth of their child. To this end, over the course of 2018, Niokolo Network has supported discussions between Kamben members other community members and government officials to design a pilot programme of rural birth registration events. Government and legal officials would relocate to a rural locality to offer a fast-track birth registration process over a few days, and Kamben Community Group and Kamben Film Group would support these efforts by screening their film and ensuring that community members had the information they needed to attend and successfully register their own and/or their children's births. Niokolo Network will work to raise funds to deliver this project in subsequent years.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2018 achievements

- Kamben Film Group has the skills and equipment to be able to produce educational local-language film
- Kamben Community Association and Kamben Film Group are officially registered groups able to receive funding as needed to achieve their charitable purposes.
- A project proposal has been developed to address the issue of low birth registration rates in the local area. The next step will be to fundraise for this programme of work.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the current time Niokolo Network is a relatively new charity with a very small annual income. We do not have any governance costs and it is the decision of the charity's trustees that no commitments to support charitable activities should be made until the necessary funds have been secured. As such, at the present time trustees are content that it is not necessary to hold any funding in reserve, but that this should be reviewed on an annual basis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)



You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Tabitha Ndiaye	Dr Daphne Kerhoas
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	09.10.2019	09.10.2019



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.2018		31.12.2018

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2018 to the nearest £	Restricted funds 2018 to the nearest £	Total funds 2018 to the nearest £	Total funds 2017 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	1,300		1,300	£ 200
Grants				1,600
Sub total	1,300	-	1,300	1,800
A2 Asset and investment sales				
None	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	1,300	-	1,300	1,800
A3 Payments				
Charitable activities	799		799	610
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	799	-	799	610
A4 Asset and investment purchases				
Purchase of film equipment	495	-	495	1,800
Sub total	495	-	495	1,800
Total Payments	1,295	-	1,295	2,410
Net of receipts/(payments)	5	- 0	5 0	-610
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7		7	617
Cash funds this year end	12	-	12	7

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds 2018 to nearest £	Restricted funds 2018	Total funds 2018
B1 Cash funds			
Cash in bank	12	-	12
Total cash funds	12	-	12
B2 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details	Cost	Current value	
Film equipment	495	250	
B3 Liabilities			
None	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Tabitha Ndiaye
Daphne Kerhoas

Signature

Date of approval

Tabitha Ndiaye
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09.10.2019
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