

2017

Year ended 31 March 2017

A first year of locally rooted enterprise

Circuit's first year as an independent organisation brought together community lending, grain storage, inclusive education and livelihood trials. The common aim was to help communities build their own ways to earn and support one another.

Reported activity

152 acres planted through the initial Seed Bank loan

7 students at New Heaven

3 teachers at New Heaven

50 tonnes of maize in the storage trial

Reported allocation of funds

Field programmes	37.73%
Promotion & fundraising	2.28%
Administration	5.27%
Retained for future programmes	54.73%

Figures reproduced from the source. Reserves are for future work; rounding can affect totals.

Community lending and grain storage

The initial Seed Bank helped 100 families; the report says local mill leadership added funds to double the programme. A 50-tonne grain-storage trial sold its maize after four months for twice its purchase price. This was a trading result, not a measured doubling of household income.

Livelihoods and inclusion

New Heaven supported students with special learning needs, alongside an awareness project and a soap enterprise. Dairy projects aimed to support older people and a rehabilitation centre.

Research before expansion

Coffee for Opium remained in research. Field visits and a proposed feasibility study were intended to establish whether an alternative crop could support farmers.

Reading the record

These figures describe different programmes and must not be added as a total number of people reached. Funds retained for future expansion are not expenditure already delivered in the field.

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