

10 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 18969 – Uganda

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 September 2023. You asked for:

- Q1. *Details of payments made by Welsh Government to any organisation based in Uganda for each of the last five years, including the purpose of the payment. Payments of the same type can be amalgamated.*
- Q2. *The cost of all travel to Uganda by Welsh Government staff and Members of the Senedd for the last five years.*
- Q3. *The cost of the tree planting project since its inception to the end of June 2023.*

Response

Taking each question in turn:

- A1. The total amount of funding that has been paid to organisations based in Uganda since 2018-19 to June 2023 is £177,981. An annual breakdown of the payments is provided at **Annex A**. For clarity, payments of the same type have been combined, as outlined in the question.
- A2. The total cost of travel to Uganda since 2018-19 is £12,976.77. This covers nine separate visits made by Welsh Government staff who work on the Wales and Africa programme and staff who have taken part in our International Learning Opportunities programme. No Welsh Government Ministers have travelled to Uganda in this period.

For clarity, the Welsh Government does not hold information about the cost of travel for Members of the Senedd who do not hold a Ministerial position. This would be provided by the Senedd Commission.

- A3. Since the programme began in 2009, the Welsh Government has provided £3,345,882 to the Size of Wales programme for the Mbale tree planting project. Other organisations also contribute towards the project.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex A – Breakdown of Grants Paid to Organisations in Uganda

Mbale Coalition Against Poverty (MCAP)

This contract helps the Welsh Government to understand the social, political and economic context in Uganda and to seek opportunities to join up project work where possible. The contract is also integral to the delivery of the International Learning Opportunities programme and provides independent oversight of funded projects.

Year	Amount Paid
2018-19	£25,000
2019-20	£25,000
2020-21	£26,800
2021-22	£26,800
2022-23	£25,450
2023-June	£6,250
Total	£135,300

The following payments were made to MCAP to cover the cost of visits for International Learning Opportunities volunteers, and WG official visits. Payments cover accommodation, room hire, catering for meetings, training and events, and car hire.

Year	Amount Paid
2018-19	£14,014
2019-20	£8,759
2020-21	£9,654
2021-22	£0
2022-23	£10,254
2023-June	£0
Total	£42,681