

In parallel, following initial scoping discussions, a feasibility study led by Ripple Effect will be undertaken in 2026 to assess opportunities for strengthening agricultural production and exploring a wider community-linked demonstration farm. This work is intended to support practical learning, nutrition, and longer-term sustainability.

The external environment in South Sudan continues to present challenges, particularly in relation to economic conditions and limited formal employment pathways for school leavers. Trustees therefore maintain a measured focus on strengthening education-to-employment pathways, while recognising the constraints on scale and pace of change.

Finally, FIGS will continue to strengthen and diversify its supporter base, including through regular giving, trusts and foundations, and engagement via speaking events and partnerships, in order to support long-term financial sustainability.

Risk management

Managing risk is integral to the achievement of FIGS' objectives because the school is operating in a fragile country and in a remote rural area. The trustees are ultimately responsible for risk management and for ensuring effective internal controls. FIGS maintains a comprehensive risk register, which is reviewed at each trustee meeting and updated as required. Regular reporting from IGBS and our partner WTI, including budget monitoring, provides ongoing oversight of performance and delivery. The FIGS trustees include individuals with specialist knowledge of South Sudan, and FIGS follows the relevant Charity Commission guidance for operating in higher-risk environments. Policies and procedures are reviewed and updated annually.

The principal risks faced by FIGS relate to the operating context in South Sudan and to long-term fundraising sustainability. South Sudan remains politically and economically fragile, with periodic insecurity, climate-related shocks, and wider regional instability affecting logistics and development conditions. FIGS mitigates these risks through close partnership working with WTI and the school, regular monitoring visits and reporting, and careful financial procedures and oversight to ensure funds are used effectively. Fundraising risk remains a key consideration given the scale of the school and the difficulties of guaranteed long-term income for a school where loss of income would have severe consequences for girls' education. FIGS continues to strengthen its fundraising and communications capacity, develop a broader donor base, and engage volunteer support to improve resilience and long-term financial sustainability.

Our commitment to our supporters

The FIGS trustees ensure that our fundraising is guided by our core values and that it complies with legal and regulatory frameworks. We rely on the generous donations of our supporters and each year undertake a range of activities to raise the funds needed to support IGBS. We endeavour for all our fundraising, and any fundraising undertaken on our behalf, to be conducted in a fair, transparent, and compliant manner. In 2025, we registered with the Fundraising Regulator. We ensure all our fundraising activity is carried out in line with the Code of Fundraising Practice, charity law and all relevant legislation, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR). We periodically ensure that our policies and procedures are reviewed annually and updated as appropriate. We are thankful for all the support we receive and are committed to maintaining high standards of fundraising and supporter care.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4th September 2026 and signed on their behalf:



Chris Trott
Chair of Trustees