



VICTORIA FINANCE PLC

**ANNUAL REPORT AND GROUP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**



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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Leonard Kitoka

DIRECTORS

Ms. Victoria Chale

Ms. Rose Funja

Mr. Abel Kaseko

Mr. Robert Butambala

Mr. Xavery Makwi

Ms. Farida Kangesa

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Patrick Malewo

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Julius Mcharo

BANKERS:

NCBA BANK TANZANIA LIMITED

Samora Branch, Dar es Salaam

NMB BANK PLC

Kariakoo Branch, Dar es Salaam

TCB BANK LIMITED

Mlimani Branch, Dar es Salaam

MWANGA HAKIKA BANK LIMITED

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CRDB BANK PLC

Vijana Branch, Dar es Salaam

MUCOBA BANK PLC

Madibira Branch, Mbarali

MAENDELEO BANK

Luther House, Dar es Salaam

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REPORT BY THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Directors present this report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2023 which disclose the state of affairs of the Group.

2. INCORPORATION

Victoria Finance Plc was incorporated on 2nd October 2009 under the Tanzania Companies Act, 2002 as Victoria Microfinance Company Limited and later on, on 20th April 2010, changed the name to Victoria Finance Limited and in 2014 was incorporated as Victoria Finance Public Limited Company.

3. VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

“To be the preferred financial services partner in Tanzania”

MISSION

“To provide comprehensive financial solutions by meeting customers’ needs, realizing shareholders’ value and ultimately benefitting society.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

- (i) To achieve consistent and sustainable profitability and shareholders’ value
- (ii) To acquire and maintain a significant market share in our target markets.
- (iii) To attain high efficiency and productivity in our business operations.

4. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal focus of Victoria Finance Group is the provision of financial services mainly microfinance. The Group is also carrying out insurance brokerage services through its subsidiary –Victoria Insurance Brokers Limited.

5. OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The main objectives and strategies of Victoria Finance Group are:

- (a) Achieving significant inclusive financial growth, through:
 - Increased revenues
 - Significant quality portfolio
 - Improved shareholders’ returns
- (b) Improving customer experience, through:
 - Customers acquisitions
 - Customer satisfaction
 - Customer retention
- (c) Increase the use of innovations and technology, through:
 - Digitalization
 - Cost containment
 - Staff competency & productivity

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6. DIRECTORS

The Directors who held office during the year and at the date of this report are shown below. By the Company's Articles of Association. Director Zuweina Farah resigned in June 2023 to attend to other personal commitments and was replaced by Director Ms. Farida Kangesa who joined the Board in July, 2023.

The members of the Board of Directors who served during the period and to the date of this report are indicated below.

NAME	APPOINTED	AGE	PROFESSION	NATIONALITY	NO. OF SHARES
Mr. Leonard C. Kitoka	20-June-21	55	Mgt Consultant	Tanzanian	1,535,001
Ms. Victoria Chale	20-June-21	53	HR Consultant	Tanzanian	-
Ms. Rose Funja	01-July-23	42	IT Specialist	Tanzanian	-
Mr. Abel Kaseko	20-June-21	41	IT and Banker	Tanzanian	-
Mr. Robert Butambala	20-June-21	54	Accountant	Tanzanian	-
Ms. Zuweina Farah*	01-July-22	37	IT Specialist	Tanzanian	-
Mr. Xavery Makwi	20-June-21	55	Banker	Tanzanian	-
MS Farida Kangesa**	1-July-23	49	Marketing Specialist	Tanzanian	1,614,932
COMPANY SECRETARY					
Patrick Malewo	1-July-22	55	Lawyer	Tanzanian	-

*Ms. Zuweina Farah resigned from the Board in June 2023

**Ms. Farida Kangesa joined the Board on 1st July, 2023

7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

VFP Board consists of seven (7) both Non-Executive and Independent Directors. Apart from the Chief Executive Officer, no other Director holds executive positions in the Company. The Board takes overall responsibility for the Company, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering and monitoring significant investment decisions, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management business plans and budgets. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative and for compliance with sound corporate governance principles.

The Board is required to meet at least four times a year. The Board delegates the day-to-day management of business to the Chief Executive Officer assisted by senior management.

The VFP Board has three Board committees namely Board Audit & Risk Committee, Board Credit Committee, and Board Finance, Human Resources & Administration Committee.

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

BOARD AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee held four meetings out of four meetings planned during the year. The External Auditors were invited and attended one meeting to present audit findings and opinions on audited financial statements. The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Finance Officer, and Internal Auditor also attended the meetings as invitees.

Members of the Committee that served during the year were as follows:

NAME	POSITION	PROFESSION	NATIONALITY
Mr. Robert Butambala	Chairman	Accountant	Tanzanian
Mr. Abel Kaseko	Committee Member	IT & Banker	Tanzanian
Ms. Victoria Chale	Committee member	HR Consultant	Tanzanian
Mr. Patrick Malewo	Secretary	Lawyer	Tanzanian

The Board Audit and Risk Committee reviews significant accounting policies and financial reporting systems to ensure that they are adequate and are complied with at all times. It reviews the adequacy of internal control systems and monitors the implementation of actions to address issues raised by internal auditors, external auditors, and regulators.

The Committee assists the Board in the evaluation and selection of External Auditors at least annually and approves the recruitment of the Internal Auditor. It can also recommend termination of existing Auditors whenever it is found that the performance is not in line with the assigned duties and responsibilities and/or there is no independence for the auditors to discharge their duties professionally.

BOARD CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Board Credit Committee held three meetings during the year out of four meetings planned. The Committee was reconstituted during the year due to a change in Board members with Director Zuweina resigning in June 2023 and replaced by Director Farida Kangesa who served the last quarter of the year. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operation Officer participated in the meetings as invitees. Members of the Credit Committee that served during the year were as follows: -

NAME	POSITION	PROFESSION	NATIONALITY
Mr. Abel Kaseko	Chairman	IT and Banker	Tanzanian
Ms. Rose Funja	Committee member	IT Specialist	Tanzanian
Ms. Farida Kangesa	Committee member	Marketing Specialist	Tanzanian
Mr. Exavery Makwi	Committee member	Lawyer and Banker	Tanzanian
Mr. Patrick Malewo	Secretary	Lawyer	Tanzanian

The main function of the Board Credit Committee is to monitor the performance and quality of the credit portfolio, appraise and approve loans within its credit approval limit, and recommend to the Board for approval facilities beyond its limit. The Committee Reviews Credit Policy at least once a year and ensures that it contains sound fundamental principles that facilitate the identification, measurement, monitoring, and control of credit risk as well as having appropriate plans and strategies for credit risk management.

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The Committee held three meetings out of four meetings planned during the year. The Committee was reconstituted during the year due a to change in Board members as Director Zuweina Farah resigned in June 2023 and Director Farida Kangesa joined the Committee in October 2023. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer also attended the meetings as invitees.

Members of the Committee that served during the year were as follows:

NAME	POSITION	PROFESSION	NATIONALITY
Ms. Rose Funja	Chairperson	IT Specialist	Tanzanian
Ms. Farida Kangesa	Committee member	Marketing Specialist	Tanzanian
Mr. Robert Butambala	Committee member	Accountant	Tanzanian
Mr. Patrick Malewo	Secretary	Lawyer	Tanzanian

The main function of this Committee is to develop, review, and monitor the financial strategic plan and management practices. The Committee ensures that there is a succession plan for executives and other key positions. It is also responsible for reviewing and recommending reward strategies and annual compensation for the Board, senior management, and other employees.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Board of Directors is mandated to oversee the Management to efficiently discharge specific functions of the Group. The members of the Board are aware of their obligation to good corporate governance at all times and the need to work for the best interest of the Group. All Board members are non-executive directors and meet at least after every three months to discuss the affairs of the Group. The Board of Directors consists of 7 members and the Secretary to the Board. The Board takes overall responsibility for the Group, including responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering and monitoring investment decisions, considering significant financial matters, and reviewing the performance of management business plans and budgets.

The Board is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operational and in compliance with sound corporate governance principles. The Board delegates the day-to-day management of the business to the Chief Executive Officer who is assisted by the management team. The management team is invited to attend board meetings and facilitate the effective control of the Group's operational activities.

The Group is committed to the principles of effective corporate governance. The Directors also recognize the importance of integrity, transparency, and accountability. During the year the Board had five meetings while the Board Audit and Risk Committee had three meetings during the year. The Board Credit and Investment Committee met three times while Board Finance, Human Resources & Administration met four times during the year.

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Attendance at the meetings is detailed in the tables below:

S. NO	MEETING NO.	DATE	BOARD ATTENDANCE
1	79	28th April, 2023	5 out of 7
2	80	29th July, 2023	6 out of 7
3	81	4th November 2023	6 out of 7
4	82	16th December. 2023	6 out of 7

BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE IS SUMMARIZED BELOW:

NAME OF DIRECTOR	DIRECTORS	BARC	BCC	BFHA
Mr. Leonard Kitoka	4 out of 4	NA	NA	NA
Ms. Victoria Chale	4 out of 4	2 out of 3	NA	NA
Ms. Rose Funja	4 out of 4	NA	1 out of 2	3 out of 3
Mr. Abel Kaseko	4 out of 4	3 out of 3	3 out of 3	NA
Mr. Robert Butambala	3 out of 4	2 out of 3	NA	3 out of 3
Mr. Xavery Makwi	1 out of 4	NA	1 out of 3	NA
Ms. Zuweina Farah	0 out of 1	NA	0 out of 1	0 out of 1
Ms. Farida Kangesa	3 out of 3	NA	1 out of 1	1 out of 1

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RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

The Board accepts final responsibility for the risk management and internal control systems of the Group. It is the task of the directors to ensure that adequate internal financial and operational control systems are developed and maintained on an ongoing basis to provide reasonable assurance regarding:

- The effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
- The safeguarding of the Group's assets;
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- The reliability of accounting records;
- Business sustainability under normal as well as adverse conditions; and
- Responsible behavior towards all stakeholders.

The efficiency of any internal control system is dependent on the strict observance of prescribed measures. There is always a risk of non-compliance of such measures by staff. Whilst no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against misstatement or losses, the Group's system is designed to provide the Board with reasonable assurance that the procedures in place are operating effectively.

The Board assessed the internal control systems throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and thinks that they met accepted criteria. The Board carries out risk and internal control assessment through the Board Audit and Risk Committee.

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Group has an established internal audit function headed by an in-house Internal Auditor, who reports to the Board of Directors through the Board Audit and Risk Committee.

The Internal Audit function provides an independent and objective assurance that is guided by a philosophy of adding value to improve the operations of the Group. It assists in accomplishing objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the Group's governance, risk management, and internal control. Both the internal audit activity and responsibilities are established and defined by the Board of Directors as part of their oversight role.

The scope of internal auditing encompasses, but is not limited to, the examination and evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's governance, risk management, and internal controls as well as the quality of performance in carrying out assigned responsibilities to achieve the stated goals and objectives of the Group. This includes:

- Evaluating risk exposure relating to the achievement of the organization's strategic objectives.
- Evaluating the reliability and integrity of information and the means used to identify measure, classify, and report such information.
- Evaluating the systems established to ensure compliance with those policies, plans, procedures, laws, and regulations that could have a significant impact on the organization.
- Evaluating the means of safeguarding assets and, as appropriate, verifying the existence of such assets.
- Evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency with which resources are employed.
- Evaluating operations or programs to ascertain whether results are consistent with established objectives and goals and whether the operations or programs are being carried out as planned.
- Monitoring and evaluating governance processes.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the organization's risk management processes.
- Evaluating the quality of performance of external auditors and the degree of coordination with internal audit.
- Performing consulting and advisory services related to governance, risk management, and control as appropriate for the organization.
- Reporting periodically on the internal audit activity's purpose, authority, responsibility, and performance relative to its plan.
- Reporting significant risk exposures and control issues, including fraud risks, governance issues, and other matters needed or requested by the Board.
- Evaluating specific operations at the request of the Board or management, as appropriate.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

The existing Group's management structure has the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is the overall in charge of the Group. He is assisted by the General Manager-Insurance (GM), the Chief Operations Officer (COO); the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), the Head of Legal & Compliance (HLC), the Head of Information & Communication Technology (HICT), and Internal Auditor (IA).

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The current management team is composed of the following members:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Julius Mcharo is a professional banker with over twenty-seven years' experience in banking, microfinance, and financial markets where he ascended the leadership ladder to become the Chief Executive Officer of a regional Bank-Commercial Bank of Africa (Tanzania) Limited, a position he held until December 2015. He worked for both international banks and local banks including Standard Chartered Bank, Citibank, TIB Bank, and Commercial Bank of Africa in Treasury, Institutional banking, and Corporate & Investment Banking.

He has served on several Boards including IODT, Victoria Insurance Brokers Mawinyi Investment Limited, and Albatross Company. He holds a B.com (Finance), MBA, CPA (T), and Certificate of Directorship.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Melkizedeck Akyoo is the Chief Operations Officer, (COO) of Victoria Finance Plc. He is responsible for formulating strategies, planning, and quality management of loan portfolio. He oversees the operations department which vests the portfolio management functions. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with Minors in Accounting and Information Technology from Carthage College Kenosha Wisconsin WI (U.S.A), (2003) and Certificates in various courses in Banking and Leadership. He has extensive experience in Banking and other financial entities for more than 15 years. His experience includes being in several roles in Retail Banking Acting Branch Manager and Business Development Manager, Relationship Manager in Corporate Banking, Personal Banking, and Special Assets Management. Also, Involved in Trade and Treasury Operations as Senior Officer at NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited. Also work at Standard Chartered Bank in retail banking.

ACTING CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

ACPA Salama Mushule is the Ag. Chief Finance Officer of Victoria Finance Plc. She is responsible for providing leadership, direction, and management of the finance and administration team. Salama has an experience of over 9 years in Finance and Accounting, her career journey includes roles as a Finance and Administration Officer at Petro Africa t Ltd, Senior Accountant at Sighman Safari Haulage Ltd, and currently serving as the Ag. Chief Finance Officer at Victoria Finance Plc. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting (UDOM) and a certification as a Public Accountant-CPA(T), she is currently pursuing her MBA at (ESAMI).

ICT OFFICER

Noel Mathew Sumbe is an ICT Engineer and experienced Systems Analyst for over three years. He specializes in network and systems administration and is quite knowledgeable in a variety of applications and operating systems. He previously worked both at Aga Khan Foundation and NPK Technologies as an IT Officer and System Analyst respectively before joining Vision Max Company as a System Analyst. He joined Victoria Finance Plc in October 2020 as an ICT Officer in charge of all the Company's ICT operations. Noel holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and IT from the University of Dar es Salaam.

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Robi Simon Magaigwa is an Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania and the current Legal and Compliance Officer. Has more than nine years of professional legal practice. He worked as a Senior Advocate with both RMS Attorneys and FCB Consultancy Limited before joining Victoria Finance. She holds a Bachelor of Law from Mzumbe University and a Post Graduate Diploma in legal training and practice from the Law School of Tanzania.

DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

Remuneration of all directors is subject to annual review by members of the Group to ensure that levels of emoluments and compensation are appropriate. The non-executive directors are not eligible for pension scheme membership and are not part of the VFP remuneration scheme.

Information on aggregate amounts of the emoluments and fees paid during the year is disclosed below:

S/N	DIRECTORS	AMOUNT (TZS)
1	Mr. Leonard C. Kitoka	2,500,000
2	Ms. Victoria Chale	2,000,000
3	Ms. Rose Funja	2,000,000
4	Mr. Abel Kaseko	2,000,000
5	Mr. Robert Butambala	2,000,000
6	Mr. Xavery Makwi	2,000,000
7	MS. Farida Kangesa **	1,000,000
8	Ms. Zuweina Farah*	1,000,000

8. SHARE CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Victoria Finance PLC has 20 million authorized shares of TZS 250 each. Currently, the Group has 60 shareholders out of which four (4) shareholders each hold at least 5.0% of the total issued and paid-up shares of the Company. The total number of shares issued and paid up as of 31st December 2023 was **7,268,950** (2022: 6,908,226). Additional shares issued were a result of the Right Issue during the year whereas existing shareholders were awarded a right issue of one share for each of two shares held in the Company. The shares of the company as of 31st December 2023 and 2022 are held as follows:

NAME	NO. OF SHARES 2023	% OF HOLDINGS 2023	NO. OF SHARES 2022	% OF HOLDINGS 2022
Farida Kangesa	1,614,932	22.22%	1,367,684	19.78%
Leonard Kitoka	1,535,001	21.12%	1,535,001	22.20%
Blandina Mususa	757,078	10.42%	757,078	10.95%
VG Holding Company Ltd	439,818	6.05%	439,818	6.36%
Other shareholders (56)	2,922,121	40.20%	2,561,397	37.08%
Total Share Capital	7,268,950	100.00%	6,908,226	100.00%

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9. STOCK EXCHANGE INFORMATION

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The Group is listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange under the Acceleration window which is a non-trading category of emerging enterprises nurtured and profiled for consideration in both the Enterprise Growth Market and the Main Market listing.

10. BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

The Group performance for the year is summarized below:

DESCRIPTION	GROUP 2023	COMPANY 2023	GROUP 2022	COMPANY 2022
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(546,672)	(306,584)	(43,941)	(15,962)
Tax (charge)/credit	220,455	190,246	26,147	48,546
Net/(loss) profit	(326,217)	(116,338)	(17,793)	32,584
Earnings per share (EPS)	-46	-16	-3	5
Return on Equity (ROE)	-9%	-3%	-0.5%	1%

11. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

During the year 2023, VFP did not attain good scores in its key performance indicators. The key reason for the performance below target remained to be a scarcity of adequate loanable funds for the growth of the group assets.

Below is the summary of Key Performance Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS	GROUP 2023	COMPANY 2023	GROUP 2022	COMPANY 2022
Portfolio at Risk 30 days(30days)	9.20%	9.20%	26.2%	26.2%
Operational Self Sufficiency	84%	93%	99%	101%
Operating Expense/Loan Portfolio	10%	8%	13%	10%
Personnel /Loan Portfolio	14%	12%	21%	18%
Debt to Equity Ratio	174%	180%	82%	85%
Loan Portfolio to Total Assets	72%	73%	79%	79%
Capital to Total Assets	27%	27%	42%	42%

12. DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors does not recommend the payment of dividends, for the year ended 31st December 2023 (2022: TZS Nil). The Directors continue to mobilize both equity and debt finance for lending to new products and for strategic technological initiatives.

The Group's subsidiary, Victoria Insurance Brokers Limited also did not declare dividend for the year ended 31st December 2023, (2022: TZS Nil).

13. CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (the Plan) was developed and approved by the Board of Directors of Victoria Finance Plc in December 2019. The main objective of the Strategic Plan was to redefine the new growth frontiers by consolidating gains achieved in the last ten years and open up new avenues of opportunities underpinned by the digitalization of financial services in the Group. The Company is also mobilizing both equity and debt capital to expand the business and support the digital transformation.

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13. CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

The Strategic Plan continues to be driven by three main strategic objectives. The first strategic objective is to improve inclusive financial growth, which means leveraging existing resources to maximize profitability by increasing revenues and minimizing costs in the targeted new markets and products. The company intends to use additional resources to improve the loan portfolio and acquire more customers which in turn will increase revenues and incomes.

The second strategic objective is to improve customer experience in the Group hence improving customers satisfaction, customers retention and loyalty. This means improving customer journeys across all channels and business functions in attracting customers to create a competitive advantage in the market.

The third strategic objective is the increase use of innovations and technology to drive value additions in microfinance business and aligning with the dynamics of the market.

14. STAKEHOLDERS' RELATIONSHIPS

The Group continued to maintain good relationship with all stakeholders including customers, banks, microfinance institutions, vendors and regulators such as Bank of Tanzania (BOT), Tanzania Revenues Authority, Social Security Funds, and Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority Municipal Councils, Higher Education Students' Loans Board, BRELA, OSHA, Workers Compensation Fund, and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

15. SOLVENCY

The Board of Directors has reviewed the financial position of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2023 and the existing long term, short-term obligations and meanings ascribed in the Companies Act No. 12 of 2002 and consider the Group to be a going concern.

16. CASH FLOWS AND LIQUIDITY

VFP Management has set out various strategies that will ensure the long-term sustainable funding which can be used to lend to the customers and maintain the optimal level of business operation. One of the strategies is engaging different Financial Institutions both within and outside the country, who are able to lend to VFP at an affordable cost. We are currently in discussion with several institutions which some of the discussions are in very advanced stage.

17. EMPLOYEE WELFARE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

During the year, the Group offered its employees with staff loans at an interest rate of 10% per annum.

MEDICAL BENEFITS

During the year, the Group continued to offer its employees with medical insurance cover for the whole year with Jubilee Insurance Limited.

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MANAGEMENT/EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

During the year, the relationship between management and employees remains good with sound collaboration and teamwork.

GENDER PARITY

The Group is an equal opportunity employer as at 31 December, 2023, the Group had the following distribution of employees by gender. As at 31st December, 2023, women employees accounted for 54% of all employees (2022:56%).

GENDER	GROUP 2023	COMPANY 2023	GROUP 2022	COMPANY 2022
Female	15	13	18	15
Male	13	11	14	12
Total	28	24	32	27

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues, and appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

EMPLOYEES BENEFIT PLAN

The Group's contributions to a publicly administered pension plan on mandatory basis which qualifies to be a defined contribution plan.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All related party transactions and balances are disclosed in Note 26 of these financial statements.

19. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

Victoria Finance PLC continued to give back to the community in support of various developmental causes in areas of education, health and environmental conservation. The Corporate Social Responsibilities initiatives are guided by the Victoria's policy that requires Victoria Finance to spend up to 0.5% of its profit into community support in social activities.

The Corporate Social Responsibility has become an integral part of our operations. As a corporate citizen, Victoria Finance believes that by giving back to our communities is an opportunity be closer to our customers and create a lasting bond.

During the year, Group spent TZS3.5million to support education activities in Madibira Ward in Mbarali Meya and Dakawa Ward in Mvomero district Morogoro. Victoria Finance provided desks worth TZS2million to supplement efforts by residents of Madibira to increase number of desks at Madibira High School so as to enable more student's enrollment and improving the learning environment. At Dakawa, Victoria Finance joined the community to support classroom constructions where the Company contributed building materials worth TZS 1.5million. This is

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line with our current Corporate Social Responsibility policy of supporting both education and health sector in areas that Victoria Finance operate.

20. AUDITORS

During the year 2023, Nexia Tanzania was appointed as Group's auditors for the first time. The auditors have indicated their willingness for reappointment for the year ending 31st December 2024.

By order of the Board



Leonard Chacha Kitoka
Chairman

12th April 2024
Date

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

The Group's directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, comprising the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Tanzania Companies Act, CAP 212 of 2002.

The directors' responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The directors have made an assessment of the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe the business will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

The auditors are responsible for reporting on whether the annual financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Approval of the financial statements

The financial statements, as indicated above, were approved by the Board of Directors on 12th April, 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Director



Chairman

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC

ANNUAL REPORT AND GROUP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

DECLARATION OF HEAD OF FINANCE

The National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) according to the power conferred under the Auditors and Accountants (Registration) Act. No. 33 of 1972, as amended by Act No. 2 of 1995, requires financial statements to be accompanied with a declaration issued by the Head of Finance/Accounting responsible for the preparation of financial statements of the entity concerned.

It is the duty of a Professional Accountant to assist the Board of Directors/Governing Body/Management to discharge the responsibility of preparing financial statements of an entity showing true and fair view of the entity position and performance in accordance with applicable International Accounting Standards and statutory financial reporting requirements.

Full legal responsibility for the preparation of financial statements rests with the Board of Directors as under Directors Responsibility statement on an earlier page.

I Salama Mussa being the Head of Finance of Victoria Finance PLC. hereby acknowledge my responsibility of ensuring that financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 have been prepared in compliance with applicable accounting standards and statutory requirements.

I thus confirm that the financial statements give a true and fair view position of Victoria Finance PLC. as on that date and that they have been prepared based on properly maintained financial records.

Signed by: 

Position: AG- CFO

NBAA Membership No.: ACPA 5697

Date: 12th April 2024

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA FINANCE PLC**
Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements
Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Victoria Finance Plc, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the company as at 31 December 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the requirements of the Tanzanian Companies Act, 2002.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) Code of Ethics and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

No.	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
1.	Expected credit losses on loans and advances Provision is a subjective area due to the level of judgement applied by management in determining provisions. The Company is required to calculate expected credit loss on trade receivables. We focused on the identification of impairment events, which differs based upon the type of lending product and customer. Judgement is required to determine whether a loss has been incurred. We also focused on the measurement of expected credit losses, including the assessment of whether historical experience is appropriate when assessing the likelihood of incurred losses in respect to the trade receivables. As disclosed in under the <i>significant accounting policies</i> , judgement is applied in determining the appropriate parameters and assumptions used to calculate impairment. For example, the assumption of customer that will default, the valuation of collateral for secured lending and the expected future cash flows of trade receivables.	- Our audit procedures included the assessment of key controls over the approval, recording and monitoring of loans and advances, and evaluating the methodologies, inputs and assumptions used by the Company in calculating collectively assessed expected credit losses, and assessing the adequacy of impairment allowances for individually assessed trade receivables. As part of this, we assessed the Company's estimates and assumptions used including the consistency of judgement applied in determination of the amount and timing of expected future cash flows, and consideration of economic factors and historical default rates. - We also assessed whether the consolidated financial statements disclosures appropriately reflect the Company's exposure to credit risk.

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA FINANCE PLC
Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)
Key Audit Matters (continued)

No.	Key audit matters	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
2.	Information control systems and controls over financial reporting in the financial statements.	
	The Company's financial and accounting and reporting systems are heavily dependent on complex systems. Significant reliance on IT systems presents a significant risk to the company as the core system is considered complex due to multiple significant functionalities and interdependencies with other systems. We spent significant audit effort in the audit of these systems as part of the audit process, as it is critical for the control environment of the company and therefore, we determined it to be a key audit matter.	Our audit procedures in this area included, among others the use of our IT auditors / specialists in: • Reviewing of IT Governance practices to access their adequacy, the existence of IT Risk assessment, and the role of IT Steering Committee (if any) and the Board of Directors; • Reviewing information systems within the financial institutions including core system, operating systems, applications, databases, servers and networking devices and confirm whether all the systems are robust enough to ensure data integrity, confidentiality and availability; • Performing application controls testing which include configuration controls, sensitive access and segregation of duties controls, interface controls, data integrity controls and obtain reasonable assurance on the accuracy and completeness of reports; • Reviewing and accessing whether balances resulting from all transactions and data processed within the Company's IT system are accurately captured and reported in the General Ledger, the Consolidated Financial Statements and Returns submitted to the BOT; and • Reviewing IT security controls including application security, privileged access, audit trails, system monitoring and maintenance, controls over program and system changes, integrity and systems ability to recover from unexpected shutdown's and ability to recover from a disaster resulting in loss of data. The business continuity practice in its totality was reviewed.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA FINANCE PLC****Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)****Other Information**

Other information consists of the information included in the corporate information, report by those charged with governance, statement of directors' responsibilities and the declaration of head of finance, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's opinion thereon. Management is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the requirements of the Tanzanian Companies Act, 2002, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA FINANCE PLC****Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)****Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in the manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for, and only for, the Company's members as a body in accordance with the Tanzanian Companies Act, 2002 and for no other purpose.

As required by the Tanzanian Companies Act, 2002 we report to you, based on our audit that:

- (i) we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- (ii) in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- (iii) the Company's consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated statement of comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account.

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Certified Public Accountants
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S. Jaffer.

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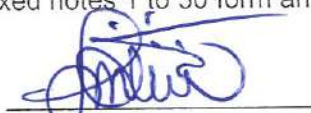
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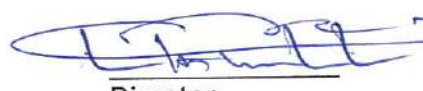
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		GROUP	COMPANY	GROUP	COMPANY
	Not e	2023	2023	2022	2022
		TZS 000	TZS 000	TZS 000	TZS 000
Interest income	6	1,795,977	1,786,721	1,571,844	1,563,342
Interest expenses	7.1	(771,887)	(771,167)	(418,076)	(438,518)
Net interest income		1,024,090	1,015,554	1,153,768	1,124,824
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	7.2	(148,946)	(148,946)	(32,000)	(32,000)
Net interest income after impairment charges		875,144	866,608	1,121,768	1,092,824
Non-interest income					
Fees & Commissions	8	232,582	151,863	433,054	118,840
Other income	8	105,725	105,725	171,344	239,664
Non-interest income		338,307	257,588	604,398	358,504
Total Operating Income		1,213,451	1,124,196	1,726,166	1,451,328
Personnel expenses	9	(1,050,778)	(844,041)	(1,104,610)	(932,032)
Administrative expenses	10	(709,345)	(586,738)	(665,497)	(535,258)
Total Operating Expenses		(1,760,123)	(1,430,779)	(1,770,107)	(1,467,290)
Profit before taxation		(546,672)	(306,584)	(43,941)	(15,962)
Tax expense	11	220,455	190,246	26,147	48,546
Profit after taxation		(326,217)	(116,338)	(17,793)	32,584
Other Comprehensive income			(236,346)		(2,915)
Total Comprehensive Income		(326,217)	(352,684)	(17,793)	29,669
Total income for the year attributable to					
Equity holders		(326,217)	-	(17,793)	-
Non-controlling interest		(5)	-	(0)	-
Basic and diluted earnings per share - TZS	22.1	-46	(16)	-3	5

The annexed notes 1 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements


Director

Date: 12th April 2024


Director

Date: 12th April 2024

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	12	2,035,875	1,957,132	705,041	617,011
Net Loans	13	8,831,743	8,831,743	6,840,100	6,840,100
Prepayments	14	163,502	154,307	218,253	206,503
Other Accounts Receivables	15	197,411	138,434	166,099	72,054
Deferred Tax assets	11	89,669	89,669	136,931	100,577
Corporate Tax Receivable	21	436,078	333,828	147,414	85,185
Other Assets	16	401,116	401,116	376,098	376,098
Total Current Assets		12,155,395	11,906,228	8,589,937	8,297,528
Non-Current Assets					
Property and equipment	17	192,776	169,378	209,592	179,057
Long-term Lease	23	342,887	265,184	394,503	305,409
Equity Investments (Net)		-	127,089	-	363,436
Total Non-Current Assets		535,663	561,651	604,095	847,902
Total Assets		12,691,058	12,467,880	9,194,032	9,145,429
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Borrowings	18	8,029,483	8,029,483	3,857,016	3,967,016
Cash collateral/Savings	19	125,050	125,050	87,873	87,873
Lease Liability	23	385,217	298,185	395,707	305,127
Other Liabilities	20	701,627	633,065	1,013,925	987,019
Total Liabilities		9,241,377	9,085,783	5,354,521	5,347,035
Equity					
Ordinary share capital	22	1,817,237	1,817,237	1,726,995	1,726,995
Share premium		387,935	387,935	343,682	343,682
Retained earnings		1,244,509	1,176,926	1,768,833	1,727,717
Total equity and Reserves		3,449,681	3,382,097	3,839,511	3,798,395
Non-controlling interest	24	(5)	-	(0)	-
Total Liabilities and Equity		12,691,057	12,467,880	9,194,032	9,145,429

Director

Date: 12th April 2024

Director

Date: 12th April 2024

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

GROUP	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
			TZS 000		
Balance as at 1 Jan 2022	1,346,681	122,253	1,943,256	1	3,412,196
Profit for the year	-	-	(17,793)	0	(17,793)
Capital received	380,315	221,430	-	-	601,744
Dividend Paid	-	-	(156,629)	-	(156,629)
Balance as at 31st December 2022	1,726,995	343,682	1,768,833	0	3,839,518
Balance as at 1 Jan 2023	1,726,995	343,682	1,768,833	0	3,839,518
Profit for the year	-	-	(326,217)	(5)	(326,222)
Prior Year Adjustment-EIR	-	-	(198,107)	-	(198,107)
Capital received	90,242	44,252	-	-	134,494
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31st December 2023	1,817,237	387,935	1,244,509	(5)	3,449,682

The annexed notes 1 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

COMPANY	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
		TZS 000		
Balance as at 1 Jan 2022	1,346,681	122,253	1,854,677	3,323,610
Profit for the year	-	-	32,584	32,584
Fair Value Gain - Investment in Subsidiary	-	-	(2,915)	(2,915)
Capital received	380,315	221,430	-	601,744
Dividend Paid	-	-	(156,629)	(156,629)
Balance as at 31st December 2022	1,726,995	343,682	1,727,717	3,798,395
Balance as at 1 Jan 2023	1,726,995	343,682	1,727,717	3,798,395
Profit for the year	-	-	(116,338)	(116,338)
Fair Value Gain/loss - Investment in Subsidiary	-	-	(236,346)	(236,346)
Prior Year Adjustment (EIR)	-	-	(198,107)	(198,107)
Capital received	90,242	44,252	-	134,494
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31st December 2023	1,817,237	387,935	1,176,926	3,382,097

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC (VFP)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Profit Before Tax		(546,672)	(306,584)	(43,941)	(15,962)
	Note				
Adjustments:					
Depreciation of Fixed assets	17	54,934	45,645	50,943	40,898
EIR 2021		(198,107)	(198,107)	-	-
Interest on Lease Liability and depreciation - Right of use	23.3	84,740	65,837	75,839	56,864
Provision for Loan impairment	13	148,946	148,946	32,000	32,000
Cash flow before changes in working capital		(456,158)	(244,263)	114,842	113,800
WORKING CAPITAL CHANGES					
(Increase) in loans & advances	13	(1,890,459)	(1,890,459)	(1,705,878)	(1,705,878)
(Increase) in other assets	16	(188,599)	(186,039)	(7,379)	(7,379)
(Increase)/Decrease in other prepayments	14	(25,018)	(25,018)	127,192	(124,090)
(Increase) in Tax Payables	21.1	(55,611)	(53,506)	-	-
(Increase) in other receivables	15	(31,311)	(66,380)	(97,333)	(38,141)
Increase in accounts payable	20	(281,886)	(353,954)	496,598	520,357
(Increase)/Decrease in Collateral savings	19	24,125	24,125	(42,533)	(42,533)
Prior year adjustment		-	(2,780)	-	(2,780)
Cash flow after change in working capital		(2,904,916)	(2,722,103)	(1,114,491)	(1,286,644)
Corporate Tax Paid		(60,848)	(58,348)	(143,671)	(99,500)
Withholding Tax Paid		(7,362)	(7,868)	(28,404)	(3,417)
Net cash generated from operating activities		(2,973,126)	(2,788,320)	(1,286,566)	(1,389,561)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Additional to Fixed Asset	17	(38,116)	(35,966)	(68,836)	(66,425)
Dividend received		-	-	-	68,320
Net cash flow used in investing activities		(38,116)	(35,966)	(68,836)	1,895
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash injection from shareholders		134,494	134,494	513,432	513,432
Dividend paid		-	-	(66,710)	(66,710)
Lease Rental		(43,615)	(32,554)	(79,678)	(64,370)
Increase/(Decrease) in borrowings	18	4,251,196	4,062,467	1,324,662	1,434,662
Net cash flow used in financing activities		4,342,075	4,164,407	1,691,705	1,817,013
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS					
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalent		1,330,833	1,340,121	336,303	429,347

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC (VFP)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Cash and cash equivalent brought forward		705,041	617,011	368,739	187,664
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	2,035,875	1,957,132	705,041	617,011

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC

NOTES TO THE GROUP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Victoria Finance PLC (the "Group" or "Company") is a company domiciled in Tanzania. The financial statements of the Group are for the year ended 31st December 2023. These consolidated financial statements comprise of the Group and its subsidiary (together referred to as the "Group").

The Group is primarily involved in financial services which comprise of microfinance and insurance brokerage services to the underserved community of Tanzania.

The Group registered office address is:

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Both the parent company financial statements and the Group financial statements have been prepared and approved by the directors by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the Tanzania Companies Act, 2002. Details of the Group's accounting policies are included in Note 5.

b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and through other comprehensive income which are measured at fair value.

c) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Tanzanian shillings, which is the Group's functional currency and presentation currency. Except as indicated, financial information presented in Tanzania shillings has been rounded to the nearest thousands ('000').

d) Use of estimates and judgments

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Group's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

NOTES TO THE GROUP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

i. *Judgements, assumptions and estimation uncertainties*

Information about judgements, assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the year ended 31 December 2023 is included in the following notes:

- Note 28 – recognition of deferred tax assets: availability of future taxable profit against which tax losses carried forward can be used;
- Note 23 – impairment losses: number of factors driving estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and collateral values when determining impairment losses and the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk; recognition, valuation and measurement of Expected Credit losses.
- Note 37 – recognition and measurement of provisions and contingencies: key assumptions about the likelihood and magnitude of an outflow of resources.
- Note 27 – recognition and measurement of property, plant and equipment and leases: key assumptions about residual values, useful lives, lease terms, extension options and incremental borrowing rate.

ii. *Measurement of fair values*

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The Group recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

NOTES TO THE GROUP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance*

As detailed in Note 5, the Bank's expected credit loss (ECL) calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions. The significant judgments and estimates in determining expected credit loss include:

- The Bank's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk; and
- Development of expected credit loss models, including the choice of inputs relating to macroeconomic variables.

The calculation of credit-impairment provisions also involves expert credit judgment to be applied by the credit risk management team based upon counterparty information they receive from various sources including relationship managers and on external market information.

Expected credit losses

Expected credit losses are determined for all financial assets that are classified at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income, undrawn commitments and financial guarantees.

An expected credit loss represents the present value of expected cash shortfalls over the residual term of a financial asset, undrawn commitment or financial guarantee.

A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due in accordance with the contractual terms of the instrument and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive over the contractual life of the instrument.

Measurement

Expected credit losses are computed as unbiased, probability weighted amounts which are determined by evaluating a range of reasonably possible outcomes, the time value of money, and considering all reasonable and supportable information including that which is forward looking.

For material portfolios, the estimate of expected cash shortfalls is determined by multiplying the probability of default (PD) with the loss given default (LGD) with the expected exposure at the time of default (EAD). There may be multiple default events over the lifetime of an instrument. The Group has adopted a simplified approach based on historical roll rates or loss rates.

Forward-looking economic assumptions are incorporated into the PD, LGD and EAD where relevant and where they influence credit risk, such as GDP growth rates, interest rates, house price indices and commodity prices among others. These assumptions are incorporated using the Group's most likely forecast for a range of macroeconomic assumptions. These forecasts are determined using all reasonable and supportable information, which includes both internally developed forecasts and those available externally, and are consistent with those used for budgeting, forecasting and capital planning.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance (continued)*

To account for the potential non-linearity in credit losses, multiple forward-looking scenarios are incorporated into the range of reasonably possible outcomes for all material portfolios. For example, where there is a greater risk of downside credit losses than upside gains, multiple forward-looking economic scenarios are incorporated into the range of reasonably possible outcomes, both in respect of determining the PD (and where relevant, the LGD and EAD) and in determining the overall expected credit loss amounts.

The period over which cash shortfalls are determined is generally limited to the maximum contractual period for which the Group is exposed to the credit risk.

For credit-impaired financial instruments, the estimate of cash shortfalls may require the use of expert credit judgment. As a practical expedient, the Group may also measure credit impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

The estimate of expected cash shortfalls on a collateralised financial instrument reflects the amount and timing of cash flows that are expected from foreclosure on the collateral less the costs of obtaining and selling the collateral, regardless of whether foreclosure is deemed probable.

Cash flows from unfunded credit enhancements held are included within the measurement of expected credit losses if they are part of, or integral to, the contractual terms of the instrument (this includes financial guarantees, unfunded risk participations and other non-derivative credit insurance). Although non-integral credit enhancements do not impact the measurement of expected credit losses, a reimbursement asset is recognised to the extent of the expected credit losses recorded.

Cash shortfalls are discounted using the effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) instruments) on the financial instrument as calculated at initial recognition or if the instrument has a variable interest rate, the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

Instrument	Location of expected credit loss
Financial assets held at amortized cost	Loss provisions: netted against gross carrying value ¹
Financial assets held at FVOCI – Debt instruments	Other comprehensive income (FVOCI expected credit loss Reserve) ²
Loan commitments	Provisions for liabilities and charges ³
Financial guarantees	Provisions for liabilities and charges ³

1. Purchased or originated credit impaired assets are credit impaired on initial recognition. An expected credit loss provision will be recognised only if there is a significant increase in credit risk from that considered at initial recognition.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. Expected credit loss allowance (continued)

2. Debt and treasury securities classified as FVOCI are held at fair value on the face of the balance sheet. The expected credit loss attributed to these instruments is held as a separate reserve within OCI and is recycled to the profit and loss account along with any fair value measurement gains or losses held within FVOCI when the applicable instruments are derecognised

3. Expected credit loss on loan commitments and financial guarantees is recognised as a liability provision. Where a financial instrument includes both a loan (i.e. financial asset component) and an undrawn commitment (i.e. loan commitment component), and it is not possible to separately identify the expected credit loss on these components, expected credit loss amounts on the loan commitment are recognised together with expected credit loss amounts on the financial asset. To the extent the combined expected credit loss exceeds the gross carrying amount of the financial asset, the expected credit losses recognised as a liability provision.

Recognition

12 months expected credit losses (Stage 1)

Expected credit losses are recognized at the time of initial recognition of a financial instrument and represent the lifetime cash shortfalls arising from possible default events up to 12 months into the future from the balance sheet date. Expected credit losses continue to be determined on this basis until there is either a significant increase in the credit risk of an instrument or the instrument becomes credit impaired. If an instrument is no longer considered to exhibit a significant increase in credit risk, expected credit losses will revert to being determined on a 12-month basis.

Significant increase in credit risk (Stage 2)

If a financial asset experiences a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition, an expected credit loss provision is recognised for default events that may occur over the lifetime of the asset.

Significant increase in credit risk is assessed by comparing the risk of default of an exposure at the reporting date to the risk of default at origination (after taking into account the passage of time). Significant does not mean statistically significant nor is it assessed in the context of changes in expected credit loss. Whether a change in the risk of default is significant or not is assessed using a number of quantitative and qualitative factors, the weight of which depends on the type of product and counterparty. Financial assets that are 30 or more days past due and not credit-impaired will always be considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk.

For less material portfolios where a loss rate or roll rate approach is applied to compute expected credit loss, significant increase in credit risk is primarily based on 30 days past due.

Quantitative factors include an assessment of whether there has been significant increase in the forward-looking probability of default (PD) since origination. A forward-looking PD is one that is adjusted for future economic conditions to the extent these are correlated to changes in credit risk.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance (continued)*

We compare the residual lifetime PD at the balance sheet date to the residual lifetime PD that was expected at the time of origination for the same point in the term structure and determine whether both the absolute and relative change between the two exceeds predetermined thresholds. To the extent that the differences between the measures of default outlined exceed the defined thresholds, the instrument is considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk.

Qualitative factors assessed include those linked to current credit risk management processes, such as lending placed on non-purely precautionary early alert (and subject to closer monitoring).

A non-purely precautionary early alert account is one which exhibits risk or potential weaknesses of a material nature requiring closer monitoring, supervision, or attention by management. Weaknesses in such a borrower's account, if left uncorrected, could result in deterioration of repayment prospects and the likelihood of being downgraded. Indicators could include a rapid erosion of position within the industry, concerns over management's ability to manage operations, weak/deteriorating operating results, liquidity strain and overdue balances among other factors.

Credit impaired (or defaulted) exposures (Stage 3)

Financial assets that are credit impaired (or in default) represent those that are at least 90 days past due in respect of principal and/or interest. Financial assets are also considered to be credit impaired where the obligors are unlikely to pay on the occurrence of one or more observable events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset. It may not be possible to identify a single discrete event but instead the combined effect of several events may cause financial assets to become credit impaired.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower;
- Breach of contract such as default or a past due event;
- For economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, the lenders of the borrower have granted the borrower concession/s that lenders would not otherwise consider. This would include forbearance actions;
- Pending or actual bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation to avoid or delay discharge of the borrower's obligation/s;
- The disappearance of an active market for the applicable financial asset due to financial difficulties of the borrower; and
- Purchase or origination of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects incurred credit losses.

Irrevocable lending commitments to a credit impaired obligor that have not yet been drawn down are also included within the stage 3 credit impairment provision to the extent that the commitment cannot be withdrawn.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance (continued)*

Loss provisions against credit impaired financial assets are determined based on an assessment of the recoverable cash flows under a range of scenarios, including the realisation of any collateral held where appropriate. The loss provisions held represent the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be recovered, discounted at the instrument's original effective interest rate, and the gross carrying value of the instrument prior to any credit impairment.

Expert credit judgment

When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and expert credit assessment including forward-looking information. The objective of the assessment is to identify whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred for an exposure by comparing:

- The remaining lifetime PD as of the reporting date, with
- The remaining lifetime PD for this point in time that was estimated at the time of initial recognition of the exposure

The Group uses below criteria to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk:

- A quantitative test based on movement in PD
- Qualitative indicators and a backstop of 30 days past due for all financial assets (regardless of the change in internal credit grades)

For individually significant financial assets within Stage 3, the Group will consider all judgments that have an impact on the expected future cash flows of the asset. These include: the business prospects, industry and geo-political climate of the customer, quality of realisable value of collateral, the Group's legal position relative to other claimants and any renegotiation/ forbearance/ modification options.

The difference between the loan carrying amount and the discounted expected future cash flows will result in the stage 3 credit impairment amount. The future cash flow calculation involves significant judgments and estimates. As new information becomes available and further negotiations/forbearance measures are taken the estimates of the future cash flows will be revised, and will have an impact on the future cash flow analysis.

For financial assets which are not individually significant, such as the small business loans, which comprise a large number of homogenous loans that share similar characteristics, statistical estimates and techniques are used, as well as credit scoring analysis.

Additionally, if the account is unsecured and the borrower has other credit accounts with the Group that are considered credit impaired, the account may also be credit impaired. Techniques used to compute impairment amounts use models which analyse historical repayment and default rates over a time horizon.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. Expected credit loss allowance (continued)

Expert credit judgment (continued)

Where various models are used, judgment is required to analyse the available information provided and select the appropriate model or combination of models to use.

Expert credit judgment is also applied to determine whether any post-model adjustments are required for credit risk elements which are not captured by the models.

Modified financial instruments

Where the original contractual terms of a financial asset have been modified for credit reasons and the instrument has not been derecognised, the resulting modification loss is recognised within credit impairment in the statement of profit and loss with a corresponding decrease in the gross carrying value of the asset. If the modification involved a concession that the Group would not otherwise consider, the instrument is considered to be credit impaired and is considered forborne.

Expected credit loss for modified financial assets that have not been derecognised and are not considered to be credit-impaired will be recognised on a 12-month basis, or a lifetime basis, if there is a significant increase in credit risk. These assets are assessed to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk subsequent to the modification. Although loans may be modified for non-credit reasons, a significant increase in credit risk may occur.

In addition to the recognition of modification gains and losses, the revised carrying value of modified financial assets will impact the calculation of expected credit losses, with any increase or decrease in expected credit loss recognised within impairment if it is recognised in profit or loss and in the carrying value of the expected credit loss allowance. During the year the Group did not have any modified financial instruments.

Grouping financial assets measured on a collective basis

The Group calculates the allowance for ECL either on a collective or an individual basis.

Asset classes where the Group calculates ECL on an individual basis include:

- All Stage 3 assets, regardless of the class of financial assets
- The large and unique exposures of the business lending portfolio

Asset classes where the Group calculates ECL on a collective basis include:

- The smaller and more generic balances of the Group's small business lending
- Stage 1 and 2 lending

The Group groups these exposures into smaller homogeneous portfolios, based on a combination of internal and external characteristics of the loans, such as Product type (buy to let/owner occupied), Property type (prime, standard grade, low grade), Geographic location, Exposure value, Borrower's industry, Internal credit grade and Collateral type.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance (continued)*

Inputs and assumptions in ECL

To ensure completeness and accuracy, the Group obtains the data used from third party sources (Rating Agency, Economist Society, etc.) and a team of economists within its Credit Department verifies the accuracy of the inputs to the Group's ECL models including determining the weights attributable to the multiple scenarios.

These are the inputs used by the Group;

Months historic loan loss, Inflation rates, Collateral Values, Macro Economic variables (GDP, currency depreciation, Balance of payment deficit), Population growth and FDIs.

Assumptions used include;

Days past Due, Adverse media information, Observable struggle in Cash flows, Changes in industry dynamics and Adverse regulatory changes.

Given the degree of uncertainty surrounding the economic impact of coronavirus and the lack of reliable data to model the impact, as well as operational and timing challenges in incorporating the latest available macroeconomic inputs into the ECL models, the model output is then tested with current period actuals to ascertain if there are any material deviation. During December 2023, the model output was tested and there was no material deviation from the current period ECL and therefore there were no any overlays made.

Considering the significant changes in the macroeconomic situation due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Group took into consideration the socio-economic developments, new customer concession issued and business going concern into the assumption There were no significant changes in the model output compared to pre-Covid 19 period.

Forborne loans

Forborne loans are those loans that have been modified in response to a customer's financial difficulties. Forbearance strategies assist clients who are temporarily in financial distress and are unable to meet their original contractual repayment terms. Forbearance can be initiated by the client, the Microfinance Institution or a third-party including government sponsored programmes or a conglomerate of credit institutions. Forbearance may include debt restructuring such as new repayment schedules, payment deferrals, tenor extensions, interest only payments, lower interest rates, forgiveness of principal, interest or fees, or relaxation of loan covenants.

Forborne loans that have been modified (and not derecognised) on terms that are not consistent with those readily available in the market and/or where the Group has granted a concession compared to the original terms of the loans are considered credit impaired if there is a detrimental impact on cash flows. The modification loss is recognised in the statement of profit and loss within credit impairment and the gross carrying value of the loan reduced by the same amount.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. *Expected credit loss allowance (continued)*

Forborne loans (continued)

If modifications are substantial, the loan is derecognised. Once the terms have been renegotiated without this resulting in the derecognition of the loan, any impairment is measured using the original EIR as calculated before the modification of terms. The Group also reassesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, and whether the assets should be classified as Stage 3.

Derecognition decisions and classification between Stage 2 and Stage 3 are determined on a case-by case basis. If these procedures identify a loss in relation to a loan, it is disclosed and managed as an impaired Stage 3 forborne asset until it is collected or written off. Once an asset has been classified as forborne, it will remain forborne for a minimum 24-month probation period. In order for the loan to be reclassified out of the forborne category, the customer has to meet all of the following criteria:

- All of its facilities have to be considered performing
- The probation period of two years has passed from the date the forborne contract was considered performing
- Regular payments of more than an insignificant amount of principal or interest have been made during at least half of the probation period
- Regular payments of more than an insignificant amount of principal or interest have been made during at least half of the probation period
- The customer does not have any contracts that are more than 30 days past due

Write-offs of credit impaired instruments and reversal of impairment

To the extent a financial debt instrument is considered irrecoverable, the applicable portion of the gross carrying value is written off against the related loan provision.

Such loans are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed, it is decided that there is no realistic probability of recovery and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off decrease the amount of the provision for loan impairment in the statement of profit and loss. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the credit impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the credit impairment was recognized (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognized credit impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the provision account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of profit and loss.

Improvement in credit risk/curing

A period may elapse from the point at which instruments enter lifetime expected credit losses (stage 2 or stage 3) and are reclassified back to 12 month expected credit losses (stage 1).

For financial assets that are credit-impaired (stage 3), a transfer to stage 2 or stage 1 is only permitted where the instrument is no longer considered to be credit-impaired. An instrument will no longer be considered credit-impaired when there is no shortfall of cash flows compared to the original contractual terms.

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d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iii. Expected credit loss allowance (continued)

Improvement in credit risk/curing (continued)

For financial assets within stage 2, these can only be transferred to stage 1 when they are no longer considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk.

Where significant increase in credit risk was determined using quantitative measures, the instruments will automatically transfer back to stage 1 when the original PD based transfer criteria are no longer met.

Where instruments were transferred to stage 2 due to an assessment of qualitative factors, the issues that led to the reclassification must be cured before the instruments can be reclassified to stage 1. This includes instances where management actions led to instruments being classified as stage 2, requiring that action to be resolved before loans are reclassified to stage 1.

A forbore loan can only be removed from the disclosure (cured) if the loan is performing (stage 1 or 2) and a further two-year probation period is met whereby regular payments are made by the customer and none of the exposures to the customer are more than 30 days past due.

In order for a forbore loan to become performing, the following criteria have to be satisfied:

- At least a year has passed with no default based upon the forbore contract terms;
- The customer is likely to repay its obligations in full without realizing security; and
- The customer has no accumulated impairment against amount outstanding.

Determination of the default

An account is considered to be in default when payment is not received on the due date. Accounts that are overdue by more than 30 days are considered delinquent. These accounts are closely monitored and subject to a collection process.

Loan impairment for secured loans utilizes the forced sale value of the collateral without discounting. For unsecured products, individual provisions are raised for the entire outstanding amount at 180 days past due. For all products there are certain accounts, such as cases involving bankruptcy, fraud and death, where the loss recognition process is accelerated.

iv. Determination of fair values

In determining the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities, the Group makes assumptions of the effects of uncertain future events on those assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period. The Bank's estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and expectation of future events and are reviewed periodically. This disclosure excludes uncertainty over future events and judgments in respect of measuring financial instruments. Further information about key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty is set out below:

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e) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

iv. Determination of fair values (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

All financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. In certain circumstances, the initial fair value may be based on a valuation technique which may lead to the recognition of profits or losses at the time of initial recognition. However, these profits or losses can only be recognized when the valuation technique used is based solely on observable market inputs.

Subsequent to initial recognition, some of the Group's financial instruments are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value either reported within the profit and loss account or within other comprehensive income until the instrument is sold or becomes impaired.

The fair values of quoted financial instruments in active markets are based on current prices. If the market for a financial instrument is not active including for unlisted securities, the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Where representative prices are unreliable because of illiquid markets, the determination of fair value may require estimation of certain parameters, which are calibrated against industry standards and observable market data, or the use of valuation models that are based on observable market data.

The fair value for the majority of the Bank's financial instruments is based on observable market prices or derived from observable market parameters.

v. Useful life, residual value, lease terms and cost of assets

Property and equipment and leases

Critical estimates are made by management in determining the useful lives and residual value for property and equipment and additionally lease terms, extension options and incremental borrowing rate for leases.

Acquired intangible

Critical estimates are made by management in determining the useful life and cost of the acquired customer relationships giving rise to the acquired intangible.

Capitalized software

Critical estimates are made by management in determining the useful life of the capitalized software.

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

f) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

vi. Taxes

Determining income tax provisions involves judgment on the tax treatment of certain transactions. Deferred tax assets are recognized on tax losses not yet used and on temporary differences where it is probable that there will be taxable profit against which these can be offset. Management has made judgments as to the probability of taxable profit being available for offset at a later date.

3 CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

New standards, amendments and interpretations

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Company's financial statements are disclosed below. The Company intends to adopt the applicable pronouncements when they become effective.

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and must be applied retrospectively. The Company is currently assessing the impact the amendments will have on current practice and whether existing arrangements for financial liabilities may require renegotiation.

Onerous Contracts – Costs of Fulfilling a Contract – Amendments to IAS 37

In May 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 37 to specify which costs an entity needs to include when assessing whether a contract is onerous or loss-making. The amendments apply a "directly related cost approach". The costs that relate directly to a contract to provide goods or services include both incremental costs and an allocation of costs directly related to contract activities. General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The Company will apply these amendments to contracts for which it has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments.

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3 CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments – Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities

As part of its 2018-2020 annual improvements to IFRS process, the IASB issued amendment to IFRS 9. The amendment clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment.

The amendment is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 with earlier adoption permitted. The Company will apply the amendments to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment. The Company is still assessing the impact the amendments will have on the financial statements.

a) New standards, amendments, and interpretations effective during the year

The below standards did not have a significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Standards and Amendments	Application	Impact
Amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance contracts: Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 – Comparative Information (issued on 9 December 2021)	1 January 2023	No impact expected
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023	No impact expected
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies	1 January 2023	No impact expected
Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors: Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023	No impact expected
Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023	No impact expected
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (issued on 18 May 2017); including Amendments to IFRS 17 (issued on 25 June 2020)	1 January 2023	No impact expected

b) New and amended standards and interpretations in issue but not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2023

The below standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

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Standards and Amendments	Application	Impact
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current, and Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements)	1 January 2024	No significant impact
Supplier Finance Arrangements – Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7	1 January 2024	No significant impact
Lack of Exchangeability – Amendments to IAS 21.	1 January 2024	No significant impact

4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4.1 INCOME AND EXPENSE RECOGNITION

4.0.1 Effective Interest Rate

Under IFRS 9, interest income is recorded using the EIR method for all financial assets measured at amortized cost. Interest income on interest bearing financial assets measured at FVOCI under IFRS9 is also recorded using the EIR method. Interest expense is also calculated using the EIR method for all financial liabilities held at amortized cost. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

The EIR (and therefore, the amortized cost of the financial asset) is calculated by taking into account transaction costs and any discount or premium on the acquisition of the financial asset, as well as fees and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The company recognizes interest income using a rate of return that represents the best estimate of a constant rate of return over the expected life of the loan. Hence, the EIR calculation also takes into account the effect of potentially different interest rates that may be charged at various stages of the financial asset's expected life, and other characteristics of the product life cycle (including prepayments, penalty interest and charges).

If expectations of fixed rate financial assets or liabilities' cash flows are revised for reasons other than credit risk, then changes to future contractual cash flows are discounted at the original EIR with a consequential adjustment to the carrying amount. The difference from the previous carrying amount is booked as a positive or negative adjustment to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability on the balance sheet with a corresponding increase or decrease in Interest revenue/expense calculated using the effective interest method.

For floating-rate financial instruments, periodic re-estimation of cash flows to reflect the movements in the market rates of interest also alters the effective interest rate, but when instruments were initially recognized at an amount equal to the principal, re-estimating the future interest payments does not significantly affect the carrying amount of the asset or the liability.

4.2 FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME

The Company earns fees and commission income from financial services it provides to its customers. Fees and commission income are recognized at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for providing the services.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.2 FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME (CONTINUED)

The performance obligations, as well as the timing of their satisfaction, are identified, and determined, at the inception of the contract. Disclosure of fees are found on note 7 which forms part of the report.

4.3 USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENT

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Group and the Company accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and expectation of future events and are reviewed periodically.

Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognized in the financial statements are explained in Note

4.4 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

These financial statements are presented in Tanzanian shillings, which is the Group functional currency and presentation currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousands ('000'), except when otherwise indicated.

4.5 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Tanzanian Shillings using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated with closing rate as at the reporting date. On-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as at the date of initial recognition.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in statement of profit or loss.

4.6 OPERATING ASSETS

4.6.1 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned.

The estimated useful lives of significant items of property and equipment are as follows:

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Description of Items	Useful Life (Years)	Period of Depreciation
Computers	4	4
Office Equipment	4 - 8	8
Furniture	8	8
Motor Vehicles	4 - 8	8

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An item of property, plant and equipment is de-recognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset, (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the income statement in the year the asset is de-recognized. The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted where appropriate at each financial year-end. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the profit or loss.

4.6.2 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets with definite useful life are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment (if any). These are amortized from the month, when these assets are available for use, using the straight-line method, whereby the cost of the intangible assets is amortized on the basis of the estimated useful life over economic benefits are expected to flow to the Group. The residual value, useful life and amortization method is reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Other development expenditures that do not meet these criteria are recognized as an expense as incurred. Development costs previously recognized as an expense are not recognized as an asset in a subsequent period.

4.7 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables are stated at normal value, less any write down for amounts expected to be irrecoverable.

4.8 PROVISIONS

A provision is recognized in the statement of financial position when the company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. A provision for restructuring is recognized when the Group has approved a detailed and formal restructuring plan, and the restructuring either has commenced or has been announced publicly. Future operating costs are not provided for. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.9 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Group contributes to the Social Security Fund Schemes; these are National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and Public Service Social Security Fund. These are defined contribution schemes registered under the Social Security Contribution Acts. The Group's obligation under the schemes are limited to specific contributions legislated from time to time and are currently 10% of the employees' gross salary. The Group's contributions are charged to the income statement in the period to which they relate.

4.10 SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares are classified as 'share capital' in equity. Any premium received over and above the par value of the shares is classified as 'share premium' in equity.

4.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

4.11.1 Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables and debt securities issued are initially recognized when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

4.11.2 Classification and subsequent measurement of the financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost; FVOCI – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL. Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL: –

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

4.11.2 Classification and subsequent measurement of the financial assets (Continued)

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortized cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Financial assets – Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management.

The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realizing cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for de-recognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Group's continuing recognition of the assets. Financial assets that are held for trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets – Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest:

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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4.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

4.11.2 Classification and subsequent measurement of the financial assets (Continued)

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features; prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features)

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual paramount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTPL	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognized in profit or loss.
Financial assets at amortized cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The amortized cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is recognized in profit or loss.
Debt investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognized in OCI. On de-recognition, gains and losses accumulated in OCI are reclassified to profit or loss
Equity investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognized as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognized in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

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4.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

4.11.3 Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortized cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognized in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is also recognized in profit or loss.

4.11.4 De-recognition

Financial assets

Group de-recognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognized in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not de-recognized.

Financial liabilities

The Group de-recognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also de-recognizes a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognized at fair value.

On de-recognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognized in profit or loss.

4.11.5 Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

4.12 IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets (other than biological assets, investment property, inventories and deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.12 IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Goodwill is tested annually for impairment. For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs. Goodwill arising from a business combination is allocated to CGUs or groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

4.13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank, cash on hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts, if any.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

4.14 LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

Loans and receivables are initially recognized at fair value – which is the cash consideration to originate or purchase the loan including any transaction costs – and measured subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Loans and receivables that are included in the statement of financial position are loans and advances to banks and loans and advances to customers. Reference is made to Note 3.12 *Financial Instruments* above.

4.15 LOANS AND BORROWINGS

These are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these loans and borrowings liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Reference is made to Note 3.12 *Financial Instruments* above.

4.16 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS AND ADVANCES

Under the IFRS 9 framework, the Group is required to develop models to estimate expected losses. The so-called Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model enabled a Company to trace financial assets after initial recognition until their final maturity.

The Group recognizes loss allowances for ECLs on:

- financial assets measured at amortized cost;
- debt investments measured at FVOCI; and
- contract assets.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.16 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS AND ADVANCES (CONTINUED)

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

Loss allowances for trade receivables and contract assets are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due. The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realizing security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Three different stages are recognized:

Stage 1: Starting from the initial recognition of the asset; a provisioning level is measured or estimated as the ECL using a 12-month horizon;

Stage 2: This stage includes financial instruments which have had a significant increase of credit risk since initial recognition. For these assets, the life time expected credit losses are estimated;

Stage 3: Financial assets in this stage have objective evidence of impairment, i.e. classified as doubtful or default, at the reporting date and life time expected credit losses are estimated.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.16 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS AND ADVANCES (CONTINUED)

The table below shows the general approach for recognizing expected credit losses in the three different stages;

Table 1: Three stages under IFRS 9 for allowance

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Loss Allowance	Expected credit losses (12 months)	Life Time Expected Loss	Life Time Expected Loss
Effective interest rate applicable to	Gross carrying amount	Gross carrying amount	Net carrying amount

As the table indicates, the provision calculation differs per stage. In Stage 1, the expected credit loss is calculated over a period of 12 months while in Stage 2 and 3, the expected loss is based on the estimated life time. Moreover, in Stage 1 and 2 institutions are allowed include future interest income in their calculations while in Stage 3 this is prohibited.

4.17 WRITE-OFF AND REVERSAL OF IMPAIRMENT

To the extent a loan is irrecoverable, it is written off against the related provision for loan impairment. Such loans are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed, it is decided that there is no realistic probability of recovery and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off decrease the amount of the provision for loan impairment in the income statement.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively with the event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the income statement during the period.

4.18 NON-FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Other non-financial assets, other than deferred taxes, are assessed at each reporting date for any indications of impairment. The recoverable amount of non-financial assets is the greater of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

For an asset that does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount.

All impairment losses in respect of non-financial assets are recognized in profit or loss and reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Any impairment loss reversed is only reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.19 TAXATION

Tax expenses

Current and deferred taxes are recognized as income or an expense and included in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period, except to the extent that the tax arises from:

- a transaction or event which is recognized, in the same or a different period, to other comprehensive income, or
- a business combination.

Current tax for current and prior periods is, to the extent unpaid, recognized as a liability. If the amount already paid in respect of current and prior periods exceeds the amount due for those periods, the excess is recognized as an asset. Current tax liabilities/ (assets) for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be paid to/ (recovered from) the tax authorities, using the tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted as at the balance sheet date and that are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Where permitted deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset on an entity basis and not by component of deferred taxation.

Current tax and deferred taxes are charged or credited to other comprehensive income if the tax relates to items that are credited or charged, in the same or a different period, to other comprehensive income. Current tax and deferred taxes are charged or credited directly to equity if the tax relates to items that are credited or charged, in the same or a different period, directly in equity.

4.20 LEASES

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at the inception date.

Leases in which the Group is a lessee

The Group classify all leases as finance leases and recognizes new assets (right to use) and liabilities except those of short term (12 months or less) and low value which are classified as operating leases. For the finance leases, the Group will recognize a depreciation charge for right-of-use assets and interest expense on lease liabilities. For operating leases, the Group recognizes operating lease expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, and recognizes assets and liabilities only to the extent that there is a timing difference between actual lease payments and the expense recognized.

In addition, the Group does not recognize provisions for operating leases that it assesses to be onerous. Instead, the Group includes the payments due under the lease in its lease liability.

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4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4.20 LEASES (CONTINUED)

Leases in which the Group is a lessor

The Group assesses the classification of leases in which the Group is a lessor. Based on the information available, the Group classifies leases as either operating lease or finance lease and account for them accordingly.

4.21 COMPARATIVES

Except when a standard or an interpretation permits or requires otherwise, all amounts are reported or disclosed with comparative information.

4.22 EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

The Group measures earnings per share on an underlying basis. This differs from earnings defined in IAS 33 Earnings per share. Underlying earnings is profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders adjusted for profits or losses of a capital nature; amounts consequent to investment transactions driven by strategic intent; and other infrequent and/or exceptional transactions that are significant or material in the context of the Group's normal business earnings for the period.

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group is exposed through its operations to the following financial risks:

- Credit risk
- Fair value or cash flow interest rate risk
- Foreign exchange risk
- Other market price risk, and
- Liquidity risk.

In common with all other businesses, the Group is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Group's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented throughout these financial statements.

There have been no substantive changes in the Group's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

5.1 PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The principal financial instruments used by the Group, from which financial instrument risk arises, are as follows:

- Trade receivables
- Cash and cash equivalents
- Investments in quoted and unquoted equity securities
- Trade and other payables
- Bank overdrafts
- Floating-rate bank loans
- Fixed rate bank loans
- Interest rate swaps, and
- Forward currency contracts.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

<i>Financial assets</i>	Fair Value through Profit/Loss		Amortized Cost	
	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Cash and cash equivalent	-	-	2,035,875	705,041
Investment in subsidiary	127,089	363,435	-	-
Other accounts receivables	-	-	166,099	166,099
Loans	-	-	8,831,743	6,840,100
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>	Fair Value through Profit/Loss		Amortized Cost	
	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000	2023 TZS	2022 TZS
Other payables	-	-	701,627	1,013,925
Loans and borrowings	-	-	8,029,483	3,857,016

5.3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS NOT MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

Financial instruments not measured at fair value include cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables, and loans and borrowings. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables approximates their fair value. For details of the fair value hierarchy, valuation techniques, and significant unobservable inputs related to determining the fair value of loans and borrowings, which are classified in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

5.4 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

Financial instruments measured at fair value comprises of the investment in subsidiary.

Management has elected FVOCI classification for financial instruments measured at fair value where changes in fair value are recognized in OCI and are never recycled to profit and loss, even if the asset is sold or impaired

Fair value has been defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (IFRS 13 *Fair Value*). For the purposes of fair value estimation, fair value was considered to be the expected price at which the subject business would change hand between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under a compulsion to conclude the transaction and both having full knowledge of all the relevant facts.

To determine the fair value, the subsidiary's historical financial statements, such as its statements comprehensive income and statement of financial position was reconstructed to establish the true economic potential and earning power of the business. Figures which required adjustments was account receivables, property, plant and equipment, impairment loss, tax receivables, bank balances, etc. to take care of collectability or realization challenges.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.5 CASH IN BANK AND SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

The significant amount of cash and short-term deposits is held with the following institutions:

	31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22	
	Cash at Bank TZS'000	Short-term Deposits TZS'000	Cash at Bank TZS'000	Short-term Deposits TZS'000
ACB Bank Plc	-	-	120	-
AZANIA BANK (T) LTD	-	-	446	-
CRDB Bank Plc	33,134	-	111,752	-
Maendeleo Bank Plc	-	377,961	-	426,374
MUCOBA Plc	90	-	81	-
NCBA Bank	1,077	-	2,167	-
NCBA Bank (USD)	10,640	-	849	-
NMB Bank Plc	4,767	-	11,484	-
TCB Bank	-	667	-	63,293
TCB Bank- USD	155	-	115	-
MWANGA HAKIKA	401,278	1,200,000	-	-
Mobile Wallets	6,004	-	8,653	-
Petty Cash (in premises)	101	-	217	-
	<u>457,246</u>	<u>1,578,628</u>	<u>137,814</u>	<u>567,227</u>

5.6 GENERAL OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND PROCESSES

The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of the Group's risk management objectives and policies and, whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure the effective implementation of the objectives and policies to the Group's finance function. The Board receives quarterly reports from the Financial Controller through which it reviews the effectiveness of the processes put in place and the appropriateness of the objectives and policies it sets. The Group's internal auditors also review the risk management policies and processes and report their findings to the Board Risk and Audit Committee.

The overall objective of the Board is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as far as possible without unduly affecting the Group's competitiveness and flexibility. Further details regarding these policies are set out below:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Group's trade and other receivables.

Credit risk is the single largest risk for the Company's business; the directors therefore carefully manage the exposure to credit risk. The credit risk management and control are centralized in a credit risk management team, which reports to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors. Other receivables are not having standard credit characteristics; they differ depending on whether they are normal staff and sundry debtors or deposits, "governed by specific debtor and deposits terms" or the creditworthiness of entity/individual from which they are receivable.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.6 GENERAL OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND PROCESSES (CONTINUED)

Market risk

Market risk arises from the Group's use of interest bearing, tradable and foreign currency financial instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk), foreign exchange rates (currency risk) or other market factors (other price risks).

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises when individual Group entities enter into transactions denominated in a currency other than their functional currency. The Group's policy is, where possible, to allow group entities to settle liabilities denominated in their functional currency) with the cash generated from their own operations in that currency.

Where group entities have liabilities denominated in a currency other than their functional currency (and have insufficient reserves of that currency to settle them), cash already denominated in that currency will, where possible, be transferred from elsewhere within the Group.

	Functional currency of individual entity			
	TZS '000'		USD'000'	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Foreign currency financial assets				
Cash at Bank	1,260,000	1,428	504	0.62
Foreign currency financial liabilities				
Borrowings from Abroad	1,250,000	-	500	-
Net Foreign Currency Financial Assets (Liabilities)	10,000	1,428	4	0.62

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet its maturing obligations when they fall due. Liquidity risk exists when the maturities of assets and liabilities do not match. The matching and or controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to liquidity management. It is unusual for micro finance organizations ever to be completely matched since business transacted is often of an uncertain term and of different types.

The Group's liquidity management process, as carried out within the Group and monitored by a separate Finance team, includes:

- Day-to-day funding, managed by monitoring future cash flows to ensure that requirements can be met. These include replenishment of funds as they mature or are borrowed by customers. The Group maintains an active role to enable this to happen;
- Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flow;
- Monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal requirements; and managing the concentration and profile of portfolio maturities.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.6 GENERAL OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND PROCESSES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections for the next day, week and month respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for those projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. All liquidity policies and procedures are subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

Maturity profile of non-derivative financial liabilities based on the contractual cash flows, "undiscounted" including interest and excluding impact of netting is as follows:

Capital Disclosures

The Group monitors "adjusted capital" which comprises all components of equity (i.e. share capital, share premium, non-controlling interest, retained earnings, and revaluation reserve) other than amounts in the cash flow hedging reserve.

The Group's objectives when maintaining capital are: -

- to safeguard the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, and
- to provide an adequate return to shareholders by pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk.

The Group sets the amount of capital it requires in proportion to risk. The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares, or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with other players in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the debt to adjusted capital ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt adjusted capital as defined above. Net debt is calculated as total debt (as shown in the consolidated statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Due to recent market uncertainty, the Group's strategy is to preserve a strong cash base and achieve a debt-to-adjusted-capital ratio of approximately 100-200% (2022: 100-200%).

The objective of this strategy is to secure access to finance at reasonable cost by maintaining a high credit rating. The debt-to-adjusted-capital ratios at 31 December 2023 and at 31 December 2022 were as follows:

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	GROUP 2023 TZS '000	GROUP 2022 TZS '000
Borrowings	8,029,483	3,857,016
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,035,875	705,041
Net Debt	<u>5,993,608</u>	<u>3,151,975</u>
Total Equity	3,449,681	3,839,511
Less: Amount in the cash flow hedging reserves	-	-
Total Adjusted Capital	<u>3,449,681</u>	<u>3,839,511</u>
Debt to adjusted capital ratio (%)	<u>173.74%</u>	<u>82%</u>

The increase in the debt to adjusted capital ratio during 2023 resulted primarily from the additional borrowings made during the year working capital purpose.

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	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
6 Interest Income				
a. Interest- Loans to Customers	1,760,571	1,760,571	1,563,338	1,563,338
b. Interest -Bank deposits	35,405	26,150	8,507	4
Total Interest Income	1,795,977	1,786,721	1,571,844	1,563,342
7.1 Interest Expenses				
a. Interest - Banks and financial Institutions	107,664	107,664	58,368	61,222
b. Interest - Microfinance Service Providers	107,935	107,935	58,515	61,376
c. Interest- Borrowings from Abroad	54,176	54,176	29,371	30,807
d. Interest - Borrowings Local	354,766	361,559	196,014	205,598
e. Interest others/Processing fees	114,221	114,221	61,923	64,951
f. Interest on Lease Liability	33,125	25,612	13,885	14,564
Total Interest Expenses	771,887	771,167	418,076	438,518
7.2 Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	(148,946)	(148,946)	(32,000)	(32,000)
Net Interest Income after impairment	875,144	866,608	1,121,768	1,092,824
8 Non-Interest Income				
a. Commission on Insurance	80,719	-	314,214	-
b. Fees on Loans	151,863	151,863	118,840	118,840
c. Other Operating Income	62,212	62,212	136,206	136,206
d. Gain on disposal of assets	-	-	-	-
e. Dividend income from subsidiary	-	-	-	68,320
f. Income from Written off Loans	43,513	43,513	35,138	35,138
Total Non-Interest Income	338,307	257,588	604,398	358,504

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	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
9 Personnel Expenses				
a. Salaries and Wages	850,402	670,523	868,710	721,942
b. Social Security	86,175	68,177	88,501	72,801
c. Skills and Development Levy	25,964	25,964	31,747	31,747
d. Workers Compensation fund	4,307	3,407	5,628	4,752
e. Medical Expenses	83,931	75,970	110,025	100,790
Total Personnel Expenses	1,050,778	844,041	1,104,610	932,032
10 Administrative Expenses				
Auditor's fee	25,208	13,000	23,640	12,000
Printing And Stationery	9,159	7,016	11,796	5,605
Water And Electricity	16,209	13,209	18,719	15,719
Software Lease fee	35,253	35,253	35,490	35,490
Communication	24,594	21,377	22,700	19,419
Board Expenses	33,009	22,027	26,349	20,375
Director's Annual fees	22,000	14,500	21,250	14,500
Office Expenses	91,206	74,135	78,330	47,840
Staff Training Expenses	12,399	8,459	27,252	24,983
Loan Recovery Expenses	43,970	43,970	35,786	35,786
Transport and travelling	65,234	61,719	52,388	45,931
Office Rent	6,360	6,360	6,540	6,540
Depreciation	54,934	45,645	50,943	40,898
Depreciation Expense-Right of use	51,616	40,225	50,374	38,988
Professional Consultancy	8,450	3,450	21,550	21,550
Trading License	1,800	1,800	1,000	1,000
City Service Levy	4,537	4,246	4,704	3,763
Legal Fees	67,136	67,136	53,762	53,762
Customer Training	8,798	8,798	-	-
Other Administrative Expenses	127,473	94,412	122,922	91,107
Total Administrative Expense	709,345	586,738	665,497	535,258

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11. Corporate Taxation	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
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The Major Components Of Income Tax for The Year Ended 31 Dec 2023 are:

Current Income Tax	-	-	16,487	-
Deferred Income Tax Charged/(Released)	(220,455)	(190,246)	(42,635)	(48,546)
	<u>(220,455)</u>	<u>(190,246)</u>	<u>(26,147)</u>	<u>(48,546)</u>

Reconciliation of tax on Profit and Current Tax

Profit Before Tax	(546,672)	(306,584)	(43,941)	(15,962)
Tax @ 30%	-	-	-	-
Accelerated Wear and Tear	(183)	(183)	(8,649)	(8,649)
Non-deductible expenses	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax movement			(17,499)	(39,897)
Reconciled Current Tax	<u>(183)</u>	<u>(183)</u>	<u>(26,147)</u>	<u>(48,545)</u>

Deferred Income Tax

Deferred Income Tax At 31 Dec Relates Accelerated Wear and Tear As follows:

Accelerated Wear and Tear	(183)	(183)	(8,649)	(8,649)
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Deferred Tax Movement

At 1 January	136,931	100,577	179,566	149,122
Charged/(Released) During the Year	(3,464)	(55)	(9,131)	(8,569)
General Provision	(190,191)	(190,191)	(33,504)	(33,504)
At 31 December	<u>(89,669)</u>	<u>(89,669)</u>	<u>136,931</u>	<u>100,577</u>

12 Cash And Cash Equivalents	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
Petty Cash	101	27	280	1
Mobile Wallet Balance	6,004	6,004	1,184	1,184
Bank Balances	451,142	447,473	136,351	126,159
Total Cash	<u>457,247</u>	<u>453,504</u>	<u>137,814</u>	<u>127,343</u>
Short Term Investments				
Bank Call	303,629	303,629	489,667	489,667
Short term Investments	1,275,000	1,200,000	77,560	-
Total Short-Term Investments	<u>1,578,629</u>	<u>1,503,629</u>	<u>567,227</u>	<u>489,667</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>2,035,875</u>	<u>1,957,132</u>	<u>705,041</u>	<u>617,011</u>

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13 Gross Loans	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
a. Loans to Customers	7,145,437	7,145,437	4,990,454	4,990,454
b. Loans to Staff	134,202	134,202	225,962	225,962
c. Accrued Interest Receivables - Loans	1,314,005	1,314,005	1,430,883	1,430,883
d. Accrued Penalty Receivables - Loans	530,702	530,702	586,588	586,588
Total gross Loans	9,124,346	9,124,346	7,233,888	7,233,888
Impairment on Loans	292,603	292,603	393,788	393,788
Net Loans and Advances	8,831,743	8,831,743	6,840,100	6,840,100
14 Prepayments:				
Rent	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
General Office Insurance	1,175	1,156	2,185	2,131
Medical Insurance	47,990	43,200	52,917	46,700
External Loan Process fee	76,550	76,550	102,850	102,850
Prepayment- Core System	32,322	32,322	46,876	46,876
Other Prepaid Expenses	1,375	-	9,334	6,867
Fidelity guarantee	3,011	-	3,011	-
Total Prepayments	163,502	154,307	218,253	206,503
15 Other Accounts Receivables				
Intercompany Receivable	32,983	-	-	-
Account Receivable	142,355	138,434	87,673	72,054
Commission on Insurance Receivable	22,073	-	78,427	-
Total Other Accounts Receivables	197,411	138,434	166,099	72,054
16 Other Assets				
Cheque Inward A/C	188,258	188,258	190,130	190,130
Cheque Outward A/C	174,674	174,674	175,764	175,764
Interest receivable	22,763	22,763	-	-
Solar Unsold Stock	4,496	4,496	4,897	4,897
VAT Receivable	7,656	7,656	1,115	1,115
Salary Advances to Staff	3,269	3,269	4,192	4,192
Total Other Assets	401,116	401,116	376,098	376,098

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17. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – GROUP

Cost	Computer	Equipment	Furniture TZS 000	Motor Vehicle	Software	Total
At January 2023	121,417	82,226	144,976	26,725	41,375	416,720
Additional during the year	7,045	2,165	16,206	-	12,700	38,116
At 31st December 2023	128,462	84,391	161,182	26,725	54,075	454,836
Depreciation						
At 1st January 2023	82,857	38,145	64,765	12,668	8,690	207,125
Charge during the year	14,871	8,950	17,759	3,240	10,115	54,934
At 31st December 2023	97,727	47,095	82,524	15,908	18,805	262,059
Net book value						
31st December 2023	30,735	37,296	78,658	10,817	35,270	192,776
31st December 2022	38,561	44,081	80,209	12,096	34,645	209,592

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17.2 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - COMPANY

	Computer	Equipment	Furniture	Motor Vehicle	Software	Total
	TZS 000					
Cost						
At January 2023	112,340	78,318	121,432	26,725	26,300	365,116
Additional during the year	5,295	2,165	15,806	-	12,700	35,966
At 31st December 2023	117,635	80,483	137,238	26,725	39,000	401,082
Depreciation						
At 1st January 2023	77,738	35,934	56,757	12,668	2,961	186,058
Charge during the year	12,663	8,304	14,864	3,240	6,575	45,645
At 31st December 2023	90,400	44,238	71,621	15,908	9,536	231,704
Net book value						
31st December 2023	27,235	36,245	65,617	10,817	29,464	169,378
31st December 2022	34,602	42,384	64,674	14,057	23,339	179,057

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	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
18 Borrowings				
a. Borrowings in Tanzania	5,064,198	5,064,198	3,722,515	3,832,515
b. Borrowing Abroad	2,664,181	2,664,181	-	-
c. Accrued Interest payable	301,104	301,104	134,501	134,501
Total Borrowings	8,029,483	8,029,483	3,857,016	3,967,016
19 Cash Collateral/ Savings				
Client's Fund	34,557	34,557	13,852	13,852
Collateral Savings	90,493	90,493	74,021	74,021
Total Cash Collateral/ Savings	125,050	125,050	87,873	87,873
20 Other Payables and Accruals				
Account Payable	55,308	52,880	51,230	39,394
Special funds	537,044	537,044	546,852	546,852
Director's fee Payable	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250
Intercompany Payables	32,556	-	(1)	-
Auctioneer Payable	4,939	4,939	6,679	6,679
Audit Fee Payable	36,908	13,000	22,368	10,668
Dividend Payable	-	-	20,441	20,441
Insurance Premium Payable	-	-	-	-
Bonus Payable	-	-	-	-
Statutory Deductions Payables	31,622	21,952	1,209	1,209
Other Tax Payable	-	-	-	(3,371)
Interest in Suspense	-	-	361,898	361,898
Total Other Payables and Accruals	701,627	633,065	1,013,925	987,019
21 Corporate Tax				
Tax (Payable)/ Receivable Balance	147,414	85,185	(50,809)	(66,277)
Prior Year Tax Paid	13,348	13,348	50,000	50,000
Provisional Tax Paid During the Year	47,500	45,000	93,671	49,500
Withholding Tax Paid Directly to TRA	7,362	48	28,404	3,417
Corporate Tax Expense	220,455	190,246	26,147	48,546
Corporate Tax (Payable)/ Receivable	436,078	333,828	147,414	85,185

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	GROUP 2023 TZS 000	COMPANY 2023 TZS 000	GROUP 2022 TZS 000	COMPANY 2022 TZS 000
22 Share Capital				
Authorized Share Capital				
80,000,000 Shares of TZS 250 Each	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>
Issued And fully Paid Capital				
7,268,950 Shares of TZS 250 each	1,817,237	1,817,237	1,726,995	1,726,995
Share Premium	387,935	387,935	343,682	343,682
Share Capital	<u>2,205,172</u>	<u>2,205,172</u>	<u>2,070,678</u>	<u>2,070,678</u>
22.1 Basic And Diluted Earnings Per Share				
Net Profit for The Year	(326,217.)	(116,338)	(17,793)	32,584
Weighted Average Ordinary Shares	7,150,837	7,150,837	6,147,473	6,147,473
Basic And Diluted Earnings Per Share	<u>-46</u>	<u>-16</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>5</u>
23 Leases				
i) Amounts recognized in balance sheet				
23.1 Right -of -use Assets				
At the start of the year	394,503	305,409	449,452	348,972
Additions (new leases)	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	(51,616)	(40,225)	(54,949)	(43,563)
	<u>342,887</u>	<u>265,184</u>	<u>394,503</u>	<u>305,409</u>
23.2 Lease Liability				
Opening balance	395,707	305,127	450,747	351,621
Interest on lease	33,125	25,612	24,638	17,876
Payments during the year	(43,615)	(32,554)	(79,678)	(64,370)
	<u>385,217</u>	<u>298,185</u>	<u>395,707</u>	<u>305,127</u>
23.3 ii) Amounts recognized in the statement of profit or Loss				
Depreciation charge of right of use asset	51,616	40,225	50,374	38,988
Interest Expense on lease liability	33,125	25,612	25,465	17,876
	<u>84,740</u>	<u>65,837</u>	<u>75,839</u>	<u>56,864</u>

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24 NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

The group's principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2023 are set out below. Unless otherwise stated, they have share capital consisting solely of ordinary shares that are held directly by the group, and the proportion of ownership interests held equals the voting rights held by the group. The country of incorporation or registration is also their principal place of business

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Principal activities	Group interest	NCI
Victoria Insurance Brokers Limited	Tanzania	Insurance Broking	99.9985%	0.0015%
	2023	2022		
Profit attributable to the NCI				
Group loss/profit (TZS 000)	(326,217)	(17,793)		
NCI (%)	0.0015%	0.0015%		
Profit attributable to NCI	(5)	(0)		

Set out below is summarized financial information for each subsidiary that has non-controlling interests that are material to the group.

The amounts disclosed for each subsidiary are before inter-COMPANY eliminations

	VIB 2023 TZS 000	VIB 2022 TZS 000
Summarized statement of financial position		
Current assets	172,255	352,657
Current liabilities	(84,651)	(35,845)
Net current assets	87,604	316,812
Non-current assets	103,821	120,451
Non-current liabilities	(70,942)	(74,490)
Net non-current assets	32,879	45,961
Net assets	54,725	270,851
Accumulated non-controlling interest in net assets	179	179
Summarized statement of comprehensive income		
Revenue	96,768	351,591
Expenses	(336,856)	(310,974)
Profit/ (loss) Before Taxation	(240,088)	40,617
Profit / (loss) allocated to NCI	(4)	1
Dividend paid to NCI	-	-

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25. NUMBER OF OUTREACH

	GROUP 2023	COMPANY 2023	GROUP 2022	COMPANY 2022
As At January 2023	3	3	3	3
Opened / (Closed) During the Year	-	-	-	-
As At 31 December, 2023	3	3	3	3

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

26.1 Salaries and Directors' fees

Fees to directors	24,000	16,500	21,250	14,500
Salaries to management	402,574	307,100	415,385	345,180
Total payments	426,574	323,600	436,635	359,680

26.2 Loans and advances

Shareholders / Board Members	265,935	265,935	460,711	460,711
Management	43,975	43,975	110,344	110,344
Total related party lending	309,910	309,910	571,055	571,055

26.3 Compensation of Directors and Key Management

Key management personnel comprise of Chief Executive Officer and heads of departments who are reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

26.4 Loan and Advance Credit Arrangement

Loan and advance credit arrangement with Shareholders, Board of directors, Chief Executive Officer, and heads of departments who are reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer. Loans are offered at arm's length except for Management which are special concessionary terms as per staff loan guidelines.

26.5 Settlement of liabilities (Payments) on behalf of another party

In the year ending 31 December 2023, the Company did settle TZS 103 Mil liability (Payments) on behalf of related party (2022: TZS30.3Mil).

26.6 Transactions with related Victoria Insurance Brokers were as follows:

	GROUP 2023 TZS000	COMPANY 2023 TZS000	GROUP 2022 TZS000	COMPANY 2022 TZS000
Carry forward Receivable from Related Party	-	-	-	-
Payments made on behalf of subsidiaries	-	103,275	-	30,369
Payments received from of subsidiaries	-	(70,720)	-	(30,369)
Due from related parties	-	32,556	-	-

26.7 Payment for Expenses

Payment for expenses include salaries expense for the subsidiaries staff

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27 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no events after the reporting period that require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

28 PRESENTATIONS

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest thousand Tanzanian Shillings.

29 DATE OF AUTHORISATION

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12th April, 2024.