



# SPARKS *FLY*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR CHILDREN ON THE EDGE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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# SPARKS FLY

Children on the Edge envisions a world in which every child thrives regardless of their geography, ethnicity, gender, or caste.

Sparked into life by the late Dame Anita Roddick in 1990, the children on the edge we served at the start were those incarcerated and forgotten in Romanian orphanages.

Today, the “edge” takes us into **refugee camps**, **warzones** and **slums**, where we support children fleeing conflict, facing internal displacement, and living with caste discrimination, poverty, and exploitation.

The spark that began us is still in motion to this day. It comes from a disruptive dedication to seeking out those who are truly on the edge of our societies, and supporting them to thrive.

This year, we reached more children than ever before, and saw three of our models of education and child protection scaled and replicated to new places.

- Our award winning **Cluster Learning Model** grew from pilot level, to reach over 3,300 Congolese refugee children in Kyaka II refugee camp Uganda, providing high quality, community led, early years education.

- Our innovative **Digital Education Programme** in Bangladesh enables Rohingya refugee children to access meaningful learning. Due to the strength of its impact, the model was replicated to Bhasan Char Island in the Bay of Bengal, and Patna, India.
- After 10 years of supporting **Child Protection Teams (CPTs)** in the slum communities of Jinja, Uganda, we replicated the model, eight hours north in the Karamoja region. Poverty is rife here, and children are severely at risk, but we know this community led approach has the potential to keep children safe, and help them grow.

Sparks are flying. They are activating potential for transformation in new areas and enabling over 22,000 children to learn, play, grow and thrive.

This can only happen with the generosity of our faithful community of supporters. Whether inspired by our original spark, or the catalysts for change we see today, we deeply appreciate you standing with us, and standing with those children who are most on the edge.



**Rachel Bentley OBE**  
Founder and CEO



**Stuart Gallimore**  
Chair of Trustees

# OBJECTIVES

Children living in conflict, fleeing war, or facing caste discrimination and poverty are cut off from the education and protection that every child deserves.

We work together with local communities, to create conditions in which every marginalised child can flourish and thrive no matter where they live and irrespective of the challenging circumstances they face.

In the past year, our objectives have focused on the creation of protective and nurturing environments within refugee crises, areas of conflict and slum communities.

Through these we seek to:



**ENSURE ACCESS TO  
QUALITY PRIMARY AND  
EARLY YEARS EDUCATION**



**STRENGTHEN CHILD  
PROTECTION AT COMMUNITY  
AND FAMILY LEVEL**



**SUPPORT CHILDREN TO PLAY,  
CREATE, EXPRESS  
THEMSELVES AND JUST BE  
CHILDREN**





# REFUGEE CRISES

Children on the Edge is working in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh, the fastest growing refugee crisis in Uganda, and the largest refugee crisis, supporting Syrian children in Lebanon. This year we also rapidly responded to the largest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II, supporting Ukrainian families fleeing to border countries.

Each refugee situation is different, and requires a bespoke approach. Working with over 19,000 refugee children this year, we focused on ensuring the highest quality provision for the most marginalised children, always working hand in hand with local communities.

## ACTIVITIES:

**Over a million stateless Rohingya refugees are trapped in the Kutupalong - Balukhali refugee camp in Bangladesh, with thousands relocated to Bhasan Char island in the Bay of Bengal.** This year we provided high quality primary education, in safe, colourful classrooms, with trained teachers, for over 7,580 Rohingya refugee children who were otherwise cut off from meaningful learning. This included our award winning digital education programme, which tackled language barriers by providing daily video lessons, and through the Moja Kids programme ([mojakids.net](http://mojakids.net)), enabled children to connect with their peers beyond the confines of the camps.



# REFUGEE CRISES

**Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has resulted in a continuous refugee influx to Uganda, which currently hosts more than 1.4 million displaced people. In the Kyaka II refugee settlement, thousands of Congolese 3-6 year olds are missing out on education at the most crucial stage of their development.**

This year, through teacher training, centre construction and the scaling up of our Cluster Learning Model we have ensured that 10,490 children received quality, sustainable Early Childhood Education (ECE) to foster their physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral development.

**As Lebanon endures its worst socio economic crisis in decades, the country continues to face the burden of hosting over 1.5 million Syrian refugees. 90% are living in poverty, and their children are facing numerous barriers to accessing education.**

The highest concentration is found in the Bekaa Valley where we supported a school for 175 children to receive quality academic and vocational education from trained refugee teachers, along with sports and computer lessons.

**On the 24th February 2022, Russia launched an all-out invasion of Ukraine by land, air and sea, causing over 8 million people to leave the country.** Children on the Edge responded rapidly, working with local partners in Romania and Moldova, and quickly adapting to provide shelter, food, safety and a community hub for some of the most marginalised refugee families crossing the border, as well as children without parental care.





# REFUGEE CRISES

## PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT:

**BANGLADESH:** Digital education has rapidly improved learning progress and attendance in the camp, with the Moja Kids programme boosting confidence, and fast becoming the children's favourite part of school. We were invited by the Bangladesh government to be the first education providers on Bhasan Char island, establishing 10 model classrooms.

*"You are making the future of our children bright and well-equipped. We are very happy to have skilled teachers to deliver better education, and that they teach in a different manner to other institutions, via the video projectors. We are very happy to see this because we had not seen anywhere before what our children are learning now."*

**Rohingya parent,** Kutupalong camp

11 year old Jahan Tara and her family fled to Bangladesh in 2017 after the Myanmar military attacked their village and burnt down their home.

She loves attending her learning centre and is never late to class, but used to struggle to learn as textbooks provided in the camp are in a language she does not understand. She says, *"We don't like books much as they are difficult and time consuming to understand, but we can easily learn things through the videos and remember the visuals. We like the videos more than books!"*

100% of her classmates we interviewed agreed, and told us the video lessons are their favourite thing about school. Jahan Tara has already taken part in Moja Kids, where she told her story and shared her thoughts for thousands of children both inside the camp, in wider Bangladesh, and now even in India, which was one of the most exciting developments for the children this year.



# REFUGEE CRISES

## PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT:

**UGANDA:** Through scaling and adapting our Cluster Learning Model we expanded our reach across half of the 81.5km<sup>2</sup> settlement, growing from 736 cluster group children to 3,378. We have seen significant progress in the children's social, emotional and academic development. The community have started to own the programme which will ensure its sustainability.

*"What has made this programme a success is the effort by both caregivers and parents. Children on the Edge Africa told us right from the beginning that if there is no such cooperation, the programme will never succeed. This Cluster Learning Programme gives your children the desire to participate in education even after Children on the Edge Africa leaves. We parents shall continue taking our children because we realise how well they perform." - Congolese refugee parent, Kyaka II*

**LEBANON:** The school we support for Syrian refugee children in Zahle has seen great progress in spite of the mounting challenges in the country. We have not only seen a 90% pass rate in general exams, but 14 Grade nine students crossing the border to take and pass their Syrian high school exams. There has also been a notable increase in children's confidence, with 100% interviewed saying they share their learning outside school and feel they can now have a better life.

*"My learning at school will make my professional life easier because I know I will be self-reliant in reading and calculations"*  
**Zinedine, age 13**

**ROMANIA & MOLDOVA:** Due to long established relationships in the area, we were able to quickly adapt our response to meet the needs of the most marginalised. In Romania, the provision of supply parcels each fortnight has become a lifeline for Ukrainian refugee families now that other agencies have moved on, whilst 43 Ukrainian orphaned children at the residential centre we support, have grown in their sense of security and begin to recover from

trauma. A newly established Community Hub had 500 people attending in the first month, with people growing in confidence and connection through a huge variety of activities including online school, family sessions and language lessons.

*"The centre is the most popular place to go. People book into the sessions months in advance because they are always over subscribed. This tells me they are doing something right!"*  
**Iryna Gorbachova, Ukrainian refugee**

## FUTURE PLANS:

With little prospect of safe repatriation or access to full support from host countries, the refugee children we support will continue to be among the most marginalised children in the world in the coming year. Building on our current progress, our future plans include the following:

**In Bangladesh** - doubling the number of classrooms on Bhasan Char island to meet growing educational needs, whilst reducing classrooms in Kutupalong to focus our efforts on honing our digital curriculum. We will also be actively engaging other international partners with the Moja Kids programme and finding fresh opportunities for children to express themselves through art and creativity.

**In Uganda** - completing our codification process of the Cluster Learning Model and perfecting our child assessment tools for potential further replication beyond the camp.

**In Lebanon** - supporting our local partners to continue to provide quality education, whilst navigating the increasingly bleak situation in their own country. This will include equipping them with resources to expand and diversify their own fundraising, monitoring and evaluation.

**In Romania and Moldova** - standing with Ukrainian refugee communities as the media spotlight moves on from the crisis, leaving them with little support. Our input will continue to focus on providing essential shelter and food, building a strong community hub and ensuring most vulnerable children have safety and security.



# REFUGEE CRISES

*"Since I was a child my dream has been to serve in my community and being a teacher has helped me do that."*

*The Cluster Learning Programme encourages unity in our community and brings parents together to discuss issues concerning their children. It has also provided job opportunities for people like me, helping me to care for my family.*

*Early years education for the youngest refugee children is important as it helps them improve their social skills and thinking capacity. I have seen a big change in the children since the programme started. These children were shy and would hide if a visitor came, but their confidence has grown enormously."*

**Tushemerirwe Angelica**  
Cluster Learning Teacher

*"My teacher inspires me to become a teacher. I have learnt English, counting, and praying for my family. I am excited to join primary school next year!"*

**Nyota**  
(Angelica's pupil)





# WAR ZONES

Conflict affected areas are among the worst places to be a child. Children face daily fear and insecurity coupled with higher levels of poverty and barriers to humanitarian support. Armed conflict and violence weakens the protective environment that keeps children safe and enables them to thrive.

This year, Children on the Edge has worked with local communities and dynamic partners to support some of the hardest to reach children, ensuring they have access to education, care and opportunities just to be children, despite the harsh realities they live through each day.

## ACTIVITIES:

In Kachin State, Myanmar, hundreds of thousands of Kachin people have been displaced by a brutal civil war that has persisted for many years, taking refuge in extremely remote camps, high in the mountains along the China border.

Children on the Edge resourced local communities to ensure vital early learning opportunities for 484 displaced pre-primary children here, providing warm clothes, nutritional support and training.

In Afghanistan, despite promises for a softer stance on women's issues, the Taliban reneged on a promise to reopen high schools in March 2022, then indefinitely banned women from universities in December 2022. Children on the Edge has been supporting a dynamic teacher from Afghanistan, based in the UK, to provide an online school, not only for thousands of girls who are cut off from their education, but for boys who are negatively influenced by misogyny in the Taliban curriculum.

In Syria, the decade-long civil war has resulted in the complete devastation of homes, communities and infrastructure, including the severe deterioration of the school system. Near Damascus, our partners have provided support through safe spaces that ensure high quality, holistic, supplementary education for over 520 children.



# WAR ZONES

## PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT:

**MYANMAR** - Despite the increasing challenge of working in an active war zone and accessing the remote mountain camps, we have been able to increase our provision of humanitarian support, and maintain 15 pre-school centres, which has been possible through strengthening community ownership. As a result we are seeing a significant improvement in children's learning and development as they recover from trauma and interact with their peers.

*"My child is being clever! We parents couldn't help our children to be perfect, but having an ECD centre in our camp allows the children to develop in a holistic way. Children have learnt everything through playing, friendship and conversation in the centre." - Hpaula Hkawn Ja, parent*

**AFGHANISTAN** - Over 3,000 girls have been able to access online school and enjoy a wealth of subjects with many describing how the opportunity has saved them from despair since being excluded from their education.

*"This school brightens our darkest days. It brings hope, knowledge and a deep and wonderful message; 'the pen instead of the gun!' It just takes one step and thousands of people come together from different parts of the world to help Afghan girls to educate; without any budget but with lots of love and kindness. Thanks everyone for being with us. You will save a dream builder generation from a tyrant government." - Fatema, online student in Afghanistan*

**SYRIA** - The reputation of the centre has grown steadily in the community, and through expanding work into women's support and grade nine education, they have seen improvement in attitudes to parenting and education, and excellent progress for the older students.

*"The school really is a lighthouse in the middle of darkness; it brings light, life and hope in the heaviness surrounding the city" - Programme Manager (name undisclosed for security)*

## FUTURE PLANS:

In the coming year, the war in Kachin State shows no sign of abating and the beleaguered Kachin people remain largely unnoticed by the international community. Afghanistan and Syria also remain in the top ten most dangerous countries for children living in conflict. Children on the Edge will be working to continue our support in these areas, including the following:

**In Myanmar** the fate of displaced people in Kachin State remains unclear, but we will be continuing our support as they face the daily struggle for survival. If resources become available, we are ready to expand our programme to new remote camps where young children have no access to early years education. We will also be investigating opportunities to help other people groups struggling and trapped within Myanmar.

For online students **in Afghanistan**, we will work alongside the visionary of the school to provide operational and mentoring support and help shape and structure this new and growing initiative, along with strategic and programmatic advice.

**In Syria** the area where the centre is located is still subject to air raids, along with ongoing economic freefall, food, power and fuel shortages. We will continue to support our partners over the border to strengthen this programme, which is a lifeline for so many.



# SLUM COMMUNITIES

Children on the Edge works with slum communities in Uganda, Bangladesh and India, where thousands of children live in unsafe environments, facing extreme poverty and exploitation. They are often denied their rights and struggle to access basic education.

In these places, we work together with families, teachers and the local community to create protective environments, where children can safely live, play, learn, and grow.

## ACTIVITIES

**In India, deep rooted caste discrimination against the 'untouchable' Dalit minority causes children to be ostracised from education and denied their rights.** This year in the urban and rural slums of Patna, we supported a rights-based learning programme for 773 children, opening nine new learning centres in some of the most marginalised Dalit communities and replicating our successful

digital education programme from Bangladesh to ensure meaningful, fun learning. We also trained and resourced 1,091 women to strengthen protective environments for their children.

**In Uganda, children in the slums of Jinja and the remote rural communities of Karamoja face maltreatment, neglect, exploitation, trafficking and even starvation and child sacrifice.** We supported Child Protection Teams to work with the community to create safer environments, in six slum areas in Jinja, along with three Child Rights Clubs and two Early Childhood Education centres for the most marginalised children. After seeing 10 years of transformation through our Child Protection Team model, we replicated it eight hours north in Karamoja, building local relationships and establishing six new teams.





# SLUM COMMUNITIES

In Bangladesh, children in the slums of Cox's Bazar and Rohingya refugee children in the Doharazi enclaves face financial and practical challenges in attending school, and often have to work to support their families. This year we supported 1,700 of these children to access primary education with the official curriculum, in bright classrooms surrounded by green play spaces. These children are also part of our digital education and Moja Kids programme.

## PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

**INDIA:** Exams reflected that children made good progress in their learning, with five passing their Grade 10 through the facilitation of a national open schooling programme and 467 transitioning to mainstream school. An alumni group reflected the breadth of students going on to higher education as a result of their foundation in the programme.

**UGANDA:** Child Protection Teams and Child Rights Clubs in Jinja have enabled transformation in their communities changing the lives of hundreds of children. We have seen improvements in livelihoods, hygiene, health, safety and a reduction in crime. 150 preschool students showed strong progress in reading and writing, learning how to keep clean, active and healthy for their growth and development and how to relate well with others.

**Replicating the Child Protection Model to Karamoja was a huge achievement, now impacting 39 villages in the Napak district, where communities are showing increased awareness on the issue of child marriage and trafficking, making their communities safer for children and providing better hygiene. This has resulted in the construction of 92 latrines.**

**BANGLADESH:** We had a 100% pass rate in the final tests, meaning all the children can progress to the next grade. Digital lessons continue to increase attendance, engagement and comprehension and we had very positive feedback from parents, children, teachers and a government visit alike.





# SLUM COMMUNITIES

## FUTURE PLANS:

**In India** we will develop the new centres in Musahar areas and strengthen the new digital programme, creating a green screen studio for children to make Moja Kids videos to send to Bangladesh. We will also begin the construction of a new office and community hub for the programme and work to strengthen our monitoring, evaluation and learning systems.

**In Uganda** we will continue to support our established Child Protection Team programme in Jinja, and continue to build the newly established child protection network in Karamoja, focusing on Lopoko sub county.

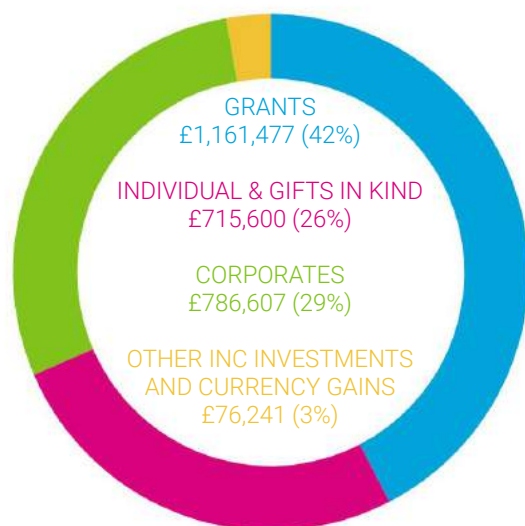
**In Bangladesh**, we will continue to deliver high quality learning in both the Cox's Bazar slums and the Doharazi enclaves, further strengthening the digital programme and community engagement.





# FINANCE

## INCOME BREAKDOWN



**TOTAL INCOME: £2,739,925**

## EXPENDITURE SPLIT



**TOTAL EXPENDITURE: £2,791,768**

## SUMMARY

2022-2023 saw record income and expenditure levels for Children on the Edge. By raising and spending more than any other year we were able to help more children than ever before.

We end the year in a strong position to serve the needs of the most marginalised and vulnerable children around the world. This is only possible because of the ongoing generosity of supporters, from one-off donors to those who give every month, businesses of all sizes, trusts and institutional funders, as well as those who give their time.

We deeply appreciate every single one of you. Thank you.

## INCOME

Income has grown across the board, although grants have seen the biggest increase. The response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine can be attributed to some of this growth although it is important to note the increase in support for all areas of work.

Foreign exchange rate changes saw currency gains of £67,246 as we hold USD (\$) and GBP (£) accounts.

## EXPENDITURE

Programme spending has risen, again due to the response to the war in Ukraine with programmes supporting refugees in Romania and Moldova. Additionally, spending in Uganda has significantly increased as we have expanded our work in the Kyaka II refugee camp.

Work with refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) currently accounts for 86% of our grants to implementing partners.

# FINANCE

## RESTRICTED FUNDS

The restricted funds balance has reduced slightly from £425,541 to £418,063 and would have reduced further had the Ukraine refugee response not occurred. We currently hold restricted balances for our work in Bangladesh, Kachin State, Myanmar and supporting refugees from Ukraine. The largest of these restrictions applies to our work with the Rohingya in Bangladesh (balance of £287,331).

We do not foresee any problems in reducing these to zero over the coming years.

## RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are required to ensure the continued smooth operation of the charity, to cope with any unexpected eventualities and to enable any one off expenditure that is deemed appropriate for the charity. The trustees have agreed that in addition to any designated funds the free reserve balance should ideally be no more than 25% of the coming year's forecast expenditure. The current level of free reserves is 14% of the 2022-2023 forecast expenditure and therefore at an acceptable level.

## FUND BALANCES AS OF 28/02/2023

Restricted Funds: £418,063  
Designated Funds: £1,426,674  
Free Reserves: £330,665  
Total Funds: £2,175,402

The level of funds is planned to reduce over the coming years.

Fund balances are discussed at every trustee meeting to ensure we strike the balance of meeting the needs of the situations we work in with maintaining a sustainable organisation.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

We continue to designate funds to programme locations and the UK office to maintain the sustainability of, and commitment to programmes. The level of designation considers any restricted balance, the volatility of a situation and potential funding sources. Generally designations are between 3 and 9 months of the forecast annual expenditure.

At present, given the uncertainty of the economic and political situation, specifically, inflation, the cost of living crisis, the impact of the war in Ukraine, the trustees have agreed to designate 9 months of UK and international expenditure.

## INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

In 2022-2023 the charity achieved an income of £3,795 from its deposit account interest. In general, any fund balances are kept in instant access accounts so that they are always available to be utilised should the need arise.

When balances allow or where funds are restricted to specific projects it may be necessary to hold them for longer periods of time. In these cases, the management and trustees of Children on the Edge may decide to invest a portion of these funds. When investing funds risks will be considered and minimised in all circumstances. Typically funds are invested in fixed year bonds in banks protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). We will not invest in companies or funds that operate in the Tobacco, Armaments or the Pornographic Industry and will always look to invest in socially responsible investments.

# FUNDRAISING

## OUR APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING

It is thanks to our generous community of supporters and donors that we can continue to support children 'on the edge'. Our income profile is broad and designed to deeply engage with the donors, individuals and businesses who offer their support. We employ a salaried, professional fundraising team to manage and develop our income stream and to ensure we meet the statutory obligations of the Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator.

We do not engage the services of 'professional fundraising' businesses; all our fundraising activity is delivered by our own fundraising team. We do work with commercial participators; when doing so, conducting due diligence and reviewing agreements annually.

The charity is a member of the Fundraising Regulator, and holds an online lottery license with the Gambling Commission. The charity maintains strong governance practices and remains compliant with the associated organisational codes of practice. All fundraising staff receive training relating to the relevant Code of Practice during induction, and relevant implementation policies (e.g. Finance policy, Fundraising Complaints policy) are reviewed each year with the fundraising team.

The charity takes any opportunities to improve supporter care very seriously. Any complaints that our fundraising activities may generate are recorded and investigated by the Fundraising Manager and reviewed by the Chief Operating Officer. No complaints were received in 2022/23.

### Seasonal Raffle

Our first raffle was drawn on the 4th November 2022, with the support of The Body Shop © who provided many of the prizes. In the year 2022/23, 47p from every £1 ticket spent in our raffle went to help support the vital work of Children on the Edge. 4p was given away in prizes and 49p was spent on running the draw.

All winners are randomly selected, with the first ticket number selected receiving the first prize, the second ticket number selected winning the second prize and so on. In our Autumn Raffle, drawn on the 4th November 2022, there was a 1 in 347 chance of winning a prize.

### How we protect vulnerable people

We are signed up to the Fundraising Preference Service to enable individuals to opt out from receiving fundraising communications from us. We do not produce mass mailings with donation asks, any fundraising campaigns are led through email newsletters where there is a clear process to opt out of future newsletters.

We are in the process of publishing a vulnerable persons policy to guide our fundraising and communications teams conduct with potentially vulnerable supporters.

In 2022 we launched a seasonal online raffle so we have extended our vulnerable person's policies to include a Responsible Gambling Policy.

## FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

We were blown away to see so many trusts, foundations, groups, schools and individuals come together in support of our work with Ukrainian refugee families. 81-year old Major Mick took to the local waterways, sailing over 100 miles in his homemade 'Tintanic II' vessel - made of sheets of corrugated iron. Mick raised more than £10,000 for our appeal. The wonderful team at Tuppenny Barn in Emsworth hosted a 'Gardeners' Question Time' with a panel of green-fingered legends, including Arit Anderson from BBC Gardeners' World. We are grateful for all the challenges and events hosted by so many schools and groups in support of Ukrainian refugees this year.



# FUNDRAISING

Inspiring retailers on the high street and online have also partnered with Children on the Edge to donate funds from sales; including Scarlett Jewellery and The Little Botanical. The Body Shop also donated funds from every sale of their Christmas products in the winter of 2022.

The impact of the media coverage of Ukrainian refugees inspired many more customers to donate through Pennies at Montezuma's stores; these 'micro-donations' rose to £41K in 2022/23, a 250% increase on 2021/2022.

Our Big Give campaign in December raised awareness and support for our work with Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. With thanks to matching funders Pacific Star Charitable Trust and the Coles-Medlock Foundation, we were able to connect with new donors, inspire 64 donations and raise an incredible £57,638 during the campaign. We were honoured to win The Big Give's award for Best International Charity in 2022.

# SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is at the heart of our work. We know that children can only be effectively safeguarded when we work collaboratively with our programme partners.

We achieve this by:

- Building effective relationships with our programme partners ensuring consistency in our approach and practice.
- Providing a full range of safeguarding training for partner organisation staff that enables best practice.

## SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS

During the year there were no serious incidents to report to the Charity Commission.

# REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Children on the Edge is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16 December 2003, company registration No. 4996130, Charity Registration No. 1101441. The company was established under the Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, have prepared their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2023 to meet all statutory requirements, including the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## **RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES**

The Memorandum and Articles of Association allow for no less than three trustees to be appointed. Trustees all serve for a period of three years at which point the Articles of Association require them to resign as a trustee and seek re-election if they wish to continue to act. New trustees are nominated by members of the board of trustees, interviewed and appointed where they are found to have the necessary skills to contribute to the charity's management and development.

When new trustees are appointed they are given an introduction to the work of the charity and provided with an information pack. This includes information about the role of trustees and charity law.

## **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Each trustee takes responsibility for monitoring the charity's activities, and where appropriate the trustees form sub committees for specific operational areas. The main sub committee is the finance and governance committee, which meets at least twice a year.

This committee reports action points to Board meetings, which are also held at least twice a year. The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity and manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the trustees.



# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

## WIDER NETWORK

The charity's head office is in Chichester, with an overseas office in Thailand. The charity has a number of principal partner organisations with whom it cooperates to deliver its programmes. These organisations are laid out in the Programmes section of this document.

## PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The Board of Directors, who are the charity's trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the organisation on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year.

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the directors benchmark against pay levels in other charities of a similar size. The remuneration benchmark is the midpoint of the range paid for similar roles. If recruitment has proven difficult in the recent past, a market addition is also paid with the pay maximum no greater than the highest benchmarked salary for a comparable role.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks that the charity faces and confirmed the establishment of systems to mitigate these, should they occur.

With international operations, travel and civil unrest in project locations present the most likely risk with policies and insurance, so we have regular checks to mitigate these.

The risk of the impact of the departure of key staff is mitigated through creating a strong working culture and environment as well as succession planning and engaging all staff in the vision, strategy and plans.

Our budget and regularly reviewed fundraising plans, as well as reserves ensure we have adequate funding. Strict policies and controls help reduce the risk of any financial fraud or mismanagement in project locations.

# STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. Each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee, in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Scott Vevers, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board:



Stuart Gallimore, Chair of Trustees  
Date: 22 June 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Children on the Edge for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 set out on pages 27 to 36. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. 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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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.

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.



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## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Annual Report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 22, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 ISAs (UK) 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 financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, taxation legislation and data protection, employment and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing the charity's correspondence with relevant regulators including the Health and Safety Executive, and the charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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## **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Scott Vevers Ltd*

Scott Vevers Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
65 East Street  
Bridport  
Dorset DT6 3LB

Date: **11 July 2023**

Scott Vevers Ltd is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.



**Children on the Edge**  
Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	739,311	744,440	1,483,751	1,329,067
Charitable activities	3	131,474	1,033,577	1,165,051	465,068
Other trading activities	4	14,882	-	14,882	2,982
Investments: deposit account interest		3,795	-	3,795	1,628
Other income	5	72,446	-	72,446	29,876
<b>Total income</b>		<u>961,908</u>	<u>1,778,017</u>	<u>2,739,925</u>	<u>1,828,621</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Cost of generating voluntary income	6	296,644	-	296,644	259,029
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to vulnerable children	7	709,629	1,785,495	2,495,124	1,638,629
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,006,273</u>	<u>1,785,495</u>	<u>2,791,768</u>	<u>1,897,658</u>
Net (deficit) / income		(44,365)	(7,478)	(51,843)	(69,037)
Gross transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		(44,365)	(7,478)	(51,843)	(69,037)
Total funds:					
Brought forward		1,801,704	425,541	2,227,245	2,296,282
Carried forward		<u>1,757,339</u>	<u>418,063</u>	<u>2,175,402</u>	<u>2,227,245</u>

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Children on the Edge**  
Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2023

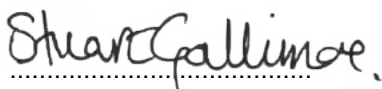
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		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	11	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	20,611	16,529
Cash at bank and in hand		2,206,459	2,239,705
		<u>2,227,070</u>	<u>2,256,234</u>
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(51,668)</u>	<u>(28,989)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		2,175,402	2,227,245
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,175,402</u>	<u>2,227,245</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds	14	418,063	425,541
Unrestricted funds	14	1,757,339	1,801,704
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>2,175,402</u>	<u>2,227,245</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

Whilst the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and the members have not required the company to obtain an audit under section 476 of the Act, the company is subject to audit under the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/6/23 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr S Gallimore - Trustee

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Children on the Edge**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
as at 28 February 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	16		(37,041)		(38,866)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Interest received		<u>3,795</u>		<u>1,628</u>	
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>			3,795		1,628
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<u>(33,246)</u>		<u>(37,238)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 March 2022</b>			2,239,705		2,276,943
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 28 February 2023</b>			<u><u>2,206,459</u></u>		<u><u>2,239,705</u></u>

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.



**1 General information**

Children On The Edge is a company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011. The address of the registered office is provided in Reference and administrative details. Details of the charity's operations are provided in the Report of the Trustees.

**Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**Basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Donated assets and services are included at the value of essential expenditure that has been saved as a result of that gift.

**Classification of expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Funding provided through contractual agreements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services as supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Assets costing less than £1000 are written off in the year of purchase. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life as follows: Plant and machinery - 33% on cost

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Foreign currencies**

Profit and loss account transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the closing rates at the balance sheet date and the exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

**Operating leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

**Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2 Donations and legacies**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gifts from individuals	698,518	613,235
Corporate fundraising activity	783,033	710,332
Gifts and services in kind	2,200	5,500
	<u>1,483,751</u>	<u>1,329,067</u>

Voluntary income includes monies raised through business activity from our corporate partners where a donation or an advertised amount from the sale of certain goods is donated to the charity.

Gifts and services in kind represent good and services donated by supporters.

**3 Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants	Provision of services to vulnerable children	1,161,477	465,068
Volunteer fees	Provision of services to vulnerable children	3,574	-
		<u>1,165,051</u>	<u>465,068</u>

**4 Other trading activities**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	14,635	1,156
Sale of merchandise	247	1,826
	<u>14,882</u>	<u>2,982</u>

**5 Other income**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employers relief	5,000	4,000
Impact of Covid	200	826
Foreign currency gains	67,246	25,050
	<u>72,446</u>	<u>29,876</u>

**6 Costs of raising funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising costs	33,296	34,226
Staff costs	251,500	212,822
Support costs	11,848	11,981
	<u>296,644</u>	<u>259,029</u>

**7 Charitable activities costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Provision of services to vulnerable children		
Direct costs	732,210	513,603
Grant funded activities (see below)	1,284,682	725,306
Staff costs (including travel)	324,428	243,742
Support costs	132,684	137,415
Governance costs	21,120	18,563
	<u>2,495,124</u>	<u>1,638,629</u>

The functional split of support costs is as follows:

	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communications	4,823	8,658
Staff costs	69,796	74,072
Accommodation costs	28,631	28,291
Office costs	19,098	18,833
Insurance	2,502	2,057
Accountancy	23,632	18,094
Depreciation and profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	3,385
Apportioned to fundraising and governance costs	(15,798)	(15,975)
	<u>132,684</u>	<u>137,415</u>

The functional split of governance costs is as follows:

	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	8,308	7,222
Support costs	3,949	3,994
Legal costs	2,269	1,149
Auditor's remuneration	6,594	6,198
	<u>21,120</u>	<u>18,563</u>

**8 Grants payable**

The grants payable to organisations working with vulnerable children during the year were as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Mukti (Bangladesh)	581,902	462,868
Kachin Development Group (Burma)	77,972	39,278
Parivartan Kendra (India)	-	6,733
Navjeevan Educational and Social Welfare Society (India)	110,841	96,816
Miscellaneous grants (Lebanon)	-	2,000
Miscellaneous grants (Thailand)	32,226	1,194
Haileybury Youth Trust (HYT) (Uganda)	5,527	-
Asociatia Aproape De Oameni (Ukraine)	189,993	-
Speranta (Ukraine)	95,261	-
Triumphant Mercy (Lebanon)	190,960	116,417
	<u>1,284,682</u>	<u>725,306</u>

**9 Resources expended**

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other operating leases	17,880	17,900
The audit of the company's annual accounts	6,594	6,198
Depreciation of owned assets	-	3,385



**10 Staff costs**

No remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees during the year. The costs of the remaining staff were:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	423,797	355,257
Social security costs	44,213	33,919
Pension costs	58,439	47,932
Overseas staff costs	94,049	84,744
Grant funded overseas staff costs	120,164	67,763
	<u>740,662</u>	<u>589,615</u>

During the year 1 (2022: 0) employee earned more than £60,000.

The full time equivalent number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Projects	3.45	3.23
Fundraising and publicity	6.22	5.66
Support	1.43	1.66
Governance	0.10	0.10
Overseas	14.40	16.50
	<u>25.60</u>	<u>27.15</u>

The gross number of staff employed in UK (Headcount)	<u>13.00</u>	<u>13.00</u>
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**11 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Plant &amp; machinery</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
As at 1 March 2022	13,378	11,232	24,610
Additions	-	-	-
As at 28 February 2023	<u>13,378</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>24,610</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
As at 1 March 2022	13,378	11,232	24,610
Charge for the year	-	-	-
As at 28 February 2023	<u>13,378</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>24,610</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
As at 28 February 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 28 February 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**12 Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	2,506	2,417
Other debtors	18,105	14,112
	<u>20,611</u>	<u>16,529</u>

**13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	4,581	3,504
Social security and other taxes	9,843	10,800
Other creditors and accruals	37,244	14,685
	<u>51,668</u>	<u>28,989</u>

## 14 Movement in funds

	At 01.03.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 28.02.23 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bangladesh	280,901	6,430	-	287,331
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	62,054	(29,445)	-	32,609
India	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	82,586	(82,586)	-	-
Thailand	-	-	-	-
Uganda	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	-	98,123	-	98,123
	<u>425,541</u>	<u>(7,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>418,063</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<b>Designated funds</b>				
Afghanistan	-	-	24,188	24,188
Bangladesh	243,004	-	67,252	310,256
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	-	-	52,864	52,864
India	149,817	-	293	150,110
Lebanon	-	-	24,423	24,423
Uganda	400,271	-	105,767	506,038
Ukraine	200,000	-	7,445	207,445
UK based costs	579,391	-	(428,041)	151,350
	<u>1,572,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,809)</u>	<u>1,426,674</u>
General fund	229,221	(44,365)	145,809	330,665
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,801,704</u>	<u>(44,365)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,757,339</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,227,245</u>	<u>(51,843)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,175,402</u>
<b>2022</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
India	20,961	(20,961)	-	-
Lebanon	200,620	(118,034)	-	82,586
Bangladesh	361,206	(80,305)	-	280,901
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	50,093	11,961	-	62,054
	<u>632,880</u>	<u>(207,339)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,541</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<b>Designated funds</b>				
Uganda	668,428	-	(268,157)	400,271
Bangladesh	192,804	-	50,200	243,004
Burma	8,706	-	(8,706)	-
India	218,793	-	(68,976)	149,817
Ukraine	-	-	200,000	200,000
UK based costs	466,275	-	113,116	579,391
	<u>1,555,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,477</u>	<u>1,572,483</u>
General fund	108,396	138,302	(17,477)	229,221
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,663,402</u>	<u>138,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,801,704</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,296,282</u>	<u>(69,037)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,227,245</u>

**14 Movement in funds (continued)**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bangladesh	716,224	709,794	6,430
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	68,043	97,488	(29,445)
India	68,909	68,909	-
Lebanon	115,044	197,630	(82,586)
Thailand	-	-	-
Uganda	390,870	390,870	-
Ukraine	418,927	320,804	98,123
	<u>1,778,017</u>	<u>1,785,495</u>	<u>(7,478)</u>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>			
General fund	961,908	1,006,273	(44,365)
	<u>2,739,925</u>	<u>2,791,768</u>	<u>(51,843)</u>
<b>2022</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
India	106,585	127,546	(20,961)
Lebanon	9,907	127,941	(118,034)
Uganda	241,943	241,943	-
Bangladesh	455,200	535,505	(80,305)
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	65,819	53,858	11,961
	<u>879,454</u>	<u>1,086,793</u>	<u>(207,339)</u>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>			
General fund	949,167	810,865	138,302
	<u>1,828,621</u>	<u>1,897,658</u>	<u>(69,037)</u>

Where money is given for a specific geographic area or project, a separate fund is created and expenditure incurred in the area allocated against the income. An allocation of support costs is made where there are sufficient fund balances.

Funds are designated by the trustees in particular areas to maintain the sustainability and commitment to programmes as detailed in the Trustees' Report.



**15 Analysis of fund balances between net assets**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Designated funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	418,063	1,426,674	382,333	2,227,070
Creditors	-	-	(51,668)	(51,668)
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>418,063</b>	<b>1,426,674</b>	<b>330,665</b>	<b>2,175,402</b>

<b>2022</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Current assets</i>	425,541	1,572,483	258,210	2,256,234
<i>Creditors</i>	-	-	(28,989)	(28,989)
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>425,541</b>	<b>1,572,483</b>	<b>229,221</b>	<b>2,227,245</b>

**16 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Net loss for the year	(51,843)	(69,037)
Interest receivable	(3,795)	(1,628)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	-	3,385
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(4,082)	20,155
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	22,679	8,259
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>(37,041)</b>	<b>(38,866)</b>

**17 Gross obligations under operating leasing agreements**

As at 28 February 2023 the charity had future minimum lease commitments as follows:

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Not later than 1 year	17,880	17,880
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	10,430	28,310
	<b>28,310</b>	<b>46,190</b>

**18 Financial instruments**

Categorisation of financial instruments

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Financial assets that are debt instrument measured at amortised cost	2,224,564	2,253,817
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	51,668	28,989

**Items of income, expense, gains or losses**

The total interest income for financial assets not measured at fair value through profit or loss is £3,795 (2022: £1,628).

**19 Related party transactions**

Donations totalling £3,095 were made to the charity by three trustees during the year.