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STANDING IN THE GAP

SUPPORTING FORGOTTEN CHILDREN ON THE MARGINS

Report of the Trustees & Financial Statements
for The Year Ended 28 February 2017
for **Children on the Edge**

Registered company number: 4996130 (England and Wales)

Syrian refugee children stand outside one of the tent schools we support in Lebanon.

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THE TRUSTEES REPORT

STANDING IN THE GAP

SUPPORTING FORGOTTEN CHILDREN ON THE MARGINS

Children on the Edge exists to support some of the most marginalised children across the world. We focus entirely on those who are living on the edges of their societies and excluded from the basic rights inherent to a healthy childhood.

As a small organisation, we go where the need is greatest and 'stand in the gap' where children are facing desperate circumstances, and no-one is helping.

We exist for those children who have been neglected or persecuted by their own governments, and yet go unnoticed by the larger aid agencies. Those who are facing tragedy, but remain out of the media limelight.

Working closely with local partners, we restore the ingredients of a full childhood through the provision of hope, life, colour and fun, and support children to a place where they can realise their rights. This may come in the form of accessing local child protection, mainstream school or government services, it may be working alongside persecuted communities until the international spotlight finds them and attracts wider support. At this time, we move on to help those who remain unnoticed.

This is standing in the gap; and this year our role has been more vital than ever. As the political climate reflects the rise of nationalism and sees barriers to the marginalised growing, our dedication to those living on the edges of society has been steadfast:

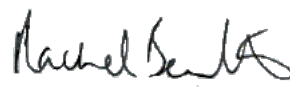
- In October, 75,000 Rohingya refugees fled horrific human rights abuses in Myanmar (Burma), joining the masses of exiled Rohingya already in Bangladesh. It is here we are providing education for over 2,700 Rohingya children in a makeshift border camp. We have been 'standing in the gap', supporting this community for over five years. Our hope is that now the international community has recognised the problem, we will be able to handover this work to the UN, and move on to

help further groups of Rohingya children who are as yet, unnoticed.

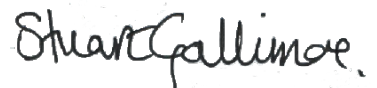
- In the last year, an 8 year-old 'untouchable' Dalit girl in Bihar State, India, was severely beaten by a group of men when she dared to say that she could be a magistrate one day. It is here we are supporting education and non-violent activism to tackle ingrained caste discrimination.
- Currently, the practice of child sacrifice in Uganda is still going unreported and gaps in legislation enable perpetrators to go free. Here we are working with a Ugandan child rights group and the government, to address the problem whilst expanding our child protection teams in local communities.

You will find many more examples of this kind as you read through the activities and achievements in the following pages. We hope you enjoy finding out about our progress, and feel inspired to join us in our future plans.

With hope and gratitude,



Rachel Bentley
International Director



Stuart Gallimore
Chair of Trustees

CHAPTER ONE

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

4996130 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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The Trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2017 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The annual report and financial statements 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) effective January 2015.



From the time we were founded until the present day, we have been a charity that restores the ingredients of a full childhood to forgotten children.

Too many children are leading forgotten lives in barren, dangerous places. Many are neglected or even persecuted by their own governments, ignored by international media and missed by large overseas aid agencies.

Young survivors of conflict and abuse are being robbed of the fullness of their childhoods and are existing on the edges of society.

Our objective is to restore the ingredients of a full childhood, bringing hope, life, colour and fun into children's lives.

Together with our local implementing partners, we do this by:

- Transforming the most vulnerable communities, enabling them to create and sustain **safe and protective environments** for their children and enabling them to uphold children's rights.
- Providing quality, accessible, child friendly **education and play** to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised children across the globe who otherwise have no access to education.
- Enabling children living in marginalised communities to become the **best version of themselves**, with improved confidence, aspirations and hope for their futures.

In doing this, our approach is to:

1. Exclusively serve **forgotten children in forgotten places**. You will often find us in the places where the cameras do not click. The places you don't scroll past on your news feeds. We focus on the situations where aid agencies either do not venture or have moved on from, leaving gaps in essential services.
2. Develop projects with the knowledge that **one size does not fit all**. Each project is innovative, bespoke and built on extensive research and collaboration with local partners and communities. Consequently they are often used as models of good practice.
3. Each project is based on **conversations not clipboards**. We support grassroots work that is designed, owned and developed by the local community and that nurtures independence. Each child is valued as an individual. They are not seen as victims or beneficiaries, **but supported in the realisation of their rights**. They are encouraged to have a voice and to develop as agents of change in their own futures.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The objectives of the charity 2016/2017 were achieved through the following activities.



CHAPTER THREE

OUR WORK THIS YEAR

OBJECTIVES
ACTIVITIES
ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE
FUTURE PLANS



In the north of Bihar, the border of Nepal is one of the largest corridors for human trafficking on the planet. Children here are surviving in red - light communities, extremely vulnerable to trafficking, forced labour, prostitution and sexual abuse.

Partners - Tatvasi Samaj Nyas (TSN)

Objectives

- Provide vulnerable migrant and Dalit children with security, support and education about their rights.
- Pave the way for them to find a life beyond the confines of the red light district.

Activities

- Together with TSN, established **two education centres in the heart of two of Bihar's most renowned red light areas.**
- Provided a **sewing skills programme** which provides preparatory job training to 15 adolescent girls at each site.
- Enabled **65 school-aged children to access basic education.**
- Teachers have been trained to work with the students to create a **safe and caring environment** where the children are free to express themselves. They also use skits and role play activities as a means of discussing challenges the children face in their daily lives.

- Special effort is also made to emphasise the **intrinsic value of each child.** As migrants or members of the *Dalit* castes, these children feel scorned by the society around them.

Achievements and Performance

- The sewing skills programme has provided a **critical way out of prostitution for 30 young women** this year, and a method to support themselves. Without this type of training, the girls report that the overwhelming expectation upon them is to work in the sex trade by age 18 or younger.
- The Centres have become places where **children feel secure** and have been begun to **engage with a world outside of the red light district.**

Future plans

- Build the capacity of each Centre to move beyond skills training to provide lessons to children ages 5-16 in subjects like reading, writing, maths, and hygiene.
- Offer a more intensive training programme for teachers in the coming year, to address the challenge of developing lessons for multiple age groups and learning abilities.
- Connect programme staff from the Centres with other COTE partners in Bihar who are finding great success in their education work with marginalised children.



Hands up at the Community Learning Centre for Dalit children in Bihar State, India.

INDIA - PATNA

In Bihar State, India, illegal but culturally ingrained caste discrimination against the 'untouchable' Dalit minority is causing children to be ostracised from education and denied their rights. Forced and deep-seated low self esteem has trapped communities in and around Patna in a cycle of poverty and exclusion.

Partners - Parivartan Kendra (PK) and Navjeevan Educational and Social Welfare Society (NESWS)

Objectives

- Counter caste discrimination through the provision of quality education to Dalit children in slums and villages around Patna
- Create access and integration for Dalit children into mainstream school
- Develop increased life skills, character development, gender equality, self esteem, self expression, confidence and creativity in Dalit children.
- Support Dalit community to advocate for justice, equality and sustainable livelihoods through non violent action.

Activities

- Through 25 informal learning centres, **provided 1014 Dalit children with classes in Maths, reading, writing, science and Hindi and English Language.**
- Teachers from 25 Centres trained in delivering **curriculum that is focussed on countering caste discrimination and encouraging self esteem.**
- Supported children who have **progressed to mainstream school** with visits and life skills training
- Facilitated competitions, festivals, camps and trips to encourage children to demonstrate talents, experience fun learning, enjoy creativity and express themselves.
- Delivered classes in character development, values and gender equality.
- **Resourced 25 Women's groups** with rights and activism training, health and life skills, savings groups, small business training, micro-loans and support to get legal entitlements through awareness training on legal documents.
- Contributed to **provision of food, clothes and basic supplies for 6275 victims of September Bihar floods.**
- Through visits and remote support COTE have encouraged **joint working** between our two partner organisations.



A local women's group, trained in non-violent activism, fight for the rights of their children in Bihar State, India.

Achievements and Performance

- **1014 children learned to converse in English and Hindi**, and are now speaking Hindi in centres instead of local dialect. This will **aid their integration** in school and society.
- 3 sets of exams have shown all children have **learned to read and write and show understanding of taught subjects**. As the first literate people in their families they are inspiring others to learn.
- **35 children have progressed to mainstream school** and there has been a marked reduction of out of school children in slum communities in Patna
- Children are now arriving at the Centres washed and clean.
- Children have developed good manners, are expressing concern for others and are engaging in charitable work. There has been a **reduction in stealing, gambling and dealing in tobacco**.
- **Children are actively reporting abuse and cases are being followed up**
- Prevention of three child marriages
- After gender equality classes, **44 girls are asserting their rights** to have egg, ghee and milk at home, and to play after age 8 (currently denied to girls).
- Through non violent protest and legal training, Women's groups have achieved **access for Dalit children in one primary school**, the **return of a group of trafficked children and land entitlements for many families**.

Future Plans

- Strengthen community learning centres through increased cooperation between our two partner organisations, consolidation of curriculum and teacher training and introduction of shift system.
- Establish basic monitoring and evaluation processes.
- Provide computer resources and training for children.
- Once funding is procured, extend urban learning centre buildings to alleviate cramped classroom conditions and add another five classrooms.
- Equip children to bring change through focus on child participation.
- Increase awareness on child marriage.

New books are delivered for working children in Bangladesh.

BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh poverty is at a level where there are now as many as 3.45 million working children. Working children in the slums of Cox's Bazar face financial and practical barriers to attending mainstream school. An hour away, near the border of Myanmar, thousands of stateless Rohingya refugee children who have fled persecution from the Myanmar military, have been living in a makeshift camp for years, and excluded from the provision of any basic services. This October another wave of horrific violence against the Rohingya forced an additional 75,000 refugees into Bangladesh. Both groups of children are in danger of growing up unprotected, without any chance of an education.

Partners - MUKTI and Rohingya Children's Education Programme (RCEP)

Objectives

- Enable Bangladeshi working children and Rohingya refugee children to access quality, relevant, child friendly primary education and play.
- Increase their confidence and self esteem.
- Improve understanding amongst parents of the importance of education and increase involvement in their children's learning.
- Maintain strong retention and attendance rates, increase awareness of children's rights.
- Improve access to family health information.
- Resource Bangladeshi and Rohingya refugee teachers with accredited skills and knowledge development, enabling them to deliver quality education and better provide for the needs of individual children.

Activities

- **Delivered high quality, government approved curriculum to 900 working children** through 9 Community Schools within Cox's Bazar slums and **2,940 Rohingya refugee children** through 48 low profile classrooms within an unregistered refugee border camp and an inland Rohingya enclave community. This curriculum is specially developed by development organisation BRAC for children who have been disadvantaged or had gaps in their learning.
- **Facilitated BRAC teacher training for 67 Rohingya and Bengali teachers.**
- Organised **School Management Committees** to encourage parental participation in Community Schools and informal parent-teacher meetings in the camps to encourage ownership.
- **Developed and maintained child councils** attached to each learning centre and camp school encouraging their contribution to the programme and teaching them about child rights. They share what they learn with peers and family, run an after-school tutoring club for those who are struggling, as well as a weekly 'play day', and the creation of a regular newsletter.
- **Conducted thorough monitoring and evaluation** of the programme through internal and external evaluations, surveys, stakeholder interviews, 'white board discussions', observations and round table discussions with parents, children, teachers and staff.
- **Regular visits and remote support from COTE** staff to increase capacity and knowledge of our partners in their understanding of providing for vulnerable refugee communities, project management and financial procedures.



Rohingya refugee children learning in a child-friendly, low profile school.

Achievements and Performance

Monitoring and Evaluation this year showed the following impact:

- **High exam pass rates:** 99% of all the children passed their end of year exams.
- **High retention rates:** We have maintained a 93 % retention rate for all children despite the challenges of a volatile environment.
- **Increased aspirations, self esteem and confidence:** 94% (up from 64% last year) of children in community schools and 99% in the camps demonstrate increased aspirations for the future, 88% in the camps demonstrate signs of increased confidence and positive self esteem. Children on the child councils have developed awareness of their rights and report how they can now raise their voices, make requests, discuss problems and find solutions.
- **Increased parental engagement:** 94% of parents in the camp and 87% in the community have demonstrated increased knowledge of child rights and the importance of education. 81% of parents in the camps want their child to reach grade 10 or above, this is up from 40% last year. There is also an significant increase of parents spending time supporting their children's learning.
- **Development of high level teaching skills:** BRAC trainers report that 100% of teachers performed well and 100% of children report that they enjoy going to school.
- Through the work of the child councils and the input of teachers in parent-teacher meetings, there has been an improvement in hygiene and sanitation in the local communities.
- Children are teaching their literacy and numeracy skills to their parents and siblings.

Future Plans

- Obtain official recognition and support for work in the Rohingya refugee camp from national and/or international bodies and transition the makeshift camp schools into the care of the United Nations.
- Increase support to slum community and enclave schools to cater for increase of Rohingya refugees to the area and continue to ensure that these schools continue to provide safety, education and life skills in the midst of a volatile environment.
- Adapt monitoring and evaluation systems to a simpler format for our partners that maintains a strong analysis of our performance.
- Continue to work with our partners to ensure the voices of the persecuted Rohingya people are heard.

MYANMAR



Internally Displaced Kachin children, subject to military attack in one settlement and forced to flee, hide and build another camp in the mountains.

Due to the ongoing conflict across Kachin State, over 120,000 internally displaced Kachin people are living temporary and unstable lives in around 170 Internally Displaced People's (IDP) camps, throughout the mountainous areas close to the Myanmar - China border. The government continues to deny sustained access for humanitarian workers, meaning that people are left to fend for themselves. Children in these camps have suffered severe trauma from the violence they have witnessed. Nearly all are unable to access basic services and resources, such as food, healthcare and education. In the remote mountain camps, we are the only international organisation providing ongoing support for young children.

Partners - Kachin Women's Association (KWA) and Kachin Development Group (KDG)

Objectives

- Provide stability for children living in a conflict environment
- Enable children to enjoy being children in a vibrant, safe place for a few hours each day with opportunities to learn, recover from past trauma and deal with ongoing trauma.
- Support parents and community members in contributing to the development of the programme and management of the centres, ensuring long-term sustainability.
- Develop the strength, knowledge and agility of our partners in dealing with arising issues.

- Ensure children and their families are well-equipped to deal with the extreme cold weather.

Activities

- Provided **14 safe, child-friendly spaces for 629 of the youngest Kachin children** where they can play, learn and receive care and support. Teachers and students have transformed each centre into a colourful space where the children can learn and express themselves.
- Ran **refresher training for all teachers** which included child psychology, child mental health, dealing with behaviour and building a child-friendly environment. Teachers also learned about using a child friendly curriculum, lesson techniques, child protection and managing logistics.
- Provided specialised training for 10 teachers in the **creation of safe spaces.**
- **Supported the committees attached to each centre**, comprised of parents and community leaders who manage and evaluate the programme, learn about early childhood education, assist in food preparation and construct and maintain the centre buildings.
- **Delivered sets of warm clothes**, which includes a wool hat, jacket, warm trousers and pair of socks, to each child in the IDP camps.



Creative expression and play at our Early Childhood Development Centres for displaced Kachin children are essential activities for trauma recovery.

Achievements and Performance

- We are the **only international organisation** accessing these displaced communities to provide ongoing support to young children in these remote mountain settlements. We are ensuring **early years education and trauma support to 629 children**.
- Focus group feedback from teachers and parents has reported that, despite the conflict environment there has been an **increase in confidence and positivity among the children**.
- Through the provision of winter clothes we have **protected 629 children from hypothermia**.
- We have **garnered full support from parents and community** in the running of the schools
- When one of the largest camps was attacked and disbanded, teachers have remained with the community and set up a new Centre in a new camp.

Future Plans

- We will remain committed to being a line of support for a displaced and desperate community who are attacked by their own government and receive no attention or help from the international community
- We will continue to provide education and trauma care for young children living in a conflict zone.
- We will make steps to creating awareness and increase funding for the support of the Kachin people.

UGANDA

Slum communities surrounding Jinja face a myriad of challenges including endemic poverty, destructive livelihoods, poor hygiene and sanitation, crime and a lack of access to rights and services. Women are particularly vulnerable with HIV/AIDS leading to single mother, child and grandparent headed households. High levels of alcohol abuse leads to domestic violence and abuse. All these challenges have led to unsafe environments for children, leaving them vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and in some cases the practice of child sacrifice. There is apathy within the communities and a lack of hope to see change.

Partners: Children on the Edge Africa

Objectives

- At a local level - Creation of a protective environment for children living in slums, through community based Child Protection Teams who work to develop:
 - Access to education for children.
 - Sensitisation for their communities on child protection and the creation of a safe environment.
 - Improved relationship between slum communities and service providers (i.e. police, local government and health providers).
 - Strengthening of economic stability for vulnerable households.
- On an national level - work with partners to address gaps in legislation regarding child sacrifice which allow the practice to persist through crimes being reported and investigated, but not prosecuted.

Activities

- **Formed and supported Child Protection Teams (CPTs)** in four slum communities (three new, one pilot has been running for five years) surrounding Jinja. Teams consist of 10 elected volunteers provided with ongoing training and simple resources (e.g bike, loudspeaker, stationary and T-shirts).
- **Delivered 74 workshops** covering subject areas identified by CPTs including child protection, parenting, child abuse, domestic abuse, substance abuse, health, sanitation and child rights.
- **Provided 121 micro-loans** through a scheme that enables parents (mainly mothers) from the most vulnerable households to develop a small business to provide for their children and pay for education costs.
- Organised **playscheme for 250 children** in Loco community to introduce them to early learning methods, encourage creativity and give opportunities for play and self expression. 5 CPT members and many parents and community members participated.
- **Built and ran new Early Childhood Development Centre** for 60 children from the most vulnerable households in Loco. 10 teachers participated in bespoke ECD training week.
- Began work with The Ugandan Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN) to **lobby for stand-alone legislation, addressing child sacrifice** in the Ugandan parliament through the passing of the 'Prevention of Human Sacrifice and Harmful Practices Bill 2016'.
- **Facilitated Monitoring and Evaluation training** with COTE Africa to formulate their Theory of Change and began to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation plan for implementation.
- Children on the Edge Africa team all achieved their **Professional Certificate in Child Protection** at Makerere University.
- **Trained two teachers from Loco Community**, who will support qualified teachers in the ECD Centre.




Ugandan Child Protection Teams together for a sharing and training day.

Achievements and Performance

- Police service in Jinja has reported that their community watch programme has increased in effectiveness as a direct result of CPT workshops, relationship building and interventions. People now report many crimes including child and domestic abuse, police have better knowledge to address these situations and there is a **resulting reduction in crime and corruption**.
- The Jinja Health Department state that awareness levels about the importance of good hygiene practice have begun to improve through the COTE Africa workshops.
- The Jinja District Local Government field monitoring exercise measured awareness in the CPTs of child abuse knowledge, children's rights, service providers for child services, appropriate referral pathways and actions and record keeping and found all teams to be **proficient and knowledgeable**.
- Through the new ECD Centre **60 children have received three terms of education**, have made excellent progress are now prepared to access primary school.
- Micro loans have enabled **109 children to go to school**.
- Qualitative focus groups with 290 local people across the four areas have reflected that people;
 - are fully aware of the CPTs and their function, see and participate in their activities and feel they are **directly reducing child labour, child abuse and domestic violence** through their interventions.
 - showed a full understanding of referral pathways for crime and child abuse.
 - have increased knowledge regarding hygiene in the home, child rights, child abuse and parenting through workshops, **resulting in reduced child abuse, better parenting and a safer environment for children**.

Future Plans

- Expand Child Protection Teams to new areas
- Increase amount of micro-loans for vulnerable households
- Invest in further development of Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms as a follow on from Theory of Change training, to better measure our impact.
- See 'Prevention of Human Sacrifice and Harmful Practices Bill' passed and begin to use CPT model across communities vulnerable to child sacrifice across Uganda.
- Establish child rights groups in conjunction with each CPT in each area and develop child participation.
- Build capacity of local groups to demand improved WASH facilities in their communities and continue to sensitise on health and hygiene issues.



Syrian refugee children in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, waiting for their school day to start.

LEBANON

There are now over 1.5 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon as a result of the ongoing conflict. Despite the large-scale investment into Lebanon's 'Back to school' initiative for Syrian children, many living in the tented settlements in Bekaa Valley cannot access mainstream school. 6 years into this crisis, we are at huge risk of leaving an entire generation of children without an education, unprotected and stuck in cycles of poverty, exploitation and desperation with no hope for the future.

Partners: Triumphant Mercy (TM)

Objectives

- Bridge the educational gap for Syrian refugee children by ensuring they gain a full, accessible primary education, keeping them protected and better preparing them for the future.
- Enable refugee children to feel safe, secure and able to begin to recover from the trauma of war.
- Provide Syrian refugees in the tented communities with valuable knowledge and skills to be able to teach, take ownership of the education provision and gain an income for their families.

Activities

- **Created 5 bright, colourful and safe spaces** with a trusted adult presence where 500 refugee children are able to access educational opportunities and creative play. This has taken the form of four informal tent schools in Bekaa Valley refugee settlements and one Community Centre school in

Beirut where children learn Arabic, maths, science, history, geography and English.

- **Built play areas outside each school**, with creative input from children and practical help from refugee community.
- **Trained 23 Syrian refugees to teach** with initial intensive, tailored teacher training, followed by weekly training sessions, regular observations, mentoring, supervisions and quarterly training days.
- Alongside programme staff and teachers, our local partners have **developed a mixed Syrian and Lebanese child-friendly curriculum** and use **Montessori techniques** to help children re-engage with learning.
- **Arranged regular visits and remote support** from COTE staff to increase the capacity and knowledge of our partners in their understanding of providing for vulnerable refugee communities, dealing with trauma, project management and financial procedures.
- **Ensured thorough monitoring and evaluation** of the programme including spot checks, monthly observations, six monthly interviews with stakeholders, bi-annual reports and an annual evaluation.
- **Promoted the importance of education** to approximately 1000 parents, providing literacy lessons and encouraging ownership and involvement.
- **Continued to support the running of a new refugee settlement** built by our partners in December 2015 in response to a forced military evacuation.



Happy learners at the informal tent school in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.

Achievements and Performance

- The original class (who started three years ago) **finished their exams and graduated to the next grade**, meeting the Syrian school system standards and making up all educational gaps created by their previous exclusion from school.
- Training refugees to teach has given 24 Syrian refugees a **reliable income, skills for the future and ownership** of the project. It has **increased accessibility** for children in terms of language and culture, creating **better educational engagement** and contributing to a **familiar and safe environment** for those recovering from trauma. Training members from the refugee community has also helped us to **better understand and connect** with parents and the wider community.
- 500 children benefited from a new and bespoke curriculum, designed together by staff and refugee teachers. With its **mix of Lebanese and Syrian material, taught in the Syrian dialect and its use of Arabic phonics this curriculum has prepared them to enter mainstream education** at the right level for their age and to use their education in Syria should a return be possible in the future.
- The new curriculum model is written up and ready to be used if our partners scale up, or in other refugee education situations. It is used as an **in-depth teaching resource**, and also a document to better **monitor the teacher's performance and the children's learning**. New teachers are trained in it and able to pass on this learning to teachers in the future.
- The programme has begun to **counter the rise of child marriage and child labour** by keeping children in safety and inspiring parents about the

importance of education. Initially skeptical parents have become engaged and involved.

- Developed **sense of purpose and ownership for the wider refugee community** who have become involved in the running and building of schools.
- Child interviews showed a major **increase in confidence and aspirations** for the future, that **100% of children enjoy going to school**. Many reported **feeling safer in the schools** than at home and there was a rise in the percentage of children who feel able to tell someone if they are frightened.
- **Parents have begun to engage** through mothers' literacy groups and community days which are raising awareness of child protection issues facing the community.

Future Plans

- Continue to invest in the education of Syrian refugee children, preparing them for the time when a mainstream school system is accessible for them.
- Support our partners in the expansion of work within Syria for families trapped in Damascus, providing food, fuel and access to education.
- Build our monitoring and evaluation into the current school assessments, incorporating interviews with a wider group of stakeholders.
- Continue to work alongside teachers, children, parents and the wider community to ensure their safety and wellbeing.



CHAPTER FOUR

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Play equipment for displaced Kachin children in the remote mountain camps of Myanmar.

Our focus is to serve the most marginalised and vulnerable children with the resources we have.

Income

Our strategy has been to build on the achievements of the previous financial year and further strengthen all areas of funding. We have achieved this during the 2016/2017 period and are well placed to grow in the coming years as the projects require. Notable achievements were:

- Incredibly successful fundraising ball for our work in Lebanon.
- Growth in online fundraised income from individuals undertaking challenges.

During this year we received a donation of \$250,000 for Emergency Relief for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Our established relationship with the funder enabled us to access and disperse the funds quickly with the vast majority being transferred to the implementing partner Action Contre Famine (ACF). This was unbudgeted income and an unplanned project but given the crisis faced by the Rohingya people, it was an opportunity to help at a time of great need.

Expenditure

In 2016/2017 we set out a clear budget for expenditure and have adhered to it. During the year we increased our budget to enable us to undertake work on the Human Sacrifice Bill in Uganda.

Exceptional situations

The Brexit vote and subsequent fall in the value of the pound has had an impact on our work by increasing the cost of our grants to overseas organisations. However, this has been limited by the fact we also hold a US\$ account and receive and donate some funds in dollars. We do not receive any funding from the EU and so feel well placed to navigate through the challenges posed by the decision to leave.

Principal funding sources

During the year Children on the Edge raised £1,146,819 from a variety of sources, including well-established corporate links, grant making trusts and the general public. During the course of the year the

charity spent £1,131,596 to carry out all the programmes outlined in this document

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investment that it sees fit.

Some situations call for the charity's rapid response. Consequently it has a policy of keeping excess funds invested in high interest bank accounts. With the current healthy level of reserves and planned operational expenses, the trustees have chosen to invest a proportion of the reserves into one year fixed bonds for the coming year whilst still maintaining a good level of instantly accessible funds.

During 2016/17 the charity achieved an income of £2,515 from its deposit account interest.

FUND BALANCES AS OF 28/02/2017

Restricted Funds: £201,154
Designated Funds: £326,293
Free Reserves: £91,093
Total Funds: £618,540

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Bangladesh: For the last three years, our work in Bangladesh has been majority funded by The Big Lottery Fund. During this time, ongoing Major Donors have chosen to continue to donate towards the work to create a surplus that will help fill the void left once the lottery funding finishes. This balance of £149,938 is forecast to be spent in 2017 and 2018.

Lebanon: During the latter part of 2016, a fundraising ball for our work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon exceeded expectations, thus creating a surplus of funds of £50,648 that will be spent in 2017.

Haiti: A small surplus of £568 was created this year which will be spent in 2017.



Life in Kutupalong camp for Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Children on the Edge designate funds in particular areas to maintain the sustainability of and commitment to programmes. Designated funds are calculated based as a proportion of our budget for the coming financial year. See table below for details of designated funds.

The designated funds balance of £326,293 will be spent in 2017/18.

	Designated Funds (£)
1. UK Based Costs	162,265
2. International Costs	
Lebanon (Syria)	11,277
Uganda	40,716
Thailand	44,855
Myanmar	42,841
India	24,339
Total	326,293

FREE RESERVES

Children on the Edge currently hold a free reserve balance of £91,093.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are required to ensure:

- The continued smooth operation of the charity
- Cope with any unexpected eventualities
- Enable any one off expenditure that is deemed appropriate for the charity.

In addition to any designated funds, the free reserve balance should ideally be no more than 10% of current average income. The current level of reserves is equivalent to 11% of the 2017/2018 turnover.



CHAPTER FIVE

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.

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 by a panel of three trustees and appointed where they are found to have the necessary skills to contribute to the charity's management and development.

Induction and training of new trustees

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.

Wider network

The charity's headquarters are 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 section titled 'Achievements and Performance'.

Pay policy for senior staff

The directors consider the board of directors, who are the Trust'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 Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of 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 mid-point of the range paid for similar roles adjusted for a weighting of up to 30% for any additional responsibilities. 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 an international operation, travel civil unrest in project locations present the most likely risk with polices, insurance and regular checks mitigating 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 don't have inadequate funding and strict policies and controls help reduce the risk of any financial fraud or mismanagement in project locations.

CHAPTER SIX

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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; and
- 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

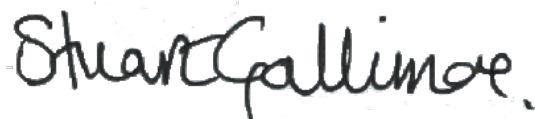
So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. Each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee, in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's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

AUDITORS

The auditors, BD&M Ltd 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: 5th June 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

We have audited the financial statements of Children on the Edge for the year ended 28 February 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes set out on pages 23 to 31. 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".

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 21, 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.

The trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's [APB's] Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the

financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2017 and of its 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 (applicable to smaller entities); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the 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.

BD&M Limited

BD&M Limited
Skies, 20 Martinsfield, Winterborne St Martin,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9JU
Statutory Auditors
Date: 5th June 2017

Children on the Edge
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 28 February 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	183,622	255,781	439,403	421,771
Charitable activities	3	-	563,644	563,644	359,959
Other trading activities	4	122,473	-	122,473	79,922
Investments: deposit account interest		2,515	-	2,515	2,509
Other incoming resources	5	18,784	-	18,784	7,506
Total income		<u>327,394</u>	<u>819,425</u>	<u>1,146,819</u>	<u>871,667</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	6	163,820	-	163,820	138,799
Charitable activities					
Provision of services to vulnerable children	7	261,882	705,894	967,776	655,048
Total expenditure		<u>425,702</u>	<u>705,894</u>	<u>1,131,596</u>	<u>793,847</u>
Net income		(98,308)	113,531	15,223	77,820
Gross Transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds for the year		(98,308)	113,531	15,223	77,820
Total Funds:					
Brought Forward		515,694	87,623	603,317	525,497
Carried Forward		<u>417,386</u>	<u>201,154</u>	<u>618,540</u>	<u>603,317</u>

The notes on pages 26 to 31 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Company Registration No. 4996130

		2017		2016	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		5,437		6,917
Current assets					
Debtors	12	16,379		22,692	
Cash at bank and in hand		624,889		601,190	
		<u>641,268</u>		<u>623,882</u>	
Creditors:	13				
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(28,165)</u>		<u>(27,482)</u>	
Net current assets			613,103		596,400
Net assets			<u>618,540</u>		<u>603,317</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	14		201,154		87,623
Unrestricted funds	14		417,386		515,694
Total funds			<u>618,540</u>		<u>603,317</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 in respect of accounting records and preparation of accounts.

Whilst the company is exempt from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and the members have not required 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 5th June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr S Gallimore - Trustee

The notes on pages 26 to 31 form an integral part of these financial statements.

	Note	2017		2016	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	17		25,109		87,425
Cash flow from investing activities					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(3,925)		(982)	
Interest received		<u>2,515</u>		<u>2,509</u>	
Net cash flow from investing activities			(1,410)		1,527
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			<u>23,699</u>		<u>88,952</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 March 2016			601,190		512,238
Cash and cash equivalents at 28 February 2017			<u><u>624,889</u></u>		<u><u>601,190</u></u>

The notes on pages 26 to 31 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies**Accounting convention**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The accounts include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

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 are 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 £500 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 etc	- 33% on cost
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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.

1 Accounting policies (continued)**Transition to FRS102**

There was no need to restate the opening fund balances at the date of transition to FRS102. The transition date was 1st March 2016.

2 Donations and legacies

	2017	2016
	£	£
Gifts from individuals	253,829	297,737
Corporate fundraising activity	184,524	123,058
Gifts and services in kind	1,050	976
	<u>439,403</u>	<u>421,771</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 represents good and services donated by supporters.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Activity	2017	2016
		£	£
Grants	Provision of services to vulnerable children	557,450	350,110
Volunteer fees	Provision of services to vulnerable children	6,194	9,849
		<u>563,644</u>	<u>359,959</u>

4 Other trading activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fund raising events	117,115	75,710
Sale of merchandise	5,358	4,212
	<u>122,473</u>	<u>79,922</u>

5 Other income

	2017	2016
	£	£
Employers relief	3,000	2,000
Foreign currency gains	15,784	5,506
	<u>18,784</u>	<u>7,506</u>

6 Costs of raising funds

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fundraising costs	47,067	34,430
Staff costs	106,679	95,152
Support costs	10,074	9,217
	<u>163,820</u>	<u>138,799</u>

7 Charitable activities costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Provision of services to vulnerable children		
Direct costs	35,323	21,301
Grant funded activities (see below)	646,876	375,269
Staff costs (including travel)	224,235	207,154
Support costs	44,886	40,978
Governance costs	16,456	10,346
	<u>967,776</u>	<u>655,048</u>

The functional split of Support costs is as follows:

	£	£
Communications	652	1,099
Accommodation costs	15,337	16,893
Office costs	14,872	12,368
Insurance	3,327	2,878
Accountancy	16,487	12,733
Depreciation and profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	5,404	5,248
Apportioned to fundraising and governance costs	(11,193)	(10,241)
	<u>44,886</u>	<u>40,978</u>

The functional split of governance costs is as follows:

	£	£
Staff costs	4,072	3,821
Support costs	1,119	1,024
AGM and Trustee meeting costs	-	148
Consultancy fees	5,220	-
Legal costs	1,101	553
Auditor's remuneration	4,944	4,800
	<u>16,456</u>	<u>10,346</u>

8 Grants payable

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Sansa Mea (Romania)	-	3,000
Social Action for Women (Thailand)	10,169	-
Mutki (Bangladesh)	69,065	63,721
Rohingya Children's Education Programme (Bangladesh) [Kaladan Press in 2016]	109,670	100,816
Action Contra La Faim (Bangladesh)	186,824	-
Kachin Development Group (Burma)	45,920	58,161
Miscellaneous grants (India)	55,736	32,900
Adolescent Development Support Network (Uganda)	89,971	50,845
Foundation Notre Dame Du Perpetual Secours (Haiti)	2,725	2,077
Triumphant Mercy (Lebanon)	76,796	63,749
	<u>646,876</u>	<u>375,269</u>

9 Resources expended

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Other operating leases	10,200	10,200
The audit of the company's annual accounts	4,944	4,800
Depreciation of owned assets	5,405	5,247

10 Staff costs

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

	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	188,774	190,423
Social Security costs	18,144	17,750
Pension costs	8,830	5,747
Overseas staff costs	69,751	48,645
	<u>285,499</u>	<u>262,565</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
Projects	1.00	1.00
Fundraising and publicity	3.04	2.86
Support	1.51	1.55
Governance	0.09	0.09
Overseas	7.50	1.50
	<u>13.14</u>	<u>7.00</u>
The average number of staff employed in UK (Headcount)	<u>7.08</u>	<u>7.58</u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 March 2016	11,117	11,054	22,171
Additions	3,925	-	3,925
As at 28 February 2017	<u>15,042</u>	<u>11,054</u>	<u>26,096</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 March 2016	8,806	6,448	15,254
Charge for the year	1,720	3,685	5,405
As at 28 February 2017	<u>10,526</u>	<u>10,133</u>	<u>20,659</u>
Net book value			
As at 28 February 2017	4,516	921	5,437
As at 29 February 2016	<u>2,311</u>	<u>4,606</u>	<u>6,917</u>

12 Debtors

	2017	2016
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>16,379</u>	<u>22,692</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	4,881	14,791
Grants payable	12,349	638
Social security and other taxes	5,250	4,399
Other creditors and accruals	5,685	7,654
	<u>28,165</u>	<u>27,482</u>

14 Movement in funds

	At 01.03.16 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 28.02.17 £
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund: Refugee and working education	(39,893)	39,893	-	-
Thailand (SAW)	-	-	-	-
India	-	-	-	-
Syria	4,014	46,634	-	50,648
Uganda	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	123,265	26,673	-	149,938
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	-	-	-	-
Haiti	237	331	-	568
	<u>87,623</u>	<u>113,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,154</u>
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Lebanon (Syria)	-	-	11,277	11,277
Uganda	-	-	40,716	40,716
Thailand	-	-	44,855	44,855
Burma	-	-	42,841	42,841
India	-	-	24,339	24,339
UK based costs	-	-	162,265	162,265
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,293</u>	<u>326,293</u>
General fund	515,694	(98,308)	(326,293)	91,093
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>515,694</u>	<u>(98,308)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,386</u>
Total funds	<u>603,317</u>	<u>15,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>618,540</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund: Refugee and working children education	138,726	98,833	39,893
Thailand (SAW)	6,128	6,128	-
India	33,675	33,675	-
Syria	160,405	113,771	46,634
Uganda	38,809	38,809	-
Bangladesh	340,370	313,697	26,673
Burma borders (including Kachin state)	98,209	98,209	-
Haiti	3,103	2,772	331
	<u>819,425</u>	<u>705,894</u>	<u>113,531</u>
Unrestricted fund			
General fund	327,394	425,702	(98,308)
	<u>1,146,819</u>	<u>1,131,596</u>	<u>15,223</u>

14 Movement in funds (continued)

Grants were received from the Big Lottery International Communities Fund under reference ICA/2/010461445 towards the cost of providing improved access to and quality of education for children in Bangladesh through refugee camp schools and community schools. The principal grant was for a three year period which commenced 1st January 2014.

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 Report of the Trustees.

15 Analysis of fund balances between net assets

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	5,437	5,437
Current Assets	201,154	326,293	113,821	641,268
Creditors	-	-	(28,165)	(28,165)
Total funds	<u>201,154</u>	<u>326,293</u>	<u>91,093</u>	<u>618,540</u>

16 Operating lease commitments

As at 28th February 2017 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Operating leases which expire:

	Land and Buildings	
	2017 £	2016 £
Within two and five years	<u>10,200</u>	<u>10,200</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Net income for the year	15,223	77,820
Interest receivable	(2,515)	(2,509)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	5,405	5,247
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	6,313	(10,266)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	683	17,133
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>25,109</u>	<u>87,425</u>

18 Related party transactions

Donations totalling £1,150 were made to the charity by one trustee during the year.

	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts from individuals		253,829		297,737
Corporate fundraising activity		184,524		123,058
Gifts and services in kind		1,050		976
		<u>439,403</u>		<u>421,771</u>
Charitable activities				
Grants received		557,450		350,110
Other trading activities				
Events and challenges	117,115		79,922	
Fundraising trading - Project fees	<u>11,552</u>		<u>9,849</u>	
		128,667		89,771
Investment income				
Deposit account interest receivable		5,515		2,509
Other income				
Employers relief	-		2,000	
Foreign exchange gains	<u>15,784</u>		<u>5,506</u>	
		15,784		7,506
Total income		<u>1,146,819</u>		<u>871,667</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of raising funds (analysed below)				
Fundraising costs	47,067		34,430	
Staff costs	106,679		95,152	
Support costs	<u>10,074</u>		<u>9,217</u>	
		163,820		138,799
Charitable activities (analysed below)				
Direct costs	35,323		21,301	
Grant funded activities	646,876		375,269	
Staff costs	224,235		207,153	
Support costs	44,886		40,979	
Governance costs	<u>16,456</u>		<u>10,346</u>	
		967,776		655,048
Total expenditure		<u>1,131,596</u>		<u>793,847</u>
Net income		<u>15,223</u>		<u>77,820</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
Cost of raising funds		
Fundraising costs	46,017	33,454
Gifts and services in kind (fundraising costs)	1,050	976
Allocation of staff costs	106,679	95,152
Allocation of support costs	10,074	9,217
	<u>163,820</u>	<u>138,799</u>
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Materials & programme costs	35,323	21,301
Grant funded activities	646,876	375,269
	<u>682,199</u>	<u>396,570</u>
Staff costs		
UK Wages and salaries	187,800	188,384
Staff NIC (Employers)	18,144	17,750
Staff pensions	8,830	5,747
Child care vouchers	1,598	665
Other UK staff costs inc training and welfare	5,409	3,790
Overseas staff costs	63,469	50,571
Travel and subsistence	49,736	39,219
Allocation to fundraising costs	(106,679)	(95,152)
Allocation to governance costs	(4,072)	(3,821)
	<u>224,235</u>	<u>207,153</u>
Support costs		
Rent, rates and utilities	15,337	16,893
Office cleaning	1,633	1,388
Communications	2,135	2,934
Overseas office expenses	5,523	4,078
Printing, postage and stationery	1,929	2,489
Insurance	3,327	2,878
Repairs and maintenance	2,982	1,738
Sundry expenses	109	(11)
Accountancy fees	16,487	12,733
Bank charges	1,213	852
Depreciation of office equipment	5,404	5,248
Allocation to fundraising costs	(10,074)	(9,217)
Allocation to governance costs	(1,119)	(1,024)
	<u>44,886</u>	<u>40,979</u>
Governance costs		
AGM and Trustee meeting costs	-	148
Audit fee	4,944	4,800
Accounting software consultancy fees	5,220	-
Legal and professional fees	1,101	553
Allocation of staff costs	4,072	3,821
Allocation of support costs	1,119	1,024
	<u>16,456</u>	<u>10,346</u>