

Sense International  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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### **Chair's Introduction**

The mission of Sense International is to promote the inclusion of people with deafblindness within the wider society and to support them and their families. The journey begins from early intervention, medical help and advice, with continued support, access to education and the means to attain their true potential to live a fulfilling life.

Despite the severe impact of the Covid pandemic, during 2021/22, in all our settings, through online programmes we reached more people with training and information about deafblindness. Through these channels we have been represented at conferences, held training courses and had meetings with Government officials. This has had a direct impact in influencing national policies and practices to ensure the fairer inclusion of people with deafblindness. In the last year over 37,000 young children were screened for deafblindness. 5,467 children received educational support and 1,653 young people received vocational training or livelihood support, thanks to Sense International.

We also trained thousands of parents and carers, health-care workers, teachers and government officials.

As an organisation, we are conscious of our role in safeguarding and we continued to ensure strong safeguarding systems and practices remain at the forefront of our work. Regular refresher training and testing of our processes has seen acknowledgement and positive recognition from our partner organisations.

The message to raise deafblindness awareness through training, events and media channels, has extended our reach to a vast audience around the world. We have had some notable advocacy successes, working alongside people with deafblindness to drive change in national laws, policies and budgets to improve support for people with deafblindness and their families. In this report there are examples of achievements from all the countries in the Sense International family.

Our work is dependent upon the support of donors. Our thanks and appreciation to: The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Guernsey and Jersey Overseas Aid Commissions, Comic Relief, the National Lottery Community Fund, trusts and foundations, companies, individual supporters, as well as our parent organisation Sense and many others as listed on page 48 of this report.

During the year we launched the Ambassador's Circle to support our fund raising drive and increase awareness of the work carried out by Sense International.

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We remain indebted to our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, who takes a keen interest in our work and recently engaged with our Directors in an online event held earlier this year.

Everything we do is thanks to the unwavering dedication of our Patron and the staff, partner organisations, Board members (in the UK and across the national boards). Collectively, the expertise, enthusiasm and commitment to the work makes it possible for us to make a difference for all the people we support. Despite unprecedented challenges, our teams across the world showed remarkable resilience and commitment throughout the year, ensuring that the good work of Sense International continued and the people we support remained in touch. We thank them all.

Alison Marshall, Director of Sense International, has left us after five and half years to become CEO of Age International. We thank her for her enormous contribution to the cause and wish her continued success. We welcome Kavita Prasad as the new Sense International Director from August 2022.

Sunil Sheth has stepped down from the Board of Sense International UK in September 2022 after many years as Chair and Trustee. We acknowledge and appreciate the immense contribution he has made. It is with some pride that he can look back at the way the organisation has grown to serve larger numbers of people with deafblindness across four continents, and of all that the organisation has achieved during his time at the helm. Sunil Sheth has beaten the drum for Sense International with passion. We are all grateful to the many who have lent their support as a result.

I have been a Trustee the last three years, and am delighted to be taking over as Chair in September 2022. I share Sunil's passion for supporting people with deafblindness and I hope to help lead the organisation to new levels of impact.



Rex H Shah

**Chair**

Date: 12 December 2022



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#### **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (including the Directors' report)**

The Trustees of Sense International (who are also directors of Sense International for the purposes of company law) have pleasure in presenting their report, together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 (FRS102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Sense International is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee which was incorporated on 29 March 1999. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

**Vision:** Our vision is of a world in which all people with deafblindness are equal and active members of society.

**Mission:** We work with people with deafblindness and partner organisations, to remove barriers in societies and systems, so that people with deafblindness are fully included and can fulfil their potential.

#### **Values and Principles:**

1. **We champion inclusion:** of everyone we work with in decisions affecting them.
2. **We are rights-based:** respecting dignity and diversity, promoting equality and respect for all human rights.
3. **We value individuals:** taking a person-centred approach which recognises the potential of each person, supports their quality of life and keeps them safe from harm.
4. **We work in partnership:** collaborating across the world with people with deafblindness, their representative organisations, families, carers, teachers and other professionals, communities, local organisations and governments, building respectful relationships for lasting change.
5. **We uphold high standards:** of accountability, integrity, quality and sustainability.

To ensure that these values and principles are truly embedded across the organisation, Sense International has a set of I-Statements which personalise these values for each member of the Sense International team:

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- **I will listen to others:** However something is communicated to me – whether that be by gesture, facial expression, body tension or posture, sign language, objects of reference, in writing or by voice – I actively listen.
- **I will understand and respond:** I try to the best of my ability to understand what is being communicated to me and I always respond in a timely and respectful way.
- **I will respect others:** I respect and treat others as I would wish to be respected and treated myself.
- **I will be honest and open:** I am open about the reasons for my actions and give my honest opinion knowing that it will be respected.
- **I will participate and contribute:** I participate to the best of my ability and contribute willingly and freely.
- **I will take informed risk:** I consider the benefits of taking a risk, as well as what might happen if things go wrong. Where possible I seek to manage risk rather than avoid it.
- **I will find things to celebrate:** I recognise that all achievements, no matter how small they might seem to me, are cause for celebration.
- **No decision about me, without me:** I always seek to involve individuals in coming to decisions that affect them.

Sense International works through programme offices in Kenya, Peru, Romania, Tanzania and Uganda and through lead partners in Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

#### Volunteers

Sense International's work is supported by volunteers. We estimate that volunteers have worked for 1,000 hours in implementing our charitable activities. Many times that has been spent by trustees, volunteers in the shops that Sense manages for the benefit of Sense International, and other volunteer fundraisers in raising funds for our work. No monetary value has been placed on this support in the Statement of Financial Activities. Sense International is also supported by people raising funds for Sense International as volunteers and by volunteers in the charity shops that Sense manages for the benefit of Sense International.



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### Fundraising and engagement

We would like to thank all our incredible supporters who have helped Sense International in 2021/22. In the last few years, Sense International has invested in fundraising and has seen growth in Trusts, Foundations and Philanthropy income which has continued through this year. We continue to build long-term relationships with all of our supporters and partners, ensuring we value the contribution every individual, group or organisation makes to Sense International – whether that be their time, their voice, their energy, or their financial support.

### Our commitment to fundraise responsibly

Our fundraising is carried out in line with Sense International's values which means that honesty, transparency and accountability are central to everything we do. Ensuring that our supporters trust us is critical to all our fundraising efforts. We continue to comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements, and ensure that our policies, guidelines and processes are reviewed and updated regularly. We have guidelines in place for fundraising from vulnerable people and never put pressure on anyone to donate.

Sense International is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and works in a way that is compliant with the Code of Fundraising Practice. Suppliers and those fundraising on our behalf are closely monitored through regular meetings, and in the event of contracts not being adhered to they are brought to an end. In 2021/22 we worked with two professional fundraisers and no commercial participants to support our fundraising.

Last year we did not receive any complaints about Sense International's fundraising, nor were any complaints made to the Fundraising Regulator during this period. We respond quickly to requests to change the way in which we contact people and always ensure that we manage our supporters' personal details in a respectful and secure manner. We also review our data management procedures on a regular basis.

From 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2022, the team did not receive any requests from Sense International supporters through the Fundraising Preference Service asking us to stop sending fundraising communications to them.

Fundraising is overseen by the Director of Engagement for Sense and the Sense International Fundraising Advisory Committee (a sub-committee of the Board).

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#### Governance

There were twelve Trustees on the Board during the year as detailed below:

Maria Arce-Moreira	Richard Cooper
Nicholas Corby	Dean Lumer (resigned 24 September 2022)
Mythily Katsaris (appointed 20 September 2021)	Lucy Roberts
Rex Shah (Chair from 24 September 2022)	Sunil Shah (Treasurer)
Sunil Sheth (resigned 24 September 2022) (Chair)	Verity Stiff (resigned 24 September 2022)
Lauren Watters	Gillian Wood

The Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a term of three years. The Board may appoint members by co-option who will hold office until the following AGM and shall be eligible for re-election by the Board or election at the AGM. The Board meets four times a year and the Trustees are expected to attend all Board meetings.

The Programme Advisory Committee is appointed by the Board and has five Trustees who meet with the Director and the Senior Programme team to discuss strategic and operational programme issues as well as Safeguarding. It meets four times a year and reports to the Board.

The Fundraising Advisory Committee meets regularly between Board meetings to discuss progress against the Fundraising Strategy and to support events and approaches to individuals, companies and Trusts / Foundations. It is made up of Trustees and one specialist volunteer.



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### Recruitment of new Trustees

Prospective candidates to be Trustees for Sense International are interviewed by at least two members of the Board and the Director following responses to an advert, or through recommendation. They also meet the Chair of the Board. The appointment of new Trustees is recommended to the Board of Trustees and on acceptance by the Board they are co-opted, until standing for election at the following AGM.

There is a comprehensive induction for new Trustees. The induction plan involves meetings with senior staff and internal and external training as necessary, along with an information pack, including signing up to adhere to appropriate policies e.g. Conflict of Interest and Safeguarding.

### Relationship with related parties

Sense International is an independently registered charity and company, and is a subsidiary of Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association ("Sense"). The Chief Executive of Sense International also holds the post of Chief Executive of Sense. The Board of Trustees reports once a year, at the AGM, to Sense, the sole member of Sense International. Sense provides support through sharing common facilities such as office space and IT, accounting and human resources support.

### Delegated authority

The Board has delegated the day-to-day operational management of the organisation to the Chief Executive. The broad areas of delegation, for which the Chief Executive is accountable, are set out in the Sense governance handbook and are similar for Sense International.

To ensure these responsibilities are discharged effectively, the Chief Executive delegates responsibility to the Director of Sense International. The Director of Sense International is also a member of the Sense Executive Team.

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#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Sense International for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law UK GAAP (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of 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.

In accordance with Section 418, directors' reports shall include a statement, in the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, that:

- so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

### Public Benefit

Trustees have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives, and planning future activities to implement the charity's objects.

The information given about our objectives give clear examples of how our work is beneficial and brings public benefit through a wide range of activities and will continue to provide public benefit in line with our objects.



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### Charity Governance Code

The Board of Sense International discussed the Charity Governance Code at their meeting on 29th June 2020, and the Trustees confirm that this review remains appropriate for this financial year. The Trustees reviewed Sense International's rating against the principles and key outcomes. Trustees noted that the Code asks charities to publish a statement in their annual report explaining the use of the Code, including three principles specifically:

- Principle 4 recommends that the Board 'describe the charity's approach to risk'. An updated version of the Sense International risk register is reviewed at each Board meeting. In addition, each national Board reviews the risk register for that country at each Board meeting.
- Principle 5 recommends that 'The board explains in the governance statement how the charity reviews or evaluates the board.'
- Principle 6 recommends that 'The board publishes an annual description of what it has done to address the diversity of the board and the charity's leadership and its performance against its diversity objectives, with an explanation of where they have not been met.'

The Board currently has a good mixture of professional skills. In terms of gender balance during most of the year there were six male and six female Trustees. Among the Trustees there is experience of South Asia, East Africa and Latin America as well as a parent of a child with deafblindness. When discussing new recruitment, the Governance Committee keep diversity in mind. Age is an aspect of diversity kept under review by the Board.

Gender balance of management roles:

- The CEO of Sense and Sense International is male.
- The Director of Sense International is female with extensive experience of international development.
- The Head of Fundraising for Sense International is female.
- The Head of Finance for Sense International is male with international experience.



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#### **Safeguarding**

Sense International operates a rights-based, risk-based approach to safeguarding. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of all forms.

2021/22 continued on the work we reported on in 2020/21 consolidating the adoption and implementation of the strengthened suite of policies written in 2019/20. Routine review of policies were undertaken in line with Charity Commission guidance.

Recruitment across the organisation is carried out in accordance with our Safer Recruitment Policy. All staff complete an online training module (the content of which was reviewed and updated in 2021) during their probation, which serves as an introduction to child and vulnerable adult protection and safeguarding considerations. Training opportunities have been actively sought for those staff whose roles require further input.

Safeguarding Focal Points lead on safeguarding issues in each of the country programmes. Following clear terms of reference, these individuals take responsibility for championing good safeguarding practice at local level, meet regularly to share experience and feed into wider organisational work to strengthen systems and procedures.

Our reporting system continues as previously reported. During 2021/22 we received nine reports, none of which met the Charity Commission's definition of a Serious Incident and were subsequently resolved/handled internally. Two examples of our practical work in safeguarding during 2021/22:

- Our work in Kenya, to familiarise family members with safeguarding knowledge and procedures, was chosen and shared as a positive case study in 2021 by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and subsequently featured as a case study in an Open University online course in implementing safeguarding.
- In Romania, we developed a series of short accessible video clips on online safety which we are using to sensitise young people with deafblindness on risks related to internet use.

For further information on Sense International's Safeguarding System and related work, please visit our website: [Safeguarding Statement](https://senseinternational.org.uk/safeguarding-statement) ([senseinternational.org.uk](https://senseinternational.org.uk))

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#### **Environmental Statement**

We are aware of the need to keep our use of CO2 emissions to a minimum and while the last financial year has presented many challenges associated with COVID-19, it has also provided some opportunities for us to reflect upon our ways of working. We are considering these in more detail and aiming to set benchmarks and a baseline as we develop our new strategy from 2022 to 2027 to ensure our approach has the minimum impact on the environment, while enabling us to meet our strategic objectives effectively and in compliance with donor requirements.

By Order of Trustees



Rex H Shah

**Chair**

Date: 12 December 2022

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## Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Sense International is a global charity supporting people with deafblindness in Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Nepal, Romania, Tanzania and Uganda. Children and adults with deafblindness in these countries struggle to access the healthcare, education, vocational training and opportunities to participate in their community which they have a right to.

We provide expertise, training and support to local organisations, to enable children and adults with deafblindness to communicate, develop self-care, study at home or at school, and learn skills to generate an income. We also advocate to governments to make changes to laws, budgets, policies and practices so people with deafblindness can thrive.

### Four strategic objectives

Sense International had four strategic objectives for 2021/22:

- Ensure quality services.
- Improved knowledge and understanding of deafblindness.
- The voice of people with deafblindness is heard.
- Rights are recognised and realised.

Overall, we have delivered on our strategic objectives despite delays and difficulties due to COVID-19, such as continued closure of schools and limits on face-to-face interactions. In many places we adapted and innovated, for example by moving support and training on-line. This enabled us to continue to reach families and education or health-care professionals despite the restrictions.

In formulating and reporting on our strategy, we include all members of the Sense International family, including Sense International India. Sense International India is a fully independent charity. Only a small part of its expenditure is funded through Sense International and only this part of its expenditure is included in Sense International's accounts.



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#### Strategic Objective 1 - Ensure quality services

Across Sense International we strive to demonstrate the benefits of increasing access to high quality services for people with deafblindness, including working with government ministries to encourage learning and sustainability. We work across three themes: screening and early intervention, inclusive education and vocational skills and livelihoods.

#### Screening and Early Intervention

The sooner any baby with visual and/or hearing impairment is identified, and given the support they need, the more likely they are to develop to their full potential. We demonstrate to Ministries of Health how screening can identify impairment at an early stage, and the huge difference that early years of professional support and therapy can make. We train health workers and enable parents to understand and communicate with their child, as well as working with them at home to boost their child's progress towards achieving their developmental milestones.

#### Examples of achievements

Total children screened: 37,190.

Total receiving early intervention therapy and support: 880

- **India:** During the year 4,606 babies were screened for visual and hearing impairments and 697 received early intervention services. Multiple training sessions were delivered onsite and at district, state and regional levels.
- **Kenya:** 20,859 children were screened for complex disabilities by Community Health Volunteers using the risk factor questionnaire at community and health centre / dispensaries level and 62 children were enrolled in early intervention therapeutic services.
- **Uganda:** We have supported Multi-disciplinary Assessments by Paediatricians, Ophthalmologists, Ear Nose and Throat specialists from four general hospitals who delivered recommendations for each child based on their hearing, sight, weight, birth history. 44 health workers and 50 local health volunteers were trained in screening. A total of 8,557 children have been screened using the risk questionnaire this year. 91 have been enrolled in early intervention services. Meanwhile 37 (18M, 19F) were identified with single impairments and were referred to other health institutions.



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#### Inclusive Education

Every child has the right to an education. We work with families, schools, colleges, partner organisations, government institutions and Ministries of Education, to enable learners with deafblindness to fulfil their potential, by getting the educational support that they need. This may be home-based, centre-based or in a mainstream school where the child receives support from a learning support assistant. We do what is needed to enable children with deafblindness to learn – from training parents and teachers, to providing specialist technology and adapting school facilities, curricula and learning materials.

#### Examples of achievements

- **Nepal:** 87 children received educational support. We provided online sign language training for staff and parents through schools in Morang and Simli. Schools in Morang have been renovated to include accessible classrooms that children with disabilities can attend. Teacher training was conducted for 42 teachers in Morang and Rupandehi. Following our advocacy, we received commitment from governmental officials to support new resource classes for children with deafblindness in Kathmandu and to provide student stipends. This will make a big difference to the numbers of children with deafblindness who can get an education.
- **Peru:** 247 children were supported to access education. We worked with the Minister of Schools to identify students with deafblindness and delivered online training on identification. SI Peru's course on deafblindness in partnership with Ministry of Education had 200 participants. In November, SI Peru was awarded first place in the National Competition of Good Practices in Inclusion and Disability 2021, organised by the Peruvian National Council for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities. The award ceremony was held in the Congress of the Republic and attended by the First Lady of the Nation. The judging panel were very impressed by SI Peru's project "Improving the Special and Inclusive Education System for Students with Deafblindness and Multiple Disabilities in Rural Areas of Peru".
- **Bangladesh:** 227 children were supported with home-based education, with 64 children in school (including 29 new enrolments) and others supported through centres.
- **Romania:** SI Romania delivered an online 'Deafblindness initiation' course in October/November 2021, the course, over 7 weeks, was successful and 30 participants graduated. 24 young people with deafblindness and multisensory impairments, supported by family members and teachers enjoyed 'orientation and mobility camps' in the mountains, building their communication and leadership skills. SI Romania trained 51 teachers on deafblindness. 1,406 children across Romania were involved in awareness raising activities around the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in December.

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#### Examples of achievements (continued)

- **Tanzania:** 67 children were supported with access to education. After a lot of work, the Tanzanian Commissioner of Education approved the Curriculum for People with Deafblindness developed by SI Tanzania. Five deafblind learning centres (at Uhuru Mchanganiko, Mwanga school for the deaf, Msandaka school for the deaf, Tumaini- Singida school for the deaf, and Mugeza school for the deaf) were equipped with up-to-date teaching and learning materials including Braille machines, Word Building Education Kit Alphabets and numbers, low vision stands, footballs with bells, hand magnifiers and games.
- **Kenya:** 102 children with complex disabilities were supported to learn in schools, while 41 children were supported through home-based education. Families were supported to deliver home-learning for their children through provision of 90 computer tablets pre-loaded with learning materials through a partnership with E-Kitabu. Deafblind resources hubs were renovated and provided with equipment. We trained 100 Learning Support Assistants to give one-to-one support to children in mainstream classrooms.
- **Uganda:** 330 children were supported with home-based education while 18 were supported to learn in mainstream schools, supported by 12 Learning Support Assistants. SI Uganda works in partnership with the Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa and the Ministry of Education to support schools with orbit readers (equipment for learners with visual impairment) and to train teachers on their use and maintenance. 181 learners have been supported. SI Uganda also provided training to parents, teachers, Parent Teacher Associations, school management committees and local leaders from the Eastern region. Training focused on a range of issues including play and learning materials for early childhood education centres, management and safeguarding.
- **Internationally:** We have developed the Global Deafblindness Resource Centre <https://deafblindness.info/> with accessible materials for those who support people with deafblindness, including parents, caregivers, teachers and NGO workers. The online hub provides 'how-to' resources on education, leisure and play, livelihoods, and health, as well as research reports and information about deafblindness. The resources come from across the Sense International family, as well as some of our partners. Materials are available in English and Spanish and we are working to include more languages in the future.

#### Vocational training and livelihoods

Young people with deafblindness want to be as independent as possible. They want to learn vocational skills and earn a living or contribute to the household income. We support them through the different stages of this process, enabling them to join a vocational training centre, become an apprentice, or make a plan and start up their own business. We provide links to advisers and local business support schemes.



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#### Examples of achievements

- **Uganda:** young people with deafblindness were trained in pre-vocational skills (35 young people), at vocational colleges (30 young people) and through apprenticeships (57 young people), and are subsequently establishing and running local small businesses focussed on basket weaving, how to make doormats and beaded items, hairdressing, carpentry, growing vegetables, and rearing goats and cows. The plan is to diversify the types of vocational skills available.
- **Kenya:** 143 young people were enrolled in vocational training or apprenticeships and 89 'graduated' into formal or informal employment. Six business development service providers were recruited and trained to support youth with complex disabilities to run small local enterprises.
- **Tanzania:** 35 young people with complex disabilities were assessed and provided with recommendations on a vocational course placement. We helped to renovate Yombo Vocational Rehabilitation Training Centre, including installation of a computer room and thanks to SI Tanzania's advocacy 18 young people with complex disabilities are benefiting from government support where accommodation and meals are provided by Yombo Vocational training centre for free. We ensured official authorisation of guidance for tutors on how to adapt the national vocational training curriculum for youth with complex disabilities. 33 young people received livelihoods support. Parents were also trained to support their young people in the successful running of their enterprises.
- **Bangladesh:** 15 young people were enrolled in vocational training and 13 received support to earn a livelihood.

#### Strategic Objective 2: Improved knowledge and understanding of deafblindness

We are always seeking to understand more about the challenges facing people with deafblindness and the effectiveness of our interventions. Research provides us with valuable evidence which we use to advocate to governments for improvements in their implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

#### Examples of achievements

- **Internationally:** We contributed to the drafting of the second global report on deafblindness as part of the report research reference group and through providing case studies.
- **India:** Research work on mental health issues as part of a project supported by Grand Challenges Canada is ongoing. A tool to screen the mental health of persons with deafblindness has been developed by Sense India and endorsed. Training on mental health was organised for special educators and Community Based Rehabilitation workers and they have been talking to families and young people to collect data which is being analysed by professionals.

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#### Examples of achievements (continued)

- **Romania:** In March SI Romania, partnered with three major Universities (The University of Bucharest, Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, the University of Iaşi) to run The National Conference "Education of Children with Deafblindness: Together Again!" The event brought together over 100 participants daily, special education and mainstream education teachers working with children with deafblindness/multisensory impairments, teachers, educators, students, psychologists, social workers and other specialists. There were 12 hours of live presentations and 20 invited speakers addressed issues such as disability and resilience in times of war, digital educational resources for children with deafblindness, early intervention models, and shared good practices.

#### Strategic Objective 3: Voice of people with deafblindness is heard

Disability activists say "nothing about us without us" and it is right that people living with deafblindness should be the ones speaking out about the challenges they face and the changes they want to see. We support people with deafblindness to speak out through training, networking and providing opportunities to meet with decision-makers. We also support groups of parents of children with deafblindness. While caregivers cannot speak on behalf of their children, they appreciate support to advocate to the government for social protection, access to services and educational opportunities for their children.

#### Examples of achievements

- **India:** Shrutilata Singh, Specialist Network Support officer, who is herself a person with deafblindness, was the recipient of the CavinKare Ability Mastery Award 2022. Shruti's article on the effective use of technology to engage network members (with deafblindness) during the pandemic was published in the Deafblind International Review. She was also has been elected as a Committee Member for the Commonwealth Network of Young People, along with two other young women with deafblindness. Udaan Member Ishaan Chakraborty, an adult with deafblindness, was one of the lead panelists in a webinar on "Understanding Acquired Deafblindness".
- **Nepal:** A successful National Deafblind youth workshop was held with 25 young people with deafblindness who learned about their rights and about advocacy work. A network of parents of children with deafblindness was established in Sindhuli and 13 young people with deafblindness attended rights-based advocacy and awareness training.
- **Tanzania:** SI Tanzania has provided mentoring and coaching for 10 young people with deafblindness on advocacy and speaking out about their rights.
- **Romania:** supported 13 young people with deafblindness with training in leadership and advocacy, so they can speak about their rights.



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### Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

#### Strategic Objective 4: Rights are recognised and realised

We advocate for change based on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and other UN Conventions such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We raise awareness among people with deafblindness, their families and communities to increase understanding that everyone has rights to health care, education, decent work, social protection, inclusion and participation. We advocate with governments for progressive realisation of these rights, pushing for better implementation of the UNCRPD at all levels, so that people with deafblindness can live, learn and thrive.

#### Examples of achievements

- **Bangladesh:** Strong advocacy supported people with deafblindness and their families to access the Covid vaccine.
- **India:** SI India made 3 representations about deafblindness at the Global Disability Summit held virtually from 14-17th February 2022. Shruti, SI India's Network Specialist and Asha, a young woman with deafblindness participated in the World Bank led World Data Forum in Bern, Switzerland. Shurti spoke about the importance of counting people with deafblindness and about the accessibility of the Forum itself which generated a lot of discussion.
- **Romania:** In February, SI Romania was invited by the National Authority for People with Disabilities, Child Protection and Adoption, to discuss the situation of people with deafblindness in Romania. As a result, the team was asked to recommend proposals to change and improve Law 27/2020 which recognises Romanian Sign Language as an official language, through amendments to include deafblindness and people with deafblindness. Also, SI Romania has been invited by the Government to support the creation of occupational standards for interpreters for people with deafblindness and to train them, as well as to support the improvement of the criteria for deafblindness, so that people with deafblindness are included in the correct category of disability.

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### Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

#### Examples of achievements (continued)

- **Peru:** In February 2022, a Virtual Conversation was held called "Rights Approach in Inclusive Education: Strategies for the return to classrooms 2022". It was organised by the "Peruvian Network of Inclusive Education" and SI Peru's Director presented on 'Management of Inclusive Education in institutions: Experience of educational inclusion of students with deafblindness' to an audience of over 70 people including representatives of the Ombudsman's Office and the Ministry of Education. In June 2021, the Peruvian Government approved the first public policy on disability which SI Peru had been contributing to and promoting. In July 2021, after 10 years of sustained advocacy work by SI Peru with the Ministry of Education, the formal requirements, profile and competencies for the training of interpreter guides for people with deafblindness were approved and published. This is a huge step forward in enabling people with deafblindness to access the support to which the law entitles them. It means that institutes of higher education can now offer a Bachelor's degree level of training for Interpreter Guides. This success is a testimony to the persistence of SI Peru since Peru first drafted the law recognising deafblindness as a unique disability and establishing provisions for support back in 2010.
- **Nepal:** effective advocacy led to training on special education for teachers in Rupandehi, Morang, Kaski and Chitawan Schools, to improve access to education for students with deafblindness.
- **Uganda:** SI Uganda persuaded the National Council of Persons with Disabilities to take on advocacy work around deafblindness.
- **Tanzania:** thanks to the advocacy of SI Tanzania, deafblindness is now being recognised for the first time as a disability in the Social Action Fund. This is an advocacy group for marginalised people in Tanzania which give monetary support to those who need it.
- **Nepal:** Trained 40 media professionals on deafblindness, leading to 5 mentions in newspapers and overall 1,625 media mentions of the national census campaign on deafblindness.

**COVID-19 response:** SI India reached over 1,292 families with people with deafblindness with COVID support (protective and sanitary equipment and food). In Bangladesh 242 people were supported through outreach.



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## Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### Objectives for 2022/23

In 2021/22 we undertook a review and refresh of our strategy. While our vision remains the same, we crystallised our mission and consolidated our values and principles. We agreed to shape our work under three strategic and five enabling objectives. In 2022/23 we will continue to deliver work on earlier years, inclusive education, and vocational training and livelihoods, alongside training and knowledge sharing, and advocacy, so that people with deafblindness are included in systems and societies.

**Mission:** We work in partnership with people with deafblindness and others, to remove barriers in societies and systems, so that people with deafblindness are fully included and can fulfil their potential.

Strategic Objective 1 (Innovate) **People with deafblindness are included in national systems:** we innovate and show how people with deafblindness can be included in national systems such as healthcare, education and vocational training, working in partnership with governments, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, parents and others.

Strategic Objective 2 (Inform) **People with deafblindness, and the people who support them, have more information, skills and knowledge:** we share information and train people with deafblindness, their families and carers, health-workers, educators and other professionals, communities and decision-makers, so that people with deafblindness get better support.

Strategic Objective 3 (Influence) **People with deafblindness are recognised in laws, policies and budgets:** we support people with deafblindness to self-advocate, join advocacy efforts by organisations of people with deafblindness and parents' groups, gather rigorous research and evidence, and meet decision-makers.



## **Sense International**

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### **Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)**

#### **Internal Financial Control**

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material financial misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget and operational plan approved by the Trustees. A number of matters are specifically reserved for the Trustees approval. There is a clear organisational structure with appropriate lines for reporting.
- Regular review and consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variances from budgets, reforecasts and non-financial performance indicators.
- Policy documents covering major strategic and operational activities are developed and reviewed with appropriate regularity and consultation.
- Regular monitoring of budgets, operational plan and financial activities by the Director of Sense International with the Management Team.

#### **Identification and management of risks**

The Trustees adopted a risk management policy in December 2018 which was updated on 26th November 2019. The policy remains appropriate for this financial year. Trustees have delegated day-to-day responsibility for the management of risks to the Director of Sense International. An ongoing risk management process assesses business risks and implements risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risks the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and regularly updating an action plan to allow satisfactory mitigation and management of likely risks.

This occurs as an intrinsic part of the annual operational planning process and is then reviewed in regular meetings of senior managers, reported to the Trustees each quarter and further overseen by the Sense audit committee. The Trustees have developed systems to respond quickly to evolving risks arising from factors within the Charity and to changes in the external environment, including procedures for reporting failings immediately to appropriate levels of management, the Trustees, and when required to other external authorities such as the Charity Commission, together with details of corrective action being undertaken.

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## Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### Identification and management of risks (continued)

The principal risks are as follows:

- Fundraising: Sense International's fundraising team in the UK and the in-country teams fail to reach targets. This risk is mitigated by the adoption of a realistic fundraising strategy, by a focussed team of fundraisers concentrating on Sense International, and by the close involvement of Trustees in fundraising efforts.
- Compliance: In-country partners do not adhere to policies, systems, procedures and donor compliance requirements leading to a financial, reputational, compliance or quality risk. This risk is mitigated through ensuring partners sign Memoranda of Understanding, committing to following Sense International policies in key areas, discussing the policies, systems and procedures at the start of programmes and identifying staff training needs and on-going compliance measures, and through regular and periodic monitoring by SI staff.
- Financial management: Sense International in-country teams do not comply with financial procedures or national financial reporting requirements or do not have the necessary levels of skill and experience to ensure robust, transparent, timely and accurate management of finances. This risk is mitigated through a programme of review of in-country financial procedures, through training and monitoring by UK finance and programme staff. In addition, from 1 April 2022, we are implementing, where possible the same computerised accounting systems across the organisation enabling more timely monthly and quarterly reviews of management accounts.
- Currency exchange: As Sense International receives income mainly in Pound Sterling and spends in a variety of currencies, its spending power is reduced if the Pound Sterling falls in value against these operating currencies. The risk is mitigated through spreading exposure to currency fluctuation by holding part of Sense International's cash in various operating currencies and in Euros and US Dollars.

### Financial review for the year ended 31 March 2022

Income for the year was £2.53m (2021: £2.32m). The increase was as a result of higher income from fundraising and from resumption of trading by the charity shops which Sense International's benefit and which had been closed for much of 2020-21. Total expenditure was £2.56m (2021: £2.46m). The proportion of expenditure spent on charitable activities increased to 92% (2021: 89%).

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## Strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)


### Reserves

The Trustees agreed an aim to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to four months' annual expenditure from unrestricted funds, including transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds. The Trustees have set this target in order to ensure Sense International has reserves capable of providing sufficient working capital for budgeted operational commitments and funding responsive action in the event of a significant financial downturn.

At 31 March 2022, unrestricted reserves totalled £304,421 which is equivalent to six months' expenditure from unrestricted funds, including transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds. (2021: £58,816 equivalent to one month.)

During the year to 31 March 2022, Sense International received a significant one-off unrestricted donation. We expect a shortfall on net new unrestricted funds raised in the year ending 31 March 2023 leading to the unrestricted reserves decreasing towards the targeted level.

By Order of Trustees



Rex H Shah

Chair

Date: 12 December 2022



## ***Independent auditors' report to the members of Sense International***

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Sense International's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, and cash flows, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022; the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account) and cash flow statement for the year then ended; the Accounting policies; and the notes to the financial statements.

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#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Independence*

We remained independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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 the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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

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#### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

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Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

### *Strategic Report and Trustees' Report*

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

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## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### *Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, 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 in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The trustees are also responsible for such internal control as they 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 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.

### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

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 auditors' 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.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the posting of inappropriate journal entries. Audit procedures performed included:

- enquiry of management and the board of trustees, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of the board of trustees;
- identifying and testing journal entries, including journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
- assessing financial statement disclosures, and testing to supporting documentation, for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations or through collusion.

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



## Sense International

### Annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### *Use of this report*

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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## Other required reporting

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### Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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Daniel Chan (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Birmingham

Date: *15 December 2022*



**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	877,654	938,257	<b>1,815,911</b>	1,355,735
Charitable activities	2	-	716,246	<b>716,246</b>	958,788
Investments	35		3,325	<b>3,360</b>	5,793
<b>Total</b>		<b>877,689</b>	<b>1,657,828</b>	<b>2,535,517</b>	<b>2,320,316</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds	4	215,047	-	<b>215,047</b>	263,340
Charitable activities	4	181,430	2,170,038	<b>2,351,468</b>	2,192,378
<b>Total</b>		<b>396,477</b>	<b>2,170,038</b>	<b>2,566,515</b>	<b>2,455,718</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>481,212</b>	<b>(512,210)</b>	<b>(30,998)</b>	<b>(135,402)</b>
Transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds	10	(235,607)	235,607	-	-
Fund balances brought forward at start of year		58,816	1,189,376	<b>1,248,192</b>	1,383,594
<b>Fund balances carried forward at end of year</b>		<b>304,421</b>	<b>912,773</b>	<b>1,217,194</b>	<b>1,248,192</b>

The notes on pages 36 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

All the results included in the statement of financial activities above relate to continuing activities. The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the statement of financial activities above, and therefore no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented. There is no difference between the fund balances and the net incoming resources for the years stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021 is given in Note 1.

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### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	43,404	62,690
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	306,556	305,256
Cash at bank and in hand		1,002,092	1,071,237
Total current assets		1,308,648	1,376,493
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	7	(102,858)	(150,991)
<b>Net current assets</b>		1,205,790	1,225,502
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,249,194	1,288,192
Creditors falling due after more than one year	8	(32,000)	(40,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>		1,217,194	1,248,192
<b>The funds of the Charity:</b>			
Restricted funds	10	912,773	1,189,376
Unrestricted funds	10	304,421	58,816
<b>Total charity funds</b>	11	1,217,194	1,248,192

The financial statements on pages 30 to 47 were approved by the Board on 12 December 2022

  
Rex H Shah

**Chair**

Company registration number 3742986

## Sense International

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### Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	18	(71,114)	(279,191)
<b>Investing activities – investments</b>			
Interest received		1,065	5,793
<b>Investing activities – capital expenditure</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(65,585)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		904	-
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(69,145)	(338,983)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,071,237	1,410,220
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	21	1,002,092	1,071,237



## **Sense International**

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### **Accounting policies**

#### **Statement of Compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards including:

- Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"); and
- the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments at market value and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards; Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102); the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"); and the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees have reviewed the Company's forecasts and made appropriate enquiries of the wider Group's financial position and forecasts, including assessment of a severe but plausible downside scenario in relation to the impact of COVID19 in assessing the adoption of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. On this basis and considering the ongoing financial support confirmed by the parent company, Sense, The National Deafblind and Rubella Association ("Sense"), the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Particulars of the significant accounting policies of the Charity are given below.

#### **Income from Charitable Activities**

This consists of income from grants and contracts, which is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants received in advance but with donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of resources can take place are accounted for as deferred income and recognised as a liability. Income receivable under the terms of a grant at balance sheet date is recognised as accrued income and recognised within debtors.

# **Sense International**

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## **Accounting policies (continued)**

### **Donations and Legacies**

Legacy income is recognised on a receivable basis when it is probable that legacy income will be received and the value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are accounted for when received.

Donations includes donations from Sense International's parent company, Sense. Sense operates five shops for the benefit of Sense International and the profit from these shops is donated to Sense International and included in donations and legacies.

### **Investment Income**

Investment income consists of bank interest and is recognised on a receivable basis.

### **Expenditure**

All expenditure, including any irrecoverable VAT, is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Fundraising for Sense International is carried out by fundraisers employed by the parent charity Sense and all costs charged to Sense International for this work are direct costs. Accordingly, all support costs relate to charitable activities.

Cost incurred by country programmes are included within direct costs. Costs incurred in the UK are allocated to direct or support costs based on an estimate of the split by activity of staff time in each cost centre.

### **Governance Costs**

Governance costs include external audit and Trustees' expenses.

### **Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### **Foreign Currency**

#### **i. Functional and presentation currency**

The company's functional and presentation currency is the Pound Sterling.

#### **ii. Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

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## Accounting policies (continued)

### Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

### Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible assets over their estimated useful economic lives in equal annual instalments over 4 years.

Purchases of fixed assets valued at £500 and above are capitalised, otherwise they are expensed in the year the cost is incurred.

### Pension Costs

The charity operates defined contribution schemes for staff. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are payable.

### Taxation

The company is recognised as a charity by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for the purposes of Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and is exempt from Corporation Tax.

### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for other purposes, are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Restricted fund expenditure is accounted for when the funds are expended. All expenditure made in the countries we work in outside the UK is accounted for as restricted fund expenditure and a transfer is made from unrestricted funds at the end of the year to cover any expenditure not covered by restricted income.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

### Principal Accounting Estimates and Judgements

In the application of Sense International's accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. These estimates together with their underlying assumptions are continually reviewed. Actual results may differ from those estimates. The matter below is considered to be the most important in understanding the judgements that are involved in preparing the financial statements and the uncertainties that could impact the amounts reported:

**Legacy income is recognised as detailed under income recognition above. In calculating the level of accrued legacy income, management is required to exercise estimation and judgement, particularly in determining the value and probability of receipt.**



# Sense International

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

### 1 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>			
Donations and legacies	556,468	799,267	1,355,735
Charitable activities	5,356	953,432	958,788
Investments	202	5,591	5,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>562,026</b>	<b>1,758,290</b>	<b>2,320,316</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Raising funds	257,545	5,795	263,340
Charitable activities	259,271	1,933,107	2,192,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>516,816</b>	<b>1,938,902</b>	<b>2,455,718</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>45,210</b>	<b>(180,612)</b>	<b>(135,402)</b>
Transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds	(170,382)	170,382	-
Fund balances brought forward at start of year	183,988	1,199,606	1,383,594
<b>Fund balances carried forward at end of year</b>	<b>58,816</b>	<b>1,189,376</b>	<b>1,248,192</b>

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022  
(continued)**

**2 Income from charitable activities**

<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b> Disability Inclusive Development (DID) Programme 'Inclusive Futures' consortium	<b>205,820</b>	<b>138,282</b>
<b>Comic Relief - (SI Uganda)</b> Holistic Early Child Development (ECD) for Children with Complex Disabilities in Uganda	<b>136,768</b>	<b>116,253</b>
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b> Improving Developmental Outcomes for Children with Complex Disabilities in Garissa and Kwale Counties of Rural Kenya (UK Aid Match)	<b>98,526</b>	<b>73,669</b>
<b>The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (JOA)</b> Healthy Life for People with Deafblindness in Nepal	<b>92,996</b>	<b>98,096</b>
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b> Learning for All: Inclusive Education for Learners with Complex Disabilities in Kenya (UK Aid Direct)	<b>91,057</b>	<b>142,362</b>
<b>The National Lottery Community Fund</b> Improved Livelihoods and Participation in Society for People with Deafblindness/MSI in Tanzania	<b>52,209</b>	<b>67,892</b>
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b> Increasing access to inclusive quality education and lifelong learning for children and young adults with deafblindness in Bangladesh.	<b>19,664</b>	<b>64,106</b>

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**2 Income from charitable activities (continued)**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (JOA)</b>	19,206	84,024
Good health and well-being for all: establishing the first sensory screening and early intervention programme for children with deafblindness/multi-sensory impairments in Tanzania		
<b>The National Lottery Community Fund</b>	0	27,293
Improving livelihoods for people with deafblindness in Uganda		
<b>UN Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (Uganda Society for Disabled Children and SI Uganda)</b>	0	18,481
Removing barriers to Women's meaningful participation in decision-making processes and responses related to conflict prevention.		
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</b>	0	122,974
UK Aid Direct Rapid Response Fund COVID-19 Rapid Response for People with Deafblindness, their families and Schools in Kenya.		
<b>Total Grants and Contracts Income</b>	<b>716,246</b>	<b>953,432</b>
<b>Other Income from Charitable Activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,356</b>
<b>Total Income from Charitable Activities</b>	<b>716,246</b>	<b>958,788</b>



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#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

During the year, a donation of £350,000 (2021: £350,000) was received from the parent company, Sense.

In addition, in the year ended 31 March 2022, Sense donated £104,891 (2021: £nil) representing the net profit on five shops run by Sense that are designated as Sense International shops. These were closed for much of the year to 31 March 2021 due to the pandemic and made a loss. Accordingly there was no donation in the year to 31 March 2021 from Sense in respect of net profit on these shops.

Legacies of £11,304 (2021: £20,000) were recognised during the year.

#### 4 Expenditure

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Raising funds	215,047	-	215,047	263,340
Charitable activities	2,180,467	171,001	2,351,468	2,192,378
	<b>2,395,514</b>	<b>171,001</b>	<b>2,566,515</b>	<b>2,455,718</b>
<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>Management</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	156,728	14,273	171,001	178,331
	<b>156,728</b>	<b>14,273</b>	<b>171,001</b>	<b>178,331</b>

Governance costs included £6,720 (2021: £5,600) of external audit fees. No payments were made to Sense International's auditors in respect of non-audit services.

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#### 5 Tangible assets

	Computers	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2021	27,658	101,930	3,030	132,618
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(23,394)	(32,928)	(3,030)	(59,352)
<b>31 March 2022</b>	<b>4,264</b>	<b>69,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,266</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2021	21,132	46,673	2,123	69,928
Charge for the year	1,066	15,021	-	16,087
Eliminated on Disposal	(20,378)	(33,652)	(2,123)	(56,153)
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>28,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,862</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>40,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,404</b>
At 31 March 2021	6,526	55,257	907	62,690

All tangible fixed assets are used for charitable purposes. There were no capital commitments at the balance sheet date (2021: £nil).

#### 6 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued income	113,397	198,002
Prepayments	182,005	10,635
Other debtors	11,154	96,619
	<b>306,556</b>	<b>305,256</b>

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#### 7 Creditors falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	5,730
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	7,807	36,536
Accruals and Deferred income	78,137	64,029
Other creditors	16,914	44,696
	<b>102,858</b>	<b>150,991</b>

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

#### 8 Creditors falling due after more than one year

The amount due after more than one year is in respect of a loan of £40,000 that is unsecured, interest free, and repayable in five equal annual instalments from March 2023. The amount falling due after more than one year is £32,000 (2021: £40,000). The loan is from a related party as disclosed in note 15.

#### 9 Capital

Sense International is registered in England (Company registration number 3742986) as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital. The liability of the member is limited by guarantee. The member has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding one pound as may be required in the event of the charity being wound up.



## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### 10 Movement in funds

Fund	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Nelumbo Stiftung Education	208,199	363,834	347,635	-	224,398
Romania – In-country Income	100,321	74,421	37,034	-	137,708
Comic Relief Uganda	78,347	137,386	134,740	-	80,993
FCDO UK Aid Match Bangladesh	67,534	19,664	24,497	-	62,701
Medicor	-	55,000	-	-	55,000
My Turn to Learn Appeal	58,060	48,245	63,670	-	42,635
Tanzania Adults Vocational	45,395	52,209	59,262	-	38,342
Jersey Overseas Aid Nepal	17,007	92,996	72,719	-	37,284
Lavelle Peru	-	49,459	15,660	-	33,799
FCDO UK Aid Match Kenya	85,566	-	53,213	-	32,353
Thomas Cook Children's Charity	60,208	-	29,161	-	31,047
Nelumbo Stiftung Early Intervention Uganda	74,994	-	44,620	-	30,374
Latin American Children's Trust Peru	61,418	5,500	38,436	-	28,482
Latin American Children's Trust Peru 2021-24	-	55,011	26,529	-	28,482
The Batchworth Trust (Nepal)	24,000	-	-	-	24,000
FCDO UK Aid Direct Kenya Cofunding	-	22,697	13,549	-	9,148
UN Women Uganda	-	33,387	26,544	-	6,843
IHelp Uganda	-	64,759	60,698	-	4,061
NLCF Uganda	58,982	-	58,982	-	-
Enabel Vocational	49,477	134,740	184,217	-	-
Porticus Uganda 2020-21	35,119	-	35,119	-	-
Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa Uganda	29,180	3,874	33,054	-	-
Tanzania Early Intervention	20,554	19,206	39,760	-	-
BandAid Uganda	18,163	7,153	25,316	-	-
Australian Embassy Tanzania	15,811	-	15,811	-	-
Tanzania HDIF	9,475	-	9,475	-	-
Romania Orange E-Sense	4,461	7247	11,708	-	-
FCDO UK Aid Direct Kenya	-	91,057	91,057	-	-
FCDO (UK Aid Match) Kenya Early Intervention	-	98,526	98,526	-	-
Tanzania Holding Fund	-	271	72,626	72,355	-
Uganda Holding Fund	-	4,276	103,931	99,655	-
Kenya Holding Fund	-	971	48,702	47,731	-
Peru Holding Fund	-	521	22,435	21,914	-
Other	67,105	215,418	271,352	(6,048)	5,123
<b>Total restricted</b>	<b>1,189,376</b>	<b>1,657,828</b>	<b>2,170,038</b>	<b>235,607</b>	<b>912,773</b>
Unrestricted	58,816	877,689	396,477	(235,607)	304,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,248,192</b>	<b>2,535,517</b>	<b>2,566,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,217,194</b>

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### 10 Movement in funds (continued)

The corresponding amounts for the previous year were as follows:

Fund	Balance at 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Nelumbo Stiftung Education	251,758	173,280	216,839	-	208,199
Romania – In-country Income	72,794	49,846	22,319	-	100,321
FCDO UK Aid Match Kenya	20,059	107,473	41,966	-	85,566
Comic Relief Uganda	-	116,744	38,397	-	78,347
Nelumbo Stiftung Early Intervention Uganda	-	74,994	-	-	74,994
FCDO UK Aid Match Bangladesh	41,439	64,106	38,011	-	67,534
Latin American Children's Trust	49,983	49,511	38,076	-	61,418
Thomas Cook Children's Charity	81,886	-	21,678	-	60,208
NLCF Uganda	120,394	27,293	88,705	-	58,982
My Turn to Learn Appeal	144,358	27,500	113,798	-	58,060
Enabel Vocational	180,857	1,055	132,435	-	49,477
Tanzania Adults Vocational	35,924	67,892	58,421	-	45,395
Porticus Uganda 2020-21	-	51,209	16,090	-	35,119
Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa Uganda	9,003	38,154	17,977	-	29,180
The Batchworth Trust (Nepal)	12,000	12,000	-	-	24,000
Tanzania Early Intervention	25,804	84,024	89,274	-	20,554
Jersey Overseas Aid Nepal	9,335	98,096	90,424	-	17,007
Australian Embassy Tanzania	21,613	-	5,802	-	15,811
Tanzania HDIF	13,643	40,022	44,190	-	9,475
Romania Orange E-Sense	15,197	30,022	40,758	-	4,461
FCDO Rapid Response Fund Kenya 2020	-	122,974	122,974	-	-
FCDO UK Aid Direct Kenya	3,179	142,355	145,534	-	-
FCDO UK Aid Direct Kenya Cofunding	-	11,071	11,071	-	-
FCDO (UK Aid Match) Kenya Early Intervention	-	73,669	73,669	-	-
DID TO35	-	92,420	92,420	-	-
Else Krone Fresenius	-	24,287	24,287	-	-
Allan & Nesta Ferguson Fdn	-	23,954	23,954	-	-
Tanzania Holding Fund	-	917	85,672	84,755	-
Uganda Holding Fund	-	1,727	54,788	53,061	-
Kenya Holding Fund	-	13,633	29,165	15,532	-
Peru Holding Fund	-	80	26,225	26,145	-
Other	90,380	137,982	133,983	(9,111)	85,268
<b>Total restricted</b>	<b>1,199,606</b>	<b>1,758,290</b>	<b>1,938,902</b>	<b>170,382</b>	<b>1,189,376</b>
Unrestricted	183,988	562,026	516,816	(170,382)	58,816
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,383,594</b>	<b>2,320,316</b>	<b>2,455,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,248,192</b>

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

### 10 Movement in funds (continued)

Restricted funds are funds held by the Charity for particular applications, specified by the donor and within the Charity's objectives, and can only be applied to those particular purposes. The restrictions may apply to income or capital or both. Many of the restricted funds are generated through targeted project appeals.

#### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are held for the general purposes of the Charity. Because they can be deployed flexibly, unrestricted funds allow the Charity to fund core organisational costs necessary for delivery of projects partially funded with restricted funds. Unrestricted funds also allows the Charity, through co-funding, to leverage restricted funding from Governmental and State agencies that will usually only commit to fund part of the costs of major projects. Hence, unrestricted funds are vitally important for the day to day operation of the Charity and the support we provide to people with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairments.

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets	43,404	-	43,404
Net current assets	293,017	912,773	1,205,790
Creditors falling due after more than one year	(32,000)	-	(32,000)
	<b>304,421</b>	<b>912,773</b>	<b>1,217,194</b>

The corresponding amounts for the previous year were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets	62,690	-	62,690
Net current assets	36,126	1,189,376	1,225,502
Creditors falling due after more than one year	(40,000)	-	(40,000)
	<b>58,816</b>	<b>1,189,376</b>	<b>1,248,192</b>



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#### 12 Employees' remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and Salaries	696,827	687,155
Social Security costs	65,648	64,318
Other pension costs	63,132	85,137
	825,607	836,610

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Charity was 55 (2021: 51).

No employees (2021: nil) earned over £60,000.

The Trustees of Sense International received no remuneration (2021: £nil) and received no reimbursements of expenses (2021: £nil).

#### 13 Pensions

Sense International contributes to defined contribution pension schemes in the countries in which it operates. The pension charge for the year was £63,132 (2021: £85,137).

#### 14 Capital commitments

Capital expenditure authorised and contracted for but not provided for at 31 March 2022 amounted to £nil (2021: £nil).

#### 15 Related Parties

In the year ending 31 March 2020, Sense International entered into a loan with Dandyllion Consulting Limited, a company of which trustee Sunil Shah was also a Director in the year. The loan is unsecured, interest free, and repayable in five equal annual instalments from March 2023. The amount of the loan outstanding at the balance sheet date is £40,000. See also note 8.

See Note 3 for donations from Sense International's parent charity Sense and Note 17 for disclosure of remuneration for key management personnel.

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#### 16 Parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party

The charity's parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party is considered by the Trustees to be Sense, The National Deafblind and Rubella Association, a charity and company, registered in England. The registered address of Sense from which copies of this company's financial statements are available is:

101 Pentonville Road  
London  
N1 9LG

#### 17 Key Management Personnel

The Trustees delegate day to day responsibility to the Chief Executive, Richard Kramer who is supported by Alison Marshall, the Director of Sense International. The Chief Executive was remunerated by Sense and received no remuneration from Sense International. The Director of Sense International is remunerated by Sense International and her remuneration is included in the amounts disclosed in Note 12.

#### 18 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash outflow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure	(30,998)	(135,402)
Investment income received	(1,065)	(5,793)
Depreciation	16,087	4,984
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2,295	-
Increase in debtors	(1,300)	(86,009)
Decrease in creditors	(56,133)	(56,971)
	(71,114)	(279,191)

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### 19 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash

	2022 £	2021 £
Decrease in cash in the year	(69,145)	(338,983)
Changes generated from cash flows	(69,145)	(338,983)
Net cash at the start of the year	1,071,237	1,410,220
Net cash at end of year	1,002,092	1,071,237

### 20 Analysis of changes in net cash

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	Non-cash changes £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,071,237	(69,145)	-	1,002,092
Net cash	1,071,237	(69,145)	-	1,002,092

### 21 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash outflow from operating activities

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	Non-cash changes £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,071,237	(69,145)	-	1,002,092
Cash and cash equivalents	1,071,237	(69,145)	-	1,002,092



## **Sense International**

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### **Major Supporters**

The Trustees are indebted to all the donors listed below for their support, both financial and otherwise. Without their support it would not have been possible for the Charity to operate. We are particularly grateful to those who have made unrestricted donations in the year.

Beatrice Laing Trust

Comic Relief – Sense International Uganda

Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung (EFKS)

Enabel, the Belgian Development Agency (funded by the European Union) – Sense International Kenya

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

Hollyhock Charitable Foundation

Jaspar Foundation

Jersey Overseas Aid

Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa – Sense International Tanzania and Sense International Uganda

Latin American Children's Trust (LACT)

Lavelle Fund for the Blind, Inc. – Sense International Peru

Medicor Foundation

Nelumbo Foundation

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The Lady More Charitable Trust

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The Spectacle Makers' Charity

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The Tula Trust Ltd

The Ward Family Charitable Trust

UN Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund - Uganda Society for Disabled Children and  
Sense International Uganda

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## Charity Information

<b>Charity name</b>	Sense International
<b>Governing instrument</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1076497
<b>Company registration number</b>	3742986
<b>Trustees</b>	Maria Arce-Moreira Richard Cooper Nicholas Corby Dean Lumer (resigned 24 September 2022) Mythily Katsaris (appointed 20 September 2021) Lucy Roberts Raaxeet Shah (Chair from 24 September 2022) Sunil Shah (Treasurer) Sunil Sheth (resigned 24 September 2022) (Chair) Verity Stiff (resigned 24 September 2022) (Vice-Chair) Lauren Watters Gillian Wood
<b>Company secretary</b>	Richard Kramer
<b>Key management personnel</b>	
<b>Chief executive</b>	Richard Kramer
<b>Director</b>	Alison Marshall (to August 2022) Kavita Prasad (from August 2022)
<b>Registered office</b>	101 Pentonville Road London N1 9LG



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### **Charity information (continued)**

<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank plc PO Box 83 Tavistock House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JA
<b>Solicitors</b>	Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2ES
<b>Independent Auditors</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP One Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3AX