



Hands of Mercy: Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts:

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: Hands of Mercy International
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1097434
CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: c/o St. Thomas' Church Office, Luton, LU2 7UL

CHARITY TRUSTEES WHO MANAGED THE CHARITY DURING THE REPORTING YEAR

Samantha Graham	Chair
Keith Barter	Treasurer
David Alexander	
Denise Archer	
Michael Dodds	
Sarah Savill	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

TYPE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Trust Deed
HOW THE CHARITY IS CONSTITUTED: With 4-7 trustees – meeting 4/5 times a year
TRUSTEE SELECTION METHOD: By resolution of the trustees passed at a convened trustees' Meeting. Denise Archer was appointed during the year.
TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT: Interview process, sharing of key documents (e.g. the constitution and previous minutes), attendance at a meeting prior to being appointed, formal appointment

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY SET OUT IN ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENT

To apply the Trust income in the Philippines for:

- The advancement of education
- The relief of poverty

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS

Seven programmes of compassion are provided through Hands of Mercy International which supports families and children living in poverty in Metro Manila, Mandaluyong and Baguio in the Philippines. These are:

1. **Supplementary Feeding Programme** – providing food to undernourished children
2. **Family Support Programme** – providing the poorest of families with supplementary food assistance
3. **Home Improvement Programme** – providing families with the necessary help and resources to help repair their dilapidated homes
4. **Child Sponsorship Programme** – enabling children to attend school or college and receive help with their health needs
5. **Surgical Treatment Programme** – providing funding towards surgical treatment

6. **Disabled Therapy Programme** – providing vital physiotherapy and support to disabled children
7. **Prescription Medicine Programme** – providing funding for essential medicine

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY

Hands of Mercy continued to provide compassion programmes during the year, focusing on providing families and children with food support, and children with education support. Other programmes were in operation in response to need (e.g. the Prescription Medicine Programme and the Disabled Therapy Programme) but of the seven compassion programmes, the following ones were prioritised:

- Child Sponsorship Programme – over 100 children continued to be sponsored for their education and health needs, with a number of children moving up to college.
- Family Support Programme – over 50 of the poorest families continued to receive supplementary food every month through the Family Support Programme.
- Supplementary Feeding Programme – this continued to serve meals to underweight and malnourished children in eight locations in the squatter communities.

Prices continued to rise in the Philippines and the country was again hit with severe weather conditions and rising inflation. This made the economic situation in the Philippines more challenging.

Churches and individuals in the United Kingdom continued to support the compassion work through prayer, child and family sponsorship and donations.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES

Hands of Mercy receives its funds through donations. The charity had £28,210 on account at the start of the financial year (£14,000 of which was restricted) and received £108,077 of income during the year (2023-2024: £100,967). Its expenditure was £96,748 (2023-2024: £104,677).

A percentage of the money given for the humanitarian compassion programmes is held in a contingency fund at the HSBC. This is typically equivalent to three months' running costs.

The trustees approved the Trustees' Annual Report on: 15th September 2025

Signed by:



Samantha Graham
Chair of Trustees

Hands of Mercy International**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2025**

			<u>2024</u>	
<u>Balances as at 1st April 2024</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Accounts				
Current Account	16,931		21,008	
Deposit Account	<u>20,603</u>	37,534	<u>20,236</u>	41,244
<u>Receipts</u>				
Giving under Gift Aid scheme	57,452		59,831	
Income Tax Repayments Received	14,363		14,757	
Other Giving	36,262		26,032	
Bank Interest	<u>398</u>	<u>108,475</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>100,967</u>
		146,009		142,211
<u>Payments</u>				
H of M Phillipines	96,148		103,806	
Web-site costs	87		87	
Bank Charges	123		131	
Post, Stationery & Sundries	<u>439</u>	96,797	<u>653</u>	104,677
<u>Balances as at 31st March 2025</u>				
Bank Accounts				
Current Account	28,210		16,931	
Deposit Account see Note 1	<u>21,002</u>	<u>£49,212</u>	<u>20,603</u>	<u>37,534</u>

Note 1 £14,000 is designated to be used for the New Housing Project

Note 2 As a result of the Giving under the Gift Aid Scheme £1,796 is reclaimable from
the Inland Revenue as at the 31st March 2025

Accountant's Certificate

I have examined the records of the Charity and the above Accounts are in
accordance therewith.

9th June 2025
338 Old Bedford Road
Luton, LU2 7EJ



John D Kingham (Chartered Accountant)

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<u>Balances as at 1st April 2024</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Bank Accounts</u>				
Current Account	16,930.76		21,007.85	
Deposit Account	<u>20,603.42</u>	37,534.18	<u>20,236.52</u>	41,244.37
<u>Receipts</u>				
Giving under Gift Aid scheme	57,452.24		59,831.24	
Income Tax Repayments Received	14,363.06		14,756.81	
Other Giving	36,261.52		26,031.82	
Bank Interest	<u>398.22</u>	<u>108,475.04</u>	<u>346.90</u>	<u>100,966.77</u>
		146,009.22		142,211.14
<u>Payments</u>				
H of M Phillipines	96,148.00		103,806.00	
Web-site costs	87.00		87.00	
Bank Charges	123.23		131.20	
Post, Stationery & Sundries	<u>439.38</u>	96,797.61	<u>652.76</u>	104,676.96
<u>Balances as at 31st March 2025</u>				
<u>Bank Accounts</u>				
Current Account	28,209.97		16,930.76	
Deposit Account	see Note 1 <u>21,001.64</u>	<u>£49,211.61</u>	<u>20,603.42</u>	<u>£37,534.18</u>

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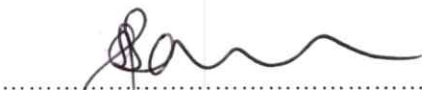
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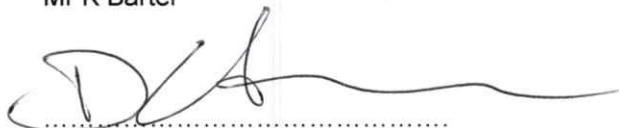
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