

HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS
(A Registered Charity)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1105123

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year ended 31st March 2021

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OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

The objective of the Charity is to provide:

- Relief of financial hardship amongst those granted refugee status and their dependents.
- advancement of education and training to those granted refugee status and their dependants.
- Education to the public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum; and Facilities for recreation to the above target groups.

TRUSTEES REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have continued to provide an impressive range of much-needed advice and services for Refugee/Migrants in the city of London. Information about the work that they do and the support they offer is set out in this report.

Our diverse group of volunteers play a vital role in so many areas and their contributions are invaluable in helping us work effectively and compassionately with the growing numbers of refugees/migrants coming to us for advice, guidance, and support.

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity meets its charitable objectives and has appropriate systems to oversee the finances and the work of HCP. We are fortunate at HCP to have a knowledgeable, skilled, and committed group of trustees who all work to ensure that our work with asylum seekers and refugees not only continues but can grow and develop.

Although the year was a challenging one, both financially and in terms of Health and Wellbeing, HCP prospered, in every sense, by working together as a strong team, evidenced by outcomes of staff survey recording high levels of satisfaction with, and pride in, the organisation. Whilst we still have things to work on to be the best that we can be, this shared feeling of commitment, pride and loyalty continues to make HCP a special organisation able to look forward with confidence, whatever the challenges ahead.

There are, as always, so many to thank for contributing to our achievements in the year: Our dedicated, resilient, hard-working, amazing staff and volunteers, our funders, donors and supporters, partners across London and beyond and my fellow trustees.

As the period covered by this report was coming to an end, we started being seriously affected by Covid-19 and the implications it had for us all. It has profoundly affected the lives of asylum seekers and refugees, both here in London and across the world, increasing their vulnerability. It has affected our staff and volunteers personally and professionally. I cannot commend the staff enough for how well they worked together and quickly established strong systems for the continuing support of our clients remotely to the best of our ability. Of course, the impact of Covid continues and will shape the work in the next year. However, whatever the challenges, while there is war, calamity and oppression in the world, HCP will continue to be a proud ambassador for the human rights of those fleeing from danger in their homelands to seek asylum in the UK.

To achieve the best support for asylum seekers and refugees, we recognise the need to work in partnership with other key organisations across London. We have actively sought to improve our partnership work this year. Communication, sharing of resources and information as well as mutual support has all improved and we are exploring options for joint funding and the co-running of services. I would like to conclude by saying a huge thank you to all our staff, volunteers, and supporters for all they have done for HCP this year. It is an absolute privilege to be able to lead such dedicated, knowledgeable, and passionate people.

HCP'S RESPONSE TO COVID

Covid-19 has created significant challenges for Humanity Concern Projects. All decisions we have made have been based on doing all that we can to keep our clients, staff, and volunteers safe from Covid-19, based on and in following Government guidance.

Since 23 March 2020, HCP has been offering remote, contactless services to our clients. Engagement with beneficiaries has been moved largely through use of digital platforms including telephone, and social media platforms facilitated and linked to volunteers who can deal with problems and remain in contact with our clients. We

have equally ensured a robust outreach team to engage and support the most vulnerable and hard to reach. A safe and effective delivery system has been put in place to continue supporting destitute clients with food, toiletries, and psychosocial support.

Many activities for client groups were moved online, such as our ESOL classes, Youth Club and Women's Group. We also introduced a new telephone befriending service with volunteers regularly checking on vulnerable or isolated clients. The interpreters have been crucial in ensuring that communication between our staff/volunteers and our clients has been efficient. As circumstances change following updated government guidelines, we have adapted and will continue to adapt our approach to practice ensuring access and continuity of services and support for our clients.

Whilst we have been forced to re-think and re-organise our modus operandi, we also see the current situation as an opportunity to modify some of our services longer-term, to improve the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved and part of HCP, and to carry on the spirit of solidarity and cooperation beyond the lockdown.

At the beginning of the lockdown all our volunteers were asked to stay at home to ensure their safety and wellbeing. However, as we adjusted our services to the circumstances and the needs of our clients, volunteers have been the first to offer their help and support. In a series of new or adapted volunteering roles - from delivery drivers, outreach support workers and telephone befrienders to fundraisers and interpreters - over 17 volunteers have continued to play a crucial part in helping to maintain and develop our services by reaching out to vulnerable clients and keeping us all connected.

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising plans have been severely disrupted by the restrictions; added to which our traditional funders refocused support towards C-19 pandemic. We have however, successfully raised over £20,000 from our Covid-19 appeal. We have also had significant success in applying for Covid-related grants, raising more than £15,000. These grants have paid for: Outreach support to vulnerable and isolated beneficiaries, including NRPF, with some experiencing health and financial hardship challenges, supported with food donations and other basic day to day needs; project administration and out of pocket expenses for volunteers and the upgrade of our digital equipment in addition to moving services digitally in response to restricted access, significantly benefited from the funding.

Specific thank and compliments goes to Burry Cadbury and Comic Relief whose support is recognised for the significant support that has enabled HCP to sustain services in response to Covid-19.

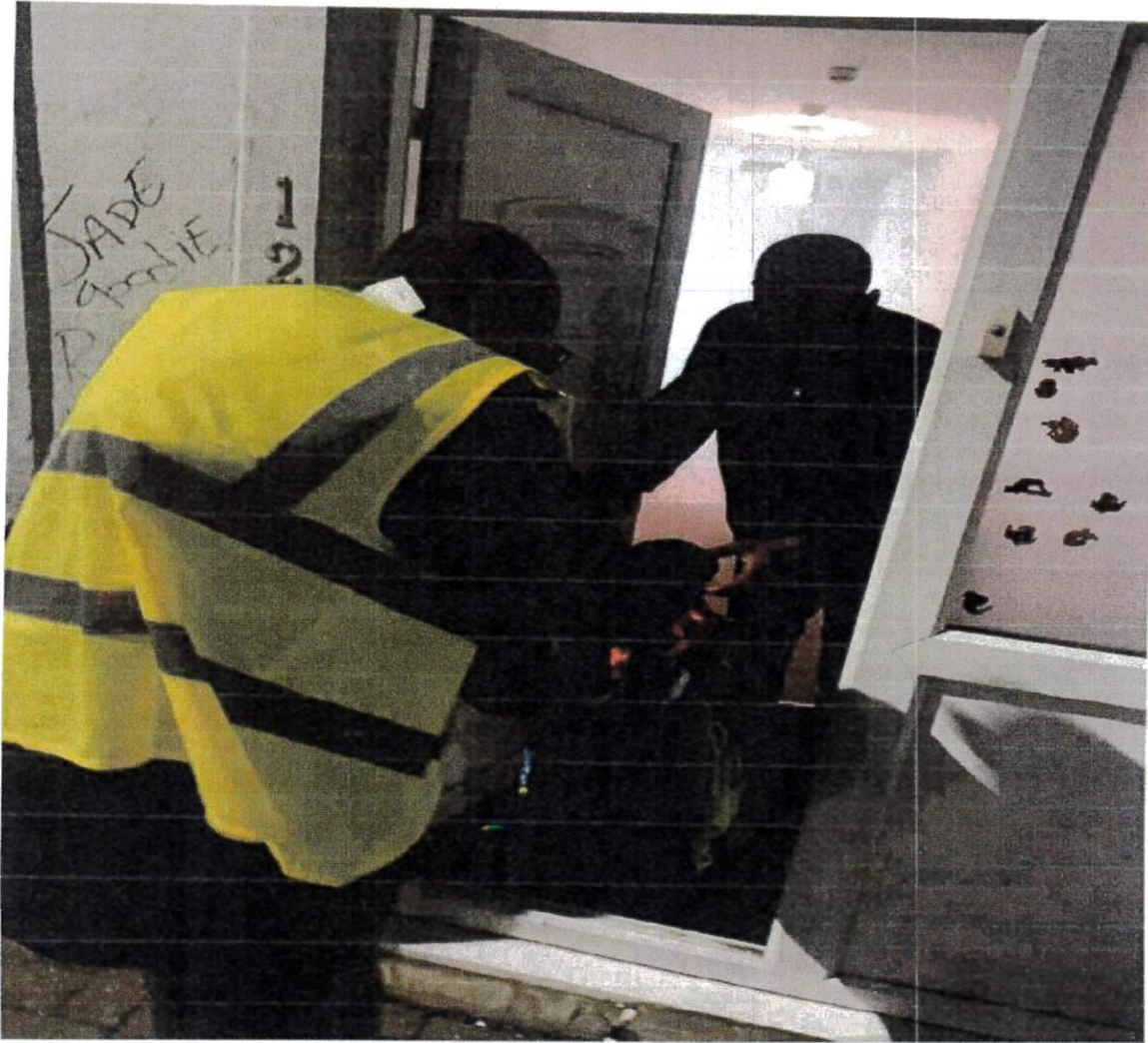
The above-mentioned income is significant and has allowed us to expand our services supporting refugees and asylum seekers. However, these grants are all short-term, lasting only 6 months.

There is currently a lack of long-term funding options externally as a high proportion of funders have refocused on these short-term Covid-response grants. Many of the grants that support multi-year services that we expected to apply for have been paused this year. Funding from several key funders might be at risk in the coming months, which could have a detrimental effect on traditional support work to our members. We are uncertain what the future will look like post-April 2021.

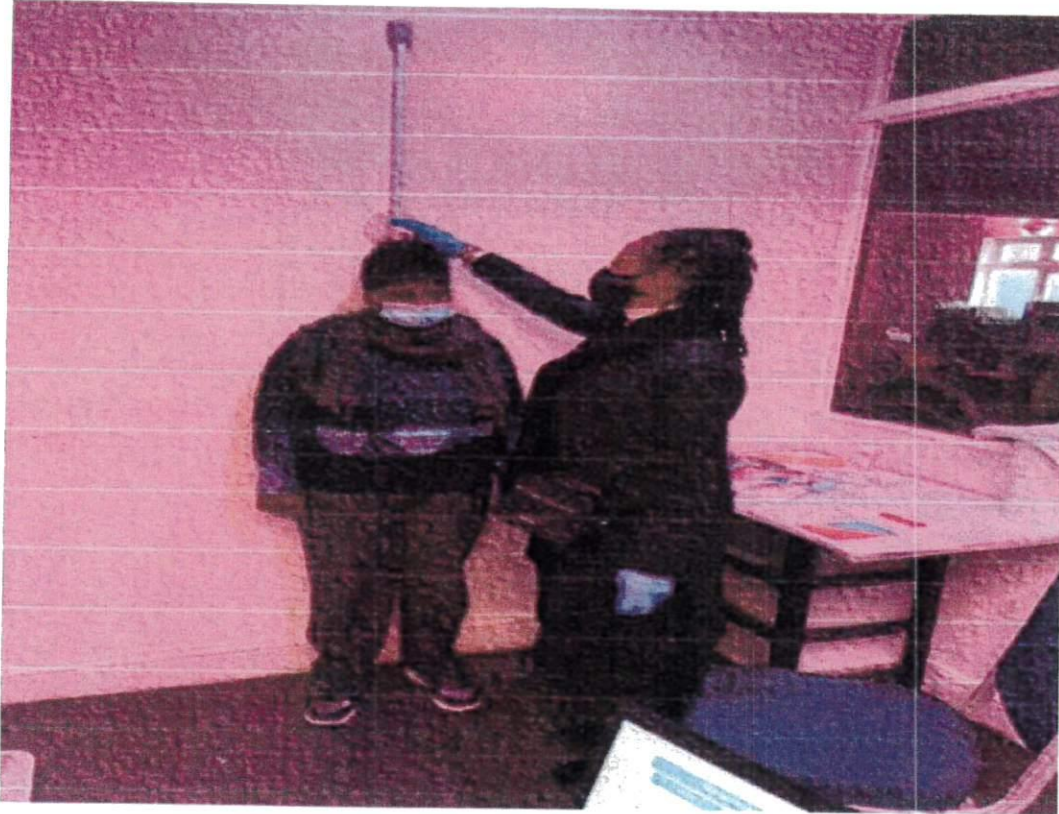
The size and scale of our work cannot be predicted due to the above factors. It could be that lockdown ends and grant-funding returns to normal, providing a good opportunity to retain and expand existing services. It is possible that in 2021 funders could continue to focus on short-term Covid-response funding and continue pausing or reducing mainstream funding which will put services at risk.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership of the Humanity Concern Projects is automatic for: all volunteers active within the last 12 months; current staff; those that make regular financial contributions; Honorary Life Members. There are a variety of ways our members contribute to our work, all of which is very much appreciated by the board of trustees. All members are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote for trustees and, apart from staff, are eligible to stand for election to the board. The end of the 2019 – 2020 financial year didn't see us completely out of the difficulties of the previous year, but the signs were promising, and due to some successful funding bids we have been able to maintain service continuity. As ever, the very foundations of HCP are our volunteers, with a similar number to last year - 17, the majority of whom are from within our client group. Special mention must be made of over 21 individuals who make monthly financial contributions to HCP – many of whom have been with us from the beginning.



Volunteer outreach – Food Delivery



Health Checks for a Beneficiary



Volunteer Food Distribution Team- (Ethnic food Donations)

HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS

Report of the Accountant's to the Members of Humanity Concern Projects

We report on the accounts of Humanity Concern Projects for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and accountants

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts as set out below:

Management Committee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial Year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee is required to

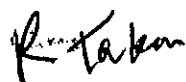
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner's statement

We have examined the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2021 which is in accordance with the records, information and explanations provided. We have not carried out an Audit.

Dated: 30th June 2021



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**HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

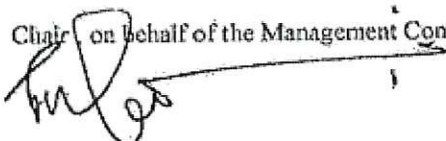
2020

	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Community Donations & Fundraising	30,642	47,652
Grants & Donations	9,792	3,204
Interest Received	2	0
	<u>40,436</u>	<u>50,856</u>
Resources Expended		
Project Admin & Support Costs	8,290	0
Youth Project	0	9,630
Publicity	383	565
Post, Printing & Stationery	355	785
Accessories	0	0
Accountancy & Book-Keeping	250	250
Insurance	295	365
Project Delivery Costs	3,792	0
Room Hire	660	3,131
Small Equipment	1,150	652
Travel Costs	1,897	332
In-Kind Donations & Fundraising Costs	16,591	31,282
Volunteer Expenses	3,200	3,489
Consultancy	250	0
Depreciation	253	0
Bank Charges	21	0
Cleaning	300	0
	<u>37,686</u>	<u>50,481</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>2,750</u>	<u>375</u>
Balance brought forward	<u>631</u>	<u>256</u>
Balance carried forward	<u><u>3,381</u></u>	<u><u>631</u></u>

ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

FUNDER	O/Bal	Receipts	Expenditure	C/Bal
	01/04/0202			31/03/2021
NSUN	-	1,000	-	1,000
Comic Relief	-	5,000	-	5,000
Burry Cadbury	-	3,792	-	3,792
Totals	<u>-</u>	<u>9,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,792</u>

Approved:

Chair on behalf of the Management Committee


Date: 26-Jun-21