

BUILD AID

England & Wales · Charity number 1108811

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-04-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL NEED AND SUFFERING AMONG VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR OTHER KINDS OF DISASTER IN THE FORM OF MONEY (OR OTHER MEANS DEEMED SUITABLE) FOR PERSONS, BODIES, ORGANISATIONS AND/OR COUNTRIES AFFECTED (INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AID) THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF PEOPLE IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF WAR OR NATURAL DISASTER, TROUBLE OR CATASTROPHE IN PARTICULAR BY THE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL AID TO SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: Provision of built environment based aid by providing labour, materials, funding and professional advice to community groups, NGOs and other non-profit humanitarian organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Haiti
- Kenya
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Vietnam

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£76,684	£47,149	-	-
2024-02-29	£30,480	£70,250	-	-
2023-02-28	£116,560	£69,607	-	-
2022-02-28	£61,043	£64,737	-	-
2021-02-28	£86,814	£75,720	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BEN MUIR		
Katherine Rose Muir		2024-03-01
ROBERT KELVIN MUIR		

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4. THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This reporting year the COVID pandemic was still having a detrimental effect on the charity's activities due to a reduced workforce and volunteer group, it continued to reduce our operational activities as well as impact on our fundraising capacities. More information on this can be found in prior Trustees' Annual Reports 2021-4.

This year, following a reduction in the number of our board of trustees to three family members we were able to streamline charity's activities and concentrate on our available strengths and reduce the charity's running costs to ensure our long-term sustainability. These actions were:

Not to replace the staff made redundant in previous years but to concentrate on recruitment of volunteer staff and cooperating organisations, to this extent we have increased partnership operations with Rotary International and Light of Maasai.

We continued to continue focusing on projects with less capital expenditure and with more utilization of our construction expertise and pro-bono consultation services with partner organisations.

These actions yielded positive results for the charity and have ensured we remain on a stable footing.

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The construction of two classrooms in rural Kenya.

Distributing a further 50 Biolites to families living off-grid in rural Kenya.

Further developing our project partnerships with Rotary International and The African Sand Dam Foundation to ensure our projects are beneficiary-led and of maximum impact.

Modernising our accounting systems and economic management by moving over to Xero accounting software, successfully reducing our running costs to ensure our long-term sustainability.

We moved to new shared offices in Braintree reducing our rental outlays by 50%.

Carefully sustaining our relationships with several corporate and individual supporters and further developing a working relationship with Rotary International.

5. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

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Other research includes:

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Due Diligence

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Our tailor-made approach to construction aid means that we have the flexibility to incorporate innovative solutions to energy waste and environmentally harmful practices. Many areas that we work in have unreliable sources of power and would benefit from harnessing alternative energy sources such as solar. We are developing our capacity as pro-bono design consultants to include strategies for renewable energy use in new buildings and renovations.

As well as the use of renewable energy, our consultancy includes strategies to prevent:

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Once a project has been agreed and our project partners have been suitably assessed, we can begin preparing for the project. This entails:

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All project partners must sign a legal Memorandum of Understanding with BuildAid to ensure that each party is aware of their responsibilities and their expectations of them. This document is tailored to each project and includes a commitment that partners will adhere to all BuildAid policies and protocols.

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Project funds are never held by external agencies, third parties or governments. We use MoneyCorp to transfer money overseas and we require a detailed request from our project partners that specifies the exact amount and proposed use of funds. Project funding is always staged and dependent on progress reports from our project partners.

Monitoring and Reporting

It is vital that projects are carefully monitored, and project partners must meet our requirements for reporting. Partners must report periodically on construction progress with photos and videos and consult us immediately with any queries or problems.

Advocacy

Many of our projects relate to key problems in low-income countries, e.g., child exploitation and limited access to education. We believe that working on such projects carries a responsibility of advocating for change and spreading awareness. We use our platform as an NGO to speak to our supporters in the UK about the issues that communities are facing in our areas of operation. We are highly active on social media and are constantly expanding our reach and audience. We also speak to members of the public about these issues during our community fundraising activities.

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On project completion, BuildAid and our project partners both complete a project report and evaluation. Here, we review the project impacts and compare them with the planned outcomes. A further evaluation will take place 5-10 years post-completion in the form of an Impact Assessment.

Monitoring and Reporting

One of our requirements for our project partners is that they must report to us for two years following project completion. This allows us to ensure that the project is serving its intended purpose and helps us to schedule the appropriate time for an Impact Assessment.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN THIS YEAR

BioLites

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Each unit includes:

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This will allow families to keep up to date with national announcements, a free phone charger will provide improved security in their homes and with a light for children to complete homework and exam preparation after sunset.

Child Oncology Unit

We were introduced to World Child Cancer (WCC) in late 2019 and recommended to advise on an extension of an existing Child Oncology Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi.

We completed an initial site visit and survey in January 2020 and compiled a comprehensive report for WCC, advising that a new building should be constructed, as opposed to the extension of the existing one.

Having collaborated with our architectural supporters Inter Urban Studios, who designed a new two-storey building to be built in place of the current unit, all their services were provided pro-bono. Following the initial concept designs, we worked collaboratively with World Child Cancer to carefully design the layouts of the new unit to achieve maximum efficiency and positive impact for service users. Having become the lead agency for this initiative last year, we undertook a user group consultation and developed the final designs with a view to progressing on to technical design and cost planning this year. Sadly, this project has not progressed this year, owing a severe lack of funding and stakeholder engagement.

Sand Dams

We have continued to work with Rotary International to construct a further series of Sand Dams in Kenya. A Sand Dam is a reinforced rubble cement wall built across a seasonal riverbed increasingly retains sand suspended in flood waters through each rainy season. The sand then retains water and raises the water table in the surrounding fields to allow agriculture in the dry season. This retention of water recharges the aquifer and therefore provides enough water for tree and vegetable nurseries throughout the year.

The full programme of sand dams, tree planting and farmland terracing forms a self-perpetuating cycle of water and soil conservation. This conservation reduces community time spent collecting water, leaving more time for farming and other essential activities such as farming, learning, studying and childcare. The soil conservation enables farmers to utilise improved agriculture techniques leading to a more secure and diverse supply of food and cash crops, all year round.

A further two dams are now designed, and we hope to commence works early in 2026.

8. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reserves Policy

Currently, BuildAid holds £10,000 in reserves. This is an increase from our previous reserves figure of £5,000, this is now sufficient with no ongoing redundancy liabilities. These funds are unallocated funding that has been accrued gradually since the formation of the charity. These funds are specifically for:

- Protection in case of a shortfall in income
- Expenditure in emergencies
- Protection from a specific liability
- Exit costs should the charity need to close.

We have revised our Reserves Policy to ensure that we are financially protected enough and not holding funds that could be spent on operational aid.

Fundraising

Despite the ongoing difficulties following the 2020 pandemic and severely reduced fundraising activities, we were able to raise £76,684 this year in donations and partner support a substantial increase on the previous year. We have been extremely fortunate to have the continued support from ongoing regular givers, several commercial organisations, individuals and Rotary International so in the main have been able to maintain our diversified income streams.

Rotary International

We have continued to be supported by Rotary International and have collaborated closely with them on several projects. This has included a large-scale programme of Sand Dams and the continued provision of Biolites to off-grid homes, both in rural Kenya.

Corporate Supporters

This year, donations from Corporate Supporters totaled £5,000. We are incredibly lucky to have regular support from our 'Corporate Heroes' who make a monthly donation to the charity.

Without these committed donors, we would not be able to achieve the impact that we make with our projects. These companies include: DeeDee Dee Ltd and Red Brick Wealth.

Individual Giving

This year, donations from individuals totaled £9,000. We have a small number of individual donors who generously support us with a monthly gift. In addition, we also received a small number of one-off donations throughout the year. These donations have been essential for our survival and have allowed us to continue to deliver our projects.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

We have identified and assessed the main risks that we are vulnerable to and the steps that we can take to prevent and reduce the chance of each risk and its effects.

RISK: IT failure

PROTECTION: Back-up of major documents and increased use of cloud-based storage

RISK: Too much reliance on individuals for programme delivery

PROTECTION: We now rely on the family members constituting the charity's board

RISK: Misuse of funds

PROTECTION: Due diligence for project partners including reference requests

RISK: Drop in income

PROTECTION: Close scrutiny of monthly incomes and matching expenditure accordingly

10. KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2025/6

- Continue to deliver aid through our own projects and by assisting other NGOs/non-profits.
- Maintain existing income streams.
- Improve long-term sustainability of the organisation.
- Assign clear roles to Trustees and Volunteers, with clear objectives and targets.
- Finalise and execute new strategy for the charity.

11. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Robert K Muir Chair to Trustees

BILDAID

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BILDAID CHARITY NUMBER 1108811**

ACCOUNTS TO 28th FEBRUARY 2025

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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BUILD AID

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT

YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	66,421 =====	36,886 =====
<u>REPRESENTED BY :</u> <u>NET RECEIPTS TO DATE</u>	£66,421 =====	£36,886 =====

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
RECEIPTS		
Donations	76,684	30,480
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Total receipts	76,684	30,480
PAYMENTS		
Cost of charitable activities		
Programme Delivery	35,163	63,108
Programme Staff	0	55
Compliance & Policy	35	315
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	35,198	63,478
Support costs		
Office Costs	6,239	6,772
Management	650	93
Office Staff Costs	2,885	472
Postage and stationery	235	0
Insurance	536	744
Computer & IT	86	112
Marketing	333	0
Accountancy	897	0
Pension	0	0
Bank charges	90	154
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	11,951	8,347
Total payments	47,149	71,825
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NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	£29,535	-£41,345
	=====	=====
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£36,886	£78,231
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£66,421	£36,886
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8. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reserves Policy

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This year, donations from individuals totaled £12,000. We have a small number of individual donors who generously support us with a monthly gift. In addition, we also received a small number of one-off donations throughout the year. These donations have been essential for our survival and have allowed us to continue to deliver our projects.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

We have identified and assessed the main risks that we are vulnerable to and the steps that we can take to prevent and reduce the chance of each risk and its effects.

RISK: IT failure

PROTECTION: Back-up of major documents and increased use of cloud-based storage

RISK: Too much reliance on individuals for programme delivery

PROTECTION: We now rely on the family members constituting the charity's board

RISK: Misuse of funds

PROTECTION: Due diligence for project partners including reference requests

RISK: Drop in income

PROTECTION: Close scrutiny of monthly incomes and matching expenditure accordingly

10. KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2024/5

- Continue to deliver aid through our own projects and by assisting other NGOs/non-profits.
- Maintain existing income streams.
- Improve long-term sustainability of the organisation.
- Assign clear roles to Trustees and Volunteers, with clear objectives and targets.
- Finalise and execute new strategy for the charity.

11. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Robert K Muir Chair to Trustees

BUILD AID

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 29th FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
RECEIPTS		
Donations	30,480	116,560
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Total receipts	30,480	116,560
 PAYMENTS		
Cost of charitable activities		
Programme Delivery	63,108	55,592
Programme Staff	55	6,623
Compliance & Policy	315	292
Office Costs	6,772	6,119
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	70,250	68,626
 Support costs		
Fundraising Expenditure	0	0
Management	93	1,177
Office Staff Costs	472	2,233
HR	0	0
Insurance	744	1,035
Computer & IT	112	0
Marketing	0	0
Accountancy	0	0
Pension	0	0
Bank charges	154	106
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	1,575	4,551
 Total payments	71,825	73,177
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NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	-£41,345	£43,383
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 FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£78,231	£34,848
 FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£36,886	£78,231
	=====	=====

BUILD AID

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT

YEAR ENDED 29th FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	36,886 =====	78,231 =====
<u>REPRESENTED BY :</u>		
<u>NET RECEIPTS TO DATE</u>	£36,886 =====	£78,231 =====

BUILD AID

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BUILD AID CHARITY NUMBER 1108811**

ACCOUNTS TO 29th FEBRUARY 2024

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
- (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS**

BUILD AID

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BUILD AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1108811

Accounts

BUILDAID - TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

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3. THE BUILDAID MODEL

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Our mission is **to provide sustainable infrastructure and construction aid to people in need around the world.**

We work with local partners, providing construction expertise and funding to build medical, educational and welfare facilities. Our assistance is flexible, tailored to each community's unique needs and ranges across all levels of built environment services, including pro-bono design assistance and project management.

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- **Sustainability** – Our projects are built to last and can be easily maintained

4. THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year although post COVID-19 was still having a dramatic effect on the charity's activities, reducing our operational abilities as well as our fundraising capacity. More information on this can be found in the Trustees' Annual Reports 2021/2.

This year, our newly expanded Board of Trustees evaluated the charity's strengths and weaknesses and decided on several actions to reduce the charity's running costs and to ensure our long-term sustainability. These actions were:

- Not to replace the staff made redundant in the previous year until reserves recover
- Reduce the hours of the Development Manager moving to casual, zero hours in March 2022
- Continuing with our Trustee accountant for payroll and annual returns
- Focusing on projects with less capital expenditure and with more utilisation of our construction expertise and pro-bono consultation services

These actions yielded very positive results for the charity and have ensured we remain on stable footing.

Our main achievements for this charity year were:

- The completion of two further Sand Dams and subsequent training, planting, and terracing programmes in South-Eastern Kenya
- Cost planning of a new two-storey child oncology unit in Blantyre, Malawi, working in partnership with World Child Cancer.
- Distributing 50 BioLites to families living off-grid in rural Kenya.
- Further developing our project partnerships with Rotary International, World Child Cancer and African Sand Dam Foundation to ensure our projects are beneficiary-led and of maximum impact
- Modernising our accounting systems and financial management by moving over Xero accounting software
- Successfully reducing our running costs to ensure our long-term sustainability
- Carefully sustaining our relationships with several corporate and individual supporters.

5. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

The board from the previous year was retained with the existing trustees agreeing to serve a further year.

The Trustees are:

Robert Muir – Reappointed February 2022
Benjamin Muir – Reappointed February 2022
Chiara Ronchini – Appointed February 2022
Oliver Greatbatch – Appointed February 2022

As of 28th February 2022, the charity had one part-time employee responsible for day-to-day operations: Fundraising Manager – Ashley Russell was made redundant as was part-time callers. Part-time Development Manager – Katie Muir retained as general manager.

7. PROJECTS

THE STAGES OF A PROJECT

Every project differs greatly from another, but we pride ourselves on our ability to implement a variety of projects for a range of beneficiaries. We operate following a comprehensive system that we use for every project to ensure that it is of the highest quality and has the greatest possible impact.

Stage 1: Pre-Construction

Research and Needs Assessment

Before any visits to potential areas of operation or meetings with potential partners, extensive research must be carried out, especially regarding the national and local issues in the area. It is imperative that we are fully aware of an area's specific needs and are equipped with the appropriate information to discuss methods of addressing these needs. Following this desk-based research, an initial visit takes place and extensive data, both quantitative and qualitative, must be collated for BuildAid records and project justification.

Another vital aspect of conducting research in the local area is to ensure that as many local community members as possible are consulted and involved in the decision-making process. We strive to empower communities and build capacity with our projects, so it's essential that we understand what the entire community needs.

Other research includes:

- Local laws and customs
- Land ownership
- Building regulations
- Tectonic activity and other geographical issues
- Establishing if any local services are operating in a similar capacity to our proposed project(s)

Due Diligence

We ensure that organisations affiliated with BuildAid projects, especially project partners, are scrutinised and researched thoroughly before a project agreement. This includes an in-depth analysis of the organisation's finances and strategy, personnel, policies, references, and a criminal records check. It is especially vital to ensure that organisations have a strict Child Protection Policy that they abide to.

Energy and Sustainability

Our tailor-made approach to construction aid means that we have the flexibility to incorporate innovative solutions to energy waste and environmentally harmful practices. Many areas that we work in have unreliable sources of power and would benefit from harnessing alternative energy sources such as solar. We are developing our capacity as pro-bono design consultants to include strategies for renewable energy use in new buildings and renovations.

As well as the use of renewable energy, our consultancy includes strategies to prevent:

- Infrastructure damage from extreme weather
- Unsafe waste disposal
- Pollution
- Harmful sanitation practices

Project Planning

Once a project has been agreed and our project partners have been suitably assessed, we can begin preparing for the project. This entails:

- Information Exchanges
- Feasibility Studies
- Risk Assessment
- Structural Design Assessment

- Creation of a:
 - a. Building Contract
 - b. Health and Safety Strategy
 - c. Maintenance and Operations Strategy
 - d. Sustainability Strategy

Policies and MOUs

All project partners must sign a legal Memorandum of Understanding with BuildAid to ensure that each party is aware of their responsibilities and the expectations of them. This document is tailored to each project and includes a commitment that partners will adhere to all BuildAid policies and protocols.

Stage 2: Construction

Finance

Project funds are never handled by any agencies, third parties or governments. We use MoneyCorp to transfer money overseas and we require a detailed request from our project partners that specifies the exact amount and proposed use of funds. Project funding is always staged and dependent on progress reports from our project partners.

Monitoring and Reporting

It's vital that projects are carefully monitored, and project partners must meet our requirements for reporting. Partners must report at least weekly on construction progress with photos and videos and consult us immediately with any queries or problems.

Advocacy

Many of our projects relate to key problems in low-income countries, e.g. child exploitation and limited access to education. We believe that working on such projects carries a responsibility of advocating for change and spreading awareness. We use our platform as an NGO to speak to our supporters in the UK about the issues that communities are facing in our areas of operation. We're very active on social media and are constantly expanding our reach and audience. We also speak to members of the public about these issues during our community fundraising activities.

Stage 3: Post-Construction

Evaluation

On project completion, BuildAid and our project partners both complete a project report and evaluation. Here, we review the project outcomes and compare them with the planned outcomes. A further evaluation will take place 5-10 years post-completion in the form of an Impact Assessment.

Monitoring and Reporting

One of our requirements for our project partners is that they must report to us for two years following project completion. This allows us to ensure that the project is serving its intended purpose and helps us to schedule the appropriate time for an Impact Assessment.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN THIS YEAR

BioLites

Working in partnership with Rotary International and Kenya-based community organisation, Light of Maasai, we have been able to purchase and distribute 50 Biolite Solar Home 620 units to low-income families living off-grid in the region of Rombo, Kajiado South.

The BioLite Solar Home 620 transforms off-grid homes by providing a safe, affordable, and reliable source of light and energy. Each unit includes:

- A 6-watt solar panel
- A wall-mounted control box with real-time feedback on sun-strength and battery capacity
- Three daisy-chain hanging lights with 18ft cords, adjustable brightness, and a motion sensor option
- FM Radio
- Two USB ports for powering mobile phones and other devices
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One unit can power an entire home and dramatically improve a family's quality of life. The lights make housework, childcare and hygiene much easier and safer; give children light for completing homework and allow isolated areas to keep up to date with national news via the radio. These activities are all essential for families' welfare, especially during national emergencies.

This will allow families to keep up to date with national announcements, a free phone charger will provide improved security in their homes and with a light for children to complete homework and exam preparation after sunset.

Child Oncology Unit

We were introduced to World Child Cancer (WCC) in late 2019 and recommended to advise on a possible extension of an existing Child Oncology Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi. We completed an initial site visit and survey in January 2020 and compiled a comprehensive report for WCC, advising that a new building be constructed, as opposed to an extension of the existing one..

Last year, we worked closely with our architectural supporters, Inter Urban Studios, to design a new two-storey building to be built in place of the current unit. Inter Urban Studio offered us their services pro-bono for this project. Following the initial concept designs, we worked collaboratively with World Child Cancer to carefully design the layout of the new unit to achieve maximum efficiency and positive impact for service users. This year we became the lead agency for this initiative having undertaken a user group consultation and developed a detailed cost plan. We also have now prepared a case for support and will be launching an appeal for construction costs in 2023.

Sand Dams

We were approached by a representative from Rotary International in 2019 suggesting a potential partnership between BuildAid and Rotary to construct a series of Sand Dams in Kenya. A Sand Dam is a reinforced rubble cement wall built across a seasonal sandy river. The dam increasingly retains sand through each rainy season and the sand then retains water for the dry season. This retention of water recharges the aquifer and therefore provides enough water for tree and vegetable nurseries.

The full programme of sand dams, tree planting and farmland terracing forms a self-perpetuating cycle of water and soil conservation. This conservation reduces time spent collecting water, leaving more time for farming and other essential activities such as learning, studying and childcare. The soil conservation enables farmers to utilise improved agriculture techniques leading to a more secure and diverse supply of food, all year round.

In January 2020, we conducted primary and secondary research into Sand Dams and subsequently met with African Sand Dam Foundation to propose a delivery model. Unfortunately, the planned funding from Rotary International was postponed due to the pandemic. In August 2021, the funding for the first four Sand Dams was approved, and we were able to start work immediately. Construction of the first two Sand Dams and the subsequent training, planting, and terracing programme from Rotary Global Grant 8, was completed in January 2022. At this time, we were able to complete a site visit to inspect these dams and make necessary preparations for the next stage of the programme, a further two Sand Dams. The further two dams are now designed, and we hope to commence works early in 2023.

8. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reserves Policy

Currently, BuildAid holds £15,000 in reserves. This is a reduction from our previous reserves figure of £50,000, due to the effects of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are unallocated funding that has been accrued gradually since the formation of the charity. These funds are specifically for:

- Protection in case of a shortfall in income
- Expenditure in emergencies
- Protection from a specific liability
- Exit costs should the charity need to close

We have revised our Reserves Policy to ensure that we are financially protected enough and not holding funds that could be spent on operational aid.

Fundraising

Despite the ongoing difficulties following the 2020 pandemic and severely reduced fundraising activities, we were able to raise £116,560.06 this year in donations. We've been very fortunate to have the continued support from several organisations and individuals and have been able to maintain our diversified income streams.

Rotary International

We have continued to be supported by Rotary International and have worked closely with them on several projects. This has included a large-scale programme of Sand Dams and the continued provision of BioLites to off-grid homes, both in rural Kenya.

Corporate Supporters

This year, donations from Corporate Supporters totalled £8,000. We're very lucky to have regular support from our 'Corporate Heroes' who make a monthly donation to the charity. Without these committed donors, we wouldn't be able to achieve the impact that we do with our projects. These companies include: DeeDee Dee Ltd and Red Brick Wealth.

Individual Giving

This year, donations from individuals totalled £45,000. We have a small number of individual donors who generously support us with a monthly gift. In addition, we also received a small number of one-off donations throughout the year. These donations have been essential for our survival have allowed us to continue to deliver our projects.

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We have identified and assessed the main risks that we are vulnerable to and the steps that we can take to prevent and reduce the chance of each risk and its effects.

RISK: IT failure

PROTECTION: Back-up of major documents and increased use of cloud-based storage

RISK: Too much reliance on individuals for programme delivery

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10. KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2022/23

- Continue to deliver aid through our own projects and by assisting other NGOs with theirs
- Continue to expand Board of Trustees and further formalise organisational structure
- Maintain existing income streams
- Improve long-term sustainability of the organisation
- Assign clear roles to staff and Trustees, with clear objectives and targets
- Finalise and execute new strategy for the charity

11. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert K Muir', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert K Muir
Chair to Trustees

BUILD AID
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

	2023	2022
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	116,560	61,043
Total Receipts	116,560	61,043
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Programme Staff	7,605	-
Programme Delivery	55,592	33,870
Compliance and Policy	292	1,274
Office Costs	6,119	4,982
JRS Grant	-	-
Total Charitable Activities Spend	69,607	38,541
Support costs		
Fundraising Expenditure	-	33,218
Management	1,177	1,262
Office Staff Costs	2,233	10,228
HR Consultants	-	-
Accountancy	-	-
Pension	-	-
Bank charges	106	363
Recruitment	-	-
Insurance	1,035	913
Marketing	-	176
JRS Grant	-	18,964
Total Support Costs	4,551	26,196
Total Payments	74,159	64,737
Net Receipts / Payments	42,401	- 3,694
Funds Bought Forward	34,848	38,542
Funds Carried Forward	78,231	34,848

BUILDAID
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

	2023	2022
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash Funds	78,231	34,848
Represented by;		
Net receipts to date	78,231	34,848

BUILD AID
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUILD AID CHARITY NUMBER 1108811
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ICAEW Chartered Accountant

BUILD AID

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Accounts

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4. THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year began with the COVID-19 global pandemic and related national lockdown continuing from 2020. The pandemic had a dramatic effect on the charity's activities, reducing our operational abilities as well as our fundraising capacity. More information on this can be found in the Trustees' Annual Report 2021.

This year, our newly expanded Board of Trustees evaluated the charity's strengths and weaknesses and decided on several actions to reduce the charity's running costs and to ensure our long-term sustainability. These actions were:

- Two fundraising staff members taking redundancies in May 2021
- Full-time Development Manager moving to casual, part-time contract in October 2021
- Moving from an outsourced payroll company and accountant to using Xero Accounting software and Trustee accountant capabilities for payroll and annual returns
- Focusing on projects with less capital expenditure and with more utilisation of our construction expertise and pro-bono consultation services

These actions yielded very positive results for the charity and have ensured we are on stable footing for the next 3-4 years.

Our main achievements for this charity year were:

- The completion of our first two Sand Dams and subsequent training, planting and terracing programmes in South-Eastern Kenya
- Completing concept designs of a new two-storey child oncology unit in Blantyre, Malawi, working in partnership with World Child Cancer and Inter Urban Studios
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- Modernising our accounting systems and financial management by moving over Xero accounting software
- Successfully reducing our running costs to ensure our long-term sustainability
- Carefully sustaining our relationships with several corporate and individual supporters
- **Raising £61,043 in donations**

5. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

The previous charity year (2020/2021) saw some major changes within our Board of Trustees. Two of our four Trustees, Robert Morris and Rick Mackay, both stepped down after serving for many years and faithfully supporting the charity. As we went into this charity year, we had two new Trustees joining us, Oliver Greatbatch and Chiara Ronchini, with Helen Brittain joining as Board Secretary. Robert Muir was appointed as Chair of the Board.

The Trustees are:

Robert Muir – Reappointed February 2021
 Benjamin Muir – Reappointed February 2021
 Chiara Ronchini – Appointed February 2021
 Oliver Greatbatch – Appointed February 2021

As of 28th February 2021, the charity had two full-time employees responsible for day-to-day operations: Fundraising Manager – Ashley Russell and Development Manager – Katie Muir. Ashley's role covers fundraising, compliance, policies and project reporting. Katie's role covers project planning/management/reporting, research, communications, advocacy and general charity management.

We utilised the government's Job Retention Scheme from April 2020 until September 2021, placing our three employees on furlough, due to the dramatic decrease in the charity's activities during the pandemic. In March 2021, we made the decision to consider redundancies for both of our full-time employees, due to the lack in income and the shift in charitable activities, due to the pandemic. Following a consultation process, Ashley Russell was made redundant in May 2021 and Katie Muir was moved to a zero-hours contract, to work for BuildAid on a casual basis.

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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN THIS YEAR

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This year, we worked closely with our architectural supporters, Inter Urban Studios, to design a new two-storey building to be built in place of the current unit. Inter Urban Studio offered us their services pro-bono for this project. Following the initial concept designs, we worked collaboratively with World Child Cancer to carefully design the layout of the new unit to achieve maximum efficiency and positive impact for service users.

Sand Dams

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The full programme of sand dams, tree planting and farmland terracing forms a self-perpetuating cycle of water and soil conservation. This conservation reduces time spent collecting water, leaving more time for farming and other essential activities such as learning, studying and childcare. The soil conservation enables farmers to utilise improved agriculture techniques leading to a more secure and diverse supply of food, all year round.

In January 2020, we conducted primary and secondary research into Sand Dams and subsequently met with African Sand Dam Foundation to propose a delivery model. Unfortunately, the planned funding from Rotary International was postponed due to the pandemic. In August 2021, the funding for the first four Sand Dams was approved and we were able to start work immediately. Construction of the first two Sand Dams and the subsequent training, planting and terracing programme from Rotary Global Grant 8, was completed in January 2022. At this time, we were able complete a site visit to inspect these dams and make necessary preparations for the next stage of the programme, a further two Sand Dams.

8. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reserves Policy

Currently, BuildAid holds £15,000 in reserves. This is a reduction from our previous reserves figure of £50,000, due to the effects of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are unallocated funding that has been accrued gradually since the formation of the charity. These funds are specifically for:

- Protection in case of a shortfall in income
- Expenditure in emergencies
- Protection from a specific liability
- Exit costs should the charity need to close

We will continue to revisit our Reserves Policy at least annually to ensure that we are financially protected enough and also not holding funds that could be spent on operational aid.

Fundraising

Despite the difficulties of the 2020 pandemic and severely reduced fundraising activities, we were able to raise £61,043 this year in donations. We've been very fortunate to have the continued support from several organisations and individuals and have been able to maintain our diversified income streams.

Rotary International

We've continued to be supported by Rotary International and have worked closely with them on a number of projects. This has included a large-scale programme of Sand Dams and the continued provision of BioLites to off-grid homes, both in rural Kenya.

Corporate Supporters

This year, donations from Corporate Supporters totalled £5,000. We're very lucky to have regular support from our 'Corporate Heroes' who make a monthly donation to the charity. Without these committed donors, we wouldn't be able to achieve the impact that we do with our projects. These companies include: Dilara Capital, DeeDeeDee Ltd and Red Brick Wealth. We've also received regular support from Betteridge and Milsom.

Individual Giving

This year, donations from individuals totalled £42,000. We have a small number of individual donors who generously support us with a monthly gift. In addition, we also received a small number of one-off donations throughout the year. These donations have been essential for our survival and have allowed us to continue to deliver our projects.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

We have identified and assessed the main risks that we are vulnerable to and the steps that we can take to prevent and reduce the chance of each risk and its effects.

RISK: IT failure

PROTECTION: Back-up of major documents and increased use of cloud-based storage

RISK: Too much reliance on individuals for programme delivery

PROTECTION: Expand Trustee Board and volunteer base to include individuals' construction expertise

RISK: Misuse of funds

PROTECTION: Due diligence for project partners including reference requests

RISK: Drop in income

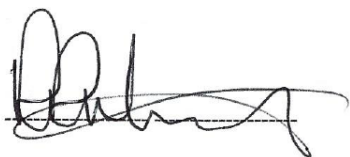
PROTECTION: Due diligence for project partners including reference requests

10. KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2022/23

- Continue to deliver aid through our own projects and by assisting other NGOs with theirs
- Continue to expand Board of Trustees and further formalise organisational structure
- Maintain existing income streams
- Improve long-term sustainability of the organisation
- Assign clear roles to staff and Trustees, with clear objectives and targets
- Finalise and execute new strategy for the charity

11. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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Robert Muir

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Benjamin Muir', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Benjamin Muir

BUILD AID
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

	2022 <u>£</u>	2021 <u>£</u>
RECEIPTS		
Donations	61,043	86,814
Total Receipts	<u>61,043</u>	<u>86,814</u>
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Programme Staff	-	34,491
Programme Delivery	32,284	28,187
Compliance and Policy	1,274	8,311
Office Costs	4,982	4,753
JRS Grant	-	- 43,278
Total Charitable Activities Spend	<u>38,541</u>	<u>32,464</u>
Support costs		
Fundraising Expenditure	32,218	17,107
Management	1,262	16,623
Office Staff Costs	10,228	4,148
HR Consultants	-	459
Accountancy	-	1,724
Pension	-	2,163
Bank charges	363	68
Recruitment	-	129
Insurance	913	835
Marketing	176	-
JRS Grant	- 18,964	-
Total Support Costs	<u>26,196</u>	<u>43,256</u>
Total Payments	<u>64,737</u>	<u>75,720</u>
Net Receipts / Payments	<u>- 3,694</u>	<u>11,094</u>
Funds Bought Forward	38,542	45,697
Funds Carried Forward	<u>34,848</u>	<u>38,542</u>

BUILDAID
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

	2022	2021
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash Funds	34,848	38,542
Represented by; Net receipts to date	34,848	38,542

BUILD AID
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUILD AID CHARITY NUMBER 1108811 ACCOUNTS TO 28th
FEBRUARY 2022

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or -
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Elsmore:

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ICAEW Chartered Accountant

BUILD AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1108811

Accounts

BILDAID - TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

1. TRUSTEES

Trustees are selected for appointment by the existing trustees having due regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity operates under the Declaration of Trust made on 7th March 2005 and is administered by the trustees to achieve the charity's objectives.

3. THE BILDAID MODEL

Our vision is of **a world where everyone can access the vital services that they need.**

Our mission is **to provide sustainable infrastructure and construction aid to people in need around the world.**

We work with local partners, providing construction expertise and funding to build medical, educational and welfare facilities. Our assistance is flexible, tailored to each community's unique needs and ranges across all levels of built environment services, including pro-bono design assistance and project management.

Our work saves lives, creates opportunities and improves the welfare of people in disadvantaged areas globally.

Our values are:

- **Collaboration** – We thrive through teamwork and partnerships
- **Efficiency** – We act quickly and prioritise urgent projects
- **Diversity** – We don't favour any specific region, ethnicity or religion for our aid delivery
- **Sustainability** – Our projects are built to last and can be easily maintained

4. THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year was dominated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, its effects and introduced limitations. Our fundraising efforts and income were severely disrupted and the aim for the year became survival, as opposed to development.

Main achievements were:

- Construction and fit-out of a new Mother and Baby Unit in Rombo, Kenya
- Provision of a number of BioLites to families living off-grid in rural Kenya
- Delivering COVID-19 provisions for schools in Kenya, including handwashing facilities and desk alterations
- **Raising £86,812 in donations**

(All completed while adhering to COVID-19 related government restrictions)

5. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

This year saw some major changes within our Board of Trustees. Two of our four Trustees, Robert Morris and Rick Mackay, both stepped down after serving for many years and faithfully supporting the charity. As we go into the new charity year, we have two new Trustees joining us, Oliver Greatbatch

and Chiara Ronchini, with Helen Brittain joining as Board Secretary. Robert Muir was appointed as Chair of the Board.

The Trustees are:

Robert Muir	Reappointed February 2021
Benjamin Muir	Reappointed February 2021
Chiara Ronchini	Appointed February 2021
Oliver Greatbatch	Appointed February 2021
Robert Morris	Resigned January 2021
Richard Mackay	Resigned January 2021

As of 28th February 2021, the charity has two full-time employees responsible for day to day operations: Fundraising Manager – Ashley Russell and Development Manager – Katie Muir. Ashley's role covers fundraising, compliance, policies and project reporting. Katie's role covers project planning/management/reporting, research, communications, advocacy and general charity management.

We have been supported this year mainly by two volunteers who have assisted the charity. Zain Kashif has provided professional photography and photo editing skills for us, free of charge and Diane Muir has assisted with payroll and accounts.

Due to the global pandemic and our adoption of the government's Job Retention Scheme, our staff and Trustees did not complete any training this year.

6. THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the charity considerably. The series of lockdowns in the UK meant that our three staff members were placed on 'furlough' and worked significantly reduced hours for the entire charity year. Lockdowns and social restrictions were put in place worldwide which limited our ability to support and work with local partners on planned and existing projects.

We estimate that pandemic cost us a total of £140,000 in lost fundraising opportunities and supporters reviewing their priorities during the pandemic. We entered 2020 with several very promising fundraising events planned and several companies committing to a year of fundraising. However, the pandemic made all these activities impossible.

Impact on projects

- Our two ongoing projects in the Philippines – The Ranch Shelter (in partnership with Cure Foundation) and WASH in Schools programme (in partnership with Rotary International), were both due to complete in early 2020 but were delayed by 12-18 months due to the severely strict limitations in the country. Construction sites and schools were closed for over a year.
- Our new classroom/dormitory at Belgrove School in Kenya was also delayed from completing for one year as schools were closed across the country for almost a year.
- The launch of our Sand Dams programme in partnership with African Sand Dam Foundation and Rotary International was delayed by one year due to delays in funding.
- Our planning process for a new child oncology unit in Blantyre, Malawi, in partnership with World Child Cancer, has been continuously postponed as stakeholders were forced to re-strategise and prioritise their responses to the pandemic.

Moving Forward

We have safely recovered from these setbacks and are confident that the organisation and our activities will return to normal. We've evaluated our response to the pandemic and taken note on how to have increased protection from similar events in future. This includes:

- Ensuring that our reserves can cover us in case of any future pandemics
- Adding COVID-19 clauses to any contracts, policies and MOUs – this is to make allowances for any extra provisions needed, possible delays in funding/project progress and volunteer/worker safety
- Ensuring that we sustain regular, monthly income from diverse sources
- Considering COVID-19 when working on the project planning process, especially building design, e.g. handwash provisions on site, adequate ventilation, space for social distancing, etc.

7. PROJECTS

THE STAGES OF A PROJECT

Every project differs greatly from another, but we pride ourselves on our ability to implement a variety of projects for a range of beneficiaries. We operate following a comprehensive system that we use for every project to ensure that it is of the highest quality and has the greatest possible impact.

Stage 1: Pre-Construction

Research and Needs Assessment

Before any visits to potential areas of operation or meetings with potential partners, extensive research must be carried out, especially regarding the national and local issues in the area. It is imperative that we are fully aware of an area's specific needs and are equipped with the appropriate information to discuss methods of addressing these needs. Following this desk-based research, an initial visit takes place and extensive data, both quantitative and qualitative, must be collated for BuildAid records and project justification.

Another vital aspect of conducting research in the local area is to ensure that as many local community members as possible are consulted with and involved in the decision-making process. We strive to empower communities and build capacity with our projects, so it's essential that we understand what the entire community needs.

Another research includes:

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- Land ownership
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COVID-19 Provisions in Schools

All Kenyan schools were forced to close in April 2020 during a National Lockdown and remained closed until January 2021. The government stipulated a number of measures that must be in place before schools could safely re-open. Many classrooms in Kenyan schools are seriously overcrowded where desks are often shared by up to 4 students at the same time. Under the new guidelines, desk sharing would no longer be allowed and social distancing measures were mandatory in all schools. A number of items were desperately needed in order for schools to re-open.

As part of another Rotary District Grant in partnership with Light of Maasai and Rotary Clubs in District 1240, we were able to assist with:

- The conversion of 150 'triple' desks into individual desks to allow for social distancing in at least 7 classrooms in the Rombo area of Kajiado South.
- The provision of 20 100-litre water and soap tanks with foot pumps for mobile handwashing in schools

The provision of these items allowed multiple local schools to safely open in January 2021 and actively reduce the spread of COVID-19 while students continued with their essential education.

Mother and Baby Unit

Rombo Health Centre, Kajiado South, Kenya, operates a Comprehensive Care Clinic for pre and post-natal medical care. The centre was using a very small building with no indoor waiting area, insufficient private examination rooms and very limited space for the clinic. Many mothers and children would wait outside for hours to be seen. This dissuaded many mothers from visiting the clinic and taking up essential medical care for them and their infants, especially during rainy season.

There was an unfinished 'shell' of a building on site at the health centre, which was initially due to be an HIV/AIDS clinic from another NGO, until funding ran out. We designed a plan to finish construction of the building and utilise it as a new Mother and Baby Unit. The new unit would be complete with private examination rooms, treatment rooms, an indoor waiting area and space for community education workshops.

In June of 2020, we were able to fund these works and complete the building, thanks to funds raised from the MIPIM Rally. This new building will allow increased numbers of women and children to

access essential pre and post-natal healthcare and also allow the health centre to deliver a higher standard of medical care in their new facilities.

In December 2020, we also funded the purchase of a new incubator for the clinic as there was only capacity for one premature baby at a time, with some instances of three babies in one incubator. This new equipment will increase the chances of premature babies surviving their crucial first few days.

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We are now involved in the design stages of a new two-storey building to be built in place of the current unit. We are working with Inter Urban Studios who are kindly offering their architectural services on a pro-bono basis.

This new building will allow for the hospital to provide a higher quality of medical care and increase the number of patients that can be treated. The new building design will reduce the spread of infection through increased handwashing facilities, more isolation rooms and newly separated outpatient and inpatient areas.

Sand Dams

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In January 2020, we conducted primary and secondary research into Sand Dams and subsequently met with African Sand Dam Foundation to propose a delivery model. Unfortunately, the planned funding from Rotary International was postponed due to the pandemic and we're now working towards a start date of Spring 2021 for our first two Sand Dams.

Matterport Classroom/Dormitory

Belgrove Primary School in Kajiado South, Kenya, is an extremely rural school serving isolated communities. The school is entirely off-grid and has its own borehole due to its location. Despite this school being the nearest one for many families, many children must still travel very long distances on foot to attend. The school is also very small, with very limited infrastructure.

Matterport Media chose BuildAid as their Charity of the Year in 2019 and their staff spent a year fundraising to build a new classroom/dormitory building at Belgrove School. They were very successful and hit their target early, raising extra funds for the installation of solar panels and microgeneration on the building.

The initial construction of this new classroom/dormitory building was completed in March 2020, in partnership with Light of Maasai. However, the decorating and fit-out was postponed until January 2021, due to school closure from the pandemic. Finally, the fit-out, painting and solar installation was completed in March 2021 and the school was able to expand their classes to include reception and nursery in the new building. The fit-out and purchase of furniture was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romford.

This new building will reduce overcrowding in the classrooms and allow for more children to attend school and receive a quality education. When restrictions are eased and the building can be used as a dormitory, there will be a reduced number of small children making long journeys to school by foot.

8. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reserves Policy

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Fundraising

Despite the difficulties of the pandemic and severely reduced fundraising activities, we were able to raise £86,812 this year in donations. We've been very fortunate to have the continued support from a number of organisations and individuals and have been able to maintain our diversified income streams.

Trusts and Foundations

We received a total of £6,400 in donations this year from Charitable Trusts for general funds, including grants from the Christadelphian Samaritan Fund, The Souter Trust and The SMG Trust. We're very grateful to all Trusts who support us on a regular basis.

Rotary International

We've continued to be supported by a number of Rotary Clubs in District 1240 and particularly the Rotary Club of Stort Valley. As well as the two Rotary District Grants of £2,000, which funded the BioLites and COVID-19 Schools Projects, Stort Valley chose BuildAid as one of their charities for their Christmas fundraiser. This campaign raised a total of £6,000 which was spent on fit-out for the new Mother and Baby Unit, including a new incubator.

MIPIM Rally

We were able to successfully run the annual MIPIM Rally in March 2020 for a third year, made possible by our lead sponsor Red Brick and long-term donor, Nicholas Wallwork. Despite the MIPIM conference being cancelled, 12 cars still took part in the event and drove from London to Monaco, raising sponsorship and taking part in an auction and black-tie dinner at the end. A total of £23,000 was raised which funded the construction of the Mother and Baby Unit at Rombo Health Centre in Kenya.

Corporate Supporters

This year, donations from Corporate Supporters totalled £5,000. We're very lucky to have regular support from our 'Corporate Heroes' who make a monthly donation to the charity. Without these committed donors, we wouldn't be able to achieve the impact that we do with our projects. These companies include: Dilara Capital, DeeDeeDee Ltd and Red Brick Wealth. We've also received regular support from Betteridge and Milsom.

This year, we were also supported by Matterport Media following their year of fundraising in 2019. Matterport conducted an auction of their office furniture and equipment as they moved to a work-from-home schedule. All funds raised were donated to BuildAid and spent on buying provisions for Belgrove School, including a new printer-photocopier and desks for students and teachers.

Individual Giving

This year, donations from individuals totalled £42,000. We have a small number of individual donors who generously support us with a monthly gift. In addition, we also received a small number of one-off donations throughout the year. These donations have been essential for our survival throughout the pandemic and have allowed us to continue to deliver our projects.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

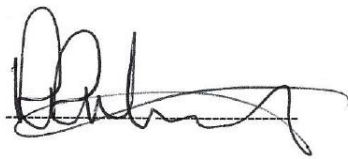
We have identified and assessed the main risks that we are vulnerable to and the steps that we can take to prevent and reduce the chance of each risk and its effects.

10. KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2021/22

- Continue to deliver aid through our own projects and by assisting other NGOs with theirs
- Maintain multiple income streams
- Improve long-term sustainability of the organisation

11. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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Robert Muir

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Benjamin Muir

BUILD AID
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	86,814	155,787
Total Receipts	86,814	155,787
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Programme Staff	15,417	42,321
Programme Delivery	28,187	59,688
Compliance and Policy	8,311	7,664
Office Costs	4,753	12,263
Total Charitable Activities Spend	56,668	121,936
Support costs		
Fundraising Expenditure	6,176	21,974
Management	6,001	21,339
Office Staff Costs	1,498	3,856
HR Consultants	459	-
Accountancy	1,724	612
Pension	2,163	1,819
Bank charges	68	718
Recruitment	129	-
Insurance	835	805
Marketing	-	1,136
Total Support Costs	19,052	52,259
Total Payments	75,720	174,195
Net Receipts / Payments	11,094	- 18,408
Funds Bought Forward	45,697	119,815
Funds Carried Forward	38,542	45,697

BUILD AID
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash Funds	38,542	45,697
Represented by; Net receipts to date	38,542	45,697

BUILD AID
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUILD AID CHARITY NUMBER 1108811
ACCOUNTS TO 28th FEBRUARY 2021

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Elsmore:

Kate Elsmore
ICAEW Chartered Accountant