

# **The Global Fund for Children UK Trust**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

30 June 2023

Company limited by guarantee  
Registration Number 06031876 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration Number 1119544

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**Reference and administrative information 30 June 2023**

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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.globalfundforchildren.org/uk-trust">www.globalfundforchildren.org/uk-trust</a>
<b>Company number</b>	06031876 (England and Wales)
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1119544 (England and Wales)
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The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report., The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 December 2006 and registered as a charity on 7 June 2007.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established its objectives and powers, and is governed under its articles of association, with Global Fund for Children (GFC) as the sole member. The CEO of GFC is a member of the Board of Trustees and attends the UK Trust Board meetings, which are held four times a year.

Established in the USA in 1994, GFC partners with community-based organisations around the world to help children and youth reach their full potential and advance their rights. GFC's model combines flexible funding with capacity development services to help its partners realise transformational, youth-driven change. GFC's partners emerge from the funding relationship as more sustainable and connected to the resources, people, and information they need to reach their goals. After graduation from GFC's financial partnership, the partners remain vital peers and mentors in GFC's growing global network.

The Global Fund for Children UK Trust was registered as an independent charity on 7 June 2007 to extend the vision and mission of GFC in the UK and mainland Europe. The UK Trust purchased the right to use the GFC brand for £1 and is required to adhere to the terms of the License Agreement between the two entities.

### ***Appointment of trustees***

The vision for the UK Trust Board is to assemble a group of individuals who combine entrepreneurial energy and field expertise with more established institutional perspectives. This mix is crucial to maintaining the organisation's innovative spirit while developing a sustainable institution. The Board is working to become more representative of the national and international communities and individuals the organisation seeks to serve. Board members are desired who represent a balance of ethnic, cultural, national, socioeconomic, gender, age, and geographic diversity.

## **Structure, governance and management (continued)**

### ***Appointment of trustees (continued)***

New trustees are nominated by existing Board members and/or the UK Trust's Managing Director. Candidates' biographies or CVs are circulated to all existing Board members, and candidates are then interviewed by trustees and the chairman. Candidates are approved by a vote of the UK Trust Trustees and then a written resolution is given by the US Board, signed by the Chair of the board of Directors. All new trustees receive access to all key documents relating to the charity's work and to their duties as a trustee and go through an onboarding orientation. Trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate training sessions that will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Board of Trustees administers the charity. A Managing Director, or a staff member working in that capacity, is appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the UK Trust. This position reports to the CEO of GFC in Washington, DC. However, the Board continues to review the risks of the charity on a periodic basis.

The trustees are also directors for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Objectives and activities**

GFC partners with local organisations around the world to help children and youth reach their full potential and advance their rights. Over the past two decades, GFC's grant-making and programme strategy has centred on directing flexible funding to nascent grassroots organisations employing a unique range of interventions to uphold the rights of children. Since 1997, GFC has invested \$68 million in more than 1,000 community-based organisations, strengthening thousands of communities and reaching more than 11 million children and youth worldwide. GFC's core objectives focus on three key activities:

- ◆ **GFC finds:** GFC identifies innovative organizations everywhere – typically in the early stages of their development – that are run by local leaders working with children and youth around the world.
- ◆ **GFC funds:** GFC funds its local partners' life-changing programmes for children and youth, as well as their organisational development. The grants are flexible to maximise GFC's impact and to meet needs that other funders are not willing to support.
- ◆ **Together, GFC and its partners strengthen:** GFC advises, mentors, and guides its partners, building mutual trust, accountability, and enduring relationships. The targeted capacity development provided helps its partners grow stronger and more responsive to challenges on the ground.

## Objectives and activities (continued)

### *Our programme focus*

- ♦ **GFC builds networks:** GFC connects its partners to each other and to national and regional networks. GFC brings together brilliant minds to share knowledge, generate learning, fuel advocacy, and build movements of social change.
- ♦ **When its partners graduate, GFC stands proud:** GFC's partners emerge more sustainable and connected to the resources, people, and information they need to reach their goals. After graduation from the financial partnership, GFC's partners remain vital peers and mentors in GFC's growing global network.

### **GFC's programme focus**

GFC's grant making and programme strategy emphasise four programmatic focus areas:

- ♦ Education – working to secure equal access to high-quality education for all children, irrespective of any obstacles that may stand in their way.

Read about [two GFC partners in Nepal](#) who are working to make education fun and accessible for all.

- ♦ Gender equity – defending children's rights to enjoy equal opportunities and resources within the societies in which they live, without fear of discrimination on the basis of their gender identity.

Read about [the Adolescent Influencers Movement for Gender Equality](#) who are a group of youth aged 13-25 who, with the support of GFC, are fighting to deconstruct gender stereotypes in West Africa.

- ♦ Youth empowerment – preparing young people to shape their own futures, advance their rights, and lead healthy, productive lives.

Read about [the involvement of adolescents and youth in a wellbeing summit](#) in Senegal, co-created by GFC and Tostan.

- ♦ Freedom from violence and exploitation – eliminating the violence and exploitation that can keep children from reaching their full potential and working to heal those affected.

Read about [our partner in Thailand](#) who is fighting the trafficking and exploitation of men and boys.

GFC's implementation approach emphasises building alliances and networks across its local partners to support collective action, including community-wide, locally driven policies and legal protections to ensure that children and youth are provided for and protected, and participate in the full realisation of their rights.

### **GFC's programme focus (continued)**

#### ***Impact and sustainability***

In the last 29 years, GFC has transformed the lives of more than 11 million children worldwide by supporting meaningful change where it stands to do the most good: in the heart of communities. In the same period, GFC has identified over 1,000 local organisations in more than 75 countries and supported them with grants and technical assistance totalling over \$68 million.

On average, partners' budgets triple during their GFC partnership, enabling them to expand the size and impact of their programmes and to reach greater numbers of children in more and better ways. GFC partners have been honoured with hundreds of national and international awards in recognition of their work, including 11 World's Children's Prizes, 37 Ashoka Fellowships, eight CNN Heroes Awards, and 9 With and For Girls Awards.

#### **Achievements and performance**

2022/23 saw the UK Trust invest significantly in the team and build the infrastructure needed to support the continued growth that the organisation experienced in the previous financial year. As a result of more significant growth in the team and programmes delivered, time was spent searching for a bigger office, and in July 2023 the team moved into their new space. We ended the financial year with three staff joining during this time, and five more staff accepting roles which began in the next few months in the following financial year. This includes a new Finance Manager and full-time Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In 2022/23, the UK Trust began new funding relationships with Co-op Foundation, Youth Endowment Fund, Foundation CHANEL, The National Lottery Community Fund, #iwillFund and The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales.

The UK Trust has experienced an increase in income this year, which is the result of work completed in 2021/22 as cited in last year's financial report. Our team has also continued to work with our colleagues around the world to ensure that GFC has globally grown income. As a result, GFC will report \$35.6 million in revenue for year ended 30 June 2023 in its consolidated statement of activities. In the UK, we are reporting £15 million in revenue for 30 June 2023.

#### ***London Week***

In early June 2023, members of GFC's global team came together in London to host a series of events throughout a single week, showcasing the incredible work of both the organisation and our grantees. More than 100 people attended a variety of events, highlighting the diverse range of work taking place, including our UK-based healthy masculinities initiative, as well as our innovative approach to youth-led grant making. Throughout the week we established several new and exciting relationships that could be transformative for GFC's global work moving forward, including but not limited to: Chatham House, PLAN International, Baring Foundation, Amplify Change, and the SHM Foundation.

## **Achievements and performance (continued)**

### ***GFC's grantmaking programme***

In 2022/23, GFC awarded \$7.5 million in grants. Almost all the grants were restricted to specific funders and met a deliverable towards the funder's support. Included in this amount were 35 grants made directly from the UK Trust to GFC grantee partners, which totalled £1.8 million as primary grants support.

### ***Supplemental grants***

In many cases, GFC was able to offer additional grants to its local partners that supplement the primary grants. These grants include organisational development grants, which support areas such as strategic planning, financial and management information systems, monitoring and evaluation, and fundraising; opportunity grants, which support partners to attend conferences or trainings or develop their organisational visibility and capacity; emergency grants, which help partners in emergency situations such as post-disaster relief; and convening grants, which allow partners to organise their own workshops for sharing knowledge with other GFC partners and organisations in their networks. In 2022/23, GFC awarded 292 supplemental grants. Included in the supplemental grants were 15 supplemental grants made in GBP directly from the UK Trust. These totalled £148,332.

### ***Safeguarding children and youth***

GFC continues to centre safeguarding in the organisation with all new starters receiving safeguarding training and all other staff receiving refresher training. In the upcoming financial year 2023/24, GFC will be onboarding a full-time Global Designated Safeguarding Lead (GDSDL). This role will focus on developing a new safeguarding policy and procedures that reflect the growing size and changing work of GFC. They will also be developing the internal safeguarding capacity of GFC. In addition, the new GDSDL will be reviewing our current safeguarding support offer to grantees to ensure we are supporting grantees in a meaningful and contextually relevant way.

## **Financial review**

### ***Results for the year***

	Year end 2023	Year end 2022
Total income	£15,289,760	£1,438,137
Restricted grants	£14,797,106	£958,561
Total expenditure	£2,905,344	£1,715,679
Charitable expenditure (including support costs)	£2,768,756	£1,646,459
Expenditure on raising funds	£136,588	£69,220
Grants awarded	£1,957,373	£593,601
Net income (expenditure)	£12,384,416	(£277,542)



**Financial review (continued)**

***Results for the year (continued)***

Fiscal year 2022/23 has been an exceptional year for GFC. Not only did the UK Trust fundraise £14,267,358 in three multi-year projects including the Phoenix Fund Initiative, the Boys and Young Men Initiative, and the iWill project, the US office received \$10 million from MacKenzie Scott in the same financial year. Overall, the global revenue for the US and the UK Trust combined increased from \$13.9 million in 2021/22 to \$36.38 million in 2022/23. Fiscal year 2023/24 is off to a great start as well due to the locking in of £4.38 million over three years grant towards the new Young Gamechangers Fund initiative to make grants directly to individual young people throughout the UK.

***Reserves policy and financial position***

The UK Trust has decided that it would be prudent to hold as a minimum, an equivalent of two months' expenditure for staff and overhead costs in reserve, which amounts to approximately £85,000 for the new financial year ending 30 June 2024.

At 30 June 2023, the total funds of the charity, which are equivalent to its free reserves, amounted to £462,399 (2022 – £406,068). Free reserves at year-end therefore satisfy the above reserves policy. Any available balance above this limit is part of our regular operating cash, which is available to meet the ongoing needs of the organisation. The Board of Trustees receives and reviews a revenue and expense dashboard, with an update on cashflow and reserves, on a regular basis and create a plan to reduce costs if reserves are forecast to dip below an agreed-upon threshold six months in the future. GFC will continue to provide cash flow assistance to the UK Trust if needed for the upcoming year.

***Investment policy***

At present, the policy for the UK Trust is to invest only in cash deposits.

***Fundraising***

The UK Trust aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with supporters. It takes care with both the tone of its communications and the accuracy of its data to minimise the pressures on supporters. The charity registered with the Fundraising Regulator in early July 2023 and adheres to the Code of Fundraising Practice.

It applies best practice to protect supporters' data and never sells data, it never swaps data with other organisations, and it ensures that its communication preferences can be changed at any time.

The charity manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of professional fundraisers. The charity undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2022/23, the charity received no complaints about its fundraising activities. The charity raises funds for the programs it implements in the UK and globally and in some cases makes grants to support the work of its US-based affiliate.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees and key management personnel carry out an annual Risk Management Review. The trustees review these risks on an annual basis, at a minimum, to satisfy themselves that adequate systems and procedures are in place to manage the risks identified, and to ensure that appropriate mitigating actions are taken. When completed, this review is documented in the minutes of the relevant meeting of the trustees. As the UK Trust relies on donations, the principal risk is the impact of the economic climate for grant funding and donations. An evaluation is made of potential and actual funding events to ensure that the UK Trust's resources are used in the most effective manner and achieve value for money. Of course, like many charities, the UK Trust is impacted by the global cost of living crisis and worldwide financial instability and its effect on charitable giving. This poses a risk to the UK Trust, but also an opportunity to play a leading role in facilitating funding flows to organisations working directly with affected communities globally. The Board of Trustees receives and reviews the revenue and expense dashboard on a regular basis. This dashboard provides an update on cashflow and reserves along with a plan to reduce costs if reserves forecast dips below an agreed-upon threshold of six months in the future. In this way, the UK Trust and GFC can react quickly to changing conditions and any shocks to the revenue pipeline.

### **Plans for future periods**

In 2022/23, the UK Trust covered its own costs for the whole year and benefitted from operational support from GFC. In 2023/24, this will continue as the UK Trust continues to grow and raises new revenues of income. During 2022/23, the UK Trust had begun new partnerships with Youth Endowment Fund, The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales and Foundation CHANEL for a new round of Phoenix Fund grants. These three-year partnerships will make core grants to England and Wales based black and minoritised community groups who continue to struggle to recover from the cost-of-living crisis and its devastating economic impacts. The UK Trust also continues to play a key role in raising emergency funds for crises, as they happen around the world, and will continue to work with new corporate partners and individuals in response to these emergencies to raise flexible income which we can disburse efficiently and safely. In 2023/24, GFC will begin the new £4.38 million, three-year partnership, with Co-Op Foundation, #iwillFund, Restless Development and GFC, to make grants directly to individual young people throughout the UK.

The Board of Trustees are aware a challenge remains, as the world continues to operate within global economic instability, and it will work closely with the Global Managing Director to ensure key decisions are made at critical times. Capacity issues continued to be addressed in 2022/23. 2023/24 will be more focused on ensuring that the UK Trust is a great place to work with the addition of a new HR advisor. The UK team are embedded fully in the global infrastructure and are supporting organisation wide objectives, in line with our new five-year strategic vision.

The Board of Trustees will continue to develop, plan, and launch new initiatives to expand the UK Trust's donor base.

### **Plans for future periods (continued)**

The Board of Trustees also looks forward to collaborating with the GFC staff to continue a series of matching campaigns and virtual events to ensure that sufficient unrestricted funds flow into the UK Trust after witnessing their success in the last financial year, for example, including a matching campaign to support three GFC staff members who ran the London Marathon in October 2022, which raised £50,000 for the organisation.

2024 is Global Fund for Children's 30th year. The organisation has a range of projects, events and campaigns planned throughout the year to acknowledge this. GFC plan to celebrate progress and impact, but even more importantly to shine a light on the significant and urgent steps that need to be made around the world to make a fairer, safer and healthier future for children and young people.

A key moment taking place in London is a fundraising gala on 30 April. The theme of our 30th Anniversary Gala: ***One World, One Childhood*** will be evident throughout the evening as we share our work past and present, and our future calls for action with a specially invited group of trustees, funders, and supporters, old and new, all emceed by GFC's global ambassador and Emmy award winner, Zuri Hall. This moment has also provided an opportunity to connect and build relationships with a high-level committee of new supporters and contacts to expand our network in the UK and Europe. So far, we have sponsorship commitments totalling £110,000 with a strong pipeline of prospects to achieve our goal of £1 million.

### **Key management remuneration policies**

Key management of the charity is regarded as its trustees and the Managing Director and the Deputy Director. The trustees give their time freely, and none of the trustees received remuneration in the year.

The Managing Director's remuneration is set by GFC, with consideration from the UK Board of Trustees, and is reviewed annually. A number of criteria are used in setting pay: the nature of the role and its responsibilities, competitor salaries in the global sector, and the sector average salary for comparable positions. End-of-year performance evaluations, where goals and targets are set, are reviewed by the trustees and the CEO of GFC.

### **Going concern**

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e., whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment for a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. After reviewing the UK Trust's forecasts and projections, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. The key factors for this expectation are as follows:

- ◆ The UK Trust Board is confident that the senior management team in the US and the Global Managing Director in the UK are well placed as GFC enters a new phase of discovery and innovation.

**Going concern (continued)**

- ◆ The UK Board is fully committed and is looking forward to another successful year of bringing in new resources, expanding our reach, raising awareness and funding the forefront of social change.
- ◆ The UK Team, with the support from the US office, will continue to establish partnerships with UK and European based institutions with a focus on both domestic and international based programming.
- ◆ The fully integrated US and UK Team will continue to find opportunities to introduce new board members to partners and connecting them thoughtfully with GFC's work.
- ◆ The UK Trust will continue to support the growth of FSC and ensure its sustainability by securing sustainable investment.
- ◆ GFC will continue to provide cash flow assistance to the UK Trust if needed for the upcoming year.

**Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees (who are also directors of The Global Fund for Children UK Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 operation.

**Trustees' responsibilities statement** (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.


Each of the trustees confirms that:

- ♦ so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ♦ the trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

 MARK JAMES WILSON  
CHAIR

Trustee

Approved on: 09-03-24



**Independent auditor's report to the members of The Global Fund for Children UK Trust**

We have audited the financial statements of The Global Fund for Children UK Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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.

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 when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report and financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ◆ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ◆ the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees 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.

**Auditor's 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 auditor's 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- ◆ we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011).



**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements** (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- ◆ assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ review of the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- ◆ enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **Independent auditor's report Year to 30 June 2023**

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Shachi Blakemore (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor  
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Buzzacott LLP", is written over the printed name of the auditor.

Date: 13 March 2024

## Statement of financial activities Year to 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	1	366,596	14,878,901	15,245,497	303,905	1,094,060	1,397,965
Other income		—	42,155	42,155	—	39,550	39,550
Interest receivable		2,108	—	2,108	622	—	622
<b>Total income</b>		<b>368,704</b>	<b>14,921,056</b>	<b>15,289,760</b>	<b>304,527</b>	<b>1,133,610</b>	<b>1,438,137</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	2	136,588	—	136,588	69,220	—	69,220
Charitable activities							
. Grants awarded and Project costs	3	144,037	2,227,859	2,371,896	—	1,471,527	1,471,527
. Support costs	4	31,748	365,112	396,860	77,621	97,311	174,932
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>312,373</b>	<b>2,592,971</b>	<b>2,905,344</b>	<b>146,841</b>	<b>1,568,838</b>	<b>1,715,679</b>
<b>Net income(expenditure)</b>	5	<b>56,331</b>	<b>12,328,085</b>	<b>12,384,416</b>	<b>147,686</b>	<b>(435,228)</b>	<b>(277,542)</b>
Transfers between funds	11	—	—	—	(3,491)	3,491	—
<b>Net movements in funds</b>	5	<b>56,331</b>	<b>12,328,085</b>	<b>12,384,416</b>	<b>154,195</b>	<b>(431,737)</b>	<b>(277,542)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances brought forward at 1 July		406,068	587,086	993,154	251,873	1,018,823	1,270,696
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 30 June</b>		<b>462,399</b>	<b>12,915,171</b>	<b>13,377,570</b>	<b>406,068</b>	<b>587,086</b>	<b>993,154</b>

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial years.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9	9,237,885		207,828	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>4,327,236</u>		<u>848,815</u>	
		13,565,121		1,056,643	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(187,551)</u>		<u>(63,489)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		13,377,570		993,154	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>13,377,570</u>		<u>993,154</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted funds					
. General funds		<u>462,399</u>		<u>406,068</u>	
			462,399		406,068
Restricted funds	11		<u>12,915,171</u>		<u>587,086</u>
			13,377,570		993,154

The notes on pages 24 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

MARK JAMES WILSON  
CHAIR

Approved on: 09-03-24

Company Registration Number: 06031876 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration Number: 1119544 (England and Wales)

## Statement of cash flows Year to 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	A	<u>3,476,313</u>	<u>(205,285)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		<u>2,108</u>	<u>622</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>2,108</u>	<u>622</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>3,478,421</b>	<b>(204,663)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July</b>	B	<b>848,815</b>	<b>1,053,478</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	B	<u><b>4,327,236</b></u>	<u><b>848,815</b></u>

### Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 30 June

#### A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>12,384,416</b>	<b>(277,542)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest receivable	(2,108)	(622)
(Increase) decrease in debtors	(9,030,057)	60,674
Increase in creditors	124,062	12,205
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u><b>3,476,313</b></u>	<u><b>(205,285)</b></u>

#### B Analysis of changes in net debt

	2022 £	Cash flows £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	848,815	3,478,421	<u>4,327,236</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>848,815</u>	<u>3,478,421</u>	<u><b>4,327,236</b></u>

## **Principal accounting policies Year to 30 June 2023**

### **Basis of preparation**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 30 June 2023, with comparative information provided in respect of the year to 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ the allocation of staff costs between support costs, expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.
- ◆ estimates made in relation to future income and expenditure flows for the purpose of assessing going concern in the light of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

### **Assessment of going concern**

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate; i.e., whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment for a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. After reviewing the UK Trust's forecasts and projections, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. The key factors for this expectation are as follows:

- ◆ The Board is confident that the senior management team in the US and the Global Managing Director in the UK are well placed to lead GFC through this continued growth.

**Assessment of going concern** (continued)

- ◆ The Board is fully committed and is looking forward to another successful year of bringing in new resources, expanding our reach, raising awareness and funding the forefront of social change. We were pleased to welcome a new board member in April 2023, Sonal Patel, and continue to enjoy full and engaged support from the UK Trustees.
- ◆ The UK Trust with the support from the US office will continue to establish partnerships with UK and European based institutions with a focus on both domestic and international based programming.
- ◆ The fully integrated US and UK Team will continue to find opportunities to introduce new board members to partners and connecting them thoughtfully with the GFC's work.
- ◆ GFC will start hosting small, in-person dinners and events to expand its donor base as restrictions begin to ease.
- ◆ The Trust will further its funding relationships with institutions such as Laudes Foundation, People Postcode Lottery and Fondation Chanel.
- ◆ Funders Safeguarding Collaborative (FSC) will continue to build on its membership network and provide technical support and training on matters related to safeguarding.
- ◆ GFC will continue to provide cashflow assistance to the UK Trust if needed for the upcoming year.

The trustees have therefore concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern, and that the use of the going concern basis of preparation for these financial statements is appropriate.

**Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Income comprises donations, grants from trusts, and interest receivable.

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Where donors specify that donations and grants must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred.

## Principal accounting policies Year to 30 June 2023

### **Income recognition (continued)**

Grants from trusts are credited to income when the charity has both confirmation of the amount and entitlement to the income. In the event of grants confirmed but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable.

Interest is included when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is usually on notification of the interest receivable from the bank.

### **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs (including governance costs). All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with fundraising, including applicable staff costs.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity by supporting children across the globe. Such costs include charitable grants, direct costs and support costs including governance costs.
- ◆ Grants and donations are included in the statement of financial activities when approved for payment. Provision is made for grants and donations approved but unpaid at the period end.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### **Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel, financial procedures, provision of office services and equipment and a suitable working environment. Staff costs are allocated between raising funds and charitable activities on the basis of time spent on these activities by staff.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice.

### **Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.



## **Principal accounting policies Year to 30 June 2023**

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

### **Fund structure**

Funds held by the charity are either:

- ◆ Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- ◆ Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to these financial statements.

### **Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

### **Pension contributions**

Contributions in respect of the charity's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the statement of financial activities when they are payable to the scheme. The charity's contributions are restricted to the contributions disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

### **Operating leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1 Income from: Donations, grants and legacies**

	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
General donations	135,253	71,738	206,991	290,027	130,469	420,496
Gifts-In-Kind donations	22,381	3,502	25,883	500	—	500
Gift Aid	5,753	6,555	12,308	13,155	5,030	18,185
Grants received	203,209	14,797,106	15,000,315	—	958,561	958,561
Gala donations	—	—	—	223	—	223
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>366,596</b>	<b>14,878,901</b>	<b>15,245,497</b>	<b>303,905</b>	<b>1,094,060</b>	<b>1,397,965</b>

**2 Expenditure on: Raising funds**

	Unrestricted funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs (note 5)	136,588	69,220
	<b>136,588</b>	<b>69,220</b>

**3 Expenditure on:**

**Charitable activities – grants awarded and project costs**

	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Grants awarded	5,957	1,951,416	1,957,373	—	593,601	593,601
Staff costs (note 5)	138,080	197,679	335,759	6,130	247,408	253,538
Project related professional services	—	49,407	49,407	—	73,041	73,041
Project related costs to GFC US (note 12)	—	29,357	29,357	—	551,347	551,347
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>144,037</b>	<b>2,227,859</b>	<b>2,371,896</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>1,465,397</b>	<b>1,471,527</b>

**Charitable activities – grants awarded by category**

	Total funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Primary grants	271,861	130,124
Emergency grants	99,957	109,100
Discretionary grants	—	329,500
Opportunity grants	48,375	24,877
Phoenix Fund grants	1,537,180	—
	<b>1,957,373</b>	<b>593,601</b>

All grants were awarded to institutions.

**3 Expenditure on: (continued)**

**Charitable activities – grants awarded**

	Restricted funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Action pour le Developpement et la Protection de la Famille	20,000	—
BEAP Community Partner	22,500	—
Black South West Network	200,000	—
Center for Peace Studies	—	20,000
CivFund Uganda	—	315,000
Fight for Right	40,000	—
Generation Femme du 3eme Millenaire	22,000	—
Impact Hub Bradford CIC	200,000	—
Kanlungan Filipino Consortium	200,000	—
Lancashire BME Network	200,000	—
Platform TU	—	27,000
SILOE	22,000	—
South Asian Health Action	200,000	—
Tasif Khan Community Boxing Academy	39,400	—
The Angelou Centre	200,000	—
The Ubele Initiative	337,180	—
West Bowling Youth Initiative	39,400	—
Grants under £20,000	214,893	231,601
	<b>1,957,373</b>	<b>593,601</b>

**Support costs**

	Total funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs (note 6)	116,571	33,035
Other staff costs	2,713	4,015
Staff training and development	12,831	4,635
Bank charges	2,000	628
Insurance	2,673	2,027
Postage and printing	149	103
Telecommunications and media	1,970	807
Professional and legal fees	68,223	25,428
Conference and membership	8,799	988
Office expenses	1,745	679
Travel and subsistence	67,113	48,476
Technology costs	3,900	631
Office rent	79,273	40,844
Governance costs	28,900	12,636
	<b>396,860</b>	<b>174,932</b>

Of the above expenditure, £91,991 of staff costs and £273,121 of support costs related to the restricted fund (2022 – £nil of staff costs and £97,311 of support costs related to the restricted fund).

#### 4 Net income (expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration		
. Audit services	16,800	12,636
. Other services	20,029	16,982

#### 5 Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	481,718	317,700
Social security costs	52,960	31,862
Pension contributions	54,240	6,231
	<b>588,918</b>	<b>355,793</b>

	2023 £	2022 £
Summary of staff costs:		
. Raising funds	136,588	69,220
. Project costs	335,759	253,538
. Support costs	116,571	33,035
	<b>588,918</b>	<b>355,793</b>

	2023 £	2022 £
£60,000 - £69,999	1	1
£70,000 - £79,999	1	—
£90,000 - £99,999	—	1
£120,000 - £129,999	1	—

Contributions of £30,796 (2022 – £3,522) were paid for the provision of money purchase pension benefits in respect of these employees.

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2023		2022	
	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time
Average number	7.1	0.8	6.0	0.3

No trustee, or any person connected to them, received any reimbursement of expenses during the year (2022 – none).

#### 6 Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the trustees and the Managing Director and Deputy Director. The total remuneration amounted to £206,181 during the year (2022 – £133,740).

## 7 Taxation

The Global Fund for Children UK Trust is a registered charity and therefore is not liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

## 8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants receivable	9,061,960	103,901
Amounts owed from related parties	89,420	—
Prepayments and other debtors	86,505	103,927
	<b>9,237,885</b>	<b>207,828</b>

## 9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts owing to related parties	—	12,707
Expense creditors and accruals	63,164	35,341
Grants payable	101,154	—
Taxes and social security	23,233	15,441
	<b>187,551</b>	<b>63,489</b>

## 10 Restricted funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2023 £
PEAK Initiative	—	35,568	(32,233)	—	3,335
People's Postcode Lottery	198,733	—	(198,733)	—	—
National Lottery Community Fund - Boys and Young Men Initiative	—	499,910	(14,547)	—	485,363
Swedish Postcode Lottery	20,386	—	(20,386)	—	—
Spark Fund	—	48,938	(41,997)	—	6,941
Funders Safeguarding Consortium	329,448	119,102	(133,597)	—	314,953
Emergency Response Fund	38,519	85,668	(115,954)	—	8,233
iWill	—	202,888	(168,230)	—	34,658
Phoenix Fund	—	13,617,449	(1,855,761)	—	11,761,688
Young Gamechangers Fund	—	300,000	—	—	300,000
Other Restricted Funds	—	11,533	(11,533)	—	—
	<b>587,086</b>	<b>14,921,056</b>	<b>(2,592,971)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12,915,171</b>

**10 Restricted funds (continued)**

	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2022 £
<i>National Lottery Community Fund</i>					
- Boys and Young Men Initiative	116,320	—	(116,320)	—	—
People's Postcode Lottery	84,230	500,000	(385,497)	—	198,733
Funders Safeguarding Consortium	504,842	468,891	(644,285)	—	329,448
Phoenix Fund	104,803	—	(105,428)	625	—
Swedish Postcode Lottery	208,628	(45,538)	(142,704)	—	20,386
Spark Fund	—	46,036	(50,337)	4,301	—
Kickstart	—	7,565	(6,130)	(1,435)	—
Emergency Response Fund - Other	—	11,327	(11,327)	—	—
Emergency Response Fund - Ukraine	—	145,329	(106,810)	—	38,519
	<u>1,018,823</u>	<u>1,133,610</u>	<u>(1,568,838)</u>	<u>3,491</u>	<u>587,086</u>

**The Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) Initiative**

In 2021/22, with support from the Lego Foundation, Global Fund for Children (GFC) launched the Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative, supporting 66 community-based organisations in ten countries across the Americas, sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia. PEAK partners are helping children facing pandemic-related education disruptions access and thrive in learning environments, using learning through play methodologies to promote their holistic learning and development. As part of the initiative, GFC provides partners with primary and supplementary flexible funding, capacity development support, and networking opportunities. In its first year, GFC disbursed US\$945,000 in primary grants to its global cohort and they, in turn, reached 77,355 children and youth in Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nepal, Uganda, and Zambia. Fifty-six percent (43,247) were children between 6 and 12 years of age.

GFC is delighted with partners innovating due to its support, reporting 168 new activities or programmatic changes in PEAK's first year, with 93% directly supported by GFC. Eighty-seven percent of these changes applied learning through play, encompassing arts, crafts, competitions, music, literacy, ICTs, and STEAM. For instance, partners in Brazil and Zambia use native games for socialisation and discussions on identity, culture, and values, while partners in Guatemala and Colombia supported child-led advocacy efforts and empowered children to break the culture of silence through marches and walks. In the initiative's second year, GFC continued providing direct capacity development and convened partners to three regionally, in-person meetings in Colombia, Uganda, and Nepal. The idea was to bring partners together in meaningful and energetic spaces that would spark new connections and ideas within their different regions and allow them to reflect on their collective journey throughout PEAK. As a result, GFC anticipates disbursing nearly \$90,000 in supplemental grants to foster inter-institutional collaborations amongst its regional cohorts.

**10 Restricted funds** (continued)

**National Lottery Community Fund - Boys and Young Men Initiative: Exploring Masculinities in England**

The Boys and Young Men (BYM) Initiative was a pilot launched by GFC and TNLCF in 2020 to support a new and innovative network of community-based organisations across England focused on working with young people around positive, healthy and expansive masculinities. During the 18-month pilot, the partners supported over 8,000 boys and young men in England. Based on learning from the pilot, phase two of the Initiative launched in January 2023 with ongoing support from the National Lottery Community Fund. This phase is focused on exploring work around masculinities and trauma, intersections and youth voice. The BYM Initiative is also seeking to build additional funder partnerships around this work, reflecting that there is a lack of funding that advances gender equity work with boys and young men in the UK.

**People's Postcode Lottery: Ending Violence, Empowering Girls**

This initiative seeks to address the persistent barriers that adolescent girls face to attending and staying in school. As part of this initiative, GFC works with seven community-based organisations in Guinea and Cote D'Ivoire to mitigate these intensified risks for girls left out and falling behind in a COVID-19 world. GFC believes that, especially in this pivotal moment, grassroots civil society—funded, strengthened, and connected—can and must ensure that girls who have faced the most significant barriers to education are given the opportunity and support they need to succeed. GFC hopes to be a catalyst and committed champion with and for these seven grassroots partners who will reimagine a more resilient and inclusive educational journey for all girls. This initiative expands on our work with five partners in Sierra Leone and Liberia (SAL-LIB Girl Power Movement), all working to advance gender equality and expand opportunities for girls to form a Mano River Union partner network. This initiative is a partnership between Tides Foundation, People's Postcode Lottery, and GFC. In 2022/23, as a part of the support for these grantee partners, GFC made 14 grants in GBP directly from the UK Trust. The grants supported our partners in engaging directly with over 1,200 young girls and boys in rural areas to reflect on barriers to girls' education, challenge harmful gender norms, and advocate for equal rights for both boys and girls in Cote D'Ivoire and Guinea.

**Swedish Postcode Lottery: Balkan Refugee Network (BRN)**

GFC supported a network of four community-based organisations in Southeast Europe that are increasing protections for migrant children and youth and promoting tolerance in transit and host countries. This initiative is a partnership between the Swedish Postcode Foundation and GFC. The partners are located in Croatia, North Macedonia, and Serbia, where migrant children and youth face violence, exploitation, and discrimination as they travel north seeking refuge in other European countries. These organisations are providing services and support to migrant children and their families, as well as advocating for improved laws and greater social acceptance.



## 10 Restricted funds (continued)

### Emergency Response Fund

Since the start of the war in Ukraine until June 30, 2022, GFC approved 103 emergency grants totalling more than \$2.6 million to support more than 65 community-based organisations that are helping children and families under attack and refugees fleeing the country. Included in the Ukraine emergency grants were 54 emergency grants made in GBP directly from the UK Trust.

Working under extremely difficult conditions, our partners are doing whatever they can to keep children and youth safe, warm, and fed. They are evacuating children with disabilities and organising shelter for those who remain in danger. They are helping families to purchase food, water, fuel, and clothing. They are providing necessities to families seeking refuge in western Ukraine and beyond. They are offering emotional support to children living under incredible stress, assisting LGBTQ+ youth facing discrimination as they seek safety, and so much more. As the situation on the ground evolves, they will continue to adapt.

### Funder Safeguarding Collaborative

In 2021, GFC joined forces with four peer grantmakers to create a new funder collaborative to strengthen the ability of grantmaking organisations to prevent abuse and exploitation. The Funder Safeguarding Collaborative formally launched in March 2021 and over the last year, membership has grown to include over 70 grantmaking organisations working on a range of issues from climate change to child protection to arts and culture. As FSC membership has grown and diversified, so has the FSC team and FSC now has team members based in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

All members who have joined the collaborative benefit from access to information and guidance on safeguarding through the FSC online platform as well as webinars, peer learning circles and discussion spaces. In addition, 70% of members chose to pay an optional membership fee to access additional technical support from the FSC team and a quarter of members commissioned additional support from FSC through our consulting services. The provision of technical support not only helps FSC achieve its mission of strengthening safeguarding practices globally, the income generated also helps ensure the financial sustainability of the collaborative.

In addition to providing support to grantmaking organisations, FSC is working to ensure grantee partners can access safeguarding support from local specialists who have a deep understanding of the local context. Through funding from ClIFF and Laudes Foundation, FSC has established Communities of Practice for safeguarding specialists in 5 countries in Asia and 3 countries in Africa, increasing access to high quality, contextually relevant safeguarding support.



## 10 Restricted funds (continued)

### Spark Fund

GFC's Spark Fund is a youth-led fund that invests in youth-led and youth-focused groups tackling important issues such as inequality, climate change, and mental health. It places key funding decisions in the hands of young people representing their communities. Youth panelists design the grantmaking process, select youth-led and youth-focused grantees, and award funding. GFC launched the Spark Fund pilot program in 2021 with financial support from Avast. The pilot empowered youth panels in the Americas, Europe and Eurasia, South Asia, and Southern Africa to lead a grantmaking process in their regions. In 2022/23, the Spark Fund received 790 applications globally and invested \$546,000 in 56 groups around the world.

### Phoenix Fund

The Phoenix Fund was established in 2020 with the support of The National Lottery Community Fund and GFC and gave over £2 million in grants to Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities across England in 2020/21 during the COVID-19 crisis. In 2022/23, the Phoenix Fund was relaunched as the Phoenix Way. The Phoenix Way, led by the Ubele Initiative and supported by GFC, is a grantmaking initiative aimed at transforming Black and racially minoritised communities in the UK. It was established in partnership with six Regional Leads and with the support of several new UK funders, including The Youth Endowment Fund, Fondation CHANEL and the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales to build on the success of the 2020 emergency fund. GFC is acting as grant administrator for the Phoenix Way until 2026 in order to support the long-term growth, sustainability and independence of the Phoenix Way.

### iWill Work

In a new match funding partnership with the #iwill Fund, GFC launched our 'Investing in youth social action for boys' programme to support four community-based organisations in Bradford, West Yorkshire in September 2022. This targeted, place-based initiative seeks to understand and address the barriers to boys aged 10-14 in engaging with youth social action over an 18-month period. All four of the organisations are actively working with boys aged 10-14 on a diverse range of social action campaigns throughout both the city and the surrounding region. GFC is providing capacity development to partners in collaboration with local infrastructure partner, Impact Hub Bradford—reflecting the importance of local connection and networks.

The #iwill Fund is made possible thanks to a £66 million joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities.

## 10 Restricted funds (continued)

### Young Gamechangers Fund

In partnership with Restless Development, GFC is delivering the newly launched Young Gamechangers Fund. Built on the shared understanding that for too long, young people have been left out of the decisions that affect them the most. The £4.5m Young Gamechangers Fund, funded by the Co-op, the Co-op Foundation and the #iwill Fund will tackle this head on with grants of up to £20k a year for young people transforming communities into safer, more sustainable and more inclusive places to live. GFC is working with our Young Gamechangers Fund partners to set up a new co-designed participatory fund that invests in youth-led organisations, groups and individual children and young people leading change in their communities.

*“I believe having a youth-led fund is so vital in today’s climate because as young people we are in a position that other generations will never be in again, we see things that different generations may now miss.*

*We are the ones in the schools, in the children’s hospitals, in the youth groups, in the group chats. We are the ones with the knowledge, the lived experience, and finally, now we have the power. With our difference in age comes a difference in perspective.*

*When young people are given funds, space, and power we are able to take up space at more tables that we should have been invited to sit at already. We are finally given the power to make changes about issues that have an impact on us.”*

Megan Whiteside, a Young Gamechangers Fund Steering Group member. Read the full article about her experience with the Young Gamechanger Fund [here](#).

## 11 Operating leases

As at 30 June 2023, the charity was committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Office premises	
	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	30,000	—

## 12 Related party transactions

The charity received cash donations from various related parties during the year. These are summarised below:

Related Party	Donations income	
	2023 £	2022 £
Trustees	16,100	25,360
Other related parties excluding trustees:		
· Goldman Sachs & Company	25,000	35,165
· PJT Partners	3,335	17,311
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,435</b>	<b>77,836</b>

The donations above were without specific terms and conditions and unrestricted in nature.

Goldman Sachs & Company is a related party by virtue of the fact that a number of the trustees are members of its management committee.

PJT Partners is a related party by virtue of the fact that one of the trustees is a Partner at this organisation.

The trustees did not receive any emoluments or any reimbursement of expenses during the year (2022 – none).

Additionally, the following transactions took place during year:

Related Party	Expenditure payable		Income receivable	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Global Fund for Children US	29,357	551,347	370,125	—

The Global Fund for Children US is the charity's US parent entity. Mark Wilson and John Hecklinger are also trustees of GFC.

At the year end, an amount of £89,420 was owed from The Global Fund for Children US for grants and operating expenses to The Global Fund for Children UK Trust (2022 – £12,707 owing to The Global Fund for Children US).