

# ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1139662

## Details

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**Other names** LEARNBURMA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [07368015](#)

**Registered** 2011-01-04

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC WITH BURMA-FOCUSED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL, IN PARTICULAR, ENABLE THEM TO INVESTIGATE, QUESTION AND EVALUATE THE SITUATION IN BURMA. 2. TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF MEMBERS OF THE BURMESE COMMUNITY IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY. 3. TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS (AS SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS) AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA. 4. TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY IN BURMA AND OF REFUGEES FROM BURMA. 5. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF BURMA'S MANY CULTURES, HERITAGE AND ARTS. 6. TO ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITY AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE FROM BURMA.

**Activities:** Advance Myanmar works with grassroots organisations to promote change. Advance Myanmar is founded and run by a team of people with decades of experience of the humanitarian and human rights situation in Myanmar/Burma. We provide humanitarian assistance at times of crisis, but also assist local

communities to promote positive change to tackle the root causes of those crises.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONAL
- Bangladesh
- Burma
- Thailand
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£319,097	£352,482	-	-
2024-03-31	£408,319	£648,257	-	-
2023-03-31	£384,818	£234,424	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,081	£756,361	£151,484	6
2021-03-31	£443,488	£348,173	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bwa Bwa Phan		2017-07-24
Eileen Seymour		2023-12-13
JENNIFER HOLROYD		2016-03-25
Jack Dunford		2023-12-13
Wai Hnin Pwint Thon		2024-09-17

**ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD**

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# Accounts

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**Advance Myanmar Ltd**

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1139662

Registered Company Number 07368015

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## **Principal aims**

The objects set out in our Articles of Association, dated 13 April 2016 are:

- To advance the education of the public with opportunities that will, in particular, enable them to investigate, question and evaluate the situation in Myanmar.
- To develop the capacity and skills of members of the Myanmar community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) and to advance the education of the public in the subject of human rights in Myanmar.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Myanmar and of refugees from Myanmar.
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Myanmar's many cultures, heritage and arts.
- To engage in any other charitable activity as the trustees see fit that supports people from Myanmar.

## **Our work**

### **Supporting grassroots organisations and activists**

The humanitarian crisis in Myanmar has continued to deepen, driven by ongoing attacks by the Burmese military, particularly through airstrikes on villages, schools and hospitals. An estimated 5 million people have now been displaced since the military coup. As well as a humanitarian crisis, Myanmar is facing a human rights crisis as the military continues to target civil society organisations, activists, journalists, family members or anyone they perceive as opposing them.

Over the past year, Advance Myanmar has supported local civil society organisations working hard to highlight the abuses of the Burmese military and to support their own communities. This is an overview of the support we provided.

### **Civil Society Organisation support**

Advance Myanmar prioritises flexible support to local civil society organisations, which empowers local organisations to decide their own priorities. Too many grants come with strict limitations and are often project based. Through our support, the organisations have the freedom to allocate their own resources, to pay salaries and buy equipment

that other donors won't fund. We are repeatedly told by our partners that this sets our funding apart, and it is greatly appreciated.

We supported civil society organisations working across Myanmar, who:

- Engaged in advocacy and campaigning.
- Provided information to journalists, embassies and the UN.
- Conducted research, documented human rights violations, and provided analysis about the situation in Myanmar.
- Provided life-saving humanitarian support, including food, shelter and medicine to their communities.
- Supported political prisoners.

## **Humanitarian aid**

The work we supported over the past year included:

- Emergency food, medicines and clothes to people who fled attacks by the Burmese military, or fighting between the Burmese military and local armed groups, in Rakhine, Shan and Karenni States, and Magway and Sagaing Region.
- An ambulance in Karen State used to transport civilians injured by Burmese military airstrikes, women with complicated pregnancies to hospital and medicine deliveries from Thailand.
- School books to Rohingya children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, in a school run by a local Rohingya organisation.

## **Human rights defenders**

Advance Myanmar funding:

- Helped activists avoid arrest by providing funding for safehouses and safer communication tools, and for safer transport.
- Supported a partner organisation to assist around 100 political prisoners and their families every month, so they could receive additional food in prison, as well as medicines and access to books for their mental health.
- Supported internet access in remote places, which helped activists and organisations communicate with each other and the outside world and share information about impending attacks by the Burmese military.
- Supported local journalists who had to flee with costs for livelihoods and transport.

## **Support after the earthquake**

On 28 March 2025, Myanmar was hit by a devastating earthquake. Local civil society organisations and volunteers worked heroically, under the threat of arrest, to bring emergency aid into the hardest hit areas. Thanks to our most successful emergency appeal ever, Advance Myanmar has to date been able to support such local relief efforts with grants totalling over £127,000, all made possible by our generous supporters.

Our support extended to earthquake affected areas in Sagaing region, Mandalay and areas surrounding the city, Inlay, Shan and Karen State, including:

- Blankets, tents and mosquito nets to multiple affected areas, including Sagaing region, Mandalay and Karen State.
- Emergency food supplies and water to multiple locations.
- Body bags.
- Medical costs for injured people, including amputations.
- Local temporary clinics.
- Generators and petrol for water supplies in Sagaing and Mandalay.
- Solar-powered batteries for torches and generators.
- Cash support.
- Bamboo poles and other building materials for rebuilding of homes and infrastructure.
- Toys for traumatised children.
- Construction of new toilets to help with sanitation and prevent killer diseases like cholera.

## **Financial review**

We have been able to secure further funding to respond to the human rights and humanitarian crisis resulting from the military coup. We have been working to broaden our donor base and secure new long-term funders. As well as individual giving, we are focusing on applications to grant making trusts. The need in Myanmar continues to grow and without new funders, we are not able to respond to all the requests for help that we receive.

## **Investment policy**

The charity does not currently hold sufficient funds to warrant investment. However, the charity banks with The Co-op, which has a sound ethical banking policy.

## **Reserves policy**

Advance Myanmar's income depends on donations from supporters, major donor gifts and grants from trusts. This is inevitably subject to fluctuation. Advance Myanmar requires protection against and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events. The financial reserves that we have set aside provide a measure of financial stability and the means to safeguard Advance Myanmar's commitments.

The Board of Advance Myanmar consider it prudent that reserves held should be sufficient:

- to cover approximately six months' of average core expenditure;
- to provide a measure of security for members of staff to whom Advance Myanmar has responsibilities as an employer.

## **Plans for the future**

We will continue to support grassroots organisations and activists. We maximise our impact by supporting organisations and communities who receive little or no support from larger donors. Working directly with local community organisations reduces costs on administration ensuring more aid reaches the communities. In addition, by working with and supporting local community organisations, we help empower communities to address their own problems rather than being passive recipients of aid. Affected communities are best placed to ensure that help goes to where it is most needed and will have the most impact.

## **Related parties**

Advance Myanmar and Burma Campaign UK share various resources, including office space, computer systems and telephone line.

## **Trustees and public benefit**

The Trustees in office during the year covered by this report and at its date of publication are set out on page 6.

The Trustees confirm that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees, for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In doing so, the trustees are required to:

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

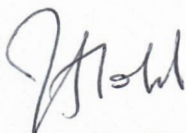
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on *31 August* 2025 and signed on its behalf.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
Director and Trustee

## **Advance Myanmar**

Members of the board and professional advisors

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The Board of Trustees	Jennifer Holroyd Bwa Bwa Phan Jack Dunford Eileen Seymour Wai Hnin Pwint Thon
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Company registration number	07368015
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Independent Examiner	Frank McDowell FJM Accountancy Limited 23 Shackleton Court 2 Maritime Quay London E14 3QF
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PLC 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advance Myanmar Ltd charitable company (the Company)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

### **Frank J McDowell FMAAT**

FJM Accountancy Limited  
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Date:

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025			2024		
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Grants and donations	2	218,621	100,476	319,097	44,041	364,278	408,319
<b>Total income</b>		<b>218,621</b>	<b>100,476</b>	<b>319,097</b>	<b>44,041</b>	<b>364,278</b>	<b>408,319</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Costs of generating funds	3	-	30,913	30,913	-	20,735	20,735
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	118,116	203,453	321,569	124,938	502,584	627,522
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>118,116</b>	<b>234,366</b>	<b>352,482</b>	<b>124,938</b>	<b>523,319</b>	<b>648,257</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year</b>	5	<b>100,505</b>	<b>(133,890)</b>	<b>(33,385)</b>	<b>(80,897)</b>	<b>(159,041)</b>	<b>(239,938)</b>
Transfers between funds		(3,015)	3,015	-	(1,346)	1,346	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>97,490</b>	<b>(130,875)</b>	<b>(33,385)</b>	<b>(82,243)</b>	<b>(157,695)</b>	<b>(239,938)</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		-	61,940	61,940	82,243	219,635	301,878
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>	12	<b>97,490</b>	<b>(68,935)</b>	<b>28,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,940</b>	<b>61,940</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Registered Number: 07368015**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	1,920		1,919	
Cash at bank and in hand		190,416		381,564	
		<u>192,336</u>		<u>383,483</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	9	<u>163,781</u>		<u>161,543</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			28,555		221,940
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>					
	10		-		160,000
<b>Net assets</b>	11		<u>28,555</u>		<u>61,940</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
			97,490		-
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds			(68,935)		61,940
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>28,555</u>		<u>61,940</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on *31 August 2025*



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
 Director and Trustee

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
<b>Net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net expenditure for the year	(33,385)	(239,938)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1)	4,076
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(157,762)	320,038
	<u>(191,148)</u>	<u>84,176</u>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<u>(191,148)</u>	<u>84,176</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net debt</b>		
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(191,148)	84,176
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	381,564	297,388
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<u>190,416</u>	<u>381,564</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

***Basis of accounting***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

***Funds structure and accounting***

Restricted donations are available for the charity's use only in accordance with the terms under which, and for the purposes which, the funds were donated to the charity.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The nature and purpose of each fund is set out in Note 12.

***Income recognition***

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

***Expenditure recognition***

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor area or estimated usage, as set out in Note 3.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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**2 Grants and donations received**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Anonymity requested	28,432	2,000	30,432	11,000
Canonesses of St Augustine	4,750	-	4,750	4,750
Cauda Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
Changing Ideas Limited	-	12,500	12,500	10,000
Earthquake appeal	33,511	-	33,511	-
Fulmer Trust	-	1,500	1,500	-
Good Care Business	40,000	-	40,000	5,000
Henry Hoare Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000	4,000
Network for Social Change Charitable Trust	33,402	-	33,402	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation	-	-	-	7,500
The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture	78,526	-	78,526	-
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	-	11,331	11,331	28,628
Vanguard Charitable Concierge Fund	-	-	-	272,862
General appeal	-	25	25	1,530
Others	-	53,120	53,120	63,049
	<b>218,621</b>	<b>100,476</b>	<b>319,097</b>	<b>408,319</b>

**3 Expenditure**

	<b>Basis of allocation</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>
		<b>Fund-raising</b>	<b>Capacity building</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Costs allocated directly to activities</b>				
Grants paid and payable (Note 4)		-	227,691	227,691
Project costs		-	3,866	3,866
Communications and publications		-	2,976	2,976
Travel		-	1,188	1,188
Web development and IT		4,500	-	4,500
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>				
Staff costs	Usage	25,303	63,860	89,163
Rent	Usage	-	15,000	15,000
IT, website and office costs	Usage	-	3,447	3,447
Bank charges	Usage	1,110	-	1,110
Pension and payroll processing	Usage	-	363	363
Project audits	Usage	-	960	960
Accountancy fees	Usage	-	130	130
Miscellaneous expenses	Usage	-	286	286
<b>Governance costs:</b>				
Staff costs		-	1,168	1,168
Accountancy fees		-	600	600
Miscellaneous expenses		-	34	34
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>30,913</b>	<b>321,569</b>	<b>352,482</b>

£118,116 (2024: £124,938) of expenditure in the year was met from restricted funds.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
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<b>4 Grants paid and payable</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Support to partner organisations	214,265	555,117

Support was provided during the year via the following partner organisations:

Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK  
Chin Human Rights Organisation  
Institute for Muslim Affairs in Myanmar  
Kachin Human Rights Watch  
Karen Environmental and Social Action Network  
Karen Peace Support Network  
Karenni Human Rights Group  
Karenni Mobile Health Clinic  
Phan Foundation  
Ta'ang Women's Organisation  
Youth for Rohingya Development

The names of other partner organisations have been withheld, as the political climate in Myanmar is currently such that it is unsafe to disclose the names of all of the charity's grant beneficiaries.

<b>5 Net (expenditure)/income for the year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	600	600

<b>6 Staff costs and numbers</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries	85,528	73,353
Redundancy	-	3,692
Social security costs	527	-
Pension costs	4,276	3,488
	<u>90,331</u>	<u>80,533</u>

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or preceding year.

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees and made contributions during the year of £4,276 (2024: £3,488). At 31 March 2025 the charity owed contributions of £655 to the scheme (2024: £451).

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Executive director	1	1
Other	4	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**7 Taxation**

As a registered charity, Advance Myanmar Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XT28698.

**8 Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	1,920	1,919

**9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accounts payable	990	30
Grant making commitments	160,000	160,000
Social security and other taxation	1,513	439
Other creditors	678	474
Accrued expenses	600	600
	<u>163,781</u>	<u>161,543</u>

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grant making commitments	-	160,000

**11 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>			
Current assets	97,490	94,846	192,336
Current liabilities	-	(163,781)	(163,781)
	<u>97,490</u>	<u>(68,935)</u>	<u>28,555</u>
<b>Prior year</b>			
Current assets	-	383,483	383,483
Current liabilities	-	(161,543)	(161,543)
Long term liabilities	-	(160,000)	(160,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>61,940</u>	<u>61,940</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

12 Movement in funds	At 1 April £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31 March £
<b>Current year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Human rights defenders	-	111,928	(84,509)	(3,009)	24,410
Humanitarian response	-	19,750	(19,750)	-	-
Pass-through	-	13,432	(13,426)	(6)	-
Landmine project	-	40,000	-	-	40,000
Earthquake appeal	-	33,511	(431)	-	33,080
	<u>-</u>	<u>218,621</u>	<u>(118,116)</u>	<u>(3,015)</u>	<u>97,490</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds (see below re deficit)	61,940	100,476	(234,366)	3,015	<u>(68,935)</u>
Total funds	<u>61,940</u>	<u>319,097</u>	<u>(352,482)</u>	<u>(3,015)</u>	<u>28,555</u>
<b>Prior year</b>					
Human rights defenders	32,243	7,500	(39,368)	(375)	-
Humanitarian response	-	36,541	(35,570)	(971)	-
Phan Foundation	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
	<u>82,243</u>	<u>44,041</u>	<u>(124,938)</u>	<u>(1,346)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	219,635	364,278	(523,319)	1,346	<u>61,940</u>
Total funds	<u>301,878</u>	<u>408,319</u>	<u>(648,257)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,940</u>

**Restricted funds**

***Human rights defenders***

We provide support directly to human rights defenders, helping them to stay safe and continue their work.

***Humanitarian response***

We provide humanitarian aid at times of crisis. This year, we have provided humanitarian support across Myanmar and to refugees in bordering countries, including in Rakhine, Karenni, Karen and Shan States, Sagaing region, and the Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh.

***Pass-through***

As a UK registered charity, Advance Myanmar occasionally receives grants to pass on to civil society groups in and from Myanmar who are unable to receive funding directly from funders.

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**12 Movement in funds (continued)**

***Landmine project***

Myanmar is the world's deadliest country for landmine and unexploded ordnance casualties. Landmines not only kill and maim, they also contribute to poverty by preventing people returning to farms and homes in areas where conflict has ended or decreased. However, major international organisations are not running de-mining operations in Myanmar.

Advance Myanmar is developing a small-scale de-mining project with people from local conflict afflicted communities in Myanmar, to act as a learning pilot project for expanding local de-mining capabilities across the country.

***Earthquake appeal***

On 28 March 2025, Myanmar was hit by a devastating earthquake. This fundraising appeal was launched immediately after the earthquake to support local relief efforts. The appeal has provided support to earthquake affected areas in Sagaing region, Mandalay and areas surrounding the city, Inlay, Shan and Karen State.

***Phan Foundation***

A grant to support the work of the Phan Foundation to further their charitable objectives.

***Unrestricted funds - in deficit***

At 31 March 2025, the charity's general fund was in deficit due to multi-year grant-making commitments, funded by one of the charity's major donors. Significant funds were received shortly after the year end from the donor, which rectifies the general fund deficit.

**ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139662

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# Accounts

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**Advance Myanmar Ltd**

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1139662

Registered Company Number 07368015

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## **Principal aims**

The objects set out in our Articles of Association, dated 13 April 2016 are:

- To advance the education of the public with opportunities that will, in particular, enable them to investigate, question and evaluate the situation in Myanmar.
- To develop the capacity and skills of members of the Myanmar community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) and to advance the education of the public in the subject of human rights in Myanmar.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Myanmar and of refugees from Myanmar.
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Myanmar's many cultures, heritage and arts.
- To engage in any other charitable activity as the trustees see fit that supports people from Myanmar.

## **Our work**

During 2023, the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar deepened, driven by ongoing attacks by the Burmese military, particularly through airstrikes on villages, schools and hospitals. It is estimated that more than 3 million people have now been displaced since the military coup. As well as a humanitarian crisis, Myanmar is facing a human rights crisis as the military continues to target civil society organisations, activists, journalists, family members or anyone they perceive as opposing them.

In May, Cyclone Mocha struck Northwestern Myanmar, causing further devastation among an already suffering population. The cyclone made landfall in many areas which had been under severe attacks since the coup and where the Burmese military is no longer in direct control. The military blocked international aid agencies, including the UN, from delivering aid to many areas.

Throughout the year, Advance Myanmar has worked hard to support partners in Myanmar. We have provided flexible support to civil society organisations, enabling them to decide how to use the funding according to their priorities.

We have supported human rights defenders directly, helping them hide, flee and continue their work. We have provided humanitarian support across the country, from Sagaing Region in the north, Rakhine State in the west, Karenni State in the east to Taninthayi region in the South.

## **Our support**

Our support can be divided into three areas: humanitarian aid, support to human rights defenders and flexible support to civil society organisations.

## **Flexible support to civil society organisations**

We have adapted our support to the changing situation on the ground. When the military coup started, a lot of our support was tailored to emergency support to activists who needed to go into hiding or flee the country. As the crisis deepened and armed conflict spread to more areas of the country, more of our support went to emergency humanitarian aid, helping local groups get essential food, shelter and medicines to people who could not be reached by major humanitarian agencies.

Now, over three years since the military coup started, we have again tailored our support to focus on core financial support to a number of partners spread across Myanmar. This allows them to use our funding for essential needs of their organisation and fill gaps other donors won't fund. It ties in with how Advance Myanmar wants to operate: as a partner, not a donor, and where the partners are in charge of their own work. In total, we have supported nine partner organisations, spread across the country, with core support. For their safety, we have not disclosed their names here.

Our partners range from human rights organisations, focusing on advocacy, to networks of groups and providers of humanitarian support. Since the military coup, most organisations have engaged in some form of humanitarian support. Our partners have used the funding for advocacy and campaigning, for support to IDPs and refugees, and to support their staff and their organisations.

## **Humanitarian aid**

Thanks to Advance Myanmar support:

- IDPs in Taninthayi region received emergency food.
- IDPs in Karenni State received emergency food and medical aid.
- 2,500 mosquito nets were distributed to IDPs in Karenni State to halt the spread of malaria, dengue fever and related diseases.
- An underground hospital in the jungle kept operating, treating victims of Burmese military attacks at great risk to their own lives. They also provided emergency food to IDPs.

- Targeted emergency support reached some of the worst affected communities in Magway and Sagaing regions, Chin and Rakhine States, after Cyclone Mocha in May.

## **Support to human rights defenders**

We have:

- Funded safehouses, food, electricity and travel for activists to help them stay safe and continue their work.
- Provided food and medicines for political prisoners through a network of activists.
- Helped human rights defenders flee and relocate to other countries so they can continue their work, highlighting the abuses of the military and reporting it to the world.
- Supported remote communities with internet connections so they can communicate with each other and the outside world. Internet has been blacked out in many parts of Myanmar since the coup, which increases the danger they are in.

## **Financial review**

This year we were able to secure further funding to respond to the human rights and humanitarian crisis resulting from the military coup. However, we still need to broaden our donor base and secure new long-term funders. The need in Myanmar continues to grow and without new funders, we are not able to respond to all the requests for help that we receive.

We will focus future efforts on applications to grant making trusts and continue to develop individual giving.

## **Investment policy**

The charity does not currently hold sufficient funds to warrant investment. However, the charity banks with The Co-op, which has a sound ethical banking policy.

## **Reserves policy**

Advance Myanmar's income depends on donations from supporters, major donor gifts and grants from trusts. This is inevitably subject to fluctuation. Advance Myanmar requires protection against and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events. The financial reserves that we have set aside provide a measure of financial stability and the means to safeguard Advance Myanmar's commitments.

The Board of Advance Myanmar consider it prudent that reserves held should be sufficient:

- to cover approximately six months' of average core expenditure;
- to provide a measure of security for members of staff to whom Advance Myanmar has responsibilities as an employer.

## **Plans for the future**

We will continue to support grassroots organisations and activists. We maximise our impact by supporting organisations and communities who receive little or no support from larger donors. Working directly with local community organisations reduces costs on administration ensuring more aid reaches the communities. In addition, by working with and supporting local community organisations, we help empower communities to address their own problems rather than being passive recipients of aid. Affected communities are best placed to ensure that help goes to where it is most needed and will have the most impact.

## **Related parties**

Burma Campaign UK supports Advance Myanmar by sharing various resources without charge including use of office space, computer systems and telephone line.

## **Trustees and public benefit**

The Trustees in office during the year covered by this report and at its date of publication are set out on page 6.

The Trustees confirm that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees, for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In doing so, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on *1 July,* 2024 and signed on its behalf.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
Director and Trustee

## **Advance Myanmar**

Members of the board and professional advisors

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Company registration number	07368015
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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advance Myanmar Ltd charitable company (the Company)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



**Frank J McDowell FMAAT**  
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Date: 14 July 2024

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Grants and donations	2	44,041	364,278	408,319	115,188	269,630	384,818
<b>Total income</b>		<b>44,041</b>	<b>364,278</b>	<b>408,319</b>	<b>115,188</b>	<b>269,630</b>	<b>384,818</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Costs of generating funds	3	-	20,735	20,735	-	9,922	9,922
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	124,938	502,584	627,522	213,819	10,683	224,502
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>124,938</b>	<b>523,319</b>	<b>648,257</b>	<b>213,819</b>	<b>20,605</b>	<b>234,424</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year</b>	5	<b>(80,897)</b>	<b>(159,041)</b>	<b>(239,938)</b>	<b>(98,631)</b>	<b>249,025</b>	<b>150,394</b>
Transfers between funds		(1,346)	1,346	-	92,265	(92,265)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(82,243)</b>	<b>(157,695)</b>	<b>(239,938)</b>	<b>(6,366)</b>	<b>156,760</b>	<b>150,394</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		82,243	219,635	301,878	88,609	62,875	151,484
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>	12	<b>-</b>	<b>61,940</b>	<b>61,940</b>	<b>82,243</b>	<b>219,635</b>	<b>301,878</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Registered Number: 07368015**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	1,919		5,995	
Cash at bank and in hand		381,564		297,388	
		<u>383,483</u>		<u>303,383</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>161,543</u>		<u>1,505</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			221,940		301,878
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10		160,000		-
<b>Net assets</b>	11		<u>61,940</u>		<u>301,878</u>
<b>Funds</b>	12				
<b>Restricted funds</b>			-		82,243
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds			61,940		219,635
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>61,940</u>		<u>301,878</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1 July 2024



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
 Director and Trustee

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(239,938)	150,394
Decrease in debtors	4,076	5,929
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	320,038	(37,322)
	<u>84,176</u>	<u>119,001</u>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<u>84,176</u>	<u>119,001</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net debt</b>		
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	84,176	119,001
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	297,388	178,387
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<u>381,564</u>	<u>297,388</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

***Basis of accounting***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

***Funds structure and accounting***

Restricted donations are available for the charity's use only in accordance with the terms under which, and for the purposes which, the funds were donated to the charity.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The nature and purpose of each fund is set out in Note 11.

***Income recognition***

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

***Expenditure recognition***

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor area or estimated usage, as set out in Note 3.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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2	Grants and donations received	2024			2023	
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Total £	
	Changing Ideas Limited	-	10,000	10,000	-	
	Vanguard Charitable Concierge Fund	-	272,862	272,862	289,916	
	Canonesses of St Augustine	4,750	-	4,750	-	
	The Evan Cornish Foundation	7,500	-	7,500	3,000	
	Henry Hoare Charitable Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-	
	Good Care Business	-	5,000	5,000	7,000	
	OutRight Action International	-	-	-	16,604	
	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	17,261	11,367	28,628	12,385	
	Anonymity requested	8,000	3,000	11,000	-	
	General appeal	1,530	-	1,530	-	
	Others	5,000	58,049	63,049	55,913	
		<b>44,041</b>	<b>364,278</b>	<b>408,319</b>	<b>384,818</b>	
3	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>	<b>Fund-raising</b>	<b>Capacity building</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
			£	£	£	£
	<b>Costs allocated directly to activities</b>					
	Grants paid and payable (Note 4)		-	555,117	555,117	158,280
	Project costs		-	3,047	3,047	-
	Travel		-	4,598	4,598	-
	Project costs - web development and IT		-	934	934	889
	Fundraising costs		-	-	-	411
	<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
	Staff costs	Usage	20,257	59,145	79,402	68,849
	Staff training	Usage	-	-	-	320
	IT, website and office costs	Usage	-	2,092	2,092	2,574
	Bank charges	Usage	478	451	929	1,023
	Pension and payroll processing	Usage	-	394	394	405
	Governance costs:					
	Staff costs		-	1,131	1,131	1,060
	Accountancy fees		-	600	600	600
	Miscellaneous expenses		-	13	13	13
	<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>20,735</b>	<b>627,522</b>	<b>648,257</b>	<b>234,424</b>

£124,938 (2023: £213,819) of expenditure in the year was paid out of restricted funds.

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<b>4 Grants paid and payable</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Support to partner organisations	<u>555,117</u>	<u>158,280</u>

The political climate in Myanmar is currently such that it is not safe to disclose the names of the charity's grant beneficiaries.

<b>5 Net (expenditure)/income for the year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

<b>6 Staff costs and numbers</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries	73,772	66,531
Redundancy	3,692	-
Social security costs	3,562	2,010
Pension costs	3,488	3,379
	<u>84,514</u>	<u>71,920</u>

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or preceding year.

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees and made contributions during the year of £3,488 (2023: £3,379). At 31 March 2024 the charity owed contributions of £451 to the scheme (2023: £432).

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	No.	No.
Executive director	1	1
Other	5	5
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**7 Taxation**

As a registered charity, Advance Myanmar Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XT28698.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

<b>8 Debtors</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
Other debtors		<u>1,919</u>	<u>5,995</u>
<b>9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
Accounts payable		30	30
Grant making commitments		160,000	-
Social security and other taxation		439	-
Other creditors		474	456
Accrued expenses		600	1,019
		<u>161,543</u>	<u>1,505</u>
<b>10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
Grant making commitments		<u>160,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>11 Analysis of net assets between funds</b>			
	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Current year</b>			
Current assets	-	383,483	383,483
Current liabilities	-	(161,543)	(161,543)
Long term liabilities	-	(160,000)	(160,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>61,940</u>	<u>61,940</u>
<b>Prior year</b>			
Current assets	82,243	221,140	303,383
Current liabilities	-	(1,505)	(1,505)
	<u>82,243</u>	<u>219,635</u>	<u>301,878</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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12 Movement in funds	At 1 April £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31 March £
<b>Current year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Human rights defenders	32,243	7,500	(39,368)	(375)	-
Humanitarian response	-	36,541	(35,570)	(971)	-
Phan Foundation	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
	<u>82,243</u>	<u>44,041</u>	<u>(124,938)</u>	<u>(1,346)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	219,635	364,278	(523,319)	1,346	61,940
	<u>301,878</u>	<u>408,319</u>	<u>(648,257)</u>	<u>(1,346)</u>	<u>61,940</u>
<b>Prior year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	70,049	49,670	(84,992)	(2,484)	32,243
Dirty List	7,538	-	(7,538)	-	-
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	11,022	-	(47,266)	36,244	-
Emergency humanitarian response	-	15,518	(74,023)	58,505	-
Phan Foundation	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
	<u>88,609</u>	<u>115,188</u>	<u>(213,819)</u>	<u>92,265</u>	<u>82,243</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	62,875	269,630	(20,605)	(92,265)	219,635
	<u>151,484</u>	<u>384,818</u>	<u>(234,424)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,878</u>

**Restricted funds**

***Human rights defenders***

We provide support directly to human rights defenders, helping them to stay safe and continue their work.

***Humanitarian response***

We provide humanitarian aid at times of crisis and to support civilians who have been targeted by the Burmese military and forced to flee their homes. We have provided humanitarian support across the country, from Sagaing Region in the north, Rakhine State in the west, Karenni State in the east to Taninthayi region in the South.

***Phan Foundation***

A grant to support the work of the Phan Foundation to further their charitable objectives.

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**12 Movement in funds (continued)**

***Dirty List***

This research project identifies British and other multinational corporations which are operating in such a way as to finance or supply the military in Burma. The published list of such companies can be used by civil society, investors, media, MPs and government to help them to hold these companies to account for their actions.

***Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations***

This project aims at strengthening the capacity of local organisations in Myanmar in their campaigning and advocacy and increase their potential in influencing domestic and international politics to support their communities. Our partner organisations represent marginalised groups including women and ethnic groups.

**ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139662

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# Accounts

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**Advance Myanmar Ltd**

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Registered Charity Number 1139662

Registered Company Number 07368015

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## Principal aims

The objects set out in our Articles of Association, dated 13 April 2016 are:

- To advance the education of the public with opportunities that will, in particular, enable them to investigate, question and evaluate the situation in Myanmar.
- To develop the capacity and skills of members of the Myanmar community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) and to advance the education of the public in the subject of human rights in Myanmar.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Myanmar and of refugees from Myanmar.
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Myanmar's many cultures, heritage and arts.
- To engage in any other charitable activity as the trustees see fit that supports people from Myanmar.

## Our work

*“Because of your support and strong cooperation, we are able to use funds for communication and security costs, which help us to operate more securely; and via your approval, we were also able to support the IDPs who are in need of emergency support. Thank you very much for your flexibility and active cooperation throughout this grant period.”*

Advance Myanmar partner, October 2022

More than two years since the attempted military coup in Myanmar began on 1 February 2021, the military continues to attack civilians across the country, bombing from the skies, arresting activists and their families, using torture and sexual violence.

Over one million people have been displaced from their homes, over 2,400 killed and over 16,000 arrested. The military are using airstrikes to indiscriminately bomb civilians, schools, hospitals and places of worship. A large part of Advance Myanmar's support over this year has been directed towards humanitarian aid, supporting local grassroots

organisations with funds for food, medicines and shelters for targeted populations and internally displaced people (IDPs), especially in ethnic areas.

We also supported activists who had to go into hiding, many having to move from safe house to safe house to avoid arrest. Several of the people Advance Myanmar has worked with have fled Myanmar all together, needing support to re-start their lives in new countries. Some, sadly, have been arrested.

It has become increasingly hard to reach people in Myanmar with support, but we are still finding ways. The military are doing everything they can to stop people accessing support.

Our support can be divided into three areas: humanitarian aid, activist support and grassroots organisation support. Because of the increasing attacks on civilians, a large portion of our support during the reporting period has been directed towards humanitarian aid.

Advance Myanmar's support has had a real impact on the ground, and we are reaching people that other donors do not. Sometimes, we have provided the first international aid since the beginning of the attempted coup to displaced people. Our way of supporting activists is flexible and cost-effective, reaching people in need often within days of the request if we have the funds.

Because of Advance Myanmar's support:

- Journalists have avoided being arrested and potentially tortured. They have been able to hide and flee, and to keep reporting about the crimes committed by the military and the need of people on the ground.
- Activists have stayed hidden from the military and police, which means they have been able to continue to oppose the military coup.
- Families trapped in the jungle, displaced by military attacks and threat of attacks on their villages, have received food, medicine and shelter, helping them survive and stay dry during the rainy season.
- Internally displaced people and the general population have been able to access healthcare in Karenni State, due to our support for rebuilding an operating theatre after the military bombed a hospital. We also funded medical equipment, food, and medicines.
- Civil society organisations have been able to stay safe and avoid arrest through enhanced security.
- Civil society organisations have been able to document violations of international law committed by the military using equipment and safe communication tools that Advance Myanmar has funded.
- Prominent activists have avoided arrest by being able to flee Myanmar and relocate to other countries. This has enabled them to continue their work against the military coup.
- Internally displaced people across many ethnic states and areas have received shelter, food and medicine. We have reached people in Karenni, Karen, Shan,

Kachin and Chin State, as well as the Sagaing region. This has ensured their survival during very difficult times.

Our mission at Advance Myanmar is to be different to other donors, working closely with our partners and responding to their needs. The local organisations are the experts, and we do everything we can to be as flexible as we can.

We are so proud that we can support them, and we are grateful to everyone who has generously given to Advance Myanmar during the last year.

## **Financial review**

This year we were able to secure further funding to respond to the human rights and humanitarian crisis resulting from the military coup. However, we still need to broaden our donor base and secure new long-term funders. The need in Myanmar continues to grow and without new funders, we are not able to respond to all the requests for help that we receive.

We will focus future efforts on applications to grant making trusts and continue to develop individual giving.

We received grants and donations totalling £384,818 (2022: £703,324) in the year, of which £115,188 (2022: £568,506) was restricted income.

Expenditure for the year totalled £234,424 (2022: £756,361), giving net income for the year of £150,394 (2022: deficit of £53,037).

Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2023 amounted to £301,878 (2022: £151,484).

## **Investment policy**

The charity does not currently hold sufficient funds to warrant separate investment. However, the charity banks with The Co-op, which has a sound ethical banking policy.

## **Reserves policy**

Advance Myanmar's income depends on donations from supporters, major donor gifts and grants from trusts. This is inevitably subject to fluctuation. Advance Myanmar requires protection against and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events. The financial reserves that we have set aside provide a measure of financial stability and the means to safeguard Advance Myanmar's commitments.

The Board of Advance Myanmar consider it prudent that reserves held should be sufficient:

- to cover approximately six months' of average core expenditure;
- to avoid the necessity of realising fixed assets held for Advance Myanmar's use;
- to provide a measure of security for members of staff to whom Advance Myanmar has responsibilities as an employer.

## **Plans for the future**

We will continue to support grassroots organisations and activists. We maximise our impact by supporting organisations and communities who receive little or no support from larger donors. Working directly with local community organisations reduces costs on administration ensuring more aid reaches the communities. In addition, by working with and supporting local community organisations, we help empower communities to address their own problems rather than being passive recipients of aid. Affected communities are best placed to ensure that help goes to where it is most needed and will have the most impact.

## **Related Parties**

Burma Campaign UK supports Advance Myanmar by sharing various resources without charge including use of office space, computer systems and telephone line.

## **Trustees and public benefit**

The Trustees in office during the year covered by this report and at its date of publication are set out on page 6.

The Trustees confirm that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees, for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In doing so, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

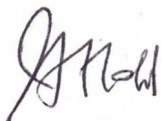
## **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on  
signed on its behalf.

3 July 2023 and



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
Director and Trustee

## **Advance Myanmar**

Members of the board and professional advisors

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The Board of Trustees	Jennifer Holroyd Bwa Bwa Phan
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Company registration number	07368015
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Independent Examiner	Frank McDowell FJM Accountancy Limited 23 Shackleton Court 2 Maritime Quay London E14 3QF
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PLC 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advance Myanmar Ltd charitable company (the Company)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



**Frank J McDowell FMAAT**

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Date: 20 July 2023

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Grants and donations	2	115,188	269,630	384,818	568,506	131,542	700,048
Other income	3	-	-	-	3,276	-	3,276
<b>Total income</b>		<b>115,188</b>	<b>269,630</b>	<b>384,818</b>	<b>571,782</b>	<b>131,542</b>	<b>703,324</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Costs of generating funds	4	-	9,922	9,922	-	20,063	20,063
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	213,819	10,683	224,502	710,243	26,055	736,298
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>213,819</b>	<b>20,605</b>	<b>234,424</b>	<b>710,243</b>	<b>46,118</b>	<b>756,361</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(98,631)</b>	<b>249,025</b>	<b>150,394</b>	<b>(138,461)</b>	<b>85,424</b>	<b>(53,037)</b>
Transfers between funds		92,265	(92,265)	-	107,010	(107,010)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(6,366)</b>	<b>156,760</b>	<b>150,394</b>	<b>(31,451)</b>	<b>(21,586)</b>	<b>(53,037)</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		88,609	62,875	151,484	120,060	84,461	204,521
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>	12	<b>82,243</b>	<b>219,635</b>	<b>301,878</b>	<b>88,609</b>	<b>62,875</b>	<b>151,484</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Registered Number: 07368015**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9	5,995		11,924	
Cash at bank and in hand		297,388		178,387	
		<u>303,383</u>		<u>190,311</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	10	<u>1,505</u>		<u>38,827</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			301,878		151,484
<b>Net assets</b>	11		<u>301,878</u>		<u>151,484</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	12				
<b>Restricted funds</b>			82,243		88,609
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds			219,635		62,875
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>301,878</u>		<u>151,484</u>


The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

3 July 2023.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
 Director and Trustee

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

	<b>2023</b> £	<b>2022</b> £
<b>Net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net income/(expenditure)/income for the year	150,394	(53,037)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5,929	(9,632)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(37,322)	36,798
	<u>119,001</u>	<u>(25,871)</u>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<u>119,001</u>	<u>(25,871)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net debt</b>		
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	119,001	(25,871)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	178,387	204,258
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<u>297,388</u>	<u>178,387</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

***Basis of accounting***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

***Funds structure and accounting***

Restricted donations are available for the charity's use only in accordance with the terms under which, and for the purposes which, the funds were donated to the charity.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The nature and purpose of each fund is set out in Note 12.

***Income recognition***

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

***Expenditure recognition***

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor area or estimated usage, as set out in Note 3.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**2 Grants and donations received**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The Barbara & Dennis Weeden Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Changing Ideas Limited	-	-	-	16,500
Anonymity requested	80,066	209,850	289,916	508,201
Burma Campaign UK	-	-	-	20,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-
Henry Hoare Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Good Care Business	5,000	2,000	7,000	-
OutRight Action International	16,604	-	16,604	-
Prospero World	-	-	-	10,000
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	-	12,385	12,385	-
General appeal	-	-	-	13,805
Others	10,518	45,395	55,913	126,542
	<b>115,188</b>	<b>269,630</b>	<b>384,818</b>	<b>700,048</b>

**3 Other income**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Government Coronavirus grants	-	-	-	3,276
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,276</b>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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4 Expenditure	Basis of allocation	Fund-raising £	Capacity building £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Costs allocated directly to activities</b>					
Grants paid (Note 5)		-	158,280	158,280	671,352
Project costs - web development and IT		-	889	889	698
Fundraising costs		411	-	411	7,781
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Staff costs	Usage	9,298	59,551	68,849	69,454
Staff training	Usage	-	320	320	198
IT, website and office costs	Usage	-	2,574	2,574	2,180
Bank charges	Usage	213	810	1,023	1,203
Pension and payroll processing	Usage	-	405	405	425
Governance costs:					
Staff costs		-	1,060	1,060	2,457
Accountancy fees		-	600	600	600
Miscellaneous expenses		-	13	13	13
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>9,922</b>	<b>224,502</b>	<b>234,424</b>	<b>756,361</b>

£213,819 (2022: £710,243) of expenditure in the year was paid out of restricted funds.

5 Grants paid	2023 £	2022 £
Support to partner organisations	158,280	671,352

The political climate in Myanmar is currently such that it is not safe to disclose the names of the charity's grant beneficiaries.

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year	2023 £	2022 £
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	600	600

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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<b>7 Staff costs and numbers</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries	66,531	68,505
Social security costs	2,010	2,147
Pension costs	3,379	3,406
	<u>71,920</u>	<u>74,058</u>

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or preceding year.

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees and made contributions during the year of £3,380 (2022: £3,406). At 31 March 2023 the charity owed contributions of £432 to the scheme (2022: £417).

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Executive director	1	1
Other	5	5
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**8 Taxation**

As a registered charity, Advance Myanmar Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XT28698.

<b>9 Debtors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>5,995</u>	<u>11,924</u>

<b>10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accounts payable	30	-
Other creditors	456	36,762
Accrued expenses	1,019	2,065
	<u>1,505</u>	<u>38,827</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**11 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>			
Current assets	82,243	221,140	303,383
Current liabilities	-	(1,505)	(1,505)
	<u>82,243</u>	<u>219,635</u>	<u>301,878</u>
<b>Prior year</b>			
Current assets	88,609	101,702	190,311
Current liabilities	-	(38,827)	(38,827)
	<u>88,609</u>	<u>62,875</u>	<u>151,484</u>

**12 Movement in funds**

	<b>At 1 April</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expend-iture</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 March</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	70,049	49,670	(84,992)	(2,484)	32,243
Dirty List	7,538	-	(7,538)	-	-
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	11,022	-	(47,266)	36,244	-
Emergency humanitarian response	-	15,518	(74,023)	58,505	-
Phan Foundation	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
	<u>88,609</u>	<u>115,188</u>	<u>(213,819)</u>	<u>92,265</u>	<u>82,243</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	<u>62,875</u>	<u>269,630</u>	<u>(20,605)</u>	<u>(92,265)</u>	<u>219,635</u>
Total funds	<u>151,484</u>	<u>384,818</u>	<u>(234,424)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,878</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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12 Movement in funds (continued)	At 1 April £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31 March £
<b>Prior year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	35,196	251,370	(204,638)	(11,879)	70,049
Dirty List	9,163	6,500	(7,800)	(325)	7,538
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	75,701	45,000	(107,429)	(2,250)	11,022
Emergency humanitarian response	-	265,636	(387,100)	121,464	-
Government grants	-	3,276	(3,276)	-	-
	<u>120,060</u>	<u>571,782</u>	<u>(710,243)</u>	<u>107,010</u>	<u>88,609</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	<u>84,461</u>	<u>131,542</u>	<u>(46,118)</u>	<u>(107,010)</u>	<u>62,875</u>
Total funds	<u>204,521</u>	<u>703,324</u>	<u>(756,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,484</u>

**Restricted funds**

***Activist support and coup response grants***

Following the military coup in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, Advance Myanmar is supporting activists and organisations who need emergency funding.

***Dirty List***

This research project identifies British and other multinational corporations which are operating in such a way as to finance or supply the military in Burma. The published list of such companies can be used by civil society, investors, media, MPs and government to help them to hold these companies to account for their actions.

***Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations***

This project aims at strengthening the capacity of local organisations in Myanmar in their campaigning and advocacy and increase their potential in influencing domestic and international politics to support their communities. Our partner organisations represent marginalised groups including women and ethnic groups.

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**12 Movement in funds (continued)**

***Emergency humanitarian response***

Since the military coup we have provided emergency aid for food, shelter and medicines for ethnic minority villagers who are targeted by the Burmese military and forced to flee their homes. Since the coup, hundreds of thousands of people have been made IDPs (Internally Displaced People) in Myanmar, adding to the thousands of IDPs who were already in the country.

With the Myanmar military blocking or restricting the UN and international agencies from distributing aid, particularly in remote ethnic areas, the community organisations we work with are the only way to get aid to these populations.

Our humanitarian assistance has helped local organisations provide the following to IDPs and villagers:

Food and drinking water  
Wells, water tanks and water filters  
Cooking equipment  
Medicine, medical equipment and hospital dormitories  
Dormitories for quarantine for Covid-19  
Shelters, bedding and mosquito nets  
Electricity via solar panels  
Hygiene packs  
Mobile health care and travelling medics to hard to reach areas

***Phan Foundation***

A grant to support the work of the Phan Foundation to further their charitable objectives.

**ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139662

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# Accounts

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## **Advance Myanmar Ltd**

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Registered Charity Number 1139662

Registered Company Number 07368015

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

## **Principal aims**

The objects set out in our Articles of Association, dated 13 April 2016 are:

- To advance the education of the public with opportunities that will, in particular, enable them to investigate, question and evaluate the situation in Myanmar.
- To develop the capacity and skills of members of the Myanmar community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) and to advance the education of the public in the subject of human rights in Myanmar.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Myanmar and of refugees from Myanmar.
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Myanmar's many cultures, heritage and arts.
- To engage in any other charitable activity as the trustees see fit that supports people from Myanmar.

## **Our work**

This year has been dominated by emergency responses to the military coup on 1 February 2021.

## **The need**

Since the coup, more than 2,000 people have been killed, and over 14,000 arrested. The military has sentenced over 100 activists to death and executed 4 democracy activists in July 2022, the first time state executions have been carried out since the 1980s.

Over one million people are now displaced in Myanmar, with 700,000 forced to flee their homes since the coup. The UN estimates that around 14 million people will need humanitarian support during 2022 – five million of whom are children. These are staggering, unprecedented numbers.

Advance Myanmar has been providing support to human rights activists and communities suffering attacks by the Burmese military.

# Advance Myanmar

The majority of people needing urgent humanitarian support in Myanmar are in hard to reach areas, predominantly in the ethnic states of the country. Local grassroots organisations who know and work in their own communities are best placed to organise and distribute aid, but it is often hard for these groups to access funding from big donors, due to complicated application processes and onerous reporting requirements. Advance Myanmar works differently, we don't put unnecessary admin burdens on organisations. Working with local activists and civil society organisations, we are able to reach people other organisations cannot, quickly and cost effectively.

Since the coup, we have provided support to people in Karen State, Karenni State, Kachin State, Chin State, Shan State, Rakhine State, Irrawaddy Delta, Sagaing Region and Magway Region. We have supported activists in major cities, as well as in rural areas.

*"I would like to thank Advance Myanmar for the support you have given us. You were the first, and the fastest, to support us ... The support allowed us to buy food and some medical supplies."*

From an organisation that has received support from Advance Myanmar.

## **Our support has provided:**

Safe houses and food for activists.

Assistance for activists and journalists who have had to flee the country.

Leaflets, posters, megaphones and protective gear for protestors.

Lawyers for political prisoners.

Medicine and equipment to mobile health workers.

Transportation so that organisations have been able to reach remote areas with life-saving aid.

Secure communication equipment for organisations and activists.

Drones to help organisations document human rights abuses and protests, sometimes feeding these images to international media.

Emergency food, medicine and shelters for around 100,000 people.

The local groups delivering the aid locally are incredible. They sometimes work all through the night, risking their own lives, to deliver to the people in need. We are so proud that we can support them, and we are grateful to everyone who has generously given to Advance Myanmar during the last year.

## **Financial review**

This year we were able to secure significant funding to respond to the human rights and humanitarian crisis resulting from the military coup. However, we still need to broaden our donor base and secure new long-term funders. The need in Myanmar continues to grow and without new funders, we are not able to respond to all the requests for help that we receive.

We will be focussing future efforts on applications to grant making trusts and continue to develop individual giving.

During the year the Charity's income totalled £703,324 (2021: £443,488) and expenditure was £756,361 (2021, restated: £329,128). The charity's funds stood at £151,484 at 31 March 2022, (2021, restated £204,521) including £88,609 (2021, restated: £120,060) of restricted funds and £62,875 (2021: £84,461) of unrestricted funds.

## **Investment policy**

The charity does not currently hold sufficient funds to warrant investment. However, the charity banks with The Co-op, which has a sound ethical banking policy.

## **Reserves policy**

Advance Myanmar's income depends on donations from supporters, major donor gifts and grants from trusts. This is inevitably subject to fluctuation. Advance Myanmar requires protection against and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events. The financial reserves that we have set aside provide a measure of financial stability and the means to safeguard Advance Myanmar's commitments.

The Board of Advance Myanmar consider it prudent that reserves held should be sufficient:

- to cover approximately six months' of average core expenditure;
- to avoid the necessity of realising fixed assets held for Advance Myanmar's use;
- to provide a measure of security for members of staff to whom Advance Myanmar has responsibilities as an employer.

## **Plans for the future**

We will continue to support grassroots organisations and activists. We maximise our impact by supporting organisations and communities who receive little or no support from larger donors. Working directly with local community organisations reduces costs on administration ensuring more aid reaches the communities. In addition, by working with and supporting local community organisations, we help empower communities to address their own problems rather than being passive recipients of aid. Affected communities are best placed to ensure that help goes to where it is most needed and will have the most impact.

## **Related Parties**

Burma Campaign UK supports Advance Myanmar by sharing various resources without charge including use of office space, computer systems and telephone line.

## **Trustees and public benefit**

The Trustees in office during the year covered by this report and at its date of publication are set out on page 4.

The Trustees confirm that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees, for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In doing so, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 7 November 2022 and signed on its behalf.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
Director and Trustee

## **Advance Myanmar**

Members of the board and professional advisors

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The Board of Trustees	Jennifer Holroyd Bwa Bwa Phan
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Company registration number	07368015
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advance Myanmar Ltd charitable company (the Company)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

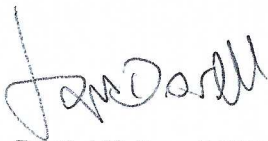
The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



**Frank J McDowell FMAAT**  
FJM Accountancy Limited  
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Date: 22 November 2022

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022			2021 As restated		
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Grants and donations	2	568,506	131,542	700,048	407,617	12,965	420,582
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	3	3,276	-	3,276	-	22,906	22,906
<b>Total income</b>		<b>571,782</b>	<b>131,542</b>	<b>703,324</b>	<b>407,617</b>	<b>35,871</b>	<b>443,488</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Costs of generating funds	4	-	20,063	20,063	-	9,108	9,108
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	710,243	26,055	736,298	309,597	10,423	320,020
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>710,243</b>	<b>46,118</b>	<b>756,361</b>	<b>309,597</b>	<b>19,531</b>	<b>329,128</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	6	<b>(138,461)</b>	<b>85,424</b>	<b>(53,037)</b>	<b>98,020</b>	<b>16,340</b>	<b>114,360</b>
Transfers between funds		107,010	(107,010)	-	(11,607)	11,607	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(31,451)</b>	<b>(21,586)</b>	<b>(53,037)</b>	<b>86,413</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>114,360</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021:					33,647	56,514	90,161
As previously stated		101,015	84,461	185,476			
Prior year adjustment	13	19,045	-	19,045			
		<b>120,060</b>	<b>84,461</b>	<b>204,521</b>			
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2022</b>	12	<b>88,609</b>	<b>62,875</b>	<b>151,484</b>	<b>120,060</b>	<b>84,461</b>	<b>204,521</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Registered Number: 07368015**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	As restated	
				£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9	11,924		2,292	
Cash at bank and in hand		178,387		204,258	
		<u>190,311</u>		<u>206,550</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	10	<u>38,827</u>		<u>2,029</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			151,484		204,521
<b>Net assets</b>	11		<u>151,484</u>		<u>204,521</u>
<b>Funds</b>	12				
<b>Restricted funds</b>			88,609		120,060
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds			62,875		84,461
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>151,484</u>		<u>204,521</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 7 November 2022.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
 Director and Trustee

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(53,037)	114,360
Increase in debtors	(9,632)	(153)
Increase in creditors	36,798	98
	<u>(25,871)</u>	<u>114,305</u>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<u>(25,871)</u>	<u>114,305</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net debt</b>		
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(25,871)	114,305
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	204,258	89,953
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<u>178,387</u>	<u>204,258</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

***Basis of accounting***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

***Funds structure and accounting***

Restricted donations are available for the charity's use only in accordance with the terms under which, and for the purposes which, the funds were donated to the charity.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The nature and purpose of each fund is set out in Note 12.

***Income recognition***

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

***Expenditure recognition***

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor area or estimated usage, as set out in Note 3.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

**2 Grants and donations received**

	<b>2022</b>			<b>2021</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The Barbara & Dennis Weeden Charitable Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Changing Ideas Limited	16,500	-	16,500	20,000
Anonymity requested	508,201	-	508,201	377,617
Burma Campaign UK	20,000	-	20,000	-
Henry Hoare Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
Prospero World	10,000	-	10,000	-
General appeal	13,805	-	13,805	12,965
Others	-	126,542	126,542	-
	<b>568,506</b>	<b>131,542</b>	<b>700,048</b>	<b>420,582</b>

**3 Other income**

	<b>2022</b>			<b>2021</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Shared office space	-	-	-	4,607
Government Coronavirus grants	3,276	-	3,276	18,299
	<b>3,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,276</b>	<b>22,906</b>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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4 Expenditure	Basis of allocation	Fund-raising	Educational services	2022 Total	2021 Total As restated
		£	£	£	£
<b>Costs allocated directly to activities</b>					
Grants paid (Note 5)		-	671,352	671,352	269,601
Project costs - Grassroots		-	-	-	3,763
Project costs - Repressive laws		-	-	-	36
Project costs - web development and IT		-	698	698	-
Fundraising costs		7,781	-	7,781	-
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Staff costs	Usage	11,930	57,524	69,454	44,523
Staff training	Usage	-	198	198	300
Office accommodation	Usage	-	-	-	4,795
IT, website and office costs	Usage	-	2,180	2,180	1,732
Bank charges	Usage	352	851	1,203	830
Pension and payroll processing	Usage	-	425	425	454
Governance costs:					
Staff costs		-	2,457	2,457	2,481
Accountancy fees		-	600	600	600
Miscellaneous expenses		-	13	13	13
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>20,063</b>	<b>736,298</b>	<b>756,361</b>	<b>329,128</b>

£710,243 (2021 as restated: £309,597) of expenditure in the year was paid out of restricted funds.

5 Grants paid	2022 £	2021 £
Support to partner organisations	671,352	269,601

The political climate in Myanmar is currently such that it is not safe to disclose the names of the charity's grant beneficiaries.

6 Net income for the year	2022 £	2021 £
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	600	600

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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<b>7 Staff costs and numbers</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries	68,505	44,767
Social security costs	2,147	240
Pension costs	3,406	2,237
	<u>74,058</u>	<u>47,244</u>

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or preceding year.

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees and made contributions during the year of £3,406 (2021: £2,237). At 31 March 2021 the charity owed contributions of £417 to the scheme (2021: £298).

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Executive director	1	1
Other	5	5
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**8 Taxation**

As a registered charity, Advance Myanmar Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XT28698.

<b>9 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>11,924</u>	<u>2,292</u>

<b>10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accounts payable	-	33
Other creditors	36,762	321
Accrued expenses	2,065	1,675
	<u>38,827</u>	<u>2,029</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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**11 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>			
Current assets	88,609	101,702	190,311
Current liabilities	-	(38,827)	(38,827)
	<u>88,609</u>	<u>62,875</u>	<u>151,484</u>
<b>Prior year</b>			
Current assets	120,060	86,490	206,550
Current liabilities	-	(2,029)	(2,029)
	<u>120,060</u>	<u>84,461</u>	<u>204,521</u>

**12 Movement in funds**

	<b>At 1 April</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 March</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	35,196	251,370	(204,638)	(11,879)	70,049
Dirty List	9,163	6,500	(7,800)	(325)	7,538
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	75,701	45,000	(107,429)	(2,250)	11,022
Emergency humanitarian response	-	265,636	(387,100)	121,464	-
Government grants	-	3,276	(3,276)	-	-
	<u>120,060</u>	<u>571,782</u>	<u>(710,243)</u>	<u>107,010</u>	<u>88,609</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	<u>84,461</u>	<u>131,542</u>	<u>(46,118)</u>	<u>(107,010)</u>	<u>62,875</u>
Total funds	<u>204,521</u>	<u>703,324</u>	<u>(756,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,484</u>

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
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12 Movement in funds (continued)	At 1 April £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31 March £
<b>Prior year - as restated</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	-	142,409	(100,093)	(7,120)	35,196
COVID-19 crisis response	-	131,543	(128,743)	(2,800)	-
Dirty List	-	20,000	(9,837)	(1,000)	9,163
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	33,647	113,665	(65,928)	(5,683)	75,701
Repressive laws	-	-	(4,996)	4,996	-
	<u>33,647</u>	<u>407,617</u>	<u>(309,597)</u>	<u>(11,607)</u>	<u>120,060</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	<u>56,514</u>	<u>35,871</u>	<u>(19,531)</u>	<u>11,607</u>	<u>84,461</u>
Total funds	<u>90,161</u>	<u>443,488</u>	<u>(329,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,521</u>

**Restricted funds**

***Activist support and coup response grants***

Following the military coup in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, Advance Myanmar is supporting activists and organisations who need emergency funding.

***COVID-19 crisis response***

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Advance Myanmar identified Internally Displaced People (IDPs), and refugees from Burma, as the most vulnerable to COVID-19, and the most in need of urgent assistance. This project provided emergency funding to grassroots organisations to help provide education, equipment, healthcare and food to IDPs and refugees from Burma.

***Dirty List***

This research project identifies British and other multinational corporations which are operating in such a way as to finance or supply the military in Burma. The published list of such companies can be used by civil society, investors, media, MPs and government to help them to hold these companies to account for their actions.

***Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations***

This project aims at strengthening the capacity of local organisations in Myanmar in their campaigning and advocacy and increase their potential in influencing domestic and international politics to support their communities. Our partner organisations represent marginalised groups including women and ethnic groups.

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**12 Movement in funds (continued)**

***Emergency humanitarian response***

Since the military coup we have provided emergency aid for food, shelter and medicines for ethnic minority villagers who are targeted by the Burmese military and forced to flee their homes. Since the coup, hundreds of thousands of people have been made IDPs (Internally Displaced People) in Myanmar, adding to the thousands of IDPs who were already in the country.

With the Myanmar military blocking or restricting the UN and international agencies from distributing aid, particularly in remote ethnic areas, the community organisations we work with are the only way to get aid to these populations.

Our humanitarian assistance has helped local organisations provide the following to IDPs and villagers:

- Food and drinking water
- Wells, water tanks and water filters
- Cooking equipment
- Medicine, medical equipment and hospital dormitories
- Dormitories for quarantine for Covid-19
- Shelters, bedding and mosquito nets
- Electricity via solar panels
- Hygiene packs
- Mobile health care and travelling medics to hard to reach areas

***Repressive laws***

A project to identify laws in Myanmar which are incompatible with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and associated treaties, and international gender and environmental standards. To publish the results of this research in an online database in Burmese and English to act as an educational resource and assist civil society in their efforts to promote human rights, gender equality and protect the environment in Myanmar.

**13 Prior year adjustment**

An amount of £19,045 was recorded as grant expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2021. This expenditure was in fact incurred in the year ended 31 March 2022 and had not been spent at 31 March 2021. In the comparatives, cash at bank has been increased by £19,045, and grant expenditure reduced by the same amount.

**ADVANCE MYANMAR LTD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139662

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# Accounts

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## **Advance Myanmar Ltd**

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Registered Charity Number 1139662

Registered Company Number 07368015

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## **Principal aims**

The objects set out in our Articles of Association, dated 13 April 2016 are:

- To advance the education of the public with opportunities that will, in particular, enable them to investigate, question and evaluate the situation in Myanmar.
- To develop the capacity and skills of members of the Myanmar community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) and to advance the education of the public in the subject of human rights in Myanmar.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Myanmar and of refugees from Myanmar.
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Myanmar's many cultures, heritage and arts.
- To engage in any other charitable activity as the trustees see fit that supports people from Myanmar.

## **Our work**

This year has been dominated by emergency responses to the Covid pandemic and the military coup.

The coronavirus pandemic obviously meant that we were unable to travel to carry out our planned project training. However, we did continue to support partner organisations remotely, including developing websites, assistance drafting statements, articles, appeals and letters and responding to requests for assistance.

At the start of the pandemic, Advance Myanmar identified Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and refugees from Myanmar as the most vulnerable to COVID-19, and the most in need of urgent assistance. We were able to secure significant funding for emergency grants and provided funding to organisations to help provide education, equipment, healthcare and food to IDPs and refugees.

# Advance Myanmar

Examples of the support our partner organisations provided with Advance Myanmar funding:

- Assistance for health education and Covid related health care to a total of 246 villages in Karenni state.
- Covid safety training sessions in the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, masks and sanitisers and food for refugees.
- Food and hygiene packs to over 3,000 households and over 10,000 masks for vulnerable Karen refugees. and COVID-19 prevention awareness to refugees and IDPs in Karen State.
- Support to people in 4 IDP camps, 17 villages and 5 schools in Kachin State with sanitation, masks and food.
- Food support to villagers in two remote areas in Kachin and Northern Shan State affected by food shortages due to COVID-19 and military attacks.

Since the military coup on 1 February 2021, Advance Myanmar has been working with partners to help alleviate some of the worst effects of the military crackdown. To date, we have provided assistance to more than 70,000 people.

Because of our support to organisations and individuals inside Myanmar, people have avoided arrest, jail and torture, and tens of thousands of people have had food shelter and access to medical care.

In towns and cities, the military has targeted protestors and people taking part in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), and their families. Many people who have taken part in protests have fled to ethnic areas where the Burmese army is not in control. At the same time, the military has increased its attacks in ethnic areas, causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes since the coup started. These people have no shelter, no food and no medicine.

We have provided support to these people, made possible because of our extensive network of contacts inside Myanmar and on the borders, which we have built up over decades. We can often respond within hours when a request for support reaches us. Working with local activists and civil society organisations, we are able to reach people other organisations cannot, quickly and cost effectively.

Advance Myanmar has supported protestors and people taking part in anti-coup activities with the following:

- Provided funding for educational events and materials on human rights.
- Provided equipment for communication to help keep human rights activists safe from arrest and ensure that they can provide information to the United Nations, media and the world.
- Funded protective clothing for people on protests who were suffering injuries from tear gas and rubber bullets.
- Arranged ways for people to escape arrest, reach safe places and funding safe houses.

- Humanitarian assistance for people who have fled violence and arrests with their families.
- Cash support for people on strike who are not receiving a salary.

The names of the recipient organisations of certain grants made in the year have been withheld in the accounts in order to protect their safety.

In ethnic areas, grassroots organisations have been supporting both protestors fleeing the cities to hide in the jungle, and the growing numbers of IDPs fleeing the military's increased attacks. These ethnic grassroots organisations have always been underfunded by aid programmes, but as the support post-coup shows, these are the groups with real ability to reach the people most in need.

Advance Myanmar has supported these grassroots organisations with humanitarian assistance including:

- Food and drinking water
- Medicine and medical equipment
- Shelters
- Solar panels for electricity
- Wells
- Transportation for aid deliveries
- Equipment for communication for activists and people organising the emergency response

## **Financial review**

This year we were able to secure significant funding to respond to the Covid crisis and the coup. However, we still need to broaden our donor base and secure new long-term funders.

We will be focussing future efforts on applications to grant making trusts and continue to develop individual giving.

During the year the Charity's income totalled £443,488 (2020: £158,996) and expenditure was £348,173 (2020: £130,050). The charity's funds stood at £185,476 at 31 March 2021, (2020 £90,161) including £101,015 (2020: £33,647) of restricted funds and £84,461 (2020: £56,514) of unrestricted funds.

## **Investment policy**

The charity does not currently hold sufficient funds to warrant investment. However, the charity banks with The Co-op, which has a sound ethical banking policy.

## **Reserves policy**

The charity holds a small cash balance and is yet to reach an operational level where it has been possible to consider establishing a financial reserve. The Trustees will continue to monitor the charity's finances and will establish a reserves policy when funds allow.

## **Plans for the future**

Since the beginning of July 2021, a devastating third wave of Covid is surging across the country, made worse by the military who are still pursuing and arresting medics who supported the uprising, rather than letting them save lives. The healthcare system has all but collapsed since the coup. Healthcare professionals and volunteers continue to be killed, beaten and arrested and most hospitals struggle to function with lack of staff and equipment. The military has been preventing access to oxygen.

Advance Myanmar is now working hard to get support to people to help with oxygen, medicines and food supplies.

We will continue to support grassroots organisations and activists. We maximise our impact by supporting organisations and communities who receive little or no support from larger donors. Working directly with local community organisations reduces costs on administration ensuring more aid reaches the communities. In addition, by working with and supporting local community organisations, we help empower communities to address their own problems rather than being passive recipients of aid. Affected communities are best placed to ensure that help goes to where it is most needed and will have the most impact.

## **Related Parties**

Burma Campaign UK supports Advance Myanmar by sharing various resources without charge including use of office space, computer systems and telephone line.

## **Trustees and public benefit**

The Trustees in office during the year covered by this report and at its date of publication are set out on page 4.

The Trustees confirm that we have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees, for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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 and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In doing so, the trustees are required to:

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

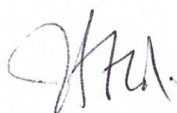
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 26 August 2021 and signed on its behalf.



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
Director and Trustee

## **Advance Myanmar**

Members of the board and professional advisors

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advance Myanmar Ltd charitable company (the Company)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Date: 11 September 2021

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Grants and donations	2	407,617	12,965	420,582	111,486	19,840	131,326
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	28	28
Other income	3	-	22,906	22,906	-	27,642	27,642
<b>Total income</b>		<b>407,617</b>	<b>35,871</b>	<b>443,488</b>	<b>111,486</b>	<b>47,510</b>	<b>158,996</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Costs of generating funds	4	-	9,108	9,108	-	13,515	13,515
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	328,642	10,423	339,065	83,839	32,696	116,535
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>328,642</b>	<b>19,531</b>	<b>348,173</b>	<b>83,839</b>	<b>46,211</b>	<b>130,050</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	6	<b>78,975</b>	<b>16,340</b>	<b>95,315</b>	<b>27,647</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>28,946</b>
Transfers between funds		(11,607)	11,607	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>67,368</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>95,315</b>	<b>27,647</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>28,946</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		33,647	56,514	90,161	6,000	55,215	61,215
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2021</b>	13	<b>101,015</b>	<b>84,461</b>	<b>185,476</b>	<b>33,647</b>	<b>56,514</b>	<b>90,161</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Registered Number: 07368015**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	2,292		2,139	
Cash at bank and in hand		185,213		89,953	
		<u>187,505</u>		<u>92,092</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	11	<u>2,029</u>		<u>1,931</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			185,476		90,161
<b>Net assets</b>	12		<u>185,476</u>		<u>90,161</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	13				
<b>Restricted funds</b>			101,015		33,647
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds			84,461		56,514
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>185,476</u>		<u>90,161</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 August 2021



**Jennifer Holroyd**  
 Director and Trustee

**Advance Myanmar Ltd**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

***Basis of accounting***

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

***Funds structure and accounting***

Restricted donations are available for the charity's use only in accordance with the terms under which, and for the purposes which, the funds were donated to the charity.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The nature and purpose of each fund is set out in Note 12.

***Income recognition***

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

***Expenditure recognition***

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor area or estimated usage, as set out in Note 3.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes.

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**2 Grants and donations received**

	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The Barbara & Dennis Weeden Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
Changing Ideas Limited	20,000	-	20,000	-
Anonymity requested	377,617	-	377,617	-
Vanguard Charitable	-	-	-	119,009
Henry Hoare Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,000
General appeal	-	12,965	12,965	8,814
Others	-	-	-	1,503
	<b>407,617</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>420,582</b>	<b>131,326</b>

**3 Other income**

	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Shared office space	-	4,607	4,607	27,642
Government Coronavirus grants	-	18,299	18,299	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>22,906</b>	<b>22,906</b>	<b>27,642</b>

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4 Expenditure	Basis of allocation	Fund-raising	Educational services	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Costs allocated directly to activities</b>					
Grants paid (Note 5)		-	288,646	288,646	47,665
Project costs - Grassroots		-	3,763	3,763	-
Project costs - Repressive laws		-	36	36	36
Project costs - staff costs		-	-	-	28,366
Project costs - field trips		-	-	-	5,147
Project costs - web development and IT		-	-	-	1,181
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Staff costs	Usage	8,326	36,197	44,523	12,318
Staff training	Usage	-	300	300	-
Office accommodation	Usage	-	4,795	4,795	29,362
IT, website and office costs	Usage	-	1,732	1,732	2,443
Bank charges	Usage	782	48	830	-
Pension and payroll processing	Usage	-	454	454	419
Governance costs:					
Staff costs		-	2,481	2,481	2,500
Accountancy fees		-	600	600	600
Miscellaneous expenses		-	13	13	13
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>9,108</b>	<b>339,065</b>	<b>348,173</b>	<b>130,050</b>

£328,642 (2020: £83,839) of expenditure in the year was paid out of restricted funds.

5 Grants paid	2021	2020
	£	£
Burma Relief Centre	-	6,000
Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK	24,000	-
Kachin Relief Fund	13,000	-
Karen Environmental and Social Action Network	14,385	15,713
Karen Peace Support Network	18,687	9,933
Karen Women's Organisation	56,594	-
Karenni Mobile Health Clinic	31,936	-
Phan Foundation	2,500	-
TWO	-	15,488
Activist support and coup response grants - donee names withheld	127,544	-
Other	-	531
	<b>288,646</b>	<b>47,665</b>

6 Net income for the year	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	600	600

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<b>7 Staff costs and numbers</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries	44,767	44,564
Social security costs	240	223
Pension costs	2,237	2,275
	<u>47,244</u>	<u>47,062</u>

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees, one of which was the Executive Director until 20 October 2019. Total employee benefits to key management personnel during the year, including employer's national insurance and pension contributions, amounted to £Nil (2020: £5,713).

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees and made contributions during the year of £2,237 (2020: £2,275). At 31 March 2021 the charity owed contributions of £298 to the scheme (2020: £277).

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Executive director	1	1
Other	5	5
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**8 Transactions with related parties**

During the year, one Trustee received a gross salary of £Nil (2020: £5,431). As soon as the charity became aware that this is in contravention of the charity's Articles of Association, as permission had not been obtained from the Charity Commission to pay a trustee, the trustee in question resigned from the trustee board.

During the year, no Trustee (2020: no trustees) received reimbursement of expenses of £Nil (2020: £Nil).

**9 Taxation**

As a registered charity, Advance Myanmar Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

The charity is registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XT28698.

<b>10 Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>2,292</u>	<u>2,139</u>

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<b>11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accounts payable	33	-
Other creditors	321	277
Accrued expenses	1,675	1,654
	<u>2,029</u>	<u>1,931</u>

<b>12 Analysis of net assets between funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>			
Current assets	101,015	86,490	187,505
Current liabilities	-	(2,029)	(2,029)
	<u>101,015</u>	<u>84,461</u>	<u>185,476</u>
<b>Prior year</b>			
Current assets	33,647	58,445	92,092
Current liabilities	-	(1,931)	(1,931)
	<u>33,647</u>	<u>56,514</u>	<u>90,161</u>

<b>13 Movement in funds</b>	<b>At 1 April</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expend-iture</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 March</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current year</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Activist support and coup response grants	-	142,409	(119,138)	(7,120)	16,151
COVID-19 crisis response	-	131,543	(128,743)	(2,800)	-
Dirty List	-	20,000	(9,837)	(1,000)	9,163
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	33,647	113,665	(65,928)	(5,683)	75,701
Repressive laws	-	-	(4,996)	4,996	-
	<u>33,647</u>	<u>407,617</u>	<u>(328,642)</u>	<u>(11,607)</u>	<u>101,015</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	<u>56,514</u>	<u>35,871</u>	<u>(19,531)</u>	<u>11,607</u>	<u>84,461</u>
Total funds	<u>90,161</u>	<u>443,488</u>	<u>(348,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,476</u>

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<b>13 Movement in funds (continued)</b>	<b>At 1 April £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expend- iture £</b>	<b>At 31 March £</b>
<b>Prior year</b>				
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations	-	111,486	(77,839)	33,647
Burma Relief Centre	6,000	-	(6,000)	-
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>111,486</u>	<u>(83,839)</u>	<u>33,647</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General funds	<u>55,215</u>	<u>47,510</u>	<u>(46,211)</u>	<u>56,514</u>
Total funds	<u>61,215</u>	<u>158,996</u>	<u>(130,050)</u>	<u>90,161</u>

**Restricted funds**

***Activist support and coup response grants***

Following the military coup in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, Advance Myanmar is supporting activists and organisations who need emergency funding.

***COVID-19 crisis response***

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Advance Myanmar identified Internally Displaced People (IDPs), and refugees from Burma, as the most vulnerable to COVID-19, and the most in need of urgent assistance. This project provided emergency funding to grassroots organisations to help provide education, equipment, healthcare and food to IDPs and refugees from Burma.

***Dirty List***

This research project identifies British and other multinational corporations which are operating in such a way as to finance or supply the military in Burma. The published list of such companies can be used by civil society, investors, media, MPs and government to help them to hold these companies to account for their actions.

***Strengthening Myanmar grassroots organisations***

This project aims at strengthening the capacity of local organisations in Myanmar in their campaigning and advocacy and increase their potential in influencing domestic and international politics to support their communities. Our partner organisations represent marginalised groups including women and ethnic groups.

***Burma Relief Centre***

This was an anonymous grant given to the charity to pass on to Burma Relief Centre to be spent on rice for refugees. The grant was received on 1 March 2019 and paid over on 8 April 2019.

***Repressive laws***

A project to identify laws in Myanmar which are incompatible with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and associated treaties, and international gender and environmental standards. To publish the results of this research in an online database in Burmese and English to act as an educational resource and assist civil society in their efforts to promote human rights, gender equality and protect the environment in Myanmar.