



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month Feb	Year 2023		Day 31st	Month Jan	Yea 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	EXTRA COVER
Other names charity is known by	EXTRA COVER - SRI LANKA
Registered charity number (if any)	1139792
Charity's principal address	17/18 South Street
	Chichester
	West Sussex
	Postcode P019 1EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matthew Hansford	Trustee & Chair		
2	Robert Easton	Trustee		
3	Jill Hansford	Trustee		
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Initially through appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of Extra Cover – Sri Lanka are to help some of Sri Lanka's poorest schoolchildren and their families, as well as young adults and those with disabilities.

These are carried out through a) the provision of food – monthly and daily b) the provision of clean water c) the building of classrooms and playgrounds d) the provision of uniforms, shoes and stationery etc., e) the building and renovation of properties, f) the setting up of extra-curricular classes and g) the creation of tea and cinnamon co-operatives.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sri Lanka continues to reel from the fiscal and political meltdown of the past couple of years, and as is so often the case, it is the poorest, and voiceless - the very people we aim to help - who suffer the most. Our work has never been more required and yet we in the UK are reeling from the continued national downturn in charitable giving. We have scaled down the provision of meals to some of the larger schools where corruption was sadly evident, and instead have partnered with several new, smaller schools, where there can be no significant "slippage".

DRY RATIONS

Large packs

We have discontinued supplying large packs, and instead are offering scholarships, in which the donations can be tailor-made to the needs of each child.

Medium packs

We have started offering medium sized packs for the pupils at Niyagama School, and one further medium pack goes to a child who is at Wattahena School. Abandoned by both parents, she now lives with her grandmother in a small wooden hut

Small packs

We supply some 38 monthly “small” packs, containing rice, sprats, red lentils, soya, regular soap, and soap for washing clothes. 16 packs go to pupils at Pathawelivitiya School, 3 go to especially poor families (one including Priyanganie, who has a badly deformed leg).

Pupils at Gonalagoda school get a further 18 packs, while another pack is delivered to young Oshada at Gonalagoda, whose entire family was badly injured in a bus crash.

DAILY MEALS

We supply over 850 daily meals a day, usually in the form of a “breakfast meal”. While this differs from village to village, most meals include roti, string hopppers, milk rice or some other traditional foodstuffs like halapa, wade, or dosa. Sometimes, especially at the very small schools, it will be a dish of rice and greens and dhal.

Chicken Day

We supply 50 chicken meals to Eppala School twice a month. This is usually in the form of chicken curry with vegetables and rice, costing Rs. 150 per child

SCHOOLS

Although there are 45 schools on our “books”, 18 are currently not receiving any direct assistance. Extra Cover therefore actively supports 27 schools, including 5 new schools.

Kottegoda School (1)

No action.

Polwatta School (2)

Rather than dry ration packs, we now provide the school with ten scholarships, overseen by the principal. This ensures child-specific needs are met. We also pay for the services of a part-time teacher.

Nakanda School (3)

No action.

Pathaweliwitiya School (4)

We continue to provide daily buns, and monthly dry ration packs to all 16 children, and the school also received some much-needed stationery.

Mahalapitiya School (5)

The school remains closed.

Bemboda School (6)

The 58 children receive daily meals, and we continue to support scholarships of Rs 2500 a month for two children, which goes towards academic materials. The whole school received a consignment of much-needed stationery, from basic paper to work-books towards examinations.

Nawala School (7)

We continue to provide daily meals to the 96 children in the main school. The small-holding of cinnamon on the school premises behind the Pre-Prep has produced a good crop, with the profits being disseminated by the School Council. The school has a lovely new fence, which came from these coffers. In a significant development, we paid for a 1000-litre water tank to be erected onto a brand new "tank frame". Finally, after many years, the children have a good supply of clean and healthy water.

Gonadeniya School (8)

In a major move, we have stopped providing daily meals to the 142 children. The decision to do so was made with a heavy heart, but it was quite clear that the principal was being dishonest with the accounts. Should a new principal be appointed, we would consider offering the pupils food once more.

Yatalamatha School (9)

No action.

Midigama School (10)

No action.

Lelwala School (11)

We currently have no connection with this school.

Nevungala School (12)

We continue to provide daily meals to the 74 pupils as well as the 17 pupils in the SEN unit. This year, we also delivered a large quantity of much-needed stationery.

Wathogala School (13)

After several years of inaction, we have re-initiated our provision of daily meals to the pupils - currently 25 in total.

Ella Ihala School (14)

We currently have no connection with this school.

Gonalagoda School (15)

All 18 pupils receive free daily meals and we also provide dry ration packs for all pupils. This year Extra Cover also contributed to the repair of playground items and the school toilet.

Thalagaswala School (16)

All the 108 pupils in grades 6 to 11 who do not get government food, receive daily meals. We paid for a small gate to be created and installed, contributing to the safeguarding of the institution.

Mahalapitiya Pre-School (17)

This year we discontinued our support for this preschool as the number of pupils were very low.

Nevungala SEN Unit (18)

For the SEN unit we continue to pay the teaching assistant's allowance, the tuk-tuk driver's allowance and fuel / maintenance costs. The 17 pupils receive daily food. Daily life-saving medicine is supplied to Bishan Anushka, and we provide special food for Tharindu and Hashan, and a scholarship for Sasindu. Over the year we provided the unit with stationery and some sport-related items.

Panangala SEN Unit (19)

The 12 pupils receive daily food, and Extra Cover covers the costs of the teaching assistant and provides tuk-tuk transportation to and from school. The slide, sea-saw, and swings in the school playground were in a sorry and frankly dangerous state, and so we have paid for their repair.

Mapalagama (20)

No direct support has been given this year.

Mapalagama SEN (21)

The nine children receive daily meals and are shuttled to and from school by tuk-tuk.

Kaluwalagala (22)

The 52 pupils receive daily meals. This is a model school, where the parents prepare the meals actually in the school. The parents and "multi-purpose workers" cook both the daily government and Extra Cover meals. Extra Cover continues to provide materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

Watthahena (23)

We continue to provide daily meals to the 27 pupils and, as stated above, one family gets a dry ration pack every month.

Uduella (24)

No direct action this year.

Kurupanawa (25)

We provided daily meals to the 46 children. Again, we have continued to provide materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

Dutugemanu (26)

We currently have no connection with this school.

Upper Homodola (27)

With a heavy heart we have discontinued our support for this school, the reasons being exactly the same as for Gonadeniya School (8).

Pelessa (28)

No Action.

Karagoda (29)

No direct action this year.

Kumburuhena (30)

The school has closed.

Kumburuhena Pre-School (31)

The pre-school has closed.

Tellambura Vidyakanthi (32)

We continue to supply daily meals to 75 pupils and 10 scholarships.

Gulugahakanda Kekulu Pre-school (33)

We pay for the teachers' salaries and the daily meals for the 11 children. Here, too, we have provided materials for the pre-school to develop its own home garden. We have paid for worm tablets and other items as part of the school's nutrition programme, and have covered the costs of uniforms for the children. Extra Cover also paid for the repair of the school gate and one ceiling fan and one microphone.

Wanduramba (Yakkalamulla) Vocational Training Centre (34)

In addition to the provision of daily meals for the 21 children and raw materials for their work, we continue to pay for the building's rent, the allowances of the two part-time instructors, one teacher assistant, and a tuk-tuk driver, who shuttles some of the young men and women to and from home. The social services officer of the area is very helpful and has sent many students to the centre. Meanwhile the division's DPO (Disabled People Organisation) has been collaborating with the VTC and organising a number of events, including a cleaning campaign, religious events, and a skills day. Extra Cover has supported their activities to ensure they run smoothly. The centre is now open from 8.30am to 4.00pm and, with Extra Cover funds, the teachers prepare lunch for all the students.

Panangala West (35)

This school, near one of "our" SEN units, currently has 76 pupils. All pupils receive a daily meal, and this year they received a sizeable quantity of stationery.

Weihera SEN (36)

No action.

Bemboda Pre-School (37)

We have paid for the services of the two teachers, and have supplied the 20 pupils with uniforms and daily meals.

Nawala Pre-School (38)

We continue to provide daily meals to the 13 children, and pay the salaries of the teacher. We have also provided some stationery and a Bluetooth speaker. At our expense, there have been repairs to the wiring, and to the playground's swings and sea-saw.

Natthewela Amarasinghe Pre-School (39)

The 18 children of this charming little school now receive daily meals, and we have started to pay the monthly allowance to the two teachers. This year we paid for a well to be dug and a water line to be created.

Suhada Vocational Training Centre (40)

Extra Cover pays for the monthly allowances of the two teachers, and covers the cost of a tuk-tuk and driver to transport the 18 students to and from home. We also pay for the raw materials (cloth, coconut, incense etc.) as well as tools. The centre is now open from 8.30am to 4.00pm and, with Extra Cover funds, the teachers prepare lunch for all the students.

Ganegama North (41)

This school has 33 pupils and no arrangement was made to provide government meals by the former principal. A new principal has been appointed and he has organised meals to be prepared in the school itself, with the help of "multi-purpose workers" recently appointed by the government. Extra Cover covers the costs for the food. This year we have provided a desperately-required computer monitor and some stationery, and we have agreed to consider funding the repair to all their poor playground features next year.

Eppala (42)

At this new school for Extra Cover we pay for the provision of a chicken meal to the 50 children twice a month. We have also delivered materials for the school's home garden.

Minuwandeniya (43)

At this "new" school, we provided daily meals to the 30 children.

Pilagoda (44)

This is another new school for Extra Cover and we are pleased to provide the 17 children with a daily meal.

Niyagama (45)

The 7 children at this very poor, remote "new" school receive a daily meal.

SUHADA

The caretaker and his family live in the building and his duty is to oversee the cultivation of tea, cinnamon, and pepper. The government is once again allowing the use of non-organic fertiliser, and as a result all the three crops are showing a resurgence in volume. The Vocational Training Centre (see School No. 40) is running smoothly.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 1) Lakhindu now requires further medicine to strengthen his heart, and we have decreased our payment to his family to Rs. 5,000 a month as some of his medicines are not prescribed anymore.
- 2) Bishan Anushka, a little boy at Neungala SEN, requires an assistance for medication. Extra Cover pays Rs. 7,500 a month.
- 3) Hashan receives Rs. 2,500 a month for special food.
- 4) Tharindu's parents are very disabled and Extra Cover pays Rs. 5,000 a month for their various medical needs.
- 5) On the suggestion of our retired colleague Newton Perera, we supply five elderly people in Colombo with life-saving medicines. This amounts to some Rs. 33,000 a month.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE

- 1) Extra Cover continues to pay Rs. 5,000 a month for the educational expenses of Oshada, following his dreadful bus accident. He and his family also receive a monthly dry ration pack.
- 2) Shanthi is a single mother and has 3 very bright children. Extra Cover pays Rs. 11,500 a month to cover educational expenses.
- 3) Sasindu receives Rs. 4,000 a month scholarship to enable him to further his studies.

TEA AND CINNAMON PLANTATIONS

The plantations, on the hillside of the school premises behind the Pre-Prep of Nawala, and behind Bemboda schools, continue to be harvested, with the profits going into the coffers of the School Development Society and then used for the necessary school expenses.

HOME GARDENS

Extra Cover provides gardening materials to some schools to develop their home gardens. These comprise of “grow bags”, seeds and seedlings, plus organic fertilizer is supplied. Some of the schools were provided with used fishing net to overcome the damage caused by peacocks and monkeys.

SUZUKI HUSTLER

We continue to pay for the running costs of the Suzuki Hustler. Thishantha (our Chief Executive in Sri Lanka after Newton Perera's retirement) uses this to visit all the schools and to ferry dry ration packs and plant material etc. (and people) as necessary.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Sandarenu and Sandakelum have now finished their university education. We delight in their graduations.

HIRUNI'S FAMILY

Extra Cover has supported Hiruni's family from Mahalapitiya village for some 19 years. Hiruni is now past school age, and in 2018 she eloped and was married. Later her elder sister also ran away, leaving their mother, Priyanthi alone with her youngest daughter and elderly mother. Extra Cover supports this family with a monthly dry ration pack. The elder sister has since returned home after her husband sadly passed away.

LAKSHMAN

Lakshman's house, which we built some years ago, needed repair, and we have provided new door frames and window. Vimukthi, the only child of the family, has joined our Wanduramba VTC.

SMILE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Extra Cover now covers the costs of Smile Vocational Training Centre in Unawatuna, including the monthly allowances of teachers and the administrative staff, the caretaker and cook, the raw materials and utility bills, and the food for some 45 students. We also help with renovation of buildings, and with various repairs to the furniture and sewing machines.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CENTRES

There are a few non-formal education centres in the Udugama zone, catering for illiterate children who have never attended school. The parents of the children are mostly estate workers who frequently move from place to place. Extra Cover has provided the centres with stationery and we have paid the salaries of 2 teachers for the last 4 months of the financial year.

THARINDU'S HOUSE

Tharindu's house, which we built some years ago, has cracks in the walls due to land seepage, and we have provided a new room attached to the old house. The construction involved the laying of a concrete foundation.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees aim to maintain the charity's cash funds at a level that equates to approximately one year of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this will provide sufficient funds for it to respond to operational difficulties and to safeguard the charity's provision of its services and support. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees and the trustees have taken into account the level of funds needed by the charity to fulfil its plans for the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no charitable funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Matthew Hansford	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	22 November 2024	



Extra Cover Sri Lanka			1139792	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/02/2023		31/01/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	72,115	-00	-00	72,115	85,129
Gift Aid	1,584	-00	-00	1,584	
Interest		-00	-00	-00	
Loan Repayment		-00	-00	-00	
Telephone/Online Refund		-00	-00	-00	
Tea Growers Repayment		-00	-00	-00	
Foreign Exchange Gain		-00	-00	-00	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	73,699	-00	-00	73,699	85,129
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-	-00	
0		-	-	-00	
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	-
Total receipts	73,699	-	-	73,699	85,129
A3 Payments					
Grant Funding (ECF & Newton)	59,784	-00	-00	59,784	49,999
School Expenses & Sundries	526	-00	-00	526	175
Donation Refund	500	-00	-00	500	
Fund Raising Expenses	5,374	-00	-00	5,374	5,200
Projects & TukTuk & ECF		-00	-00	-00	
Misc Expenses inc PPS & Travel	5,985	-00	-00	5,985	2,771
Property Expenses (Suhada)		-00	-00	-00	
Bank Charges, Registration Fee & Tax	27	-00	-00	27	
Charitable Loan		-00	-00	-00	
Sub total	72,197	-00	-00	72,197	58,145
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Rathbones Investement	-	-	-	-00	25,000
		-	-	-00	
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	25,000
Total payments	72,197	-	-	72,197	83,145
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,502	-00	-00	1,502	1,984
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-00	-00	-00	-00
A6 Cash funds last year end	91,831	-00	-00	91,831	89,847
Cash funds this year end	93,333	-00	-00	93,333	91,831

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Closing Balance of All Accounts	93,333	-00	-00
		-00	-00	-00
		-00	-00	-00
	Total cash funds	93,333	-00	-00

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK OK OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Rathbones	Unrestricted	114,022	
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

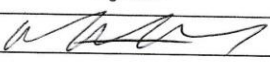
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Suhada - Property		41,143	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MATTHEW HANSFORD	22/11/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
EXTRA COVER SRI LANKA

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JANUARY 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1139792

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Rob Smith

Date:

29/11/2024

Name:

ROBERT WINDLE SMITH

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.