A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

England & Wales · Charity number 1141990

Details

Other names	A LITTLE GESTURE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2011-05-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS ARE FOCUSED ON, THOUGH NOT STRICTLY LIMITED TO, UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PROVINCE OF GAZA, MOZAMBIQUE. THIS GROUP SHALL INCLUDE LOCAL PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, ORPHANS AND CHILDREN OF POOR FAMILIES, AND ANY LOCAL CHILD AND THEIR FAMILIES EVIDENCING A LACK OF MATERIAL RESOURCES, ILL-HEALTH, ABANDONMENT BY THE FAMILIES OR ANY SOURCE OF DISADVANTAGE TO A HAPPY AND CARING CHILDHOOD. THE OBJECTS ARE:I) THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ITEMS (EITHER OUTRIGHT OR ON LOAN) SUCH AS:A. FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FARMING SUPPORT;B. CLOTHING;C. BASIC HOUSING NEEDS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FAMILY HUTS OR VILLAGE ORPHANAGES, BASIC BEDDING, FURNITURE, COOKING AND HEATING APPLIANCES, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY EXPENSES FOR COOKING, HEATING AND OTHER DOMESTIC NEEDS;D. AND OTHER SIMILAR EXPENSES TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE CHILDÔÇÖS SOCIAL INTEGRATION;II) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION THROUGH:A. ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN LOCAL STATE SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF FEES FOR INSTRUCTION, EXAMINATION OR OTHER EXPENSES, THE SUPPLY OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS, BOOKS AND TOOLS, THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF FACILITIES SUCH AS PRE-SCHOOLS AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL GROUPS, WAGES AND SUBSIDIES FOR LOCAL TEACHERS, CLASS ASSISTANTS AND CHILDMINDERS, AMONG OTHERS;B. TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING SUCH AS PROVIDING FOR AND MOTIVATING ATTENDANCE TO SMALL-SCALE LEARNING CENTERS FOR CARPENTRY, SEWING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS;C. AND ANY EXPENSES IN GENERAL DIRECTED AND MEASURED TOWARDS THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING, APPRENTICING, LANGUAGE, LITERACY, NUMERICAL OR TECHNICAL SKILLS;III) THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE THROUGH FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF BASIC, NON-RECURRENT, HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF URGENT MEDICATION, TRAINING ON MALARIA PREVENTION, PERIODIC PEST AND OTHER DISEASES CONTROL, MEDICAL TREATMENT, CARE AND HEALING; THE CHARITY, SHOULD THE TRUSTEES PROPOSE AND APPROVE IT, MAY EXPAND ITS ACTIVITY TO OTHER AREAS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND MAY CELEBRATE NEW PROTOCOLS AND AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER CHARITIES, PRIVATE COMPANIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, PORTUGAL OR MOZAMBIQUE, AS LONG AS THIS EXPANSION, PROTOCOLS AND AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS ANY NEW PARTNERS, RESPECT THE SPIRIT OF THE OBJECTS ABOVE.

Activities: POVERTY RELIEF FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH:1) ORPHAN SUPPORT3) INFRASTRUCTURE: BASIC HOUSING (FAMILY HUTS) & ACCESS TO WATER (VILLAGE WELLS)3) ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL EDUCATION - PRESCHOOLS, AFTER-CLASS CENTRES, LITERACY, UNI GRANTS - CARPENTRY, SEWING, LITERACY, IT, ARTS&CRAFTS4) SUSTAINABILITY: MICRO INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- Mozambique

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,360	£94,204	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,997	£72,241	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,556	£57,128	-	-
2021-12-31	£89,336	£40,779	-	-
2020-12-31	£101,975	£78,621	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sara Ludovina Nina Firmo dos Santos Vicente Barreto	Chair	2011-05-18
JOANA CASTRO		2011-05-18
Madalena Nunes Godinho Ramos		2017-12-31
Patricia Ludovina Nina Firmo dos Santos Vicente Acquaviva		2011-05-18

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Accounts



A Little Gesture

Annual Report

2024





71%

of the population lives in rural areas



A Little Gesture A Great Help (ALG)

About us

ALG is a non-profit organization recognized by the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 2011.

In 2024, ALG reached >3489 direct beneficiaries in the province of Gaza, Mozambique, in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal[1].

Vision

Break the cycle of poverty in Mozambique

Misson

Promote the improvement of the living conditions of every child in the needy communities in southern Mozambique.

1. UPG is a non-profit Association legally recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization for Development (NGDO) by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2008, and by the Mozambican Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2010. ALG is registered with the UK Charity Commission since 2011

Letter from the Chairman



2024 was the year we celebrated 20 years of Um Pequeno Gesto (ALG sister charity). It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since the day I first arrived in Mozambique, believing that after four months I would return with a story to tell and little else. In 2004, Mozambique shaped the course of my life and, since then, has created a connection and a desire to do something that led to the creation of A Little Gesture A Great Help. .Had you asked me 20 years ago what this message would be today, I wouldn't have known... I wouldn't have known that we impact more than 3,500 children every day. I wouldn't have known that we have 900 children individually sponsored by sponsors who support their education and their family's food. I wouldn't have been able to say that we would be operating in 3 preschools, that we would already have university students. I wouldn't have been able to say that we would have 2,500 children eating daily across 2 schools. That we would serve more than 500,000 meals a year to these children. That we would have a team of 50 people in Mozambique, including technicians, cooks, and educators Had you asked me, I also couldn't have guessed that our 20th anniversary year would be one of the most difficult years A Little Gesture has ever faced. With staff reductions and extensive restructuring, it was a year in which we had to stop thinking about what we couldn't do and focus our daily actions on the fundamental pillars of our operations: focus on the beneficiary and the programs we have in place, focus on the sponsor and the quality of the relationship we seek to promote, sustainable fundraising for our multi-year programs, and compliance with our regulatory obligations. There were several moments when we faltered, especially in the first 6 months, because we knew we wanted to do more. And these priorities were essential to maintaining our focus on the origin of A Little Gesture, on changing each life, on what we were able to do and not on what we left behind.

This year, we have devoted a lot of time to restructuring our way of thinking and acting, documenting and standardizing processes, and establishing clear objectives for all projects. It may seem boring, but in fact it was essential to enable us to refocus on the beneficiary and reassess what we can and want to do for each child, each family, and each community.

- ✓ Feed, because nutrition is the basis of our intervention to support the most disadvantaged
- ✓ Educate, because we believe that it is through education that we can break the cycle of poverty
- ✓ Balance, because we want to ensure access and equality over time for our girls
- ✓ Accelerate, because we want to give tools so that every young person can become an active citizen in their community
- ✓ Empower, because we want family activism to be part of our action that begins with the child

These 5 pillars were essential for evaluating each project, reviewing every piece of information we collected, establishing activities and objectives, and sitting down to assess our presence throughout the child's life. With them, we know that 2025 promises to be a year of strength and dedication, with an empowered team focused on turning Little Gestures into a Great Help. In 2024, we did not celebrate our 20th anniversary as we had dreamed. But I am immensely proud of everything we have achieved over the last 20 years and in this difficult year.

Sara Vicente Barreto – Founder of ALG

PROJECTS

UPG SPONSORING

Nutrition

Education



EDUCATION

Pre-schools

After-School Support

School Feeding

Uni. Scholarships



INFRASTRUCTURE (IE)

Family Huts & Latrines

Other Community Infrastructure



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Courses

Family/ Youth Income Generation

Community Courses



POVERTY RELIEF

HIV Day Centre

Health Initiatives

Emergency Fund

How we operate

The Child at the Center of Our Intervention

ALG accomplishes its mission by providing in-depth, personalised support to each child, promoting nutrition, education, and empowerment in a healthy and dignified environment.

>35k

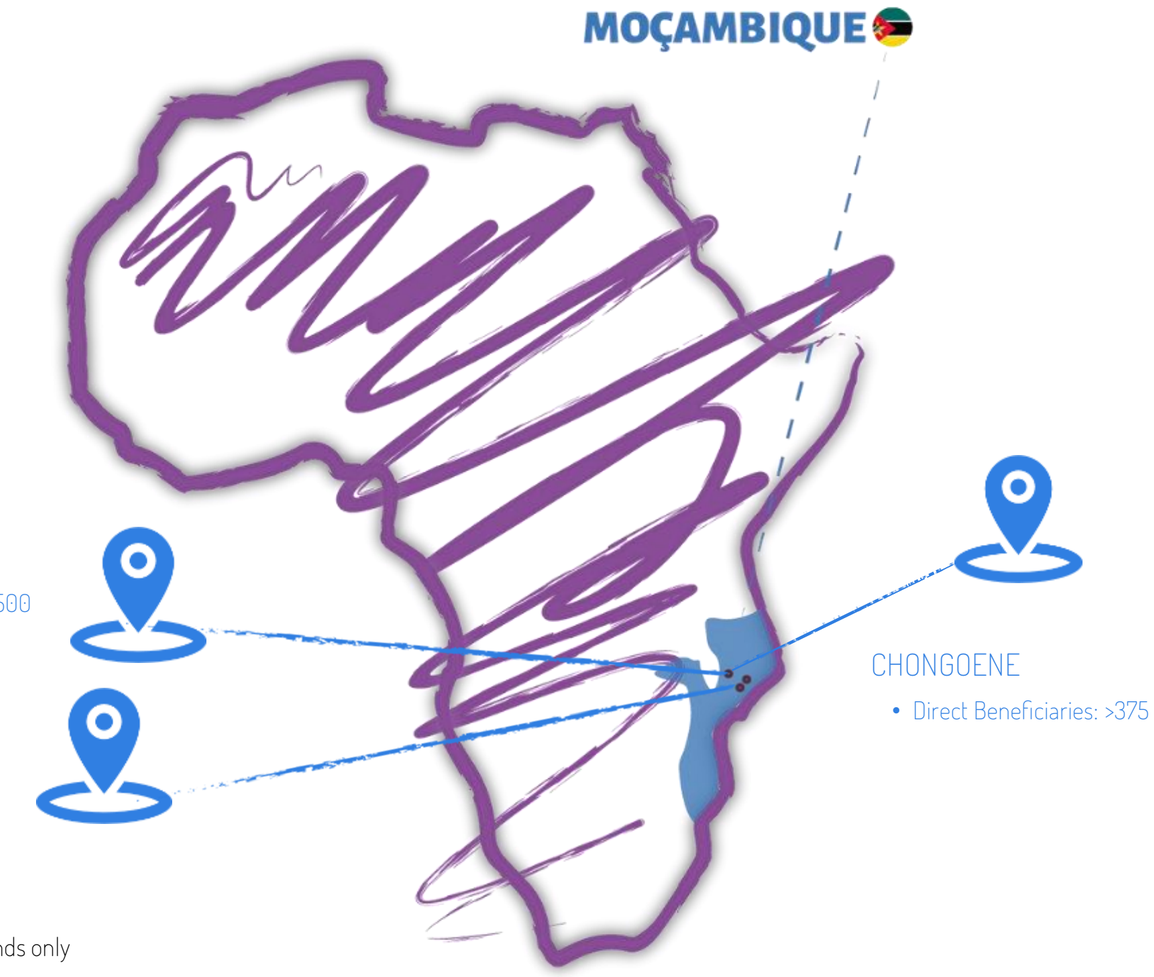
children supported since 2011

£813k

disbursed since 2011

A Little Gesture Mozambique

2024



CHOKWÉ

- Direct Beneficiaries: >2500

XAI -XAI

- Direct Beneficiaries: >300

CHONGOENE

- Direct Beneficiaries: >375

* Charitable activities funds only

2024 BENEFICIARIES

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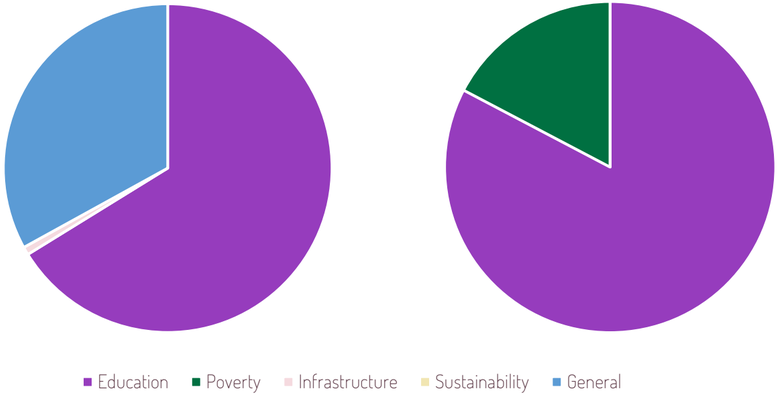
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

£ RAISED BY PROJECT*

£54 032

£ APPLIED BY TYPE*

£86 665



SUCCESS STORY



Etelvina

Ex-Sponsored Child and University Scholarship student

Etelvina is 22 years old and has completed a degree in Maternal and Child Health Nursing, her childhood dream. She has been part of ALG since 2009, when she joined the Sponsorship Program after losing her parents. She has always been a dedicated student, standing out for her commitment. Despite the difficulties, she never stopped believing that education was her path. Through UPG's University Scholarship Program, she was able to continue her academic journey.

"I feel proud to have given my best to complete my course, overcoming every challenge until the final stretch."

Throughout her journey, Etelvina has not only grown as a student but also as a person:

"I have learned to face life's challenges with courage, to be more understanding of others, and to remain calm even in difficult situations."

Etelvina's story is an example of how education can break cycles of poverty and open doors to a new life. With the support of ALG and her own strength, she is building a different future—for herself, her family, and her community.

2024 KPIs

3’517 Direct Beneficiaries

22’ 372 Indirect Beneficiaries

896 Sponsored Children

8% School Dropout Rate in Sponsored Children

24 University Scholarships

68% University Scholarships for Women

>95% Pre-School Attendance Rate

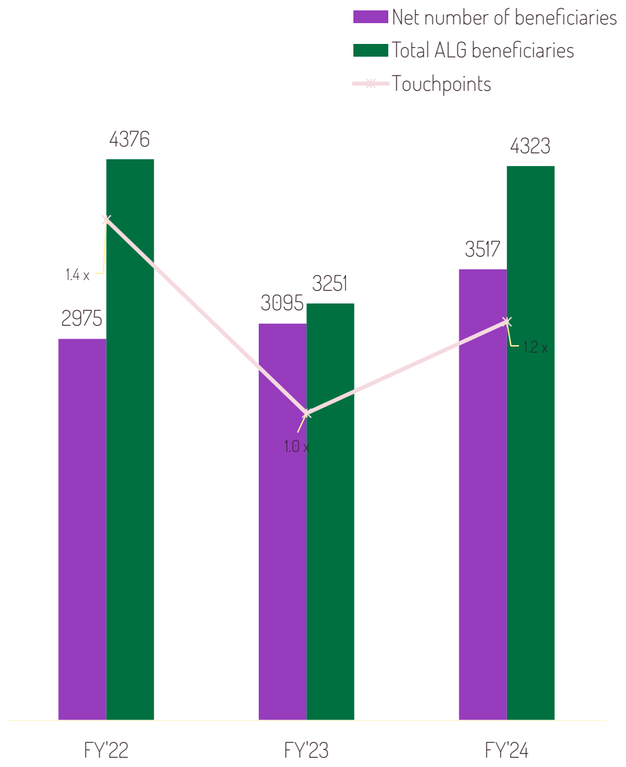
>95% School Attendance Rate (School Feeding)



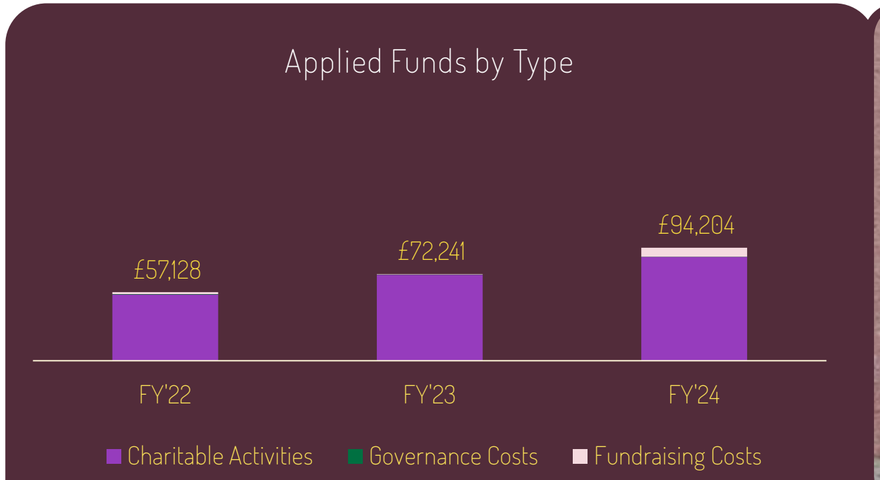
ALG IN NUMBERS

2022-2024

ALG BENEFICIARIES

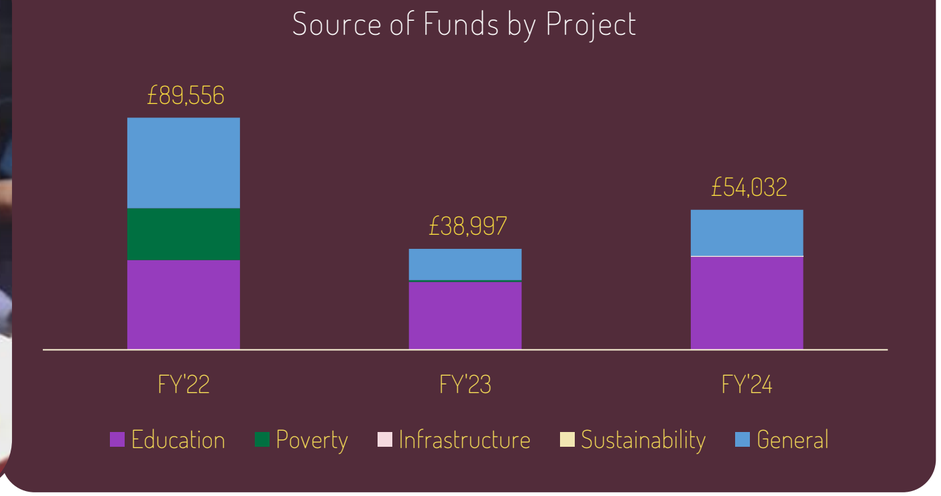


Nota: Net number of beneficiaries reflects unique number of children who benefit from one or more A Little Gesture initiatives. Note that 2020 was an emergency year, with several initiatives dedicated to the same beneficiaries during the pandemic.









PROJECTS

The ALG Projects are local intervention initiatives that complement the UPG Sponsorship program. These initiatives enable the beneficiary children and their families to grow up in a context of opportunity and to meet the necessary conditions to break the poverty cycle .



EDUCATION

Pre-school I School Feeding I After-School Support I Uni Scholarship



INFRASTRUCTURES

Housing I Community Infrastructure



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Education I Income Generation



POVERTY RELIEF

HIV Day Centre I One-off support I Hygiene & Health I Emergency Relief



Projects

Intervention Areas

POVERTY RELIEF	Direct support for very vulnerable populations
EDUCATION	Education for children and young adults
INFRASTRUCTURE	Improved living conditions for families and communities
SUSTAINABILITY	Technical education and income generation in families

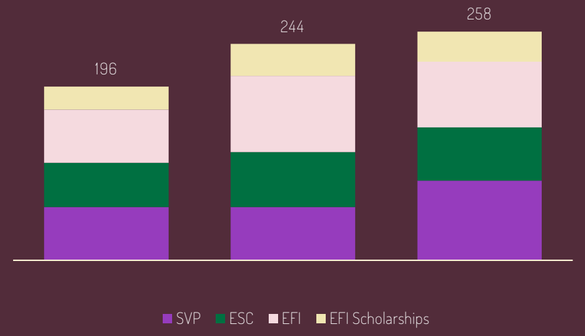
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
# BENEFICIARIES (1)	1'626	1'646	1'794	2'975	3'095	3'517
# INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES	8'130	8'230	8'970	14'725	15'475	21'515
APPLIED FUNDS*	*£85 405*	*£73 400*	*£39 825*	*£55 255*	£71 588	£86 665
% EDUCATION	*64%*	*32%*	*41%*	*48%*	85%	83%
% POVERTY RELIEF	*28%*	*65%*	*42%*	*37%*	8%	17%
% SUSTAINABILITY	*7%*	*3%*	*7%*	*0%*	0%	0%
% GENERAL	*0%*	*0%*	*10%*	*15%*	7%	0%
FUNDS RECEIVED *	£99 974	£101 975	£89 336	£89 556	£38 997	£54 032

* Charitable activities funds only

Pre-school Education

258 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 5, DISTRIBUTED AMONG 3 SCHOOLS:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai

Chongoene

Chokwé

KEY DONORS:

The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust

UPG – Corporate Partners

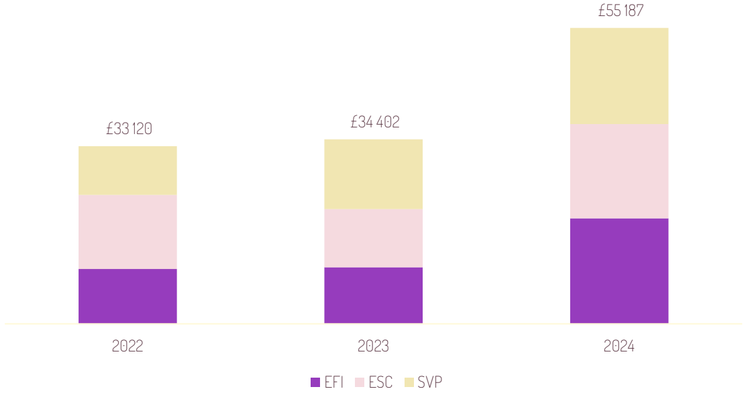
246£ Per Child Per Year

21£ Per Child Per Month

2024 Highlights

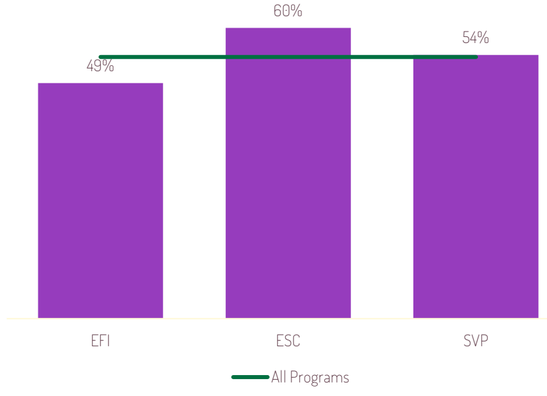
- 2024 was marked by the launch of the Mbalélé Mbalélé Project, in partnership with FEC and with funding from the Camões Institute. This program focuses on promoting early childhood education and will last for three years, with an impact across all of ALG's pre schools.
- At SVP, the year was marked by the serious car accident involving Teacher Amélia, which kept her away from school for much of the year
- The entire technical and operational team ceased to have a voluntary relationship and began to have an employment relationship with the schools, funded ALG marking an essential step forward in integrating the project's operational staff into the local economy

Historical Costs Evolution 2022-2024

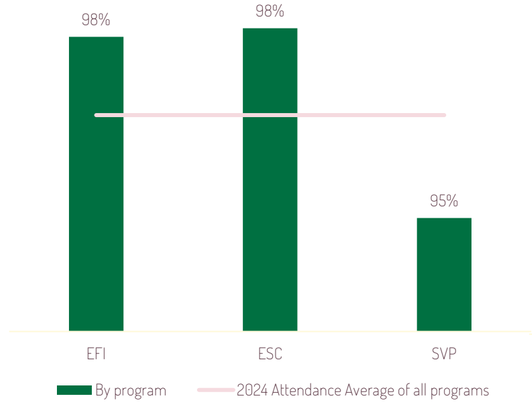


Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

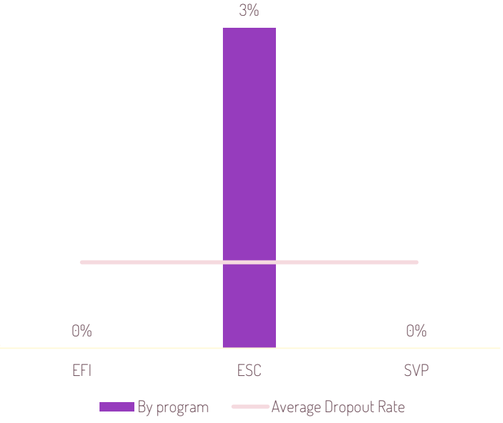
Female % by Program



Attendance by School



Dropout Rate by Program

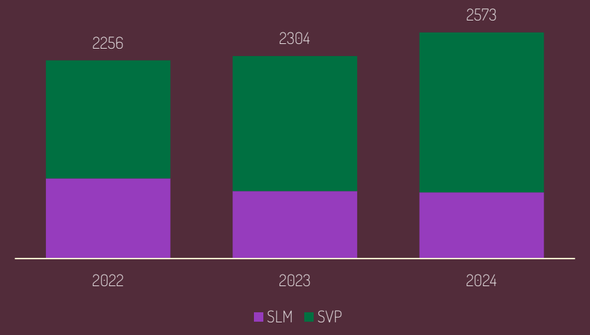


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School Feeding

2 573 CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL MEALS IN 2 LOCATIONS

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



SDG:

LOCATION:
Chokwé
Manjangue

KEY DONORS:
ALG RPHM 2024
Private Donours
UPG – Corporate Partners
UPG - Instituto Camões I. P.

30£ Per Child Per Year

3£ Per Child Per Month

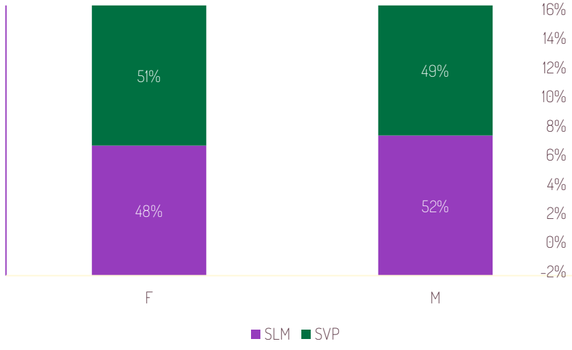
2024 Highlights

- 2024 was marked by difficulties in financing food projects, which led to a reduction in feeding days to four days a week, in line with a reduction in operations
- In SVP, there has been a notable increase in the number of children, due to the expansion of the school to provide 8th grade education (expected to continue to 9th grade in 2025)

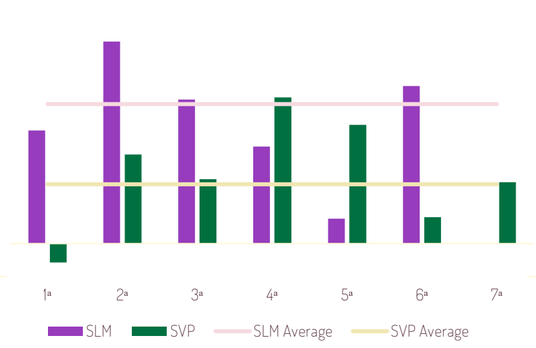
Historical Costs Evolution 2021-2024



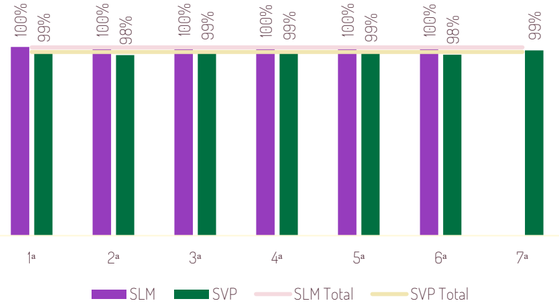
Beneficiaries Per Gender



% Weight Variation



Attendance Rate

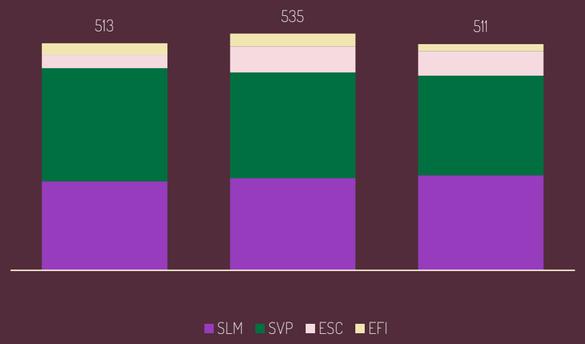


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After-School Support

511 CHILDREN, FROM 1ST TO 12TH GRADE, IN 4 AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT CLASSES:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai, Chongoene Chokwé Manjangue

KEY DONORS:

The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust

UPG – Corporate Partners

SDG:

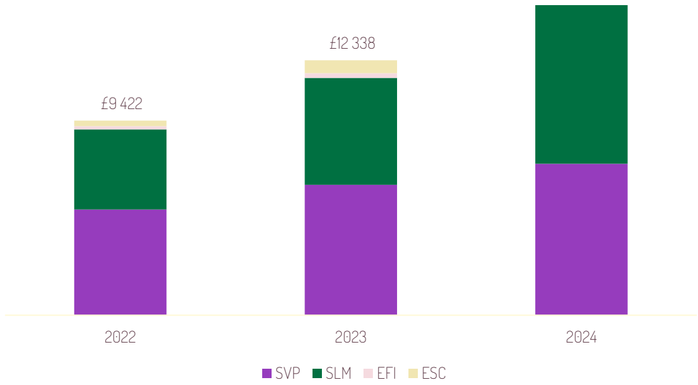
36£ Per Child Per Year

3£ Per Child Per Month

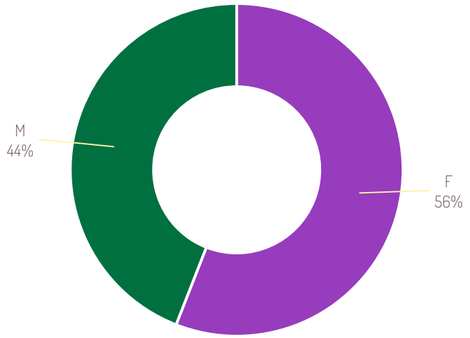
2024 Highlights

- 2024 saw investment in educational activities, with the hiring of new teachers for São Vicente de Paulo and Santa Luísa de Marilac.
- At EFI and ESC, teacher Vitor began working at both schools as these programs move on from pilot stage

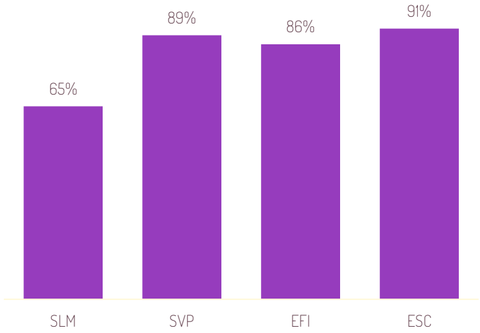
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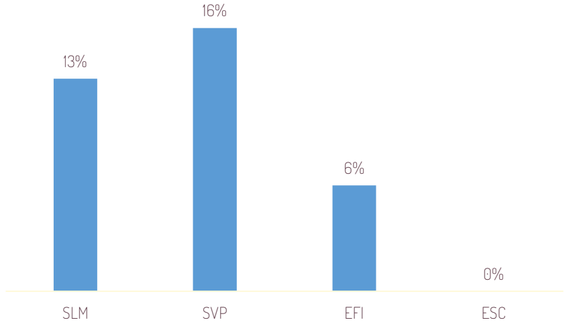
Gender



Attendance %



Dropout Rate



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Highlights: Non-Academic Activities

Vencedoras / Winners

- Program dedicated to gender equality among adolescent girls at A Little Gesture
- Location: SVP and SLM
- Activities: weekly meetings for sharing, socializing, and guidance; lectures by the Winners with the rest of the community
- Topics: Sexual Violence, Pregnancy, the Human Body, among others
- Number of participants: approx. 40 (20 per school)

Cultural Groups and Clubs

- Non-academic extracurricular activities program at school
- Location: SVP and SLM
- Cultural Activities: Cultural groups from Xigubo, Marrabenta, Skotane, Amapiano, and Makwayela are trained and perform at multiple events, including institutional visits, district celebrations, and special occasions.
- Affinity Activities: Reading, Writing, Poetry, and Drawing
- Number of Participants: approx. 150

Sports Activites

- Sports activities program, including school and inter-school championships
- Location: SVP, SLM, and opening days in the communities of Chongoene
- Activities: Soccer, volleyball, sack race, sprint, relay race
- Number of meetings: 2 at SVP and SLM schools and 1 in the communities
- Number of participants: >100



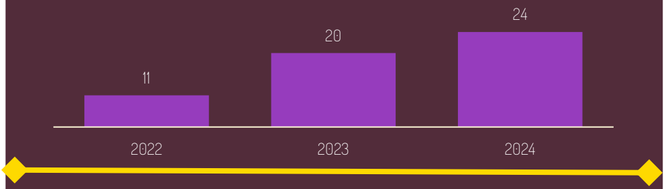




Uni Scholarship

24 YOUNG PEOPLE, ACROSS 2 MAIN REGIONS

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai

Chokwé

KEY DONORS:

UPG and ALG Private Donors

UPG - Municipal Partner

UPG – Corporate Partners

SDG:

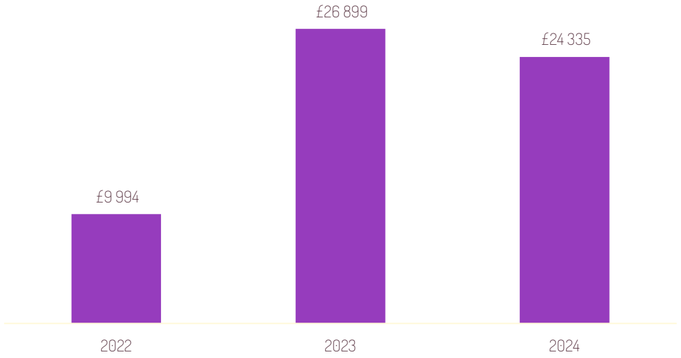
973£ Per Student per Year

112£ Per Student Per Month

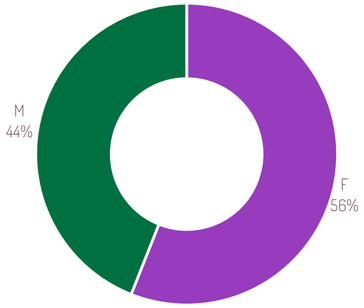
2024 Highlights

- Small expansion of the program to 24 university students in 2024, with 5 new scholarships awarded
- The year was negatively marked by the exclusion of 3 young people from the program due to poor attendance and bad behavior
- 1 graduation in 2024: Nazário - Pharmacy

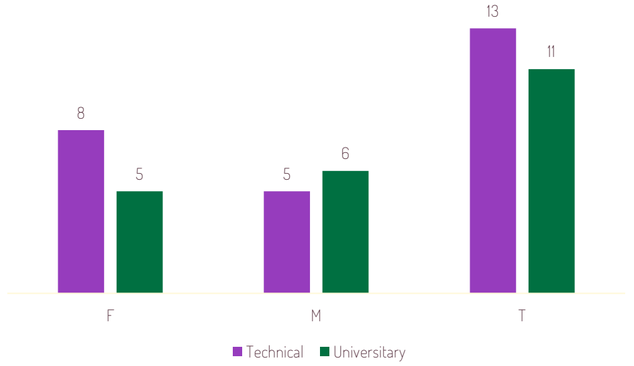
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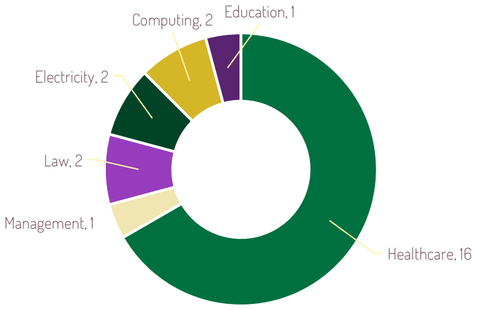
By Gender



By Scholarship Type



By Field

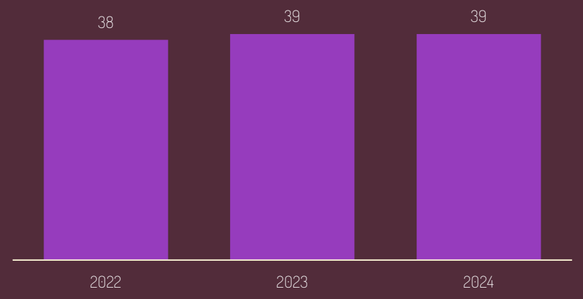


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HIV Day Center

39 CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN 7 AND 21:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:
Manjangue

KEY DONORS:
UPG Private Donour
ALG Year-End Appeal

SDG:

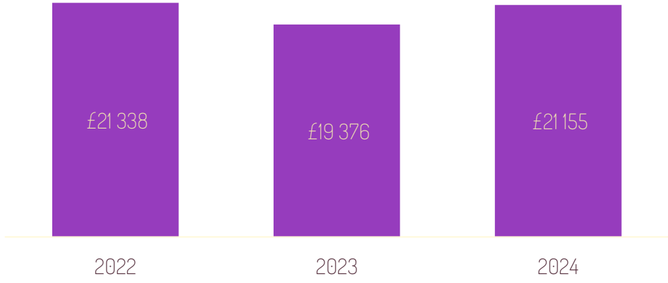
542£ Per Child Per Year

45£ Per Child Per Month

2024 Highlights

- Enhanced individualized monitoring and follow-up interviews with children and their families, strengthening their connection to the Center
- Participation in Milohro Cultural Group with Xigubo and Marrabenta dances
- Growth in arts and crafts activities and sewing with guidance from Sister Aida
- Remarkable progress in Portuguese (especially among the younger children)

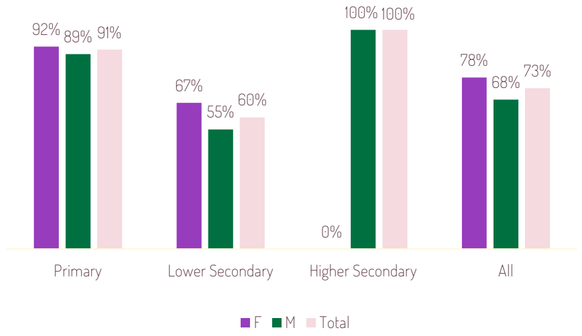
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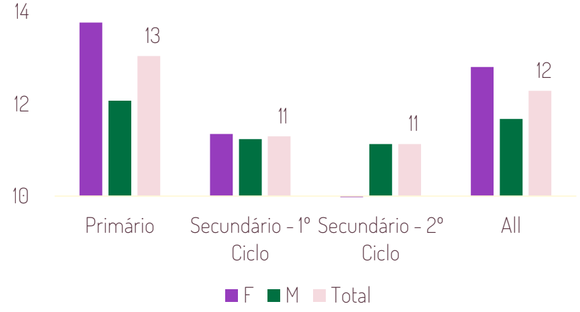
By Gender



Approval Rate



Average Final Grade



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Sustainability



BENEFICIARIES:
8

LOCATION:
Rural Communities, Xai Xai

MAIN DONORS:
UPG Private Donour

ODS:

Technical Education

Highlights 2024:

CTI computer course: In 2024, ALG promoted the training of University Scholarship Holders in basic computer courses with a focus on Microsoft Office Packages at the Chongoene Computer Center.

BENEFICIARIES:
SVP: 1
SLM (Day Center): 7

LOCATION
S. Vicente de Paulo and Santa Luísa de Marillac,Chokwé

MAIN DONORS:

Private Individuals

Income Generation

Highlights 2024:

- S. Vicente de Paulo: Darcilia's Beauty Salon. She worked as a volunteer at the school and, with the support of UPG, launched her own business.
- Santa Luísa de Marilac: sewing and dressmaking activities carried out at the HIV Day Center. Production of various products for local sale and to support fundraising in events in Portugal.

FUNDRAISING



Fundraising Summary

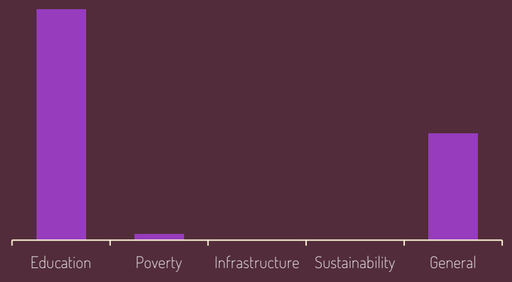
Fundraising Channels

2024 Initiatives

2024 Fundraising Overview

£54 032

Funds Raised



Grants Raised

£18 965

Gift Aid on Donations

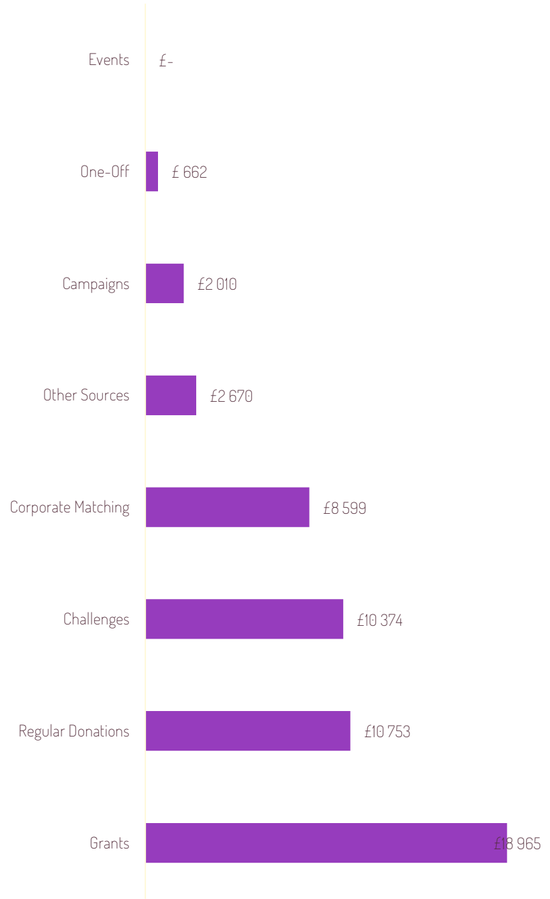
£2 530

General Funds Raised

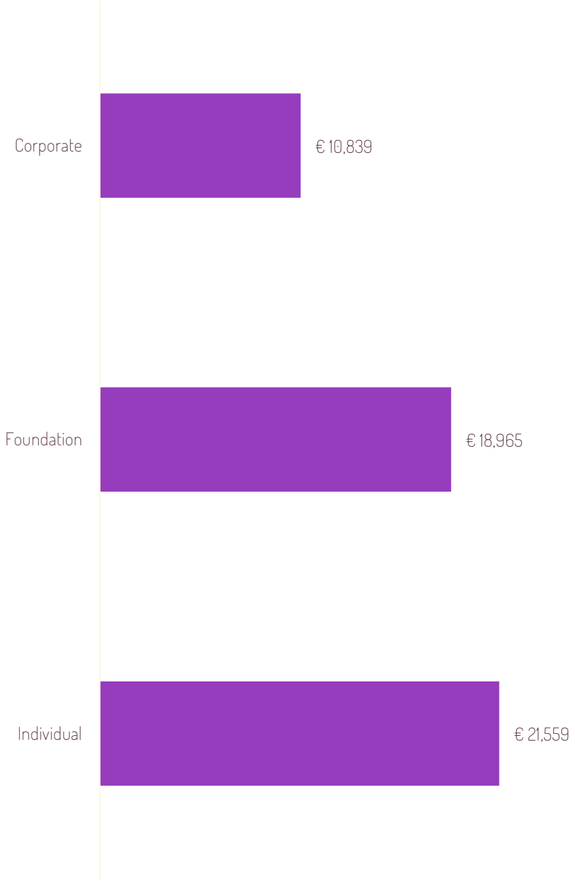
31%



Funds Raised by Channel



Funds Raised by Type of Donour

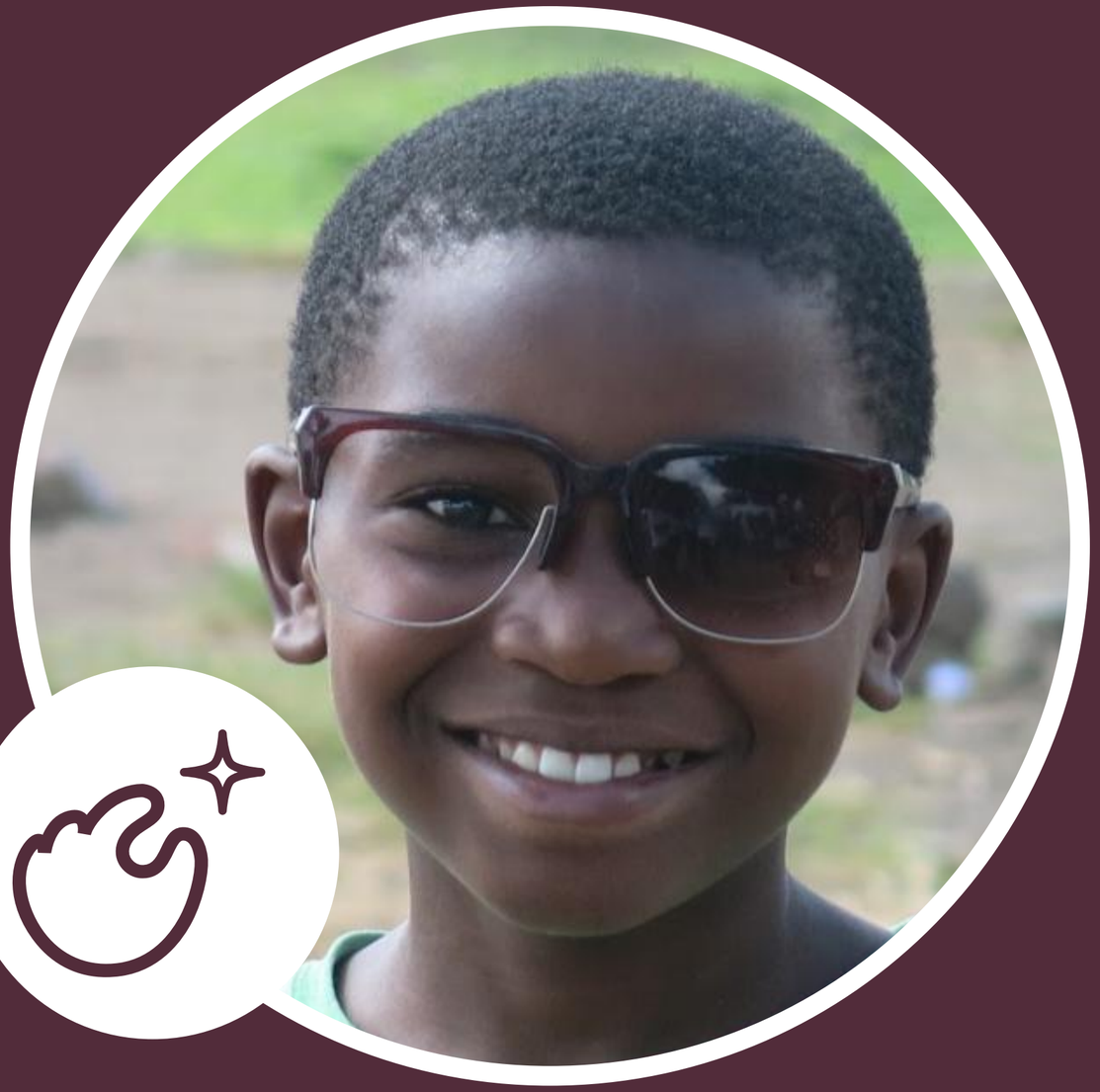




2024 Fundraising Analysis

- In 2024, funds raised of £54 032 reflect moderate increase vs. the low observed in 2023, though the amount continues to be lower than historical amounts, as the charity's fundraising activities have been limited
  - It is notable that the fundraising activities were particularly affected by the sudden closure of the Barclays Bank account, which took a considerable amount of attention by the Trustees
- The largest source of fundraising was through Grants, with a multi-annual grant from MCBT being renewed with a focus on Pre-School and After-School activities.
  - In 2024, ALG invested in procuring a Grant Writing company to assist supporting the search and development of grant opportunities, especially in the area of School Feeding
- ALG continues to have a solid base of regular donours who have provided stable funding for unrestricted activities
    - Given data restrictions, there continue to be a number of donations from anonymous donours through the Just Giving platform, which limits the possibilities for engagement
- Peer 2 Peer fundraising continues to represent a meaningful source of funds for the Charity, driven by a combination of the Royal Parks Half Marathon, the Madrid Marathon and Birthday Celebrations from friends of the charity
- Corporate matching is a significant source of funding, mostly driven by private donours and matching for fundraising events

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Financial Summary

YoY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2022	2023	2024
Sources of Funds	£89 556	£38 997	£54 032
Project Costs	£55 255	£71 588	£86 665
Fundraising & Admin	£1 872	£653	£7 539
Total Expenditure	£57 128	£72 241	£94 204
Net Balance	£32 428	£(33 244)	£(40 172)

KEY FINANCIAL METRICS

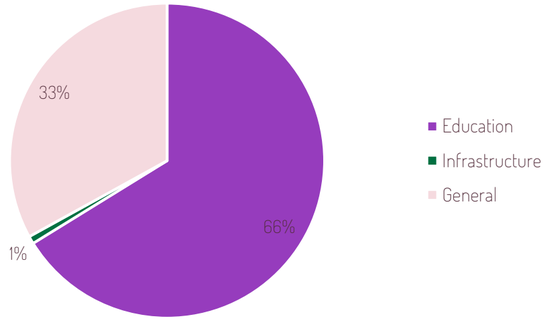
% Funds Disbursed	62%	184%	160%
Cost Income Ratio	2,1%	1.7%	14%

- ALG raised an average £60 862 for its charitable activities over the last 3 years, with 2023-2024 demonstrating lower numbers than average on the back of a reduction in the Trustee's fundraising activities
- After registering a sharp decline in 2023 due to reduced fundraising activities and the termination of a multi-year grant, the Charity saw a modest recovery in 2024, with funds increasing from £38,997 to £54,032
- Recognizing strong reserves, the Trustees have continued to support the projects on the ground, particularly in Education and Poverty Relief. This resulted in an usage of accumulated reserves to face ongoing project needs despite lower financing results, thereby maintaining the % of funds disbursed to >100%
  - The historical conservative stance adopted by the trustees allowed for the disbursements to be 21% higher YoY despite a less active fundraising
- In 2024, the cost income ratio increased significantly, mainly due to a £5,000 expense related to engaging a grant-making company. While this resulted in a higher ratio compared to previous years, it represents a strategic investment expected to yield positive outcomes over the next 2 to 3 years, strengthening ALG's fundraising capacity and long-term sustainability.
- It is important to note that this funds summary is not fully reflective of the charity's activities' on the ground. In fact, ALG operates in close collaboration with Um Pequeno Gesto and both charities have a combined turnover of c. €500'000, with funds applied on the ground of well over €400'000.

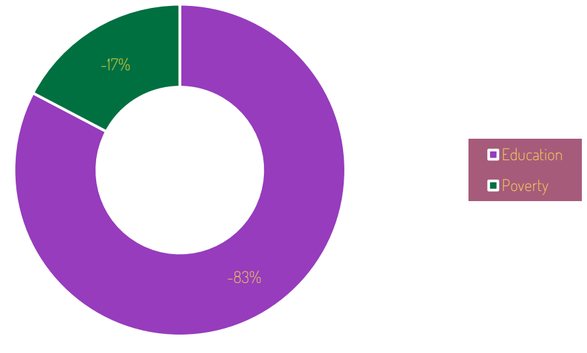
Funds Financial Review

ALG dedicates its charitable activities to i) the advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease.
In 2024 the area of Education was a strong recipient of funds raised (66%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (83%)

FUNDS RECEIVED



FUNDS DISBURSED



Funds raised

- General Funds total £17,837, having grown slightly compared to last year, providing the organization with increased flexibility in the allocation and utilization of resources.
- Education funding remains the largest area at £35,771 (66% of total funds), supporting key programs including After School, School Feeding, Pre-School, and University Scholarships.
- Funding for Pre-Schools continues to be a stable area in ALG thanks to a long-standing partnership with The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust, ensuring consistent access to quality early education.
- Together with UPG, the funds raised exceeded €400'000 for the year

Applied Funds

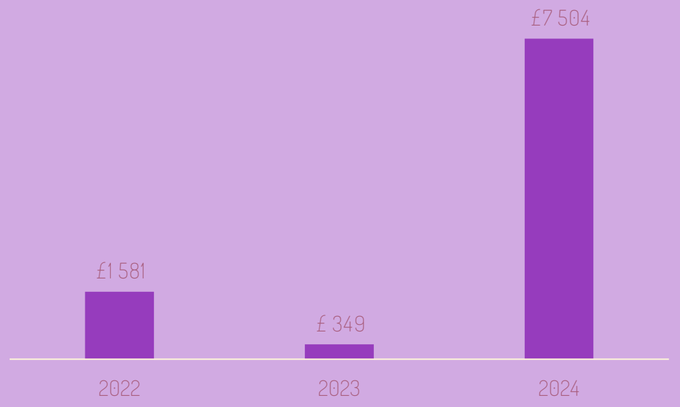
- Continuing to grow, 2024 represented a higher disbursement of £86,665, applied directly to projects in Mozambique,
- The ratio of applied to raised funds increased as expected, in light of the amount of reserves accumulated and the pressure from a reduction in fundraising activities despite strong needs from the ground
- Together with UPG, the funds applied on the ground exceeded €400'000



ALG co-operates with UPG Portuguese sister-Charity across all its projects

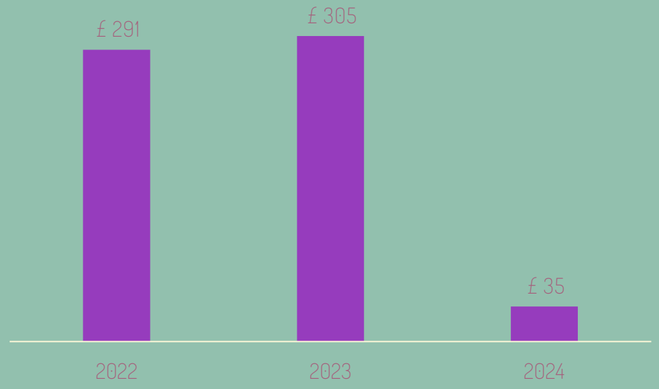
Fundraising Costs

- Fundraising costs are mostly related to the fees for fundraising websites such as Justgiving, Benevity and Paypal
  - This year's Fundraising costs increased due to the engagement of a grant making company (£5'000)
- An additional significant fundraising cost in 2024 was related to the entry fees for the Royal Parks Half Marathon, as it is customary for ALG



Admin Costs

- ALG has very limited admin costs as it employs no staff and has no physical headquarters, with resources shared with sister charity Um Pequeno Gesto in Portugal and Mozambique
- The account doesn't reflect the accounting software costs, as it was gifted by one of the Trustees while the charity faced challenges with its bank account.



Accounting Policies

- The ALG Accounts are reported on a standalone basis and based on receipts and payments accounting.
- The ALG Management Accounts include project expenses inclusive of the projects co-founded with UPG
- Project costs shown throughout the document refer to the local project expenses, which may or not be the same as the disbursements made to the ground. When an excess or deficit remains, it is carried over to the next year of the project under ALG Management Accounts.
- The Charity has reviewed its Financial Controls Policy in 2023, which is available for consultation.







Final Notes

- ALG is available for any clarifications regarding this report.
- ALG is available to facilitate visits to projects and beneficiaries by relevant official entities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Highlights

- ALG continues to work on its mission to promote the improvement of living conditions for disadvantaged children and their families in poor rural communities in southern Mozambique.
- The school feeding program for 2,700 children reinforces ALG's commitment to education and the importance of school attendance.
- In 2024, the A Little Gesture team on the ground underwent a period of major transformation, which resulted in a shift toward greater operational capacity in the field, a strategy that proved beneficial for the entire team.
- For 2025, the team is stronger and more united and hopes to consolidate the transformation of 2024 to reinforce the impact of Little Gestures on children.



CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

For the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	17,847.22	36,185.25	0.00	54,032.47	38,997.48
Fundraising Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	328.02	0.00	0.00	328.02	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	18,175.24	36,185.25	0.00	54,360.49	38,997.48
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	18,175.24	36,185.25	0.00	54,360.49	38,997.48
Payments					
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	5,469.29	2,034.84	0.00	7,504.13	348.70
Charitable Activities Costs	0.00	86,665.00	0.00	86,665.00	71,588.00
Governance Costs	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	304.50
	5,504.29	88,699.84	0.00	94,204.13	72,241.20
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	5,504.29	88,699.84	0.00	94,204.13	72,241.20
Excess of receipts over payments	12,670.95	-52,514.59	0.00	-39,843.64	-33,243.72
Transfers between Funds	-27,450.72	27,450.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	181,711.02	9,135.68	0.00	190,846.70	224,090.42
Cash funds this year end	166,931.25	-15,928.19	0.00	151,003.06	190,846.70

CC Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2024

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
CASH FUNDS	166,931.25	-15,928.19	0.00
Total cash funds	166,931.25	-15,928.19	0.00

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			

B5 Liabilities

	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
LIABILITIES			

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	**A Little Gesture a Great Help**		
On accounts for the year ended	31-Dec-2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1141990
Set out on pages	(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 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	29.10.2025
Name:	Pedro Santos Reis		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	Flat 5, 1 Gloucester Street
	SW1vDB

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	None ----------

A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

England & Wales - Charity number 1141990

Accounts



A Little Gesture

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2023



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71%

of the population lives in rural areas



A Little Gesture A Great Help (ALG)

About us

ALG is a non-profit organization recognized by the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 2011.

In 2023, ALG reached >3 250 direct beneficiaries in the province of Gaza, Mozambique, in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal[1].

Vision

Break the cycle of poverty in Mozambique

Misson

Promote the improvement of the living conditions of every child in the needy communities in southern Mozambique.

1. UPG is a non-profit Association legally recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization for Development (NGDO) by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2008, and by the Mozambican Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2010. ALG is registered with the UK Charity Commission since 2011





Letter from the Chairman

Whenever the year comes to an end, we stop to reflect and look at what we have achieved in a year that always ends up being too short for all that we want to do. Anxious to do more, it is now time to admire what we have accomplished with wonder and share with gratitude with you friends, donours and partners, who have allowed us to go further.

What are after all these Little Gestures we do in Mozambique?

- Little Gestures that take 11'500 food baskets to 630 families of 960 sponsored children;
  - ✓ *Did you know we have distributed 57 tons of rice and 35 tons of flour, amongst other basic staples?*
- Little Gestures that cooked more than 390 thousand meals for 2388 children every school day, for many their only hot meal of the day;
  - ✓ *Did you know we cooked 39 tons of rice and 29 tons of beans?*
- Little Gestures that allowed 118 children to take their first steps in pre-school education, for a total of 205 children across all our pre-schools;
  - ✓ *Did you know this year we were able to build a new kitchen at the Pre-School Santa Catarina?*
- Little Gestures that allowed 13 young adults to join our higher studies scholarships program, of which 77% are female;
  - ✓ *Did you know 2 of our students graduated in 2023?*

This year, which was special to me as I visited Mozambique after a few years away, I could observe again close by the power of Little Gestures. More than anything, I could see the young generation that is emerging into adulthood and really having a different life. Like José, João, Gil. Each with their life permeated by independence and no doubt marked by the existence of Little Gestures. Each with the right to their own dream.

Every day, the A Little Gesture team in Portugal, the UK and Mozambique seeks to do more for these children. For each of their gestures, I thank them profoundly. We close the year feeling proud for our children and young adults, with a feeling of gratitude for our donours, happy that we can make a difference.

The children grow, the dreams as well. We want and know we can do more. And we will in 2024!

Sara Vicente Barreto – ALG Founder

PROJECTS



EDUCATION

Pre-schools

After-School Support

School Feeding

Uni. Scholarships



INFRASTRUCTURE (IE)

Family Huts & Latrines

Other Community Infrastructure

UPG SPONSORING

Nutrition

Education



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Courses

Family/ Youth Income Generation

Community Courses



POVERTY RELIEF

HIV Day Centre

Health Initiatives

Emergency Fund

How we operate

The Child at the Center of Our Intervention

ALG accomplishes its mission by providing in-depth, personalised support to each child, promoting nutrition, education, and empowerment in a healthy and dignified environment.

>35k

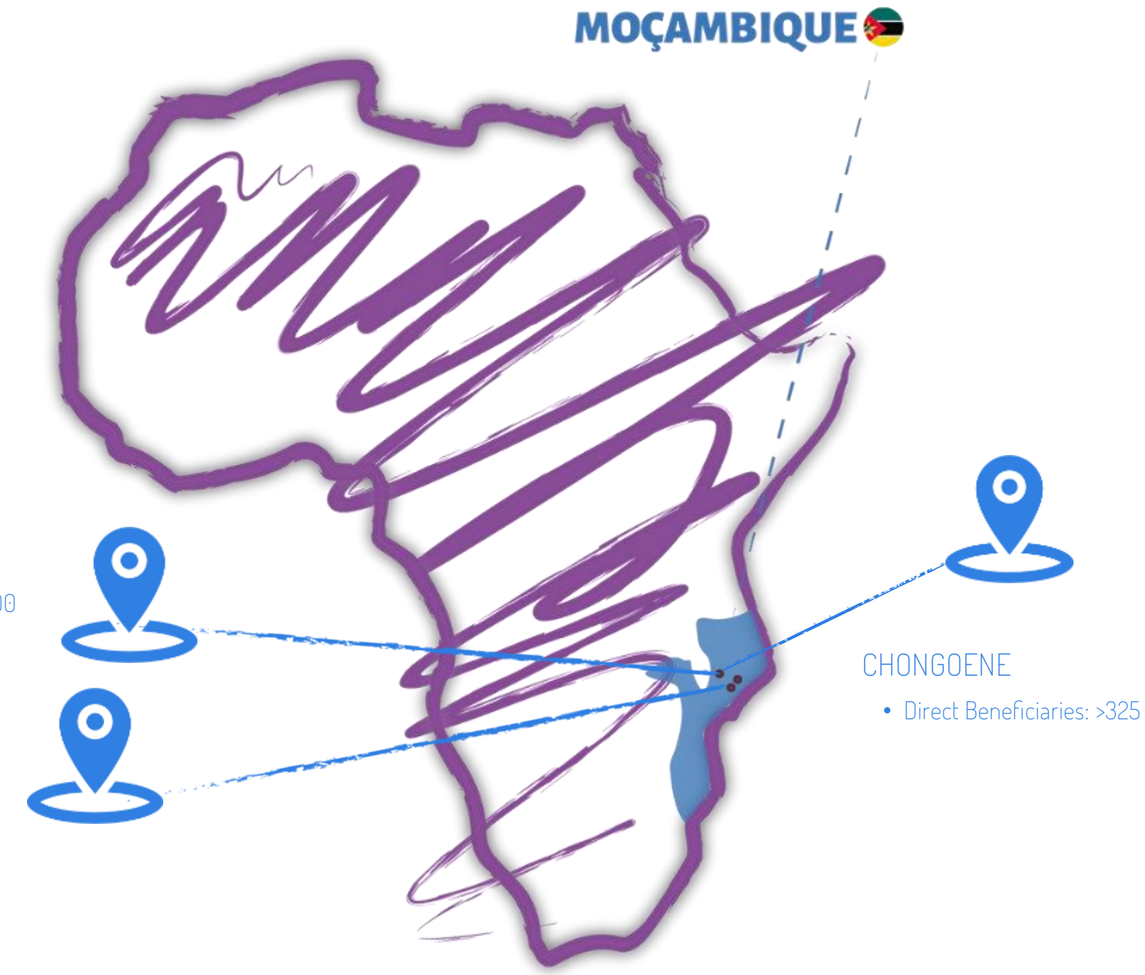
children supported since 2011

£813k

disbursed since 2011

A Little Gesture Mozambique

2023



CHOKWÉ

- Direct Beneficiaries: >1200

XAI -XAI

- Direct Beneficiaries: >300

CHONGOENE

- Direct Beneficiaries: >325

2023 BENEFICIARIES

3 095

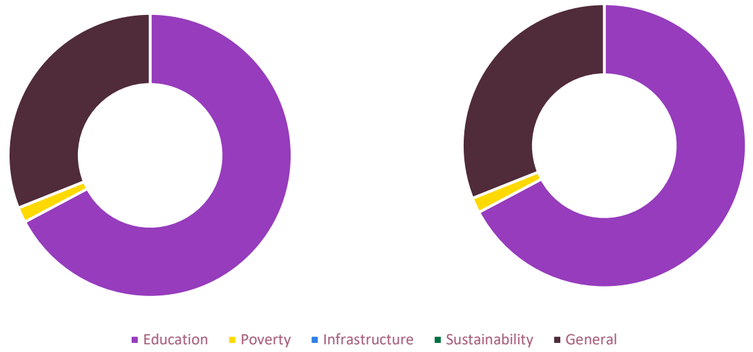
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

£ RAISED BY PROJECT

£39 997

£ APPLIED BY TYPE

£71 588



CASE STUDY





Almira

Former UPG Sponsored Child, Former Local Technician, University Scholarship Student

INCREASING FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

ALG is focused on female empowerment by investing in women's education and training. This boosts self-confidence, reduces gender inequality and encourages women and girls to stand up for themselves and fight for their rights. The more empowered they are, the greater their power and control over their own lives.

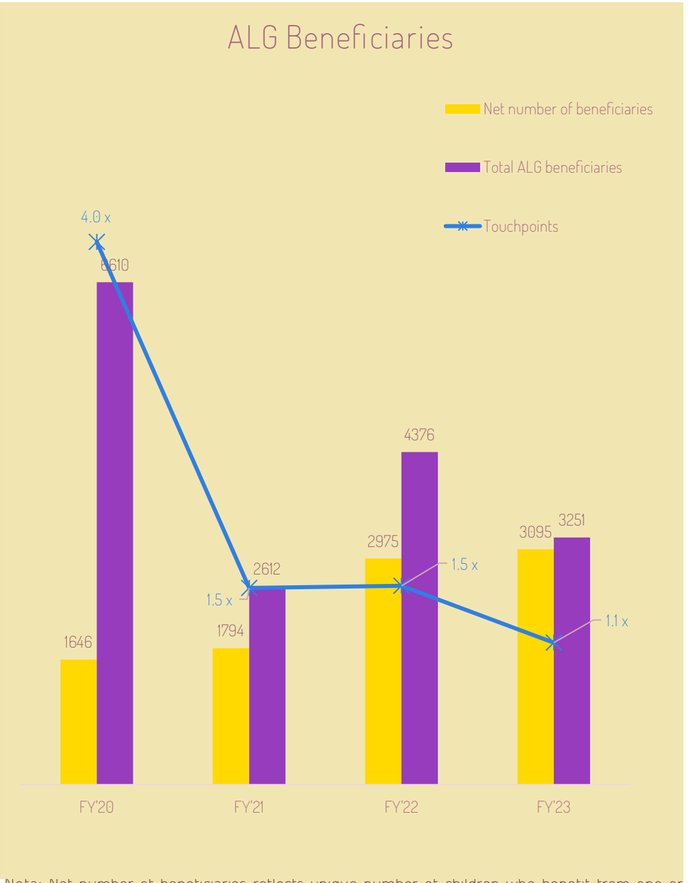
Almira is 21 years old and has been with ALG since she was, in the UPG Sponsorship Program at Santa Luisa de Marillac School in Manjangue, when she started fifth grade. With her great affection for children, her childhood dream was to become a teacher.

With ALG, Almira took part in several professional technical courses, such as the Culinary Arts technical course (2016) and the Cutting and Sewing technical course (2018). In 2021, she finished 12th grade and enrolled at the Teacher Training Centre in Inhambane, but unfortunately was unable to continue her course.

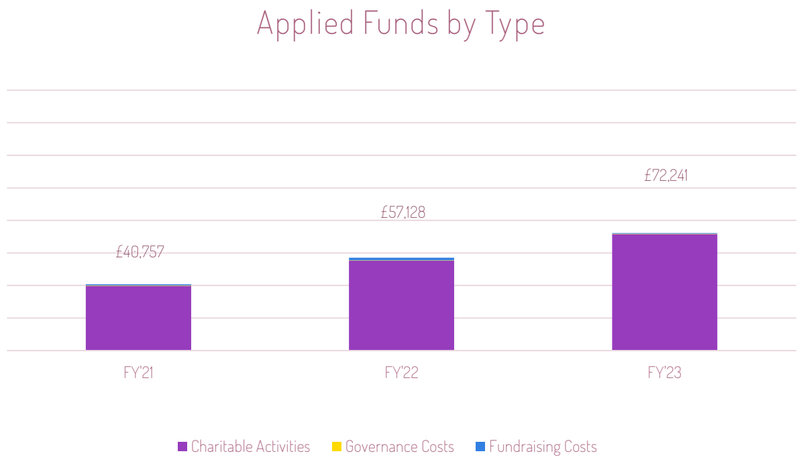
In 2022, her motivation and proactivity led her to become a tutor for the After School Support project at Santa Luísa de Marillac. In this activity, Almira took her first professional steps and realised that her great passion is supporting and helping people. At the end of the year, Almira was accepted onto a university scholarship and is now studying General Nursing.

ALG IN NUMBERS

2021-2023

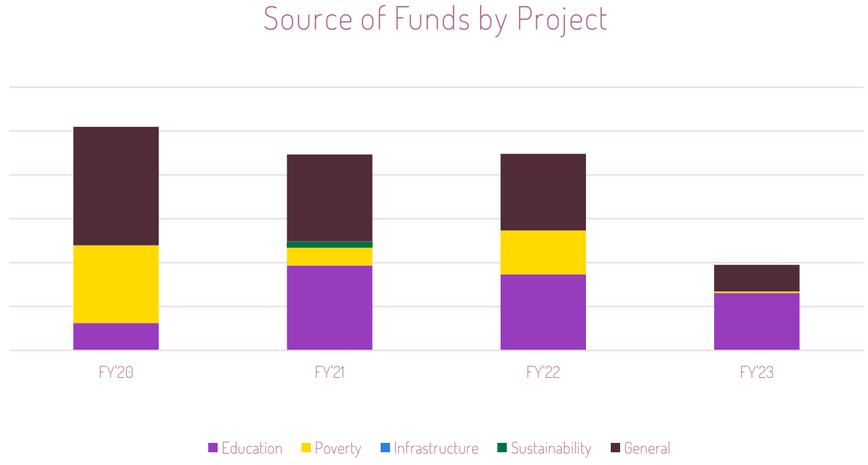


Nota: Net number of beneficiaries reflects unique number of children who benefit from one or more A Little Gesture initiatives. Note that 2020 was an emergency year, with several initiatives dedicated to the same beneficiaries during the pandemic.









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PROJECTS

The ALG Projects are local intervention initiatives that complement the UPG Sponsorship program. These initiatives enable the beneficiary children and their families to grow up in a context of opportunity and to meet the necessary conditions to break the poverty cycle .



EDUCATION

Pre-school I School Feeding I After-School Support I Uni Scholarship



INFRASTRUCTURES

Housing I Community Infrastructure



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Education I Income Generation



POVERTY RELIEF

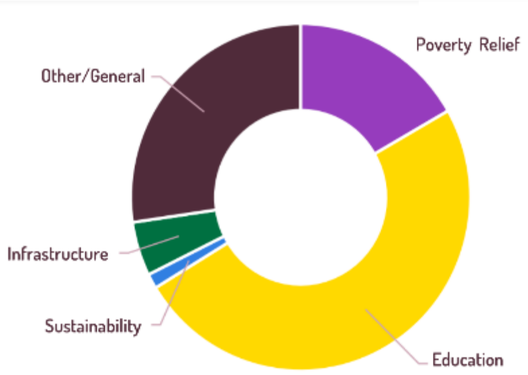
HIV Day Centre I One-off support I Hygiene & Health I Emergency Relief



Projects

Intervention Areas

POVERTY RELIEF	Direct support for very vulnerable populations
EDUCATION	Education for children and young adults
INFRASTRUCTURE	Improved living conditions for families and communities
SUSTAINABILITY	Technical education and income generation in families

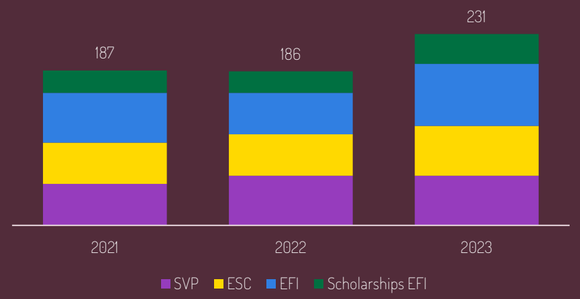


	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
# BENEFICIARIES (1)	1'626	1'646	1'794	2'975	3'095
# INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES	8'130	8'230	8'970	14'725	15'475
APPLIED FUNDS	£108 641	£90 089	£78 621	£40 757	£57 128
% EDUCATION	*64%*	*32%*	*41%*	*48%*	*85%*
% POVERTY RELIEF	*28%*	*65%*	*42%*	*37%*	*8%*
% SUSTAINABILITY	*7%*	*3%*	*7%*	*0%*	*0%*
% GENERAL	*0%*	*0%*	*10%*	*15%*	*7%*
FUNDS RECEIVED	£99 974	£101 975	£89 336	£89 556	£38 997

Pre-school Education

231 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 5, DISTRIBUTED AMONG 3 SCHOOLS:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai

Chongoene

Chokwé

KEY DONORS:

The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust

UPG - Ribacapital

UPG - TVCabo Moçambique

156£ Per Child Per Year

13£ Per Child Per Month

2023 Highlights

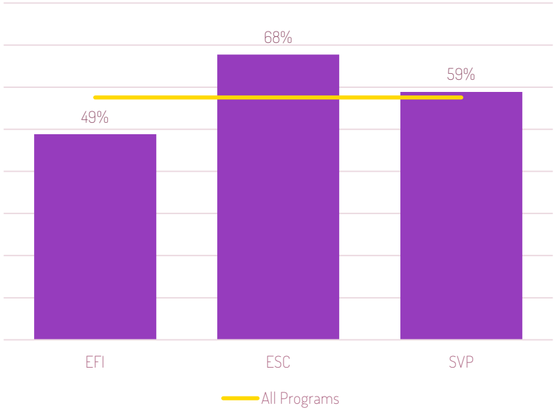
- At Escolinha de Santa Catarina, the highlight was the construction of the school kitchen, planned for a long time and which brought joy to the entire school, especially to its Cook, who now has a healthy and well cared environment to cook
- At Escolinha Flor da Infância and Escolinha de Santa Catarina, progress continues in the involvement of the Parents Committee, which supports the celebration of children's birthdays and in monitoring relevant issues at the Escolinhas
- Also noteworthy is the training given to the teachers at Escolinha de S. Vicente de Paulo

Historical Costs Evolution 2021-2023

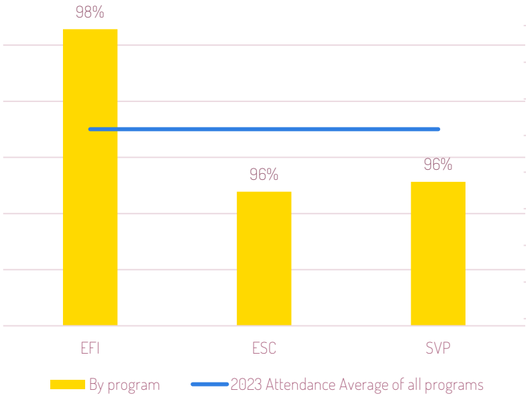


Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

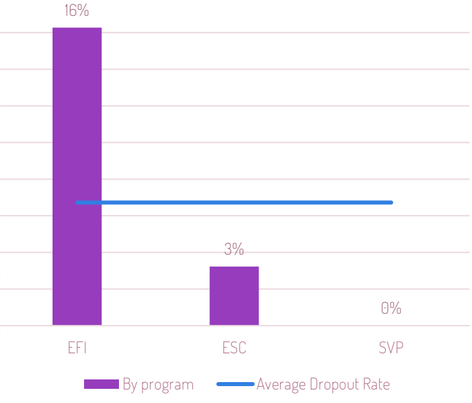
Female % by Program



Attendance by School



Dropout Rate by Program

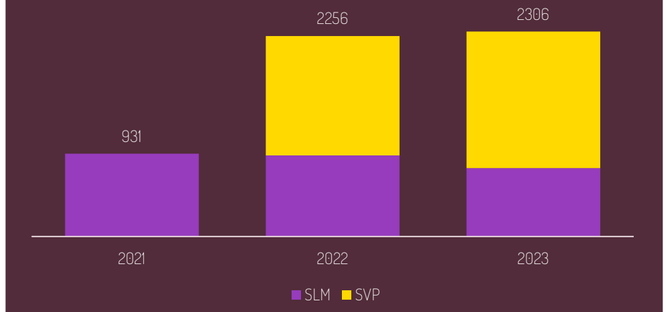


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School Feeding

2 306 CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL MEALS IN 2 LOCATIONS

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



SDG:

LOCATION:
Chokwé
Manjangue

KEY DONORS:
ALG RPHM 2024
Private Donours Xmas Appeal
UPG - Seth, S.A.
UPG - Instituto Camões I. P.

39£ Per Child Per Year

3£ Per Child Per Month

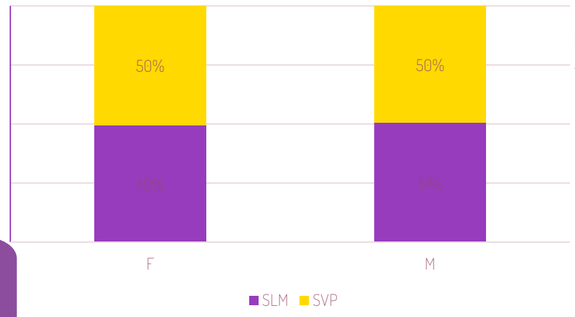
2023 Highlights

- In 2023, the São Vicente de Paulo Food Program expanded to 5 days a week as planned through the co-financing from Instituto Camões, with a positive impact on school attendance and retention
- Also noteworthy is the collaboration and exchange of experiences between the Santa Luísa and São Vicente Schools, achieving best practices in both projects

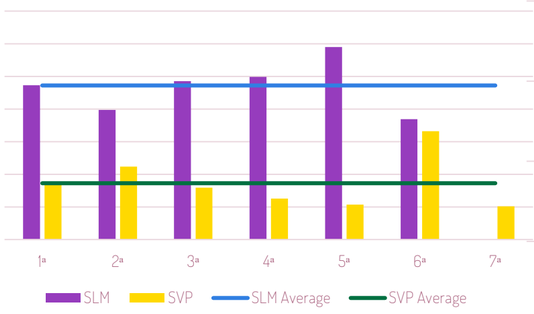
Historical Costs Evolution 2021-2023



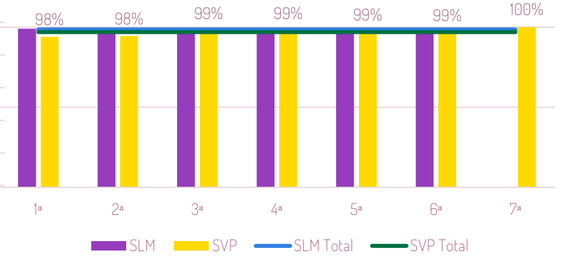
Beneficiaries Per Gender



Weight % Variation



Attendance Rate



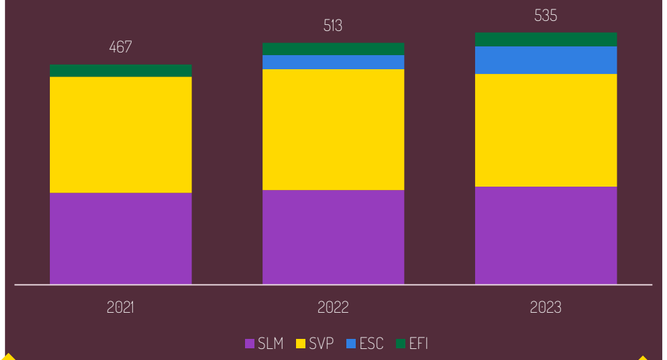
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After-School Support



507 CHILDREN, FROM 1ST TO 12TH GRADE, IN 4 AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT CLASSES:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai,
Chongoene
Chokwé
Manjangue

KEY DONORS:

The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust
UPG - Moza Banco
UPG - BCI Moçambique
UPG - Ribacapital

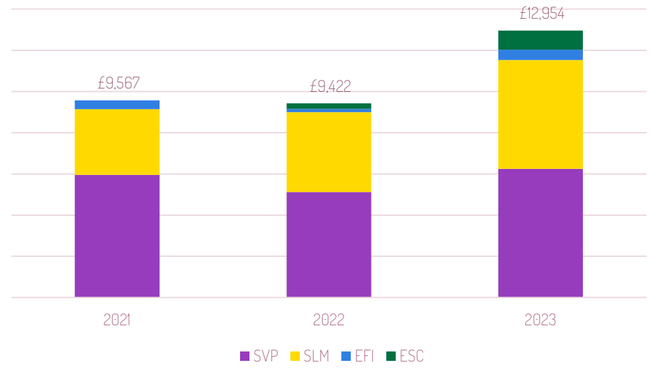
41£ Per Child Per Year

2£ Per Child Per Month

2023 Highlights

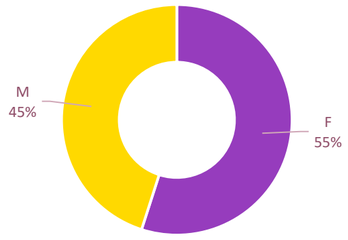
- Focus on improving after-school support classes, with an in-depth analysis of the project results in 2023, while planning changes for 2024,
- Training given to After-School Support monitors
- Good progress in the socio-cultural activities at São Vicente de Paulo and Santa Luísa de Marilac, as well as with the Sports Days
- Significant increase in the number of students at Escolinha de Santa Catarina approaching the target of 60 established at the beginning of the year, with a significant number of them being Sponsored Children from the surrounding communities.

Historical Costs Evolution 2021-2023



SDG:

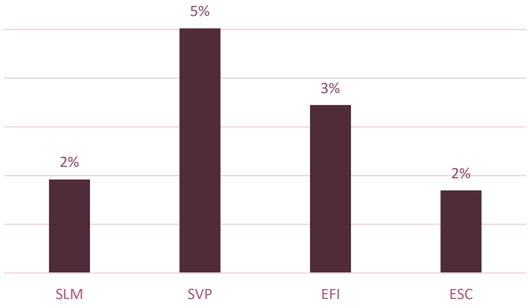
Gender



Attendance %



Dropout Rate

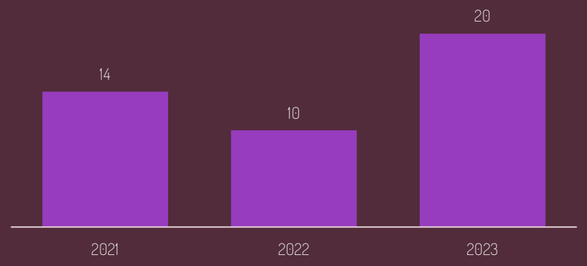


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Uni Scholarship

20 YOUNG PEOPLE, ACROSS 2 MAIN REGIONS

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:

Xai Xai

Chokwé

KEY DONORS:

UPG and ALG Private Donors

UPG - Câmara Municipal de Cascais

UPG - AgeCascais

SDG:

1 341£ Per Student per Year

112£ Per Student Per Month

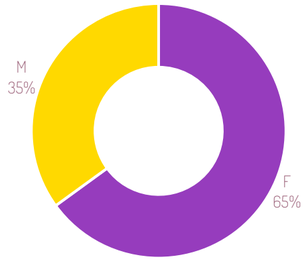
2023 Highlights

- Significant expansion of the program in 2023 after post-Covid slowdown
- Out of 48 potential high-school graduates, A Little Gesture received 22 applications and approved 13 new candidates,
- Introduction of a scholarship coordinator per zone and monthly monitoring of scholarship recipients
- 1 graduation in 2023: Artemisa – Zootechnical Engineering

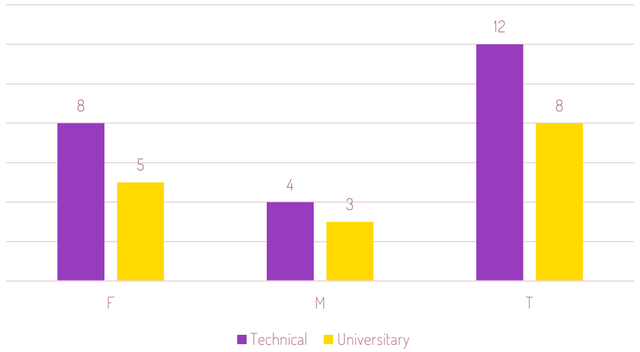
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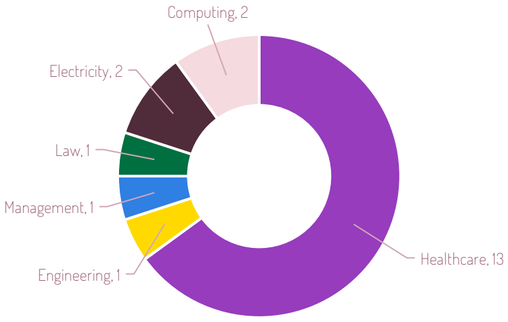
By Gender



By Scholarship Type



By Field

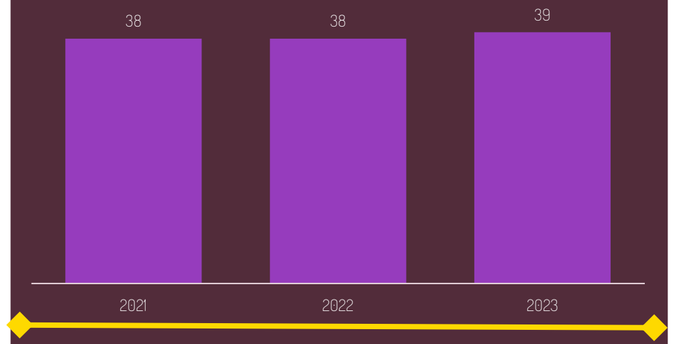


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HIV Day Center

39 CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN 7 AND 21:

Beneficiaries Historical Evolution



LOCATION:
Manjangue

KEY DONORS:
UPG Private Donour
ALG Year-End Appeal

SDG:

590 £ Per Child Per Year

49 £ Per Child Per Month

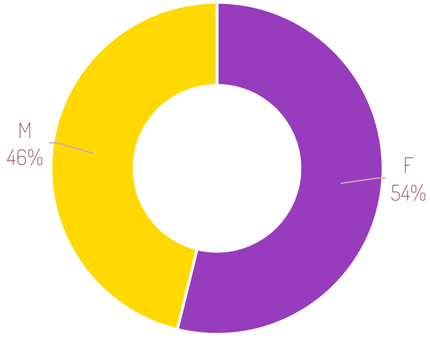
2023 Highlights

- Progress in integrating Day Center activities with other School activities
- 6 new children: Ivone, Flora, Anatércia, Yurca, Afonso, Quelrla
- Continuation of learning how to cut and sew with the Tailor
- Strengthening arts activities

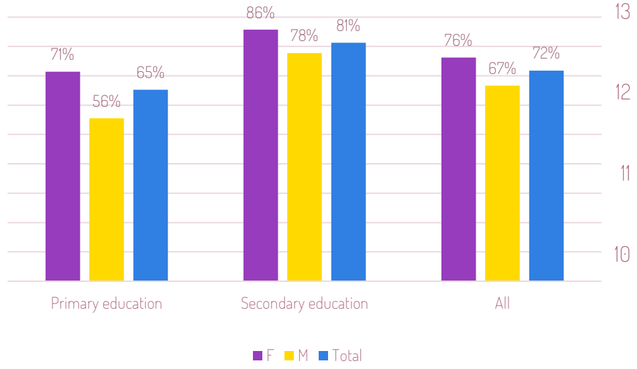
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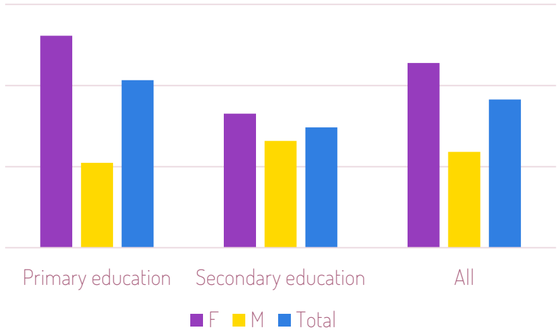
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Approval Rate



Average Final Grade



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FUNDRAISING



Fundraising Summary

Fundraising Channels

2023 Initiatives

2023 Fundraising Overview

38 997 £

Funds Raised



Grants Raised

£12 525

Gift Aid on Donations

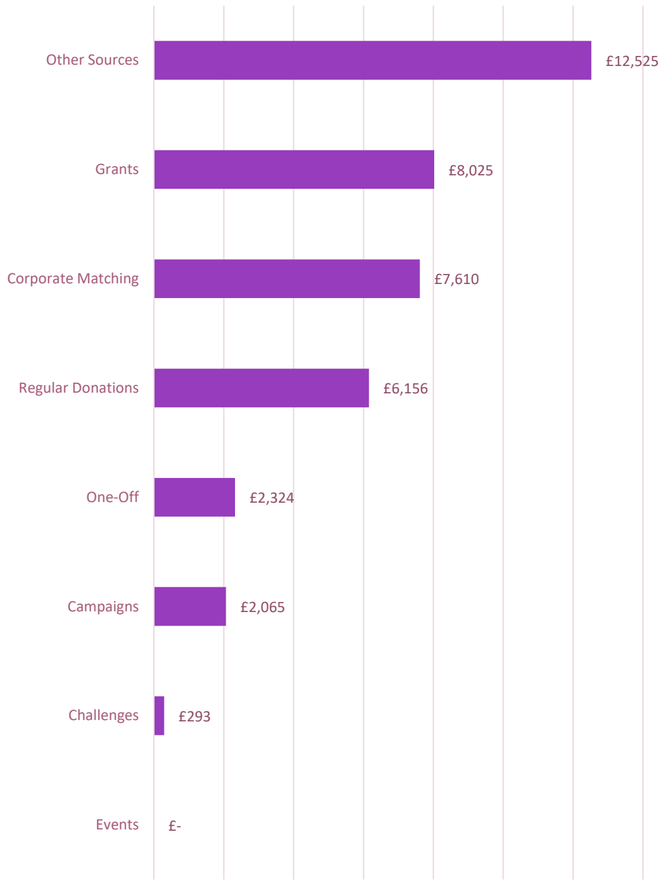
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General Funds Raised

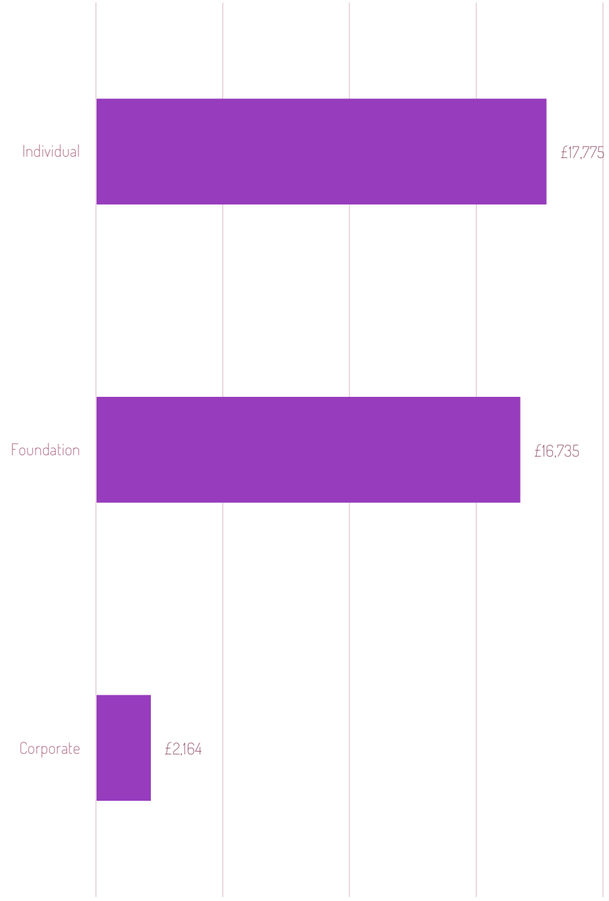
31%



Funds Raised by Channel



Funds Raised by Type of Donour





2023 Fundraising Analysis

- In 2023, funds raised of £38 997 reflect a sharp decline year on year, on the back of a reduction in the fundraising activities of the charity
- The largest source of fundraising was through Grants, with a multi-annual grant from MCBT being renewed with a focus on Pre-School and After-School activities. The decline in funding in this area reflected the expected termination of the Egmont Trust grant, who have expressed a preference for funding local players
- Peer 2 Peer fundraising continues to represent a meaningful source of funds for the Charity (21%), driven by a combination of the Royal Parks Half Marathon, the Madrid Marathon and Birthday Celebrations from friends of the charity
- Corporate matching continues to be a significant source of funding, mostly driven by private donours and matching for fundraising events,
- ALG continues to have a solid base of regular donours and expects to continue to strengthen this area as a key source of fundraising
    - Given data restrictions, there are a number of donations from anonymous donours in 2023, which makes it challenging for ALG to engage with these donours and seek a regular donation
- In 2023, ALG launched successful campaigns for Pre-Schools, as well as a year-end Appeal for School Feeding

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Financial Summary

YoY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2021	2022	2023
Sources of Funds	£89 336	£89 556	£38 997
Project Costs	£39 825	£55 255	£71 588
Fundraising & Admin	£954	£1 872	£653
Total Expenditure	£40 779	£57 128	£72 241
Net Balance	£48 557	£32 428	£(33 244)
% Funds Disbursed	45%	62%	184%
Cost Income Ratio	1,1%	2,1%	1.7%

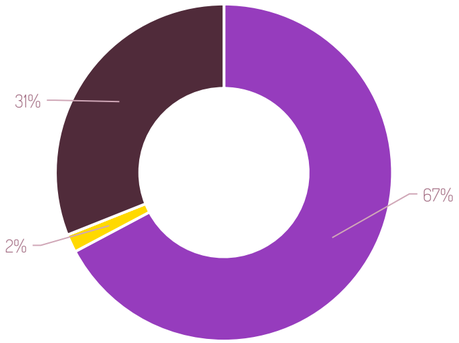
KEY FINANCIAL METRICS

- ALG raised an average £83 968 for its charitable activities over the last 5 years. 2020 was a higher year in light of the emergency funds attracted in the pandemic
- In 2023, the Charity registered a sharp decline in its annual funds raised on the back of a reduction of fundraising activities and a termination of a multi-year grant
  - Around 67% of these funds were focused on educational projects and 31% were unrestricted funds.
- Recognizing strong reserves, the Trustees have decided to use accumulated reserves to face ongoing project needs despite lower financing results, as was anticipated at the end of 2022, thereby increasing the % of funds disbursed to >100%
  - The historical conservative stance adopted by the trustees allowed for the disbursements to be 30% higher YoY despite a less active fundraising
- The Trustees keep a close focus on the cost-to-income ratio, targeted at under 10%. In 2022, this was very comfortably achieved with Admin Costs at 1.7% of funds raised and at 0.9%% of funds applied over the year

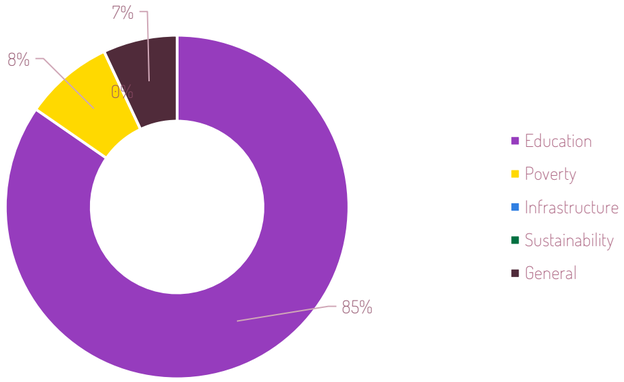
Funds Financial Review

ALG dedicates its charitable activities to i) the advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease.
In 2023 the area of Education was a strong recipient of funds raised (67%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (85%)

FUNDS RECEIVED



FUNDS DISBURSED

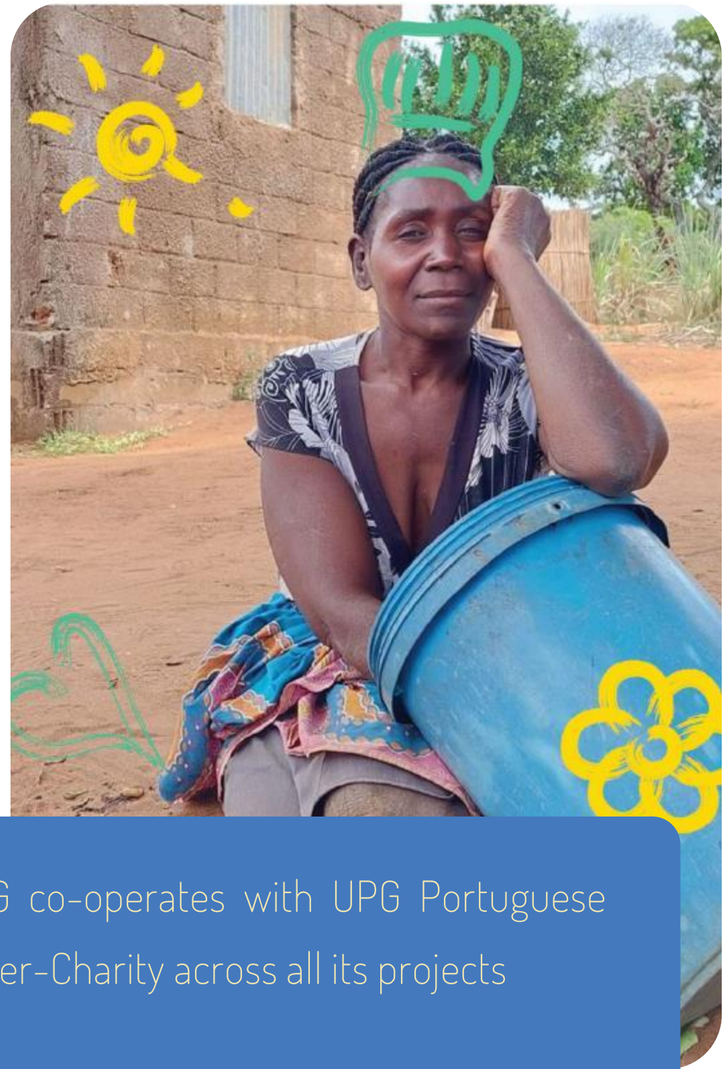


Funds raised

- The weight of General Funds remains sizeable at 31% (£12'102) and provides the organization much needed flexibility in the utilisation of funds
- The team launched new efforts for fundraising for the SLM and SVP School Feeding programs, the target of most of its Peer2Peer fundraising in 2023, as well as the Year-End Appeal
- Funding for Pre-Schools continues to be a stable area in ALG thanks to a long-standing partnership with The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust

Applied Funds

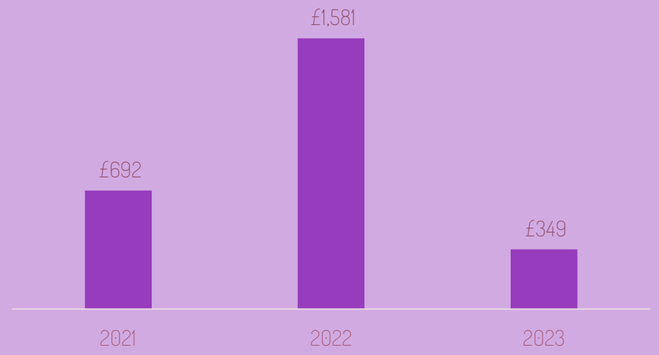
- An amount of £71'588 was disbursed in 2023 to be applied directly in projects in Mozambique. This represents a continued increase in disbursements post the lower years of 2021 and 2022
- In 2023, the Trustees decided to repeat the disbursement from the General Fund to be applied towards In-Country Costs.
- The ratio of applied to raised funds increased as expected, in light of the amount of reserves accumulated



ALG co-operates with UPG Portuguese sister-Charity across all its projects

Fundraising Costs

- Fundraising costs are mostly related to the fees for fundraising websites such as Justgiving, Benevity and Paypal
- In 2023, there were no costs registered relating to the RPHM 2023 Half Marathon, which skews the fundraising numbers down



Admin Costs

- ALG has very limited admin costs as it employs no staff and it has no physical headquarters
- ALG has contributed to in-country General Costs in 2023. The Trustees acknowledge that its low-cost structure in the UK can only secure an efficient and impactful application of funds through the use of both HQ Staff in Lisbon and In-Country Staff in Mozambique



Accounting Policies

- The ALG Accounts are reported on a standalone basis and based on receipts and payments accounting.
- The ALG Management Accounts include project expenses inclusive of the projects co-founded with UPG
- Project costs shown throughout the document refer to the local project expenses, which may or not be the same as the disbursements made to the ground. When an excess or deficit remains, it is carried over to the next year of the project under ALG Management Accounts.
- The Charity has reviewed its Financial Controls Policy in 2023, which is available for consultation.







Final Notes

- ALG is available for any clarifications regarding this report.
- ALG is available to facilitate visits to projects and beneficiaries by relevant official entities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Highlights

- ALG continues to work towards its mission of improving the living conditions of underprivileged children and their families in needy rural communities in southern Mozambique.
- The school feeding program for 2400 children emphasizes the importance of education that A Little Gesture believes is key for school attendance and retention
- At the end of 2023, the sister-charity Um Pequeno Gesto went through significant staff changes and is restructuring to allow it to better operate and pursue its core objectives, in partnership with A Little Gesture UK



A Little Gesture: SDG

The projects of A Little Gesture align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, serving as fundamental pillars of a balanced society that generates employment and wealth while respecting and advocating for human rights.



GLOSSARY

A

ALG – A Little Gesture

C

CC – Community Centre
CCUPG – Crescer com a UPG

E

EA – Escolinha do André
EFI – Pre-school Escolinha Flor da Infância
ESC – Pre-school Escolinha de Santa Catarina

F

FX – Foreign Exchange
FY – Fiscal Year
GBP – British Pound

G

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

H

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HQ – Headquarters

I

IFPELAC – Alberto Cassimo Laboral Studies and Professional Education Institute
IS – Infra-structure

K

KPI – Key Performance Indicators

L

LY – Last Year

M

MZN – Mozambican Metical

R

RPHM – Royal Parks Half Marathon

S

SLM – Santa Luísa de Marillac School
SVP – São Vicente de Paulo Schoo

U

UPG – Um Pequeno Gesto

Y

Y-O-Y – Year-over-Year

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Year to December 2023
All fund codes consolidated

	Turnover year to date	Turnover last year to date
Voluntary Receipts	38,997.48	906,334.77
Receipts from Charitable Activities	0.00	1.00
Receipts from Investments	0.00	0.00
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	(348.70)	(48,115.89)
Charitable Activities Costs	(71,588.00)	(673,366.56)
Governance Costs	(304.50)	(3,451.25)
Other Costs	0.00	0.00
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Net receipts/payments	(33,243.72)	181,402.07
Cash funds start of year	224,090.42	191,662.19
Cash funds end of period	190,846.70	224,090.42

Charity no. 1141990

A Little Gesture UK **All fund codes consolidated** **Printed: 14/10/2024**

Month = December 2023
All fund codes consolidated

		Value	
Cash Funds			
B6100	Bank current account	0.00	
B6101	Barclays Bank Account	188,821.80	
B6102	Paypal Account	4.24	
B6103	Mydonate Account	0.00	
B6104	Izettle	0.00	
B6105	VirginMoney Account	0.00	
B6106	DoitForCharity Account	0.00	
B6107	Barclays Bank USD Account	0.00	
B6108	JustGiving Account	2,020.66	
B6200	Deposit account	0.00	
B6300	Petty cash	0.00	
			190,846.70
Net assets/liabilities			190,846.70

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	**A Little Gesture a Great Help**		
On accounts for the year ended	31-Dec-2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1141990
Set out on pages	(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 / 12 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	30.10.2024
Name:	Pedro Santos Reis		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	Flat 5, 1 Gloucester Street
	SW1vDB

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	None ----------

A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

England & Wales - Charity number 1141990

Accounts



A Little Gesture

Annual Report

2022



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71%

of the population lives in rural areas



A Little Gesture A Great Help (ALG)

About us

ALG is a non-profit organization recognized by the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 2011.
In 2022, ALG reached 3 237 direct beneficiaries in the province of Gaza, Mozambique, in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal[1].

Vision

Break the cycle of poverty in Mozambique



Misson

Promote the improvement of the living conditions of every child in the needy communities in southern Mozambique.

1. UPG is a non-profit Association legally recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization for Development (NGDO) by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2008, and by the Mozambican Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2010. ALG is registered with the UK Charity Commission since 2011



Letter from the Chairman

What a year 2022 has been, yet again full of surprises but never without hope. Yet again we took steps well out of our depth and are overwhelmed with emotion of the impact we had on the lives of the children. Yet again we dedicated heart and soul (and many many hours) to the little (and not so little ones) in Mozambique.

With a mission so difficult, the end is not always near. We are working every day to tool each child and family to break the cycle of poverty. Through education and nutrition, we believe this will be possible one family at a time. With this long end in sight, we spend a lot of time thinking about what else we can do, and too little thinking about the lives that are already being changed every day.

Changing lives is precisely at the centre of our actions. And for that, we have also changed ourselves, grown as a team, pushed ourselves further. We launched one of our largest projects feeding 1500 children 3x a week. We lost a bit of sleep on it, but here is the outcome:

- 120 thousand meals provided at São Vicente School
- School absenteeism went from 11% to 2% in only 1 year
- 150 thousand meals provided at Santa Luisa Marillac school

The list goes on as I go through each program – after-school support, pre-schools, uni scholarships, HIV center, housing. I won't get stuck on numbers.

Through our 18-year history, we focused on one story at a time. But the bigger picture reminds us of the large number if lives we are changing. Stories are behind every single number, and with your help, we will have many more to bring in 2023.

Sara Vicente Barreto – ALG Founder

PROJECTS



EDUCATION

Pre-schools
After-School Support
School Feeding
Uni. Scholarships



INFRASTRUCTURE (IE)

Family Huts & Latrines
Other Community Infrastructure

UPG SPONSORING

Nutrition
Education



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Courses
Family/ Youth Income Generation
Community Courses



POVERTY RELIEF

HIV Day Centre
Health Initiatives
Emergency Fund

How we operate

The Child at the Center of Our Intervention

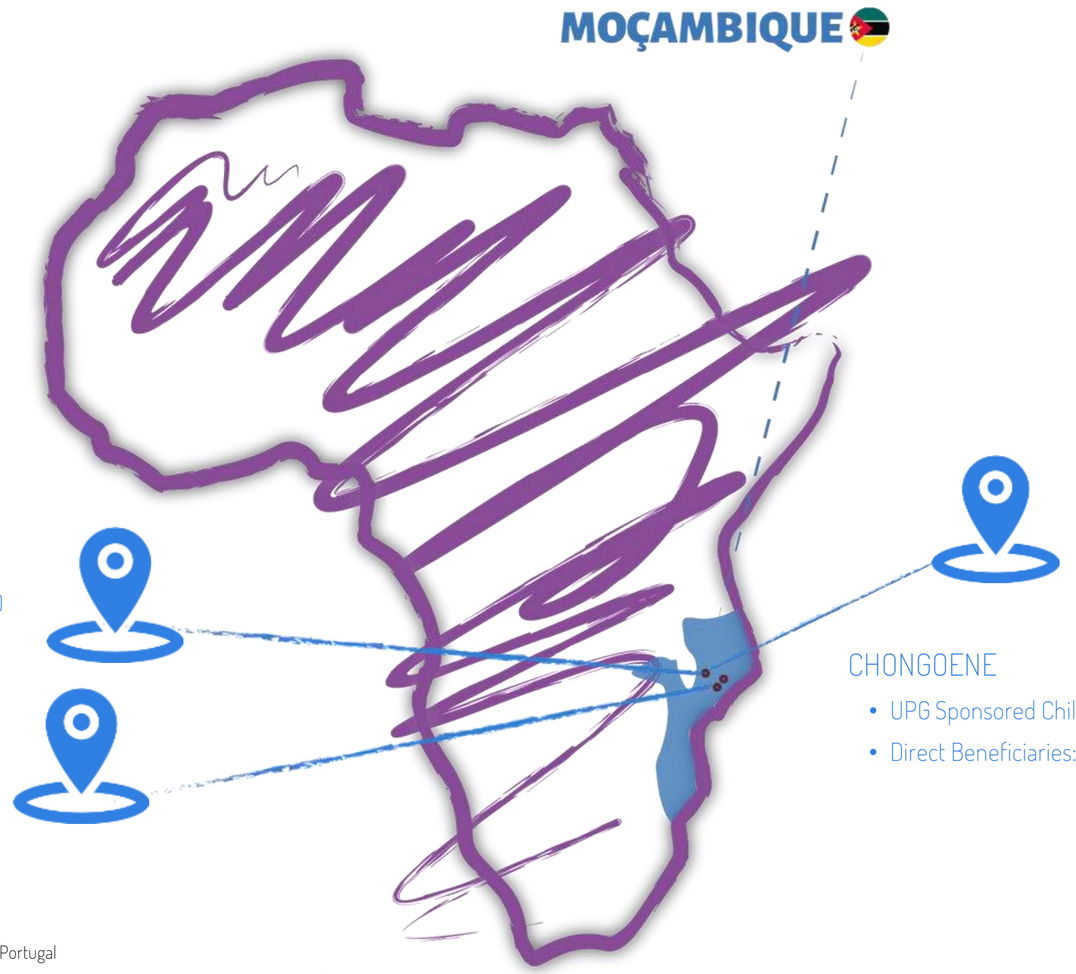
ALG accomplishes its mission by providing in-depth, personalized support to each child, promoting nutrition, education, and empowerment in a healthy and dignified environment.

34k
children supported since 2011

£751k
disbursed since 2011

A Little Gesture Mozambique

Impact in 2022[1]



CHOKWÉ

- UPG Sponsored Child: 500
- Direct Beneficiaries: 4200

XAI -XAI

- UPG Sponsored Child: 200
- Direct Beneficiaries: 50

CHONGOENE

- UPG Sponsored Child: 320
- Direct Beneficiaries: 50

2022 BENEFICIARIES[2]:

3 237

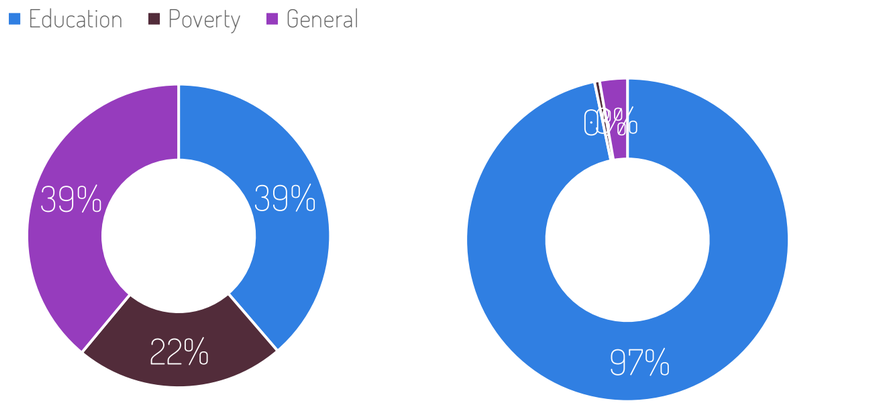
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

£ RAISED BY PROJECT

£89 556

£ APPLIED BY TYPE

£57 128



1. Sponsoring program is exclusively run by UPG Portugal
2. Net beneficiaries allows a clear picture of how many unique beneficiaries are touched by ALG interventions

CASE STUDY





Almira

Former UPG Sponsored Child, Former Local Technician, Former University Scholarship Student

INCREASING FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

ALG focuses on female empowerment through education, training, and financial literacy of women. This reinforces self-confidence, reduces gender inequality, and encourages women and girls to stand up for themselves and fight for their rights. The more empowered they are, the greater their power and control over their own lives.

During her journey with UPG, Almira has taken part in various training programmes and activities for female empowerment. Today, she acts as a mentor to the younger girls, seeking to continue the chain of empowerment and support the young women in training.

Almira is 21 years old and has been with UPG/ALG since she was 10 years old, in the Sponsorship program at the Santa Luísa de Marillac school in Manjangue, when she started attending 5th grade. With a lot of affection for children, her childhood dream was to become a teacher.

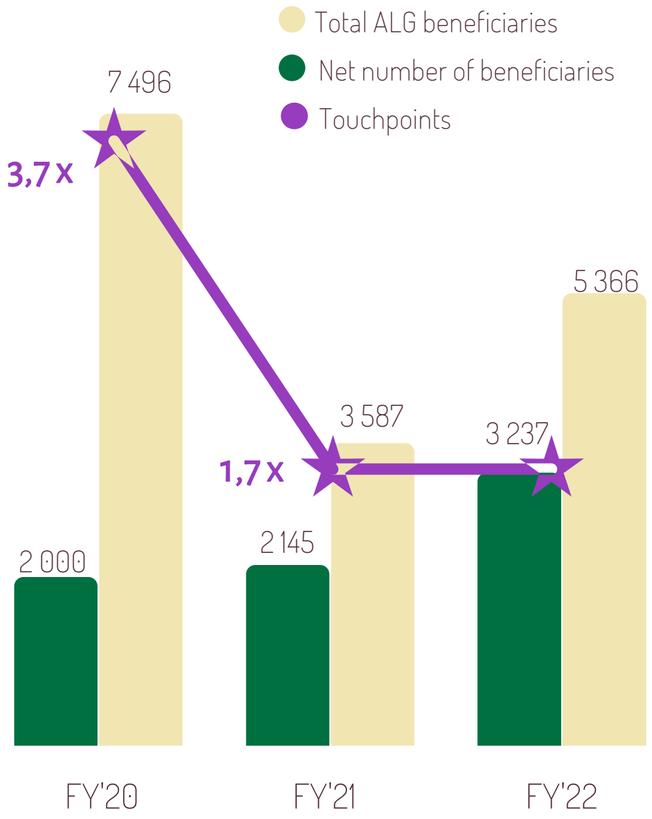
With ALG's support, Almira participated in various technical professional courses, such as Culinary Arts (2016) and Sewing and Tailoring (2018). In 2021, she completed the 12th grade and enrolled in the Chicuque Teachers Training Center in Inhambane, but unfortunately, she couldn't continue the course.

However, in 2022, her motivation and proactivity made her a monitor in our Study Support project at Santa Luísa de Marillac. In this activity, Almira took her first professional steps and realized that her true passion was to support and help people. At the end of the year, Almira was admitted to a university scholarship and is currently studying General Nursing.

ALG IN NUMBERS

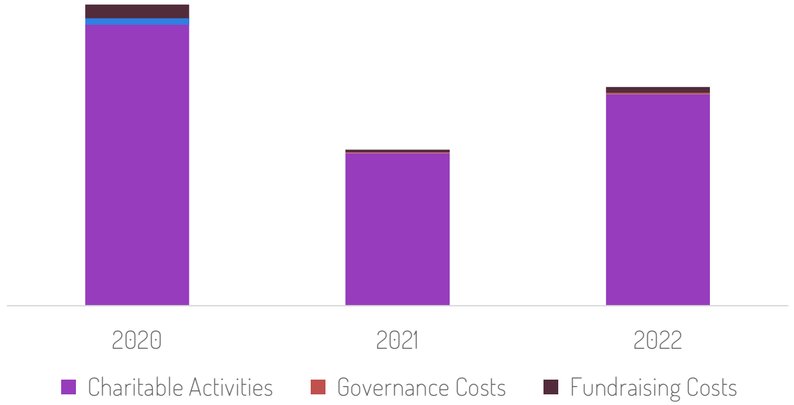
2020-2022

ALG BENEFICIARIES



Nota: Net number of beneficiaries reflects unique number of children who benefit from one or more A Little Gesture initiatives. Note that 2020 was an emergency year, with several initiatives dedicated to the same beneficiaries during the pandemic.

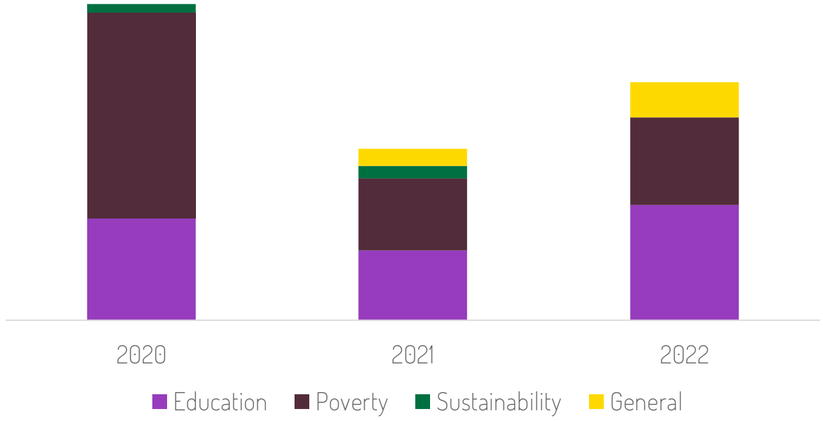
APPLIED FUNDS BY TYPE







SOURCES OF FUNDS BY PROJECT



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PROJECTS

The ALG Projects are local intervention initiatives that complement the UPG Sponsorship program. These initiatives enable the beneficiary children and their families to grow up in a context of opportunity and to meet the necessary conditions to break the poverty cycle .



EDUCATION

Pre-school I School Feeding I After-School Support I Uni Scholarship



INFRASTRUCTURES

Housing I Community Infrastructure



SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Education I Income Generation



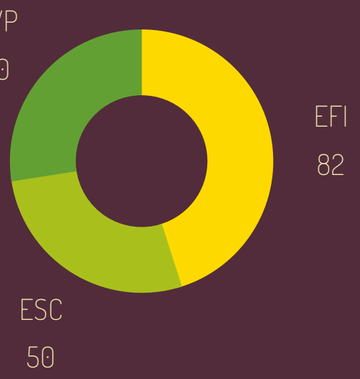
POVERTY RELIEF

HIV Day Centre I One-off support I Hygiene & Health I Emergency Relief



Pre-school Education

182 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 5, DISTRIBUTED AMONG 3 SCHOOLS:



LOCATION:
CHONGOENE CHOKWÉ, XAI-XAI

KEY DONORS
MacBevan Charitable Trust
UPG Corporate Donours

KPIs
Beneficiaries: 182
% Girls: 62
Weight Gain: avg +1kg
School Attendance: High

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

£33 120 Project Costs

£161 per Child

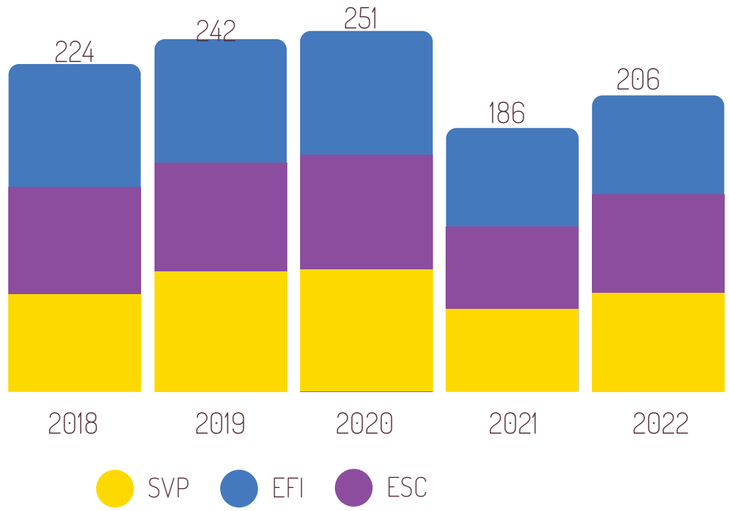
Pre-Schools: Costs per Pre-School, 2022



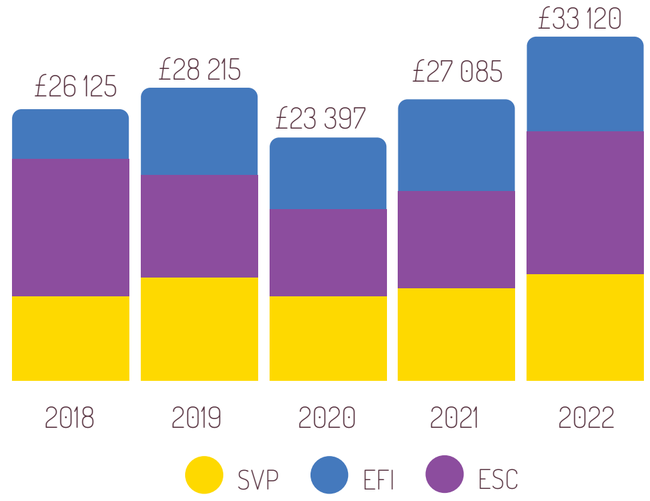
2022 Highlights

- Reopening of all preschools starting from February 2022, with a maximum of 30 children per classroom in accordance with the COVID-19 prevention guidelines set by the Mozambican government;
- ESC Infrastructure Works: completion of bathroom and water storage facility construction and school window renovations;
- EFI Infrastructure Works: adult restroom and washbasin facilities;
- Training for Educators, Technicians, and Partners: First Aid and New Education Guidelines for children aged 3 to 5;
- Implementation of 'Educational Corners' in the 3 Preschools."

Beneficiaries, 2018-2022

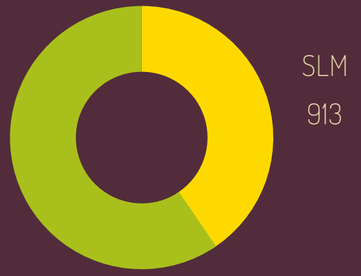


Hist. Costs Evol, 2018-2022



School Feeding

2,256 CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL MEALS IN 2 LOCATIONS



LOCATION:
CHOKWÉ, MANJANGUE

KEY DONORS:
ALG
UPG Corporate Donours
Partnership with
Instituto Camões I. P.

KPIs
Beneficiaries: 2.256
% Girls: 50
School Attendance: High

SDG:

£ 74 885 Project Costs

£33 per Child

School Feeding: Costs, 2022

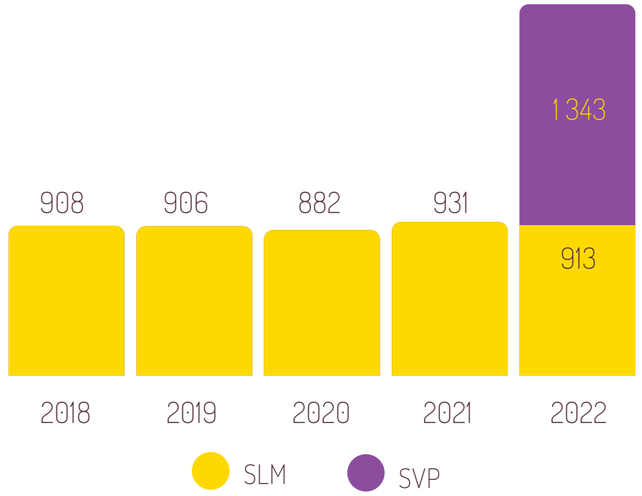


2022 Highlights

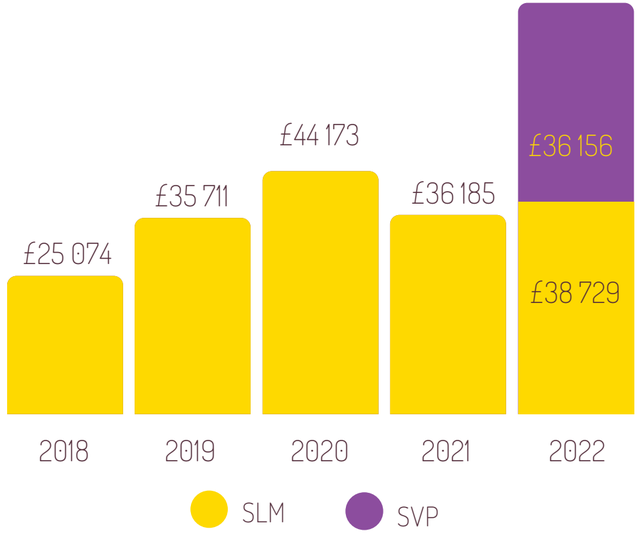
NEW

- In 2022, the Pilot School Feeding Project was launched in S. Vicente de Paulo, co-financed by the Camões Institute with meals 3x/ week;
- Return to the normality of School Feeding activities in Santa Luísa de Marillac after turbulent years of the pandemic.

Beneficiaries, 2018-2022

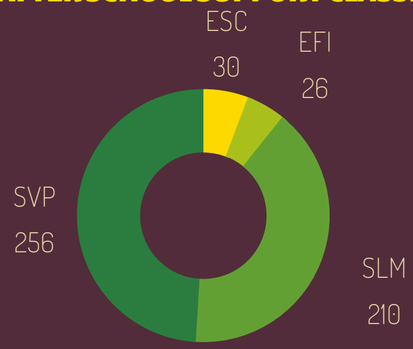


Historical Evolution of Total Costs, 2018-2022



After-School Support

522 CHILDREN, FROM 1ST TO 12TH GRADE, IN 4 AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT CLASSES:



LOCATION:
Chongoene Chokwé, Xai-Xai

KEY DONORS:
ALG
UPG Corporate Donours

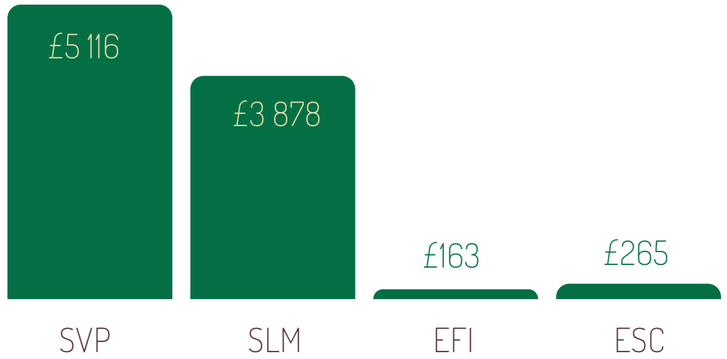
KPIs
Beneficiaries: 522
% Girls: 39
Weekly Attendance: High

SDG:

£9 422 Project Costs

£18 Per Child

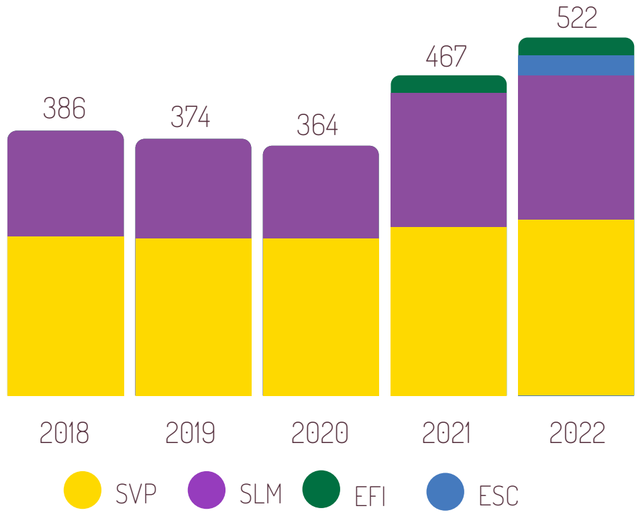
After School Support: Costs, 2022



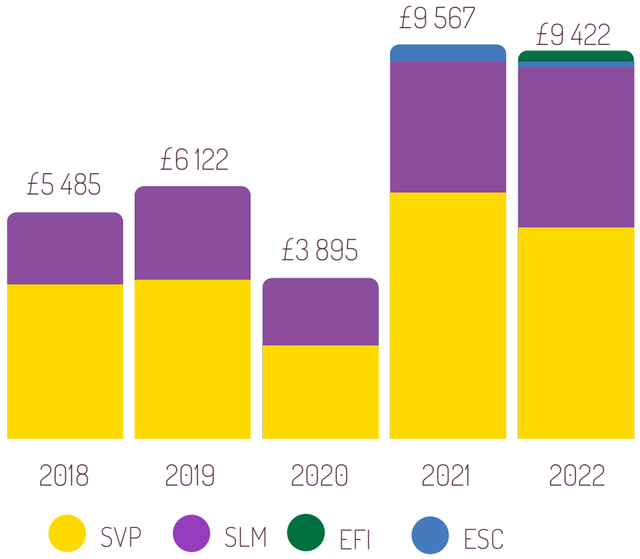
2022 Highlights

- Launch of After-School Support in Chongoene (ESC) for Year 1-3 children
- Normalization of After-School Support activities, while adhering to COVID-19 safety and prevention measures.
- Development of cultural activities, with a focus on African and Mozambican dances (Xigubo, Scotani, Marabenta, etc.).
- Creation of the UPG Winners Group in SVP (female-focused program)
- Resumption of Sports Days between SVP and SLM

Beneficiaries, 2018-2022

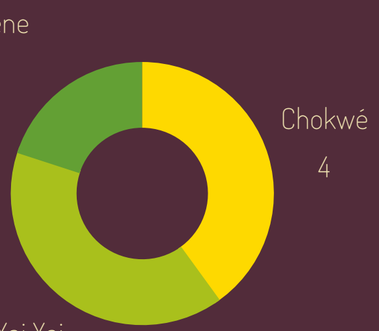


Historical Cost Evolution, 2018-2022



Uni Scholarship

10 YOUNG PEOPLE, ACROSS 2 MAIN REGIONS:



LOCATION:
Chongoene Chokwé, Xai-Xai

KEY DONORS:
ALG Individual Donours
UPG Individual Donours

KPIs
Beneficiaries: 10
% Girls: 40
Academic Progression: 100%

SDG:

£9 994 Project Costs

£999 per Scholarship (on average)

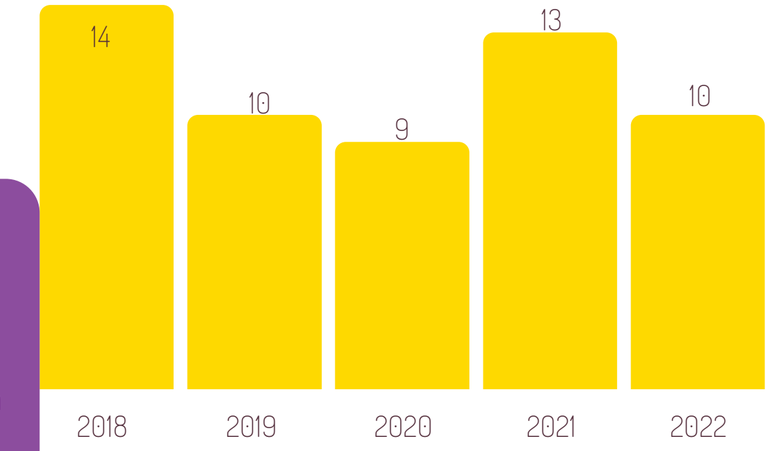
Costs per scholarship student, 2022



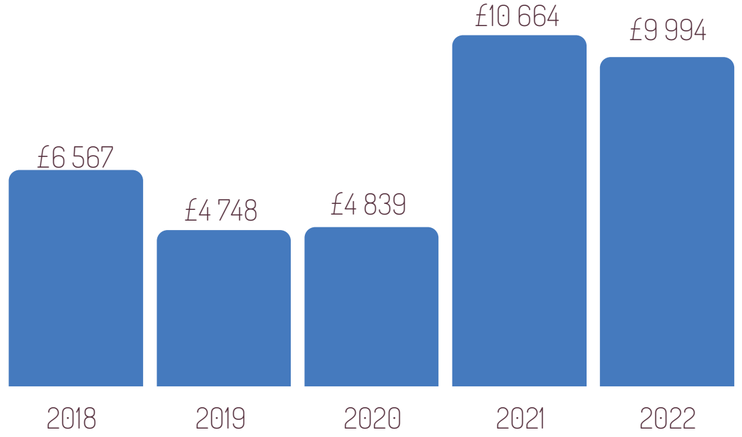
2022 Highlights

- No new scholarships were awarded in 2022, only the continuation of existing scholarships.
- Resumption of in-person classes and internships.
- 3 graduations in 2022: Miliona, Alfredo, and Sérgio.
- Miliona is currently part of the UPG team in SVP, Alfredo is employed, and Sérgio, who graduated in Electrical Engineering, provides services in construction and maintenance.

Beneficiaries, 2018-2022



Historical Cost Evolution, 2018-2022



HIV Day Center

38 CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN 7 AND 21:



LOCATION:
MANJANGUE

KEY DONORS:
The Egmont Trust

KPIs
Beneficiaries: 38
% Girls: 39
Avg Attendance: 66%

SDG:

£21 338 Project Costs

£562 Per Child

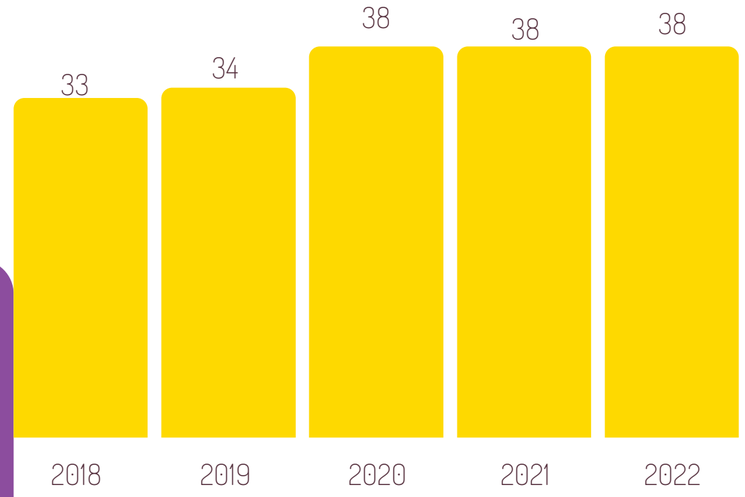




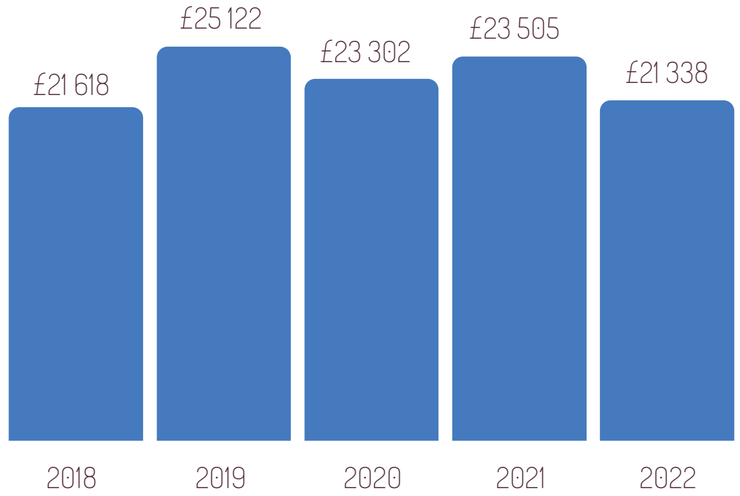
2022 Highlights

- Resumption of activities to their normalcy.
- Addition of 4 new children: Félix, Floida, Lizete, and Preciosa.
- Introduction of new income-generating initiatives: Arone (painting/tattooing), Alfa (hairdressing), and Constância (small business).
- Establishment of the cultural group Milohro, aimed at enhancing youth engagement through art, culture, and education.
- Graduation of 7 young individuals: Odílio, Rafael, Hélio, Isac, Azélia, Arone, and Lázaro.

Beneficiaries, 2018-2022



Historical Cost Evolution, 2018-2022



Poverty – Ad-Hoc Support

24 CHILDREN, FROM 2ND TO 7TH CLASS:



LOCATION:
Chongoene

KEY DONORS:
ALG Individual Donour

KPIs
Beneficiaries: 24
% Girls: 50

SDG:

£1 184 Project Costs

£49 Per Child

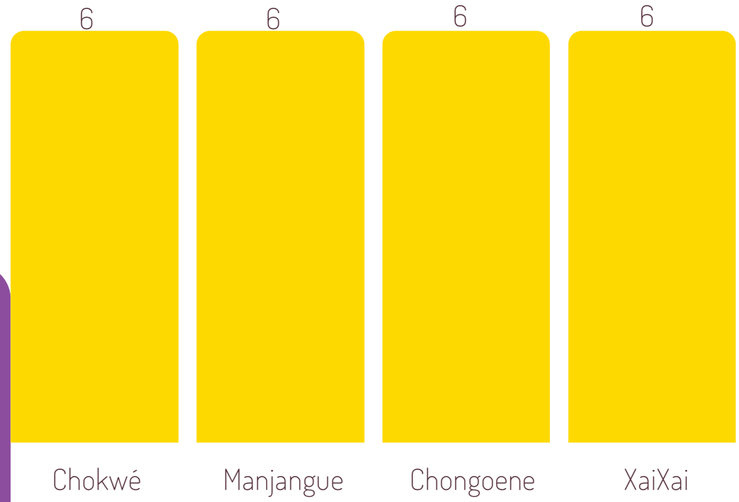




2022 Highlights

- Distribution of mattresses to the top sponsored students from each grade, spanning from 2nd to 7th grade, in the locations of Chokwé, Manjangue, Chongoene, and XaiXai.
- Criteria for awards: academic performance, attendance in classes, and behavior both inside and outside of school.

Beneficiaries by location, 2022





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FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Financial Summary

YoY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



	2020	2021	2022
Sources of Funds	£101 975	£89 336	£89 556
Project Costs	£73 400	£39 825	£55 255
Fundraising & Admin	£5 221	£954	£1 872
Total Expenditure	**£78 621**	**£40 779**	**£57 128**
Net Balance	**£23 354**	**£48 557**	**£32 428**

KEY FINANCIAL METRICS



	2020	2021	2022
Sources of Funds	£101 975	£89 336	£89 556
Project Costs	£73 400	£39 825	£55 255
Fundraising & Admin	£5 221	£954	£1 872
Net Cash Balances	**£23 354**	**£48 557**	**£32 428**
Cumulative Cash Balances	£143 105	£191 662	£224 090
% Funds Disbursed	**72%**	**45%**	**62%**
Cost Income Ratio	**5,1%**	**1,1%**	**2,1%**

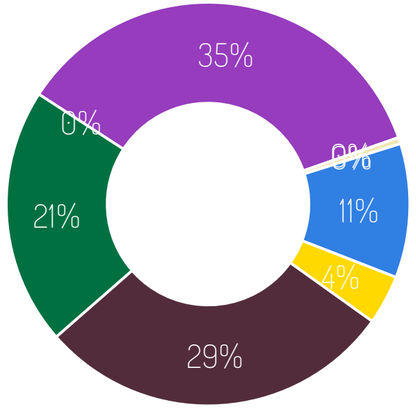
- The Charity registered a flat performance in its annual funds raised, stabilizing a few large grants and regular donours but not yet achieving growth in new areas.
- Around 40% of these funds were focused on educational projects and 22% towards poverty relief initiatives. A reserve was built during the year in light of i) some strong financing in certain areas of UPG Portugal and ii) anticipated expiry of 2 large grants for 2023 YE.
- The Trustees adopted a conservative stance in regular disbursements while keeping a high level of reserves in order to avoid reductions in multi-annual projects and respond to emergency funding.

- ALG raised an average £88'328 for its charitable activities over the last 5 years. 2020 was a higher year in light of the emergency funds attracted in the pandemic. Funding has declined versus the 10-year average with a reduction in the number of events and availability of the Trustees to focus on fundraising activities.
- Recognizing strong reserves, the Trustees increased the % of funds disbursed from 45% in 2021 to 62% in 2022. Cash at year end 2021 of £224'090 remained comfortably above funds both raised and disbursed.
- The Trustees keep a close focus on the cost-to-income ratio, targeted at under 10%. In 2022, this was very comfortably achieved with Admin Costs at 2.1% of funds raised and at 3.3% of funds applied over the year.

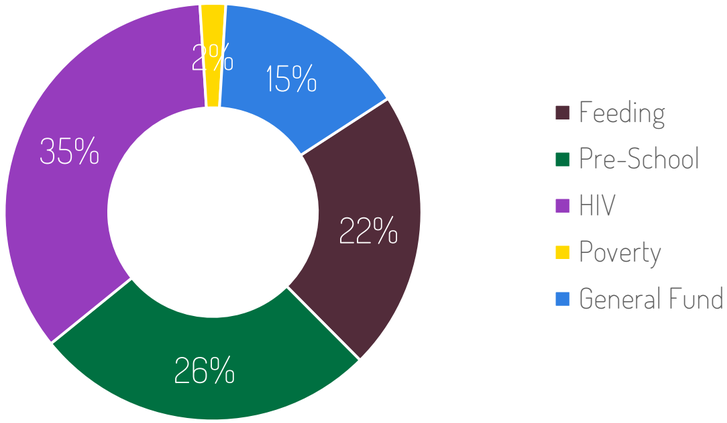
Funds Financial Review

ALG dedicates its charitable activities to i) the advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease. In 2022 the area of Education was a strong recipient of funds raised (39%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (48%)

FUNDS RECEIVED



FUNDS DISBURSED



Funds raised

- The weight of General Funds remains sizeable at 39% (£34'901) and provides the organisation much needed flexibility in the utilisation of funds.
- The team strengthened fundraising towards SLM School Feeding (27%) and has launched new efforts for its HIV Center to manage the expiry of the Egmont Trust funding at YE22.
- Funding for Pre-Schools continues to be a stable area in ALG thanks to a long-standing partnership with The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust.

Applied Funds

- An amount of £55'255 was disbursed in 2022 to be applied directly in projects in Mozambique. This represents an increase in disbursements vs. the low of 2021.
- In 2022, the Trustees decided towards a disbursement from the General Fund to be applied towards In-Country Costs.
- The Trustees expect to increase the ratio of applied to raised funds in light of the high amount of reserves accumulated.

Admin Costs

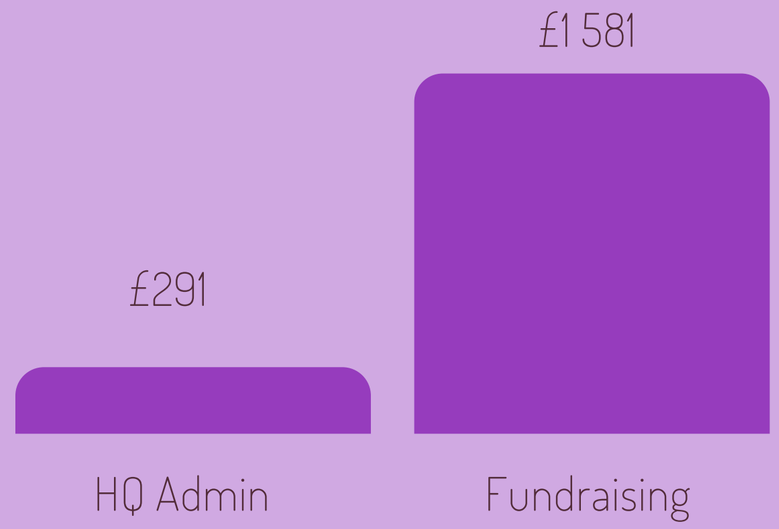


The Trustees remain fully volunteer and committed to support the key charitable objectives of the charity with minimal headquarter and admin costs.

HQ and Fundraising Costs continue to be in line with historical levels.

- HQ Admin Costs are mostly related to bank costs as well as accounting software costs
- Fundraising costs are related to fundraising websites costs (in 2022 changed to JustGiving, which has a recurring monthly fee) and Charitable Events Slots

While there is no headcount cost recorded in the UK, part of the staff costs from work at UPG Portugal Headquarters in Lisbon are embedded in Project Costs financed by ALG as a de facto cost share.



Accounting Policies

- The ALG accounts are reported on a standalone basis and based on receipts and payments accounting.
- Project Expenses or Project Costs are shown throughout the document, which refer to the local project expenses, which may or not be the same as the disbursements made to the ground. When an excess or deficit remains, it is carried over to the next year of the project.
- Project expenses are shown inclusive of the projects co-funded with UPG.
- The Charity has reviewed its Financial Controls Policy in 2022, which is available for consultation.







Highlights

- ALG continues to work towards its mission of improving the living conditions of underprivileged children and their families in needy rural communities in southern Mozambique.
- In 2022, the school feeding program was launched at School S. Vicente de Paulo, co-financed by the Camões - Institute of Cooperation and Language.
- ALG/UPG Mozambique charitable status was renewed with the MNEC (Foreign Ministry) in 2022 (relative to 2021).

Final Notes

- ALG is available for any clarifications regarding this report.
- ALG is available to facilitate visits to projects and beneficiaries by relevant official entities.

On behalf of the Trustees



A Little Gesture: SDG

The projects of A Little Gesture align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, serving as fundamental pillars of a balanced society that generates employment and wealth while respecting and advocating for human rights.



GLOSSARY

A

ALG – A Little Gesture

C

CC – Community Centre
CCUPG – Crescer com a UPG

E

EA – Escolinha do André
EFI – Pre-school Escolinha Flor da Infância
ESC – Pre-school Escolinha de Santa Catarina

F

FX – Foreign Exchange
FY – Fiscal Year
GBP – British Pound

G

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

H

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HQ – Headquarters

I

IFPELAC – Alberto Cassimo Laboral Studies and Professional Education Institute
IS – Infra-structure

K

KPI – Key Performance Indicators

L

LY – Last Year

M

MZN – Mozambican Metical

R

RPHM – Royal Parks Half Marathon

S

SLM – Santa Luísa de Marillac School
SVP – São Vicente de Paulo Schoo

U

UPG – Um Pequeno Gesto

Y

Y-O-Y – Year-over-Year

CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

For the period from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	35,056.06	54,499.97	0.00	89,556.03	89,336.10
Fundraising Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	35,056.06	54,499.97	0.00	89,556.03	89,336.10
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	35,056.06	54,499.97	0.00	89,556.03	89,336.10
Payments					
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	354.66	1,226.83	0.00	1,581.49	691.99
Charitable Activities Costs	9,305.31	45,950.00	0.00	55,255.31	39,824.61
Governance Costs	286.50	4.50	0.00	291.00	262.50
	9,946.47	47,181.33	0.00	57,127.80	40,779.10
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	9,946.47	47,181.33	0.00	57,127.80	40,779.10
Excess of receipts over payments	25,109.59	7,318.64	0.00	32,428.23	48,557.00
Transfers between Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	159,144.28	32,517.91	0.00	191,662.19	143,105.19
Cash funds this year end	184,253.87	39,836.55	0.00	224,090.42	191,662.19

CC Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2022

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
CASH FUNDS	184,253.87	39,836.55	0.00
Total cash funds	184,253.87	39,836.55	0.00

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			

B5 Liabilities

	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
LIABILITIES			

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 **A Little Gesture a Great Help**		
On accounts for the year ended	31-Dec-2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1141990
Set out on pages	(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 / 12 / 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:		**Date:**	31.10.2023
Name:	Pedro Santos Reis		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Flat 5, 1 Gloucester Street SW1v 2DB		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	**NONE ----------**

A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

England & Wales - Charity number 1141990

Accounts



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A Little Gesture

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

A Little Gesture ("ALG") is a non-profit organization recognized by the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 2011. In 2021, A Little Gesture ("ALG") reached a total of 1'500[1] direct beneficiaries on the province of Gaza, Mozambique, in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal[2].

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2021 was a year of expansion. Coming out of the pandemic, we felt we wanted and could do more. After several years of not increasing the number of children in the UPG Portugal Sponsorship programme, our sister-charity embraced the challenge of Sponsoring 1'000 children in 2021. Together the 2 charities returned to provide multi-year support in various project areas with the end of pandemic. While in Sponsorship UPG came very close to its goal and sponsored 975 children, in Projects, the focus at ALG, we continued to suffer limitations due to pandemic constraints. The tireless work of the head office and local teams enabled ALG to touch the lives of 1,500 direct beneficiaries, or a joint operation total of 3'289 people, in an uncertain and challenging environment for our families and children.

The opening of communities and local schools, although progressive and in shifts, allowed us to see the children return to a more normalized environment.

Our **education** area has almost returned to normal. We were saddened for being prevented to reopen 2 out of our 3 ***Pre-Schools*** due to a major change in opening requirements at the end of the year, but our connection with children and families remained thanks to emergency baskets and the tireless work of local partners and technicians. It was with joy that the emergency food baskets of the ***School Feeding*** programme during the pandemic were transformed back into daily meals at the SLM school serving 900 meals a day again surrounded by the children's happy voices. It was with relief that we saw our children return to the ***SLM HIV Day Centre***, where they receive personalised and dedicated support for their most vulnerable condition. And it was with excitement that our ***Afterschool Support*** monitors moved on from WhatsApp tutoring to face-to-face classes, beginning with students in exam years. Our ***University Scholarship*** holders spent much of the year in a digital mode of learning, but progressively resumed face-to-face teaching.

Little by little, we have also resumed **infrastructure** projects, such as a new canteen for our S. Vicente de Paulo preschool, and the construction and rehabilitation of family homes. Finally, and always with the goal of breaking the poverty cycle, we managed to re-launch a smaller scale support for technical courses and small family businesses. The area of **sustainability** has been taking small steps along with direct support to families through the distribution of seeds for their farming plots.

In UPG Portugal, the children returned to the monthly basket distributions offered by the **Sponsorship** programme where we focus on **nutrition** as a pathway to education.

2021 was a year of growth and this was only possible due to the fantastic support we received from our new and existing donors. We were able yet again to host a small group of runners for our iconic Royal Parks Half Marathon, we saw small challenges bring new donors through peer 2 peer fundraising and, most importantly, we retained the support of many corporate donors and foundations. Throughout the year, we continued to rely on the valuable support of sponsors, donors, volunteers and individuals who made an extra effort to support us on our journey. **Thank you to all of you!**

This was the year when everyone tried to return to "normality". When we all had to find a new normal and, often, take some steps backwards. As an organisation, it was a year of mishaps and difficulties, but also a year of victories and many Little Gestures. We come to the end of the year with many plans for 2022, certain that we will continue together. Together for the children. Thank you too for remaining with us.

Sara Vicente

Trustee and Founder

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[1] **ALG Beneficiaries** (only) include children and adults in programmes with **direct** funding by ALG, in some instances co-funded with sister charity UPG Portugal. Charity Beneficiaries mentioned throughout this report, unless specified, include beneficiaries directly funded by UPG Portugal and/or ALG UK. The correspondent direct beneficiary number for the joint operation in 2021 was 3'289 people (including Sponsorship) and 2'314 people (Projects only).

[2] **UPG Portugal** launched in 2004 and was recognised as a Portuguese NGO in 2008. The NGO is also recognised by the Mozambique MNEC since 2010 and operates own bank accounts directly in Mozambique that allow the direct funding of local programmes. Sara Vicente Barreto has founded both Charities.

A LITTLE GESTURE'S APPROACH

Children as the centre of our intervention

Our mission is to improve the living conditions of each child and their families in the South of Mozambique. We believe we can do this by **providing in depth and personalized care** to each child, giving them access to education, nutrition, and a dignified life.





Education
Pre Schools
After-School Support
School Feeding
Uni Scholarships

Povery Relief
HIV Centre
Emergency Support
Ad hoc Support
Hygiene & Health

Sponsoring
(UPG Portugal only)
Nutrition
Educational Expenses

Infra-Structures ("IS")
Family Housing & Sanitation
Other Community IS: Canteens I Study Centres

Sustainability
Technical Education
Income Generation: Families & Communities





IMPACT IN 2021

In 2021, ALG supported 1'500 beneficiaries directly across its Projects, 46% of which were female. The joint operation benefited 3'289 children and young adults (2'314 projects only) with a total of 56% girls.

ALG raised **Total Donations of 89'336£** from several funding sources enabling a continued and improved impact and response for our beneficiaries.

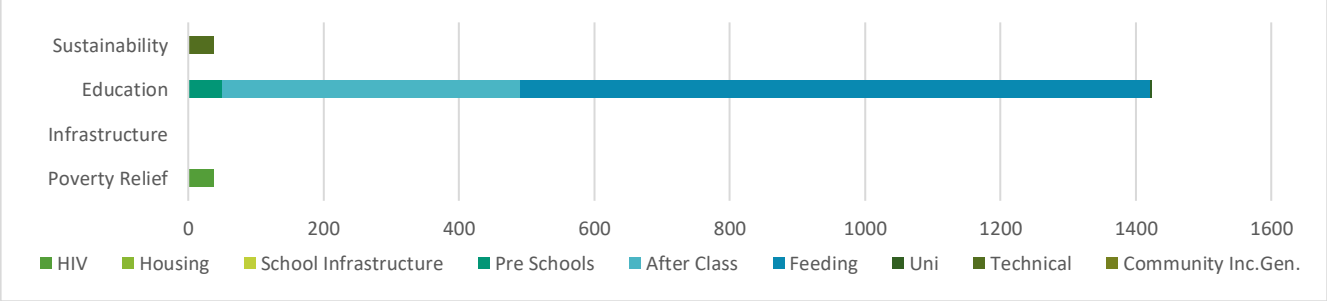
- In 2021, ALG directly financed a total of 1'500 direct beneficiaries in the operating areas of Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé, part co-funded in cooperation with sister charity UP Portugal[3];
- The implementation of the ALG programmes resulted in a positive evolution, with children making marked academic progress under a challenging context of prolonged absence from the school system. Education is the basis of all the ALG areas of intervention in Chokwé and Xai-Xai;
- During 2021, the local intervention continued to be adjusted to a context of constraints arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent governmental restrictions. In ALG these restrictions affected more the areas of pre-school education and new community initiatives.

Figure 1: 2021 Figures

	2020 (Dec)	2021 (Dec)
Direct Beneficiaries[2]	6'268	1'500
% Girls	53%	46%

GBP (FY)	2020 (Dec)	2021 (Dec)
Use of Funds		
- Charitable activities	73'400 £	39'825 £
- Fundraising Costs	3'587 £	669 £
- Governance Costs	1'635 £	263 £
TOTAL	**78'621 £**	**40'757 £**
Funds Raised		
- Donations	101'975 £	89'336 £
TOTAL	**101'975 £**	**89'336 £**

Figure 1: ALG Beneficiaries 2021



[3] The **indirect beneficiaries** are calculated as a multiplication of the average number of local household members per direct beneficiaries, which are typically 5 members per each ALG direct beneficiary in the Gaza region. In 2020, indirect beneficiaries also received, exceptionally, food and hygiene support at home through Emergency Baskets distributions in several projects.

IMPACT IN 2021: CHARITY KPIS

Thanks to our generous ALG donors, and in partnership with UPG Portugal, we were able to provide joint support under the **Projects** area to 2'314 children and their families across 9 co-funded programmes. This excludes Sponsoring programmes run exclusively by UPG Portugal.

Detailed Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") selected by the Charity for these combined programmes are illustrated below.



Pre-Schools
Children: 186
% Girls: 72%
↑ Weight: c. 1 kg
School attendance: High
Family Involvement: Intermediate/High
(classes suspended)



School Feeding
Children: 931
% Girls: 48%
↑ Weight: c. 2kg
School attendance: High



Family Huts
Families: 4 (15 beneficiaries)
#Girl's Families: 1
Hygiene Improvement: Immediate

Other Infrastructures
Beneficiaries: 295
Improving Education Quality: Immediate



HIV Centre
Children: 38
% Orphans: 58%
Weight = / ↑ : 73 %

% Centre Attendance: 50%
Student Achievement: 12/20
Family Involvement: High



Emergency Fund
Beneficiaries: 341
% Girls: 69
Support: Immediate



After-Class Support
Children: 441
% Girls: 43
Attendance: high
Family Involvement: Medium SLM / High SVP



Income Generation
Beneficiaries: 16
% Female: 78%
Refinancing: 0



University Scholarships
Young People: 13
% Girls: 31
Academic Progression: 10
Graduated: 3

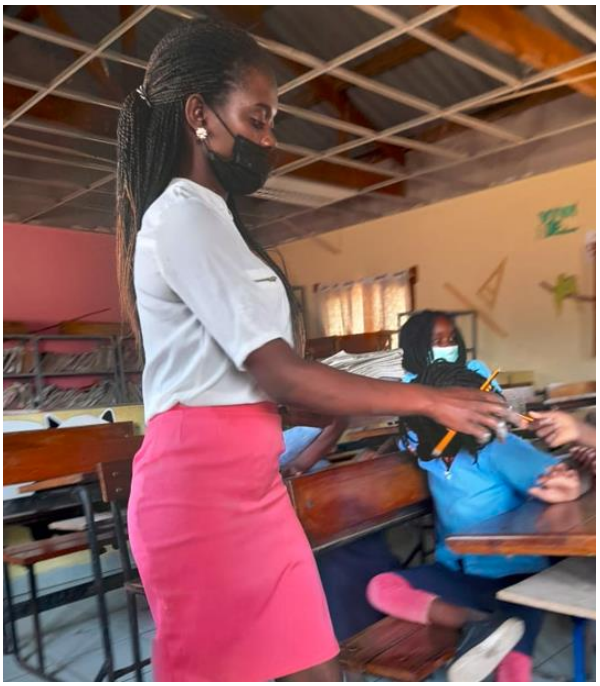
IMPACT IN 2021: SDGS

ALG aims to create long lasting and measurable impact under various project areas that are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations. These basic pillars promote an equal society, with wealth and employment generating activities, as well as preserving and advocating for human rights. The Charity programmes specifically target the SDGs below:

Houses and Sanitation	
Others II	
Pre-schools	
School Feeding	
After-School Suport	
Uni Scholarships	
HIV Day Center	
Emergency Fund	
Technical Courses	
Income Generation	

CASE STUDY

Meet Agredisse



Agredisse is 20 years old and has been with A Little Gesture for 12 years, having joined the UPG Portugal Sponsorship Programme at S. Vicente de Paulo school in Chokwé when she was 8 years old.

She lives with her mother and sister, a very poor family with limited income. Agredisse and her sister are responsible for the house chores, since their mother spends most of her time selling produce at the market.

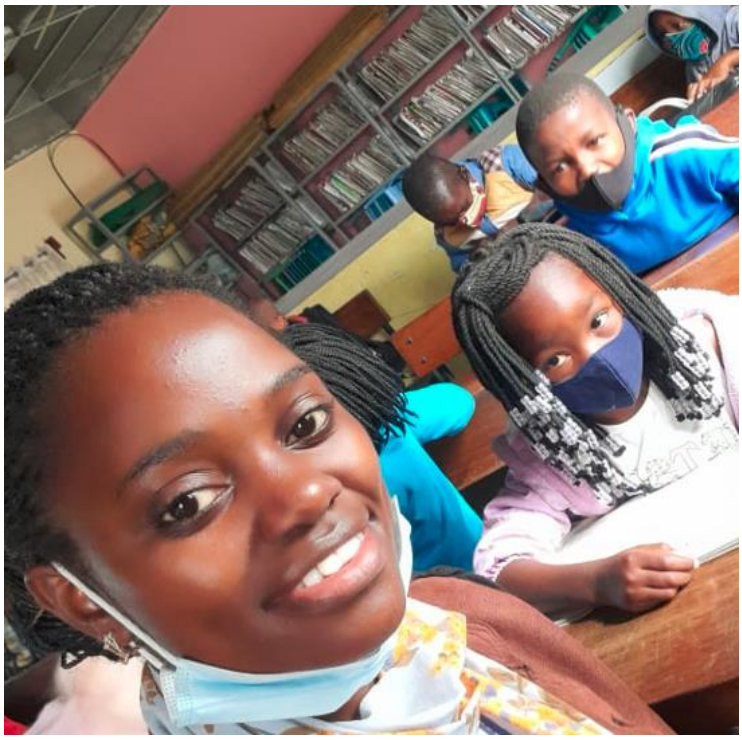
Agredisse has always been a young woman very close to ALG. In 2018 while attending the 11th grade, she started helping the local technicians at SVP with food basket distributions, taking photos, and organising products.

She did such a great job and revealed such commitment that in 2021 ALG challenged Agredisse to start attending the After-School Support at SVP 3 times a week to help the local technicians with the reports and, more importantly, talk to other children to pass on her testimony and show the importance of studying to have a brighter future.

FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

ALG focuses on female empowerment through education, training, and financial literacy of women. This reinforces self-confidence, reduces gender inequality, and encourages women and girls to stand up for themselves and fight for their rights. The more empowered they are, the greater their power and control over their own lives.

Thus, ALG seeks to promote female talent and empower women and girls. Apart from 46% of its direct beneficiaries in Projects being female, the Charity also promotes a strong component of female participation in its workforce: in 2021 73% of ALG's local team was female.









IMPACT IN 2021: FINANCIALS

In 2021, ALG disbursed a total of £39'825 to charitable projects on the ground to continue delivering deep and sustainable positive impact to 1'500 beneficiaries.

The amount of funds disbursed was historically low but did not necessarily translate into a shrinking of local operations. Programmes benefited from significant balances of funds in local accounts from the previous year, especially as many new initiatives kept being postponed given pandemic restrictions, as well as significant co-funding by UPG Portugal.
The marked decrease in beneficiary numbers reflects the extraordinary effort performed in 2020 with numerous small initiatives to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 in community families under emergency funding, and no longer necessary in 2021.

Figure 3: ALG in numbers, Direct Beneficiaries, 2019-2021

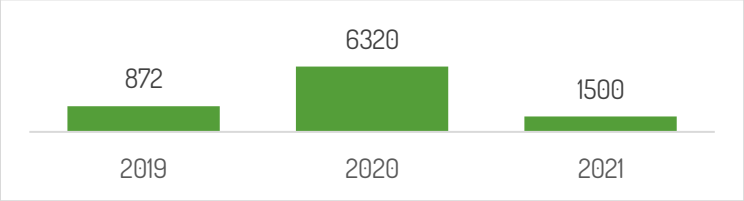
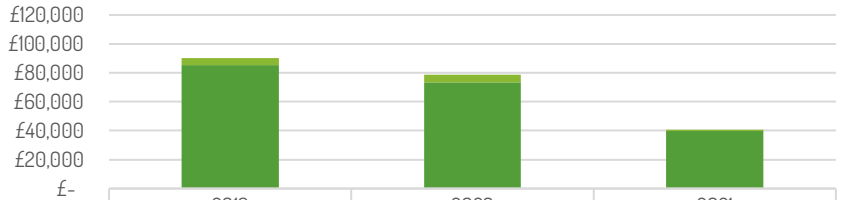
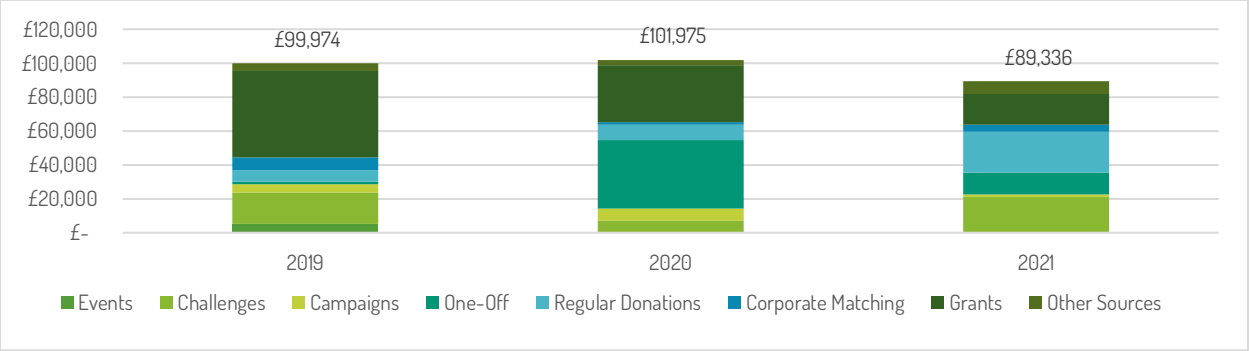


Figure 4: ALG in numbers, Applied Funds 2019-2021



	2019	2020	2021
Total Expenditure	£90,089	£78,621	£40,757
Fundraising & Admin	£4,684	£5,221	£932
Project Costs	£85,405	£73,400	£39,825

Figure 5: ALG in numbers, Funds Received 2019-2021



FINANCIAL SUMMARY[4]

2021 in Review

Figure 6: 3 Years Financial Performance

	2019	2020	2021
Sources of Funds	£ 99,974	£ 101,975	£ 89,336
Project Desimbursen	£ 85,405	£ 73,400	£ 39,825
Fundraising & Admin	£ 4,684	£ 5,221	£ 932
Total Expenditure	**£ 90,089**	**£ 78,621**	**£ 40,757**
Net Balance	**£ 9,884**	**£ 23,354**	**£ 48,580**

The Charity registered a decrease of 12% on annual funds raised due to the limited ability to do events in a pandemic environment, which also attract further regular donors to the Charity. Around 45% of these funds were used and spread across mostly education and poverty support initiatives. Significant reserves were built at year end due to as some projects had significant local balances of funds and a larger amount of project financing came from UPG Portugal. Furthermore, with a reduction in funds raised, the Trustees adopted a conservative stance in regular disbursements while keeping a high level of reserves for the future launch of one-off projects.

Key Financial Metrics

Figure 7: Key Financial Metrics, FY17-FY21

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Sources of Funds	£ 144,264	£ 60,799	£ 99,974	£ 101,975	£ 89,336
Project Costs	£ 68,969	£ 105,463	£ 85,405	£ 73,400	£ 39,825
Fundraising & Admin	£ 13,966	£ 3,179	£ 4,684	£ 5,221	£ 954
Adj. Fundraising & Adr	£ 13,966	£ 3,179	£ 4,684	£ 5,221	£ 954
Net Cash Balances	£ 61,329	-£ 47,842	£ 9,884	£ 23,354	£ 48,557
Cumulative Cash Balar	£ 157,709	£ 109,867	£ 119,751	£ 143,105	£ 191,662
% Funds Disbursed	48%	173%	85%	72%	45%
Cost Income Ratio	9.7%	5.2%	4.7%	5.1%	1.1%

ALG raised an average £99'269 for its charitable activities over the last 5 years. The annual fluctuation in **Funds Raised** is mostly affected by: i) years hosting one-off UK Gala events (2012 and 2017), and ii) Trustees availability as volunteers and, some being shared by the 2 organisations, dedicating significant time to UPG Portugal and its fundraising.

A technical factor towards these year-on-year fluctuations is the dates when tranches of significant grants such as the Egmont Trust are received.

ALG accumulated **Reserves** over the years to build capacity to deal with emergency funding and consistently expand its project areas. Cash at year-end 2021 of **£191'662** remained comfortably above funds both raised and disbursed, as the Charity disbursed **45%** of funds raised in the year.

The Trustees keep a close focus on the **cost-to-income ratio**, targeted at under 10%. In 2021, this was very comfortably achieved with Admin Costs at 1.0% of funds raised and at 2.3% of funds applied over the year. A key cost item for the Charity over the recent years is the purchase of slots to participate in the Royal Parks Half Marathon. This cost was not required in 2021 as slots had been paid in and then postponed from 2020, when the event was first cancelled due to the pandemic. There were also no events hosted by the charity such as Quiz Nights, which also lowered the overall cost of fundraising.

Funds Financial Review

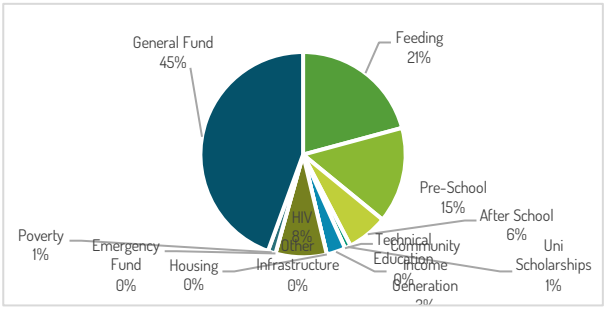
ALG dedicates its charitable activities to i) the advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease. In 2021, the area of **Poverty Relief** was a strong recipient of funds raised (35%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (65%).

[4] Full financial statements available from page 38 onwards

£89'336 Funds Received

The weight of General Funds remains sizeable at 45% (£39'705) and provides the organisation much needed flexibility in the utilisation of funds. The team also restarted fundraising efforts towards SLM School Feeding (21%) after it suffered a considerable reduction in 2020 as most ALG event-led fundraising in this area was suspended. Funding for Pre-Schools continues to be a stable area in ALG thanks to a long-standing partnership with The Mac Bevan Charitable Trust as well as a very successful "Month of the Children" campaign for the pre-schools. The HIV Centre continues to be funded by a multi-year grant by The Egmont Trust, due to expire in 2022.

Figure 8: Funds Received, FY21



£39'825 Funds Disbursed

An amount of £39'825 was disbursed in 2021 to be applied directly in projects in Mozambique. This represents a significant **annual decrease in disbursements** due firstly to a large amount of project financing coming from UPG Portugal. It also reflects a significant balance of funds at local operations, some of these already approved to be spend but on hold for a loosening of Covid-19 restrictions in order to launch some initiatives at full spend. It also partly reflects a more conservative disbursement policy by the Trustees in the face of lower fundraising perspectives in the UK.

Figure 9: Funds Disbursed, FY21

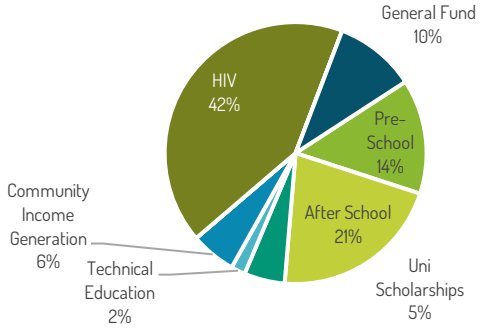


Figure 10: Disbursement Schedule, 2021

ALG Disbursement Schedule - 2021	***In GBP***	***%***
SLM HIV Centre - *Poverty Relief*	£ 16,750	42%
Pre-School Education - *Education*	£ 5,650	14%
After-School Support - *Education*	£ 8,491	21%
University Support - *Education*	£ 2,000	5%
Technical Education - *Sustainability*	£ 701	2%
Community Income - *Sustainability*	£ 2,234	6%
General Funds	£ 3,999	10%
Total Funds Disbursed 2021 (projects only)	**£ 39,825**	100%

As of year-end 2021, ALG had **£191'662** in Cash Balances, the majority of which in the General Fund (82%), which allows the Trustees flexibility in its application.

Figure 11: Cash Funds Year End, 2021

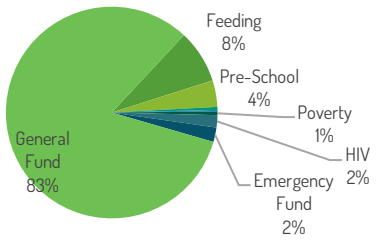
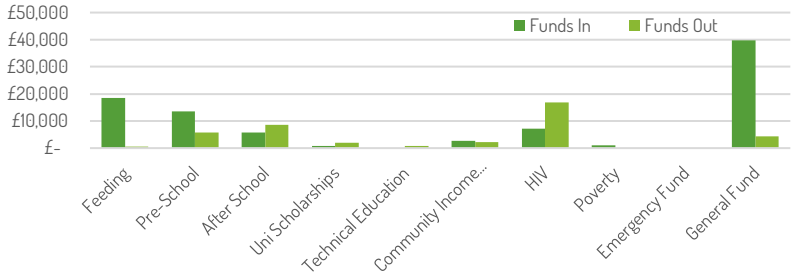


Figure 12: Annual Fund Movements, 2021

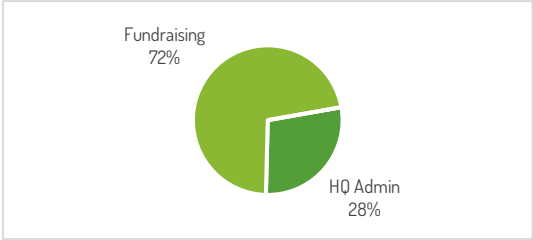


The financial year registered non-disbursement, non-project-led costs of **£932** (£5'221 in 2019). These represented **only 1.0% of fundraising / 2.3% of funds applied**, the lowest levels in 5 years and comfortably inside the charity's target of 10% cost to income ratio.

A key cost item for the Charity over the recent years is the purchase of slots to participate in the Royal Parks Half Marathon. This regular cost was not required in 2021 despite the organisation participating as slots had been paid in 2020 for £2'800. This slot allowance was subsequently postponed to 2021 as the annual event was cancelled due to the pandemic and runner participation was transferred to 2021. Furthermore, there were also no events hosted by the charity such as Quiz Nights, which also lowered the overall cost of fundraising.

Admin Costs (£262.5) were in line with 2017-2019 levels and lower than prior year given the ALG Trustees hired external support on accounting exceptionally that year and later discontinued. While there is no headcount cost recorded in the UK, part of the staff costs from work at UPG Portugal Headquarters in Lisbon are embedded in Project Costs financed by ALG as a *de facto* cost share. The Trustees remain fully volunteer and committed to support the key charitable objectives of the charity with minimal headquarter and admin costs.

Figure 13: Admin Costs, 2021



PROJECTS

ALG believes that the intergenerational cycle of poverty can be broken from the early years through education. We achieve our mission through deep and personalized support for each child, promoting nutrition, education, and skills development, in a healthy and dignified environment, where children can grow and develop to be the independent adults of tomorrow. The Projects implemented by the Charity in four key areas allow children to grow in a context of increased opportunity. Our multi-year support empowers them to break the family's poverty cycle as better educated citizens with access to professional opportunities.

ALG Projects			
Poverty Relief	**Infrastructures**	**Education**	**Sustainability**

Projects Financed - in Numbers

Figure 14: Projects in Figures

Project	**# Beneficiaries**	**Applied Funds (£)**	**%**
Pre-school	50	5'650	14%
After-School Support	441	8'491	21%
School Feeding	931	-	0%
Uni Scholarship	2	2'000	5%
Total Education	**1'424**	**16'141**	**41%**
HIV Day Centre	38	16'750	42%
Covid Emergency Fund	-	-	0%
Total Poverty Relief	**38**	**16'750**	**42%**
Housing	-	-	0%
Community Infrastructure	-	-	0%
Total Infrastructure	**-**	**-**	**0%**
Technical Education	38	701	2%
Income Generation	0	2'234	6%
Total Sustainability	**38**	**2'935**	**8%**
Total Direct Projects	**1;500**	**35'826**	**90%**
General Funds	**-**	**3'999**	**10%**
Total Applied Funds	**1'500**	**39'825**	**100%**

Note: This section examined the local intervention on Projects funded directly by ALG through annual disbursements, some with co-funding with UPG Portugal. The following section details all the Projects financed by the 2 entities, including instances when funding was only secured by UPG Portugal. The Trustees believe that will give the reader a more accurate view of the direct and sustainable impact created by both organisations on the ground. Project costs reported below are also the full amount funded by both organisations and local balances. Further clarifications available at request.



EDUCATION

EDUCATION | PRE-SCHOOLS



Location: Chongoene Chokwé, Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 186

% Girls: 72

Weight Gain: avg increase 1kg

School Attendance: High

Family Involvement: Intermediate, inc. Family Contributions



£27.061 Project Costs

£9.020 Per School

£145 Per Child



Key Funders:

The Mac Bevan Charity Trust

ALG Month of the Child Campaign

UPG Co-Funding

What



ALG Preschools provide underprivileged children between the ages of 3 and 5 the access to pre-school education, daily school feeding, dedicated teachers, school supplies and much affection.

Who

186 children aged 3-5 years old, attending 3 pre-schools:

- EFI – Escolinha Flor da Infância (#60) & Bolsa das Flores (#26), in Xai-Xai;
- ESC – Escolinha Santa Catarina (#50), in Chongoene;
- Pré-SVP – São Vicente de Paulo (#50) in Chokwé.[5]

Long Term Impact

In Mozambique, only 4% of children have access to pre-school education[6]. The ALG Pre-Schools seek to create the habit of school assiduity, improve children's nutrition and hygiene, promote academic performance and, ultimately, reduce child delinquency and promote civic integration.

2021 Highlights

- Schools remained mostly closed due to government restrictions on pre-school education during the pandemic period. SVP Pre-school opened informally in September/2021, and ESC and EFI remained closed;
- Distribution of monthly Emergency Baskets (rice, beans, flour, and soap bars);
- During baskets' distribution, homework assignments were handed out, with Maths and Portuguese exercises;
- ESC renovation work: adjustment of the washing basins and construction work in the water tank.

[5] At the Escolinha Flor da Infância the organization also runs the program Bolsa das Flores – EFI (EFI Flowers' Scholarship), which provides a selected group of good students, between 4 and 5 years of age, and former scholarship holders in the same program, support and academic incentive, having benefited a total of 26 children in 2021 (c. £2'750 in 2021).

[6] Per the World Bank

Figure 15: Pre-Schools: # Beneficiaries, 2017-2021

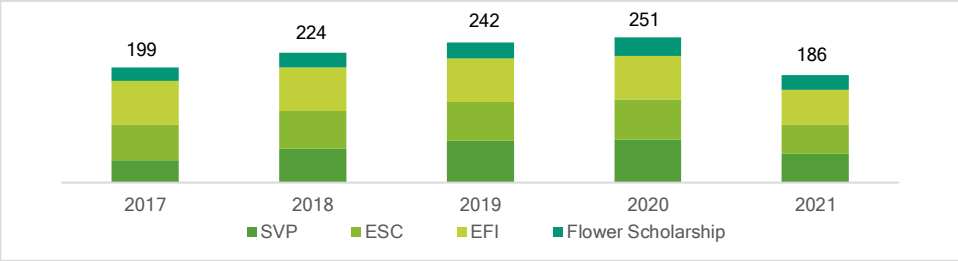


Figure 16: Pre-Schools: Total Beneficiaries vs Girls, 2017-2021

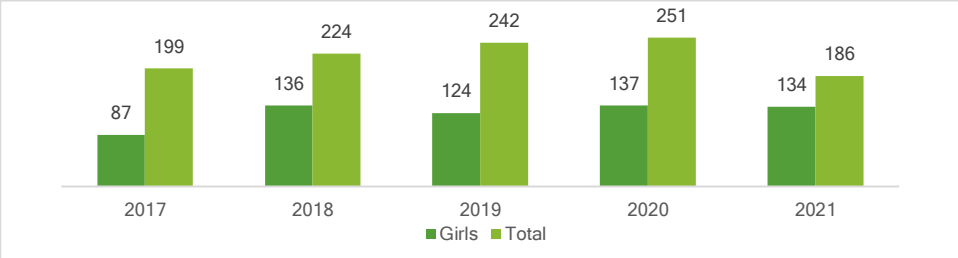


Figure 17: Pre-Schools: Hist. Costs Evolution, 2017-2021

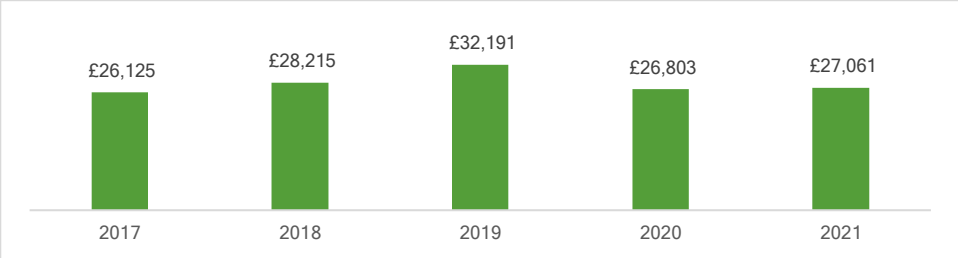


Figure 18: Pre-Schools: Costs per Pre-School, 2021

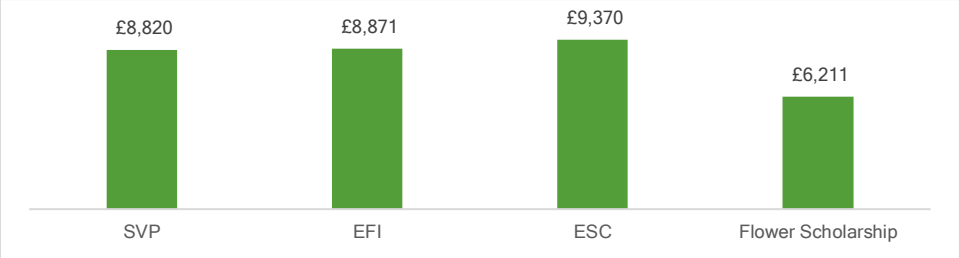
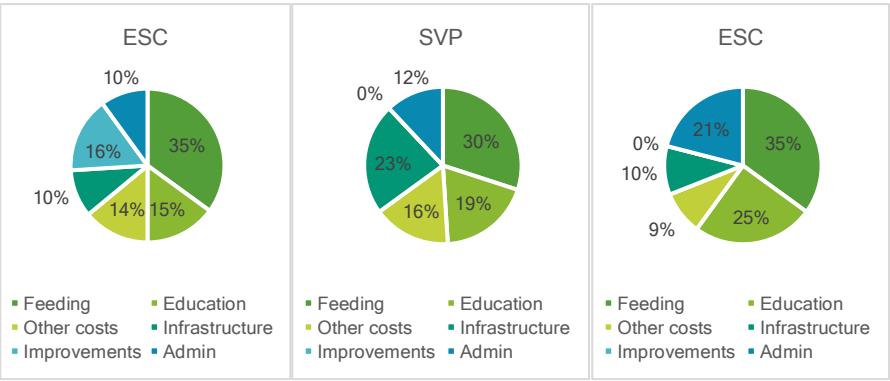


Figure 19: Pre-Schools: Cost Analysis per Pre-School, 2021 (ex-Flower Scholarship)



EDUCATION | SCHOOL FEEDING



Location: Manjangue Chokwé, Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 931

% Girls: 48

School Attendance: High

£36.185 Project Costs

£39 Per Child

Key Funders:

ALG RPHM'21

UPG Co-Funding

What



The School Feeding program provides a daily, free hot meal during the school period at Santa Luisa Marilac (SLM) school.

Who

931 children attending Santa Luísa de Marillac school, 48% are female students, 195 of these are UPG Sponsored Children, typically the most vulnerable children in a very underprivileged school

Long Term Impact

- Improve school attendance through the incentive of a free daily meal;
- Improve children's academic performance by reducing child hunger during the school year;
- Promote gender equality since many girls stay at home to cook for relatives;
- Relieve family budgets as families will reinvest lunch costs onto other needs.

2021 Highlights

- Due to the suspension of face-to-face classes in January and February, school meals were replaced by Emergency Baskets, with rice, beans, and a soap bar;
- Return to face-to-face classes, organised in shifts from March and consequent return of school meals;
- Meals for 50% of the children from Monday to Thursday and distribution for all children on Friday.

Figure 20: School Feeding: Historic Beneficiaries Evolution: 2017-2021

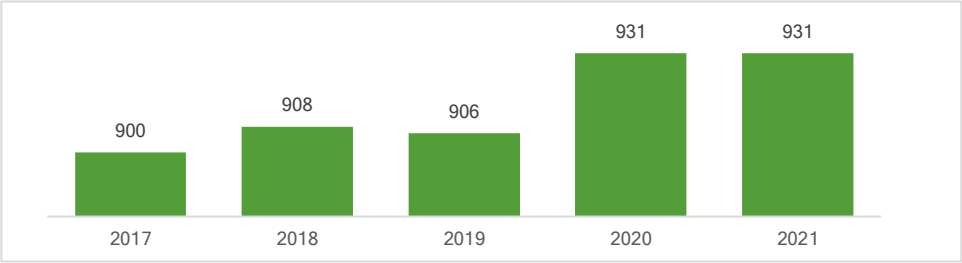


Figure 21: School Feeding: Beneficiaries per School Year: 2021

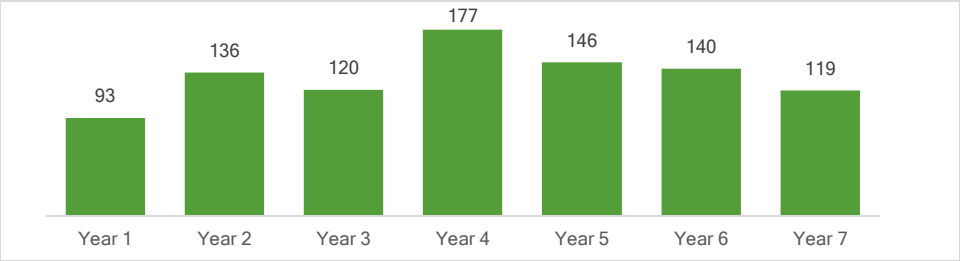


Figure 22: SLM School Feeding: # of Dropouts, 2017-2021

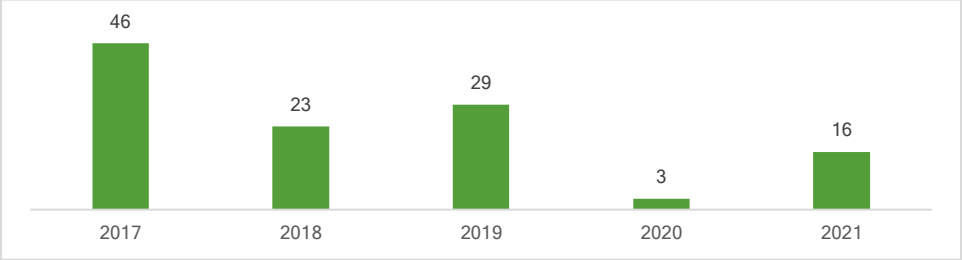


Figure 23: SLM School Feeding: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021

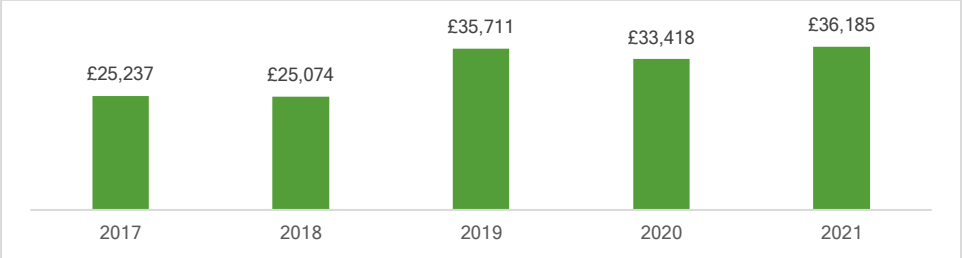
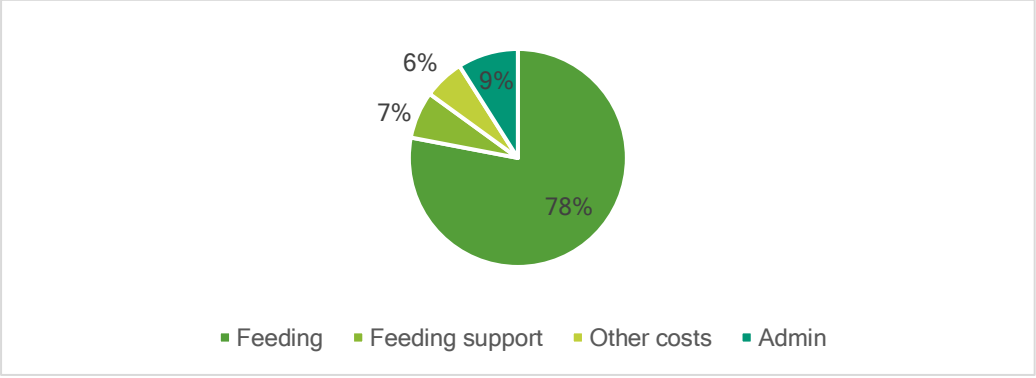


Figure 24: SLM School Feeding: Cost Analysis by Expense Centre, 2021



EDUCATION | AFTER-CLASS SUPPORT



Location Manjangue, Chokwé e Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 467

% Girls: 41

Weekly Attendance: High

£8.786 Project Costs

£19 Per Child

Key Funders:

ALG HNWI

ALG General Fund

What

After-school support centres aim to improve the academic results of vulnerable children and help them with their academic difficulties. To identify common local problems such as early pregnancy and marriage, sexuality, study methods, among others. To incentivise attendance, a snack is distributed at the 3 locations.

Who

- 195 in Santa Luísa de Marilac (SLM), out of which 52% girls;
- 246 in São Vicente de Paulo (SVP), out of which 56% girls;
- 26 children Scholarship holders and ex-Scholarship holders of the Flowers Scholarship Program at EFI – Escolinha Flor da Infância, out of which 77% girls

Long Term Impact

- Improve academic performance and success, as well as decrease school dropouts;
- Offer exposure to vocational orientation, civil and sexual education, among others, to enrich a future professional life and personal development.

2021 Highlights

- The SLM and SVP After-School Support Sessions were resumed in January, for the students of the classes with scheduled exams: 7th, 10th, and 12th grades. In March, with the resumption of face-to-face classes in shifts, all classes were included in the After-School Support, in shifts (morning and afternoon):
    - Monday: 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades
    - Tuesday: 4th and 5th grades
    - Wednesday: 6th and 7th grades
    - Thursday: 8th and 9th grades
    - Friday: 10th, 11th and 12th grades
- After-Class Support at EFI resumed in February and took place every week until the end of the year;
- In March, as an added initiative to stimulate income generation in families impoverished by the pandemic, the programme financed the distribution of

Farming Kits with seeds at SLM (180 direct beneficiaries) and SVP (244 direct beneficiaries). An offer of 2kg of corn seeds was delivered to each beneficiary.

Figure 25: After School Support: # Beneficiaries, 2017-2021

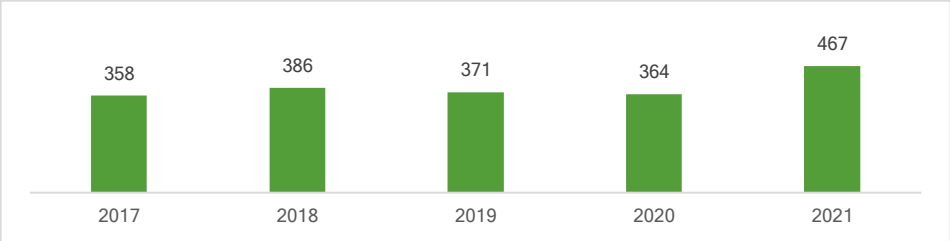
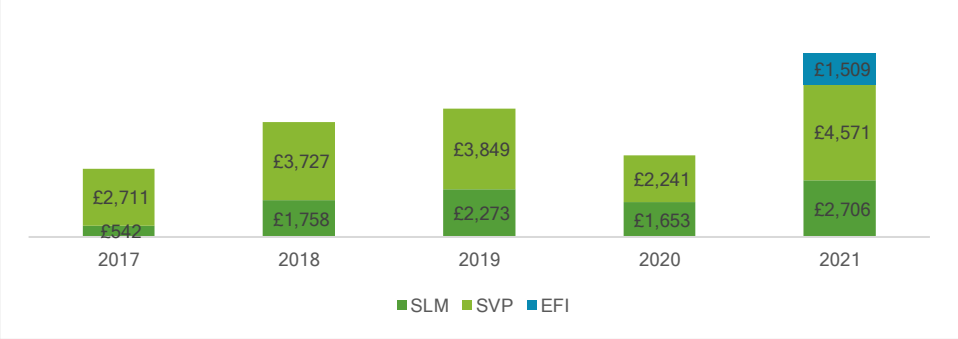


Figure 26: After School Support: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021



EDUCATION | UNI SCHOLARSHIPS



Location: Manjangue, Chokwé, Xai-Xai, Chongoene



 # Beneficiaries: 13

% Girls: 31

Academic Progression: 100%

 # Graduates: 3

£10.664 Total Expense

£820 per Scholarship, on average

Key Donors:

What

Financing academic expenses and living costs for underprivileged young students who have good academic performance and the ambition to pursue further studies.



Who

13 beneficiaries, out of which 4 were female. 85% are young adults that were previously part of UPG's Sponsoring Program[7].



Long Term Impact

- Allow driven young underprivileged people with good academic results to continue their studies and achieve higher levels of education, creating opportunities for a better professional life and re-investment in the local community.

2021 Highlights

- Classes took place mostly online. The hybrid regime (partly online and partly face-to-face) began at year-end. To secure appropriate study conditions for all the scholarship holders, ALG increased their mobile data support;
- The 1st semester internships were postponed. In the 2nd semester, some internships resumed the face-to-face regime.

Figure 27: Technical and University Scholarship Students, 2021

Name	Degree	Institution	2021
Pedro[8]	HR Management	Universidade Leonde	Graduated
Artimiza[7]	Zootechnical Engineering	Universidade Leonde	Year 3 (of 4)*
Jaime	General Medicine	Instituto Médio de Admin e Ciências Saúde	Year 1 (of 2)*
Miliona	Pharmacy	Instituto Médio de Admin e Ciências Saúde	Year 2 (of 2)*
Alfredo	Public Administration	Gwaza Muthini	Year 4 (of 4)
Sérgio	Electricity High School	Escola Profissional de Inhamisa	Year 3 (of 3)
Fátima	Public Health	Gwaza Muthini	Year 2 (of 4)*
Jorge	Clinical Analyses	Gwaza Muthini	Year 2 (of 4)
Américo (NEW)	Electricity High School	Escola Profissional de Inhamisa	Year 1 (of 3)*

[7] Over the years, the Uni Scholarships are financed by either UPG Portugal or ALG UK on a multi-annual basis, with the perspective to maintain the scholarship sponsor, depending on where he/she is located and which currency the donor prefers to donate in. In 2021, two of the Uni Sponsorship donors were donated through the UK Charity account: Pedro and Artimisa.

[8] Financed by ALG

One-to-one Individual Sponsor basis

Nazário (NEW)	Pharmacy	Instituto Médio de Admin e Ciências Saúde	Year 1 (of 2)*
Letícia (NEW)	Law	Universidade São Tomás de Moçambique	Year 1 (of 4)*
Cruzeiro (NEW)	Teacher	Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo	Graduate
Custódio (NEW)	Teacher	Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo	Graduate

**** The Academic Calendar has suffered changes and delays of at least 1 semester due to Covid19.***

Figure 28: Technical and University Scholarship Students, #Beneficiaries, 2017-2021

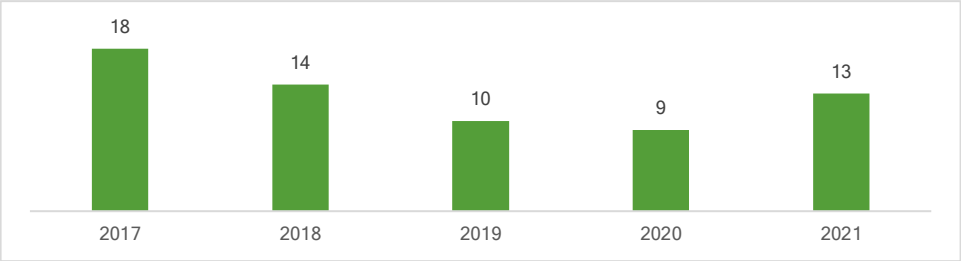
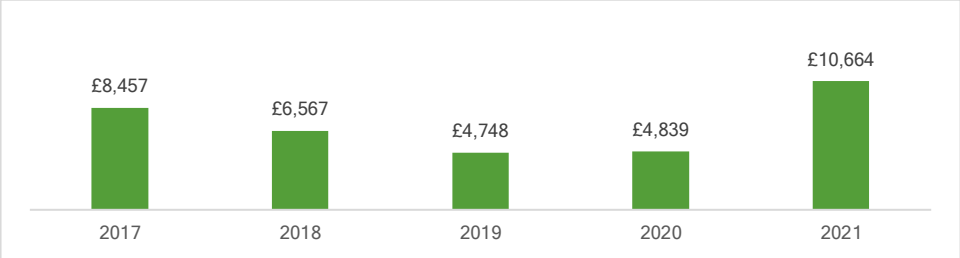


Figure 29; Technical and University Scholarship Students: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021





POVERTY RELIEF

POVERTY RELIEF | HIV CENTER



Location: Manjangue



#Beneficiaries: 38

% Orphans: 58

% Girls: 34

Weight Stable or Increased: 73%

Centre's Attendance: 72%

School Average: 11/20

£23.351 Project Costs = £614 Per Child

Key Donors:

The Egmont Trust

What

The HIV Day Care Centre supports HIV infected children daily, providing nutritious **meals** (breakfast, lunch, and snack), along with continuous medical support, after school activities, and psychological support.

Who

38 vulnerable children affected by HIV at the Santa Luísa de Marillac School. 11 are part of the UPG sponsoring program

Long Term Impact

This project promotes poverty relief, as well as health and disease prevention:

- Promote the inclusion of ill and vulnerable children in the school context, while providing them equal opportunities and activities to stimulate their personal development and inclusion in the broader community;
- Raise awareness among families and their communities of the need for prevention and continuous care with regular medical support for HIV infected children.

2021 Highlights

- Face-to-face activities resumed with the admission of 2 new children: Yosimira Matuasse and Menaiva Ngovene;
- Individual psychological support: with the return of the children to face-to-face activities, as well as the replacement of the psychologist responsible for the Day Centre (Ácio Rato left and Leonildo Patrício joined), the individual support resumed, with private sessions with all the beneficiary children;
- Creation of Technical Education and Vocational Training activities:
    - Tailoring and Sewing Course: 3 beneficiaries
    - IT course: 6 beneficiaries
    - Mozambikes – Training and Social Business: 13 beneficiaries
    - Community Farming Plot ("Machamba"): 6 beneficiaries;
- Workshops on relevant community topics:
    - HIV/AIDS Prevention, Domestic Violence, Entrepreneurship;
- Distribution of agricultural kits to beneficiary families.

Figure 30: HIV Centre, Gender Split, 2021

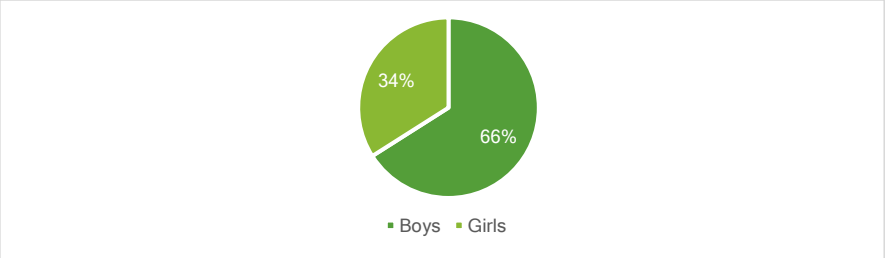


Figure 31: HIV Centre # Beneficiaries, 2017-2021

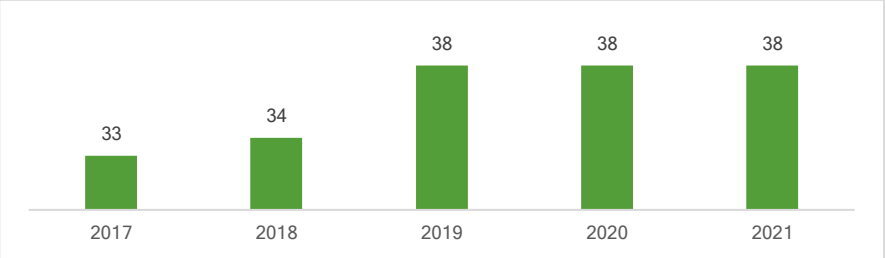
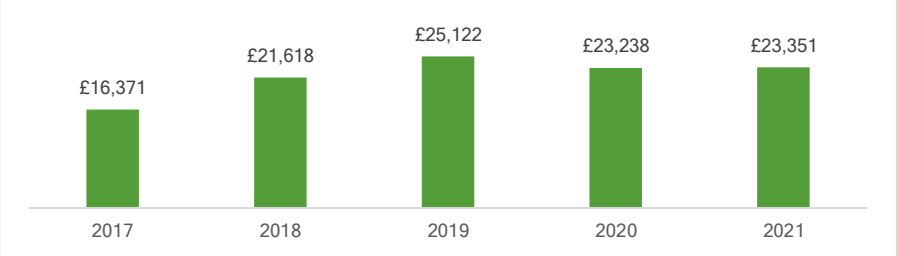


Figure 32: HIV Centre, Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021



POVERTY RELIEF | COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND



Location: Manjangue, Chokwé, Chongoene e Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 341

% Girls: 69

Support: Immediate

£4 460 Project Costs

Key Donors:

UPG Financing

What

In the context of poverty relief, the emergency fund enables a quick and efficient response to new needs emerging from unexpected events of different nature such as storms, floods or, in the case of 2021, the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Who

341 children and youth from the ALG intervention communities and beneficiaries of the various ALG programs who were more vulnerable to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and its direct consequences.



Long Term Impact

- Immediate relief in poverty with long term effects in health;
- Maintenance of minimum support to education to provide better long-term opportunities.



2021 Highlights

Continuation of the safety and welfare project for the ALG group girls between the 5th and 9th grade:

- In-Touch 4 Impact Project, in partnership with *Girl Move*;
- Financial support to senior mentors who monitor vulnerable girls during the Covid-19 period;
- Weekly phone calls and female empowerment;
- Support the group at risk of school abandonment during the pandemic period;
- Sharing of content sharing on topics such as sexuality, gender inequality, women at work, career guidance and promotion of Covid-19 preventive measures;
- Distribution of masks to the local team.



INFRASTRUCTURE

FAMILY HOUSE NOMISSA MUCHANGA,
MANJANGUE



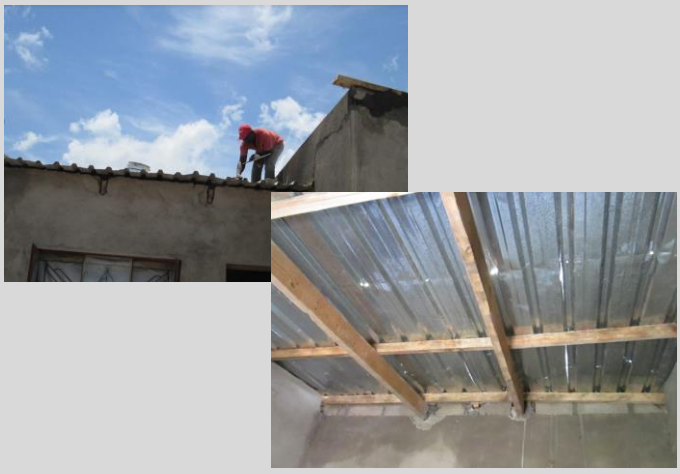
FAMILY HOUSE ALBINO COSSA,
MANJANGUE



FAMILY HOUSE IILÍDIO SITOE,
MANJANGUE



HOUSE ROOF AURÉLIO GONÇALVES,
CHOKWÉ



INFRASTRUCTURE | HOUSING



Location: Chokwé e Xai-Xai



 # Com. Beneficiaries: 295

 # Housing Beneficiaries: 15

 # Families: 3

 # Families with Girls: 1

Hygiene Improvements: Immediate

£8.611 Project Costs[9]

£2.402 Per House

£290 Per Latrine

Key Donors: UPG Financing

What

Rehabilitation, reconstruction or construction of family housing and community buildings

Who

Infrastructure Housing (IH)

- 15 beneficiaries (5 families);
- ALG financed the construction of three houses (Nomissa Muchanga, Albino Cossa and Ilídio Sitoe) as well as the repairment of another two, namely a roof (Aurélio Gonçalves) and a latrine (Carla Sitoe).

Community Infrastructure (CI)

- 295 beneficiaries to launch construction works of a canteen for the pre-school in SVP.

Long Term Impact

- Promote the immediate improvement of general hygiene and health conditions, with longer term impact on academic success and performance. ALG believes that recovering and building basic housing infrastructures offer a primary source of dignity for underprivileged families.

2021 Highlights

- Nomissa Muchanga, Albino Cossa and Ilídio Sitoe: construction of houses (3 room structure with a balcony) and latrine (structure with a toilet area and a separate area for showers);
- Aurélio Gonçalves: support to finish the roof which was damaged;
- Carla Sitoe: construction and fixing a latrine and bathroom area;
- Construction of a canteen for São Vicente de Paulo's pre-school .

[9] Co-funded with ALG's Portuguese sister-charity, Um Pequeno Gesto ("UPG"). In 2020 all funding originated in UPG given existing relationships between the specific beneficiaries and the respective donors.

Figure 33: Infrastructure Housing: #Beneficiaries: 2017-2021

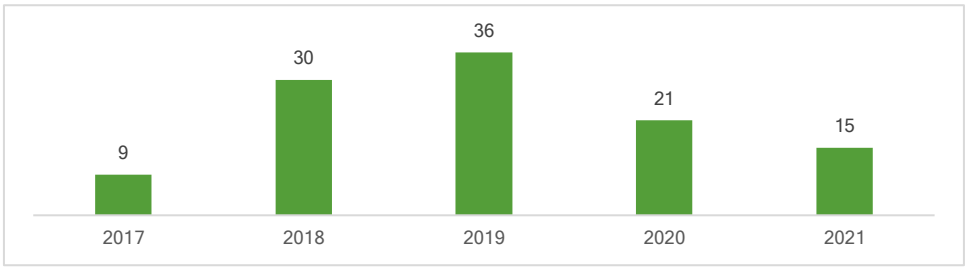
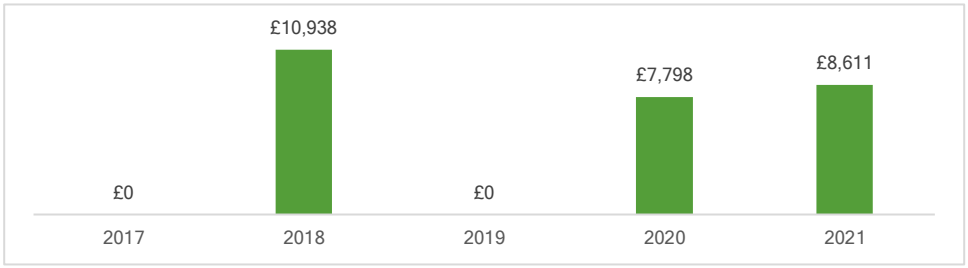


Figure 34: Infrastructure Housing: Historical Cost Evolution: 2017-2021





SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY | TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Location: Chongoene, Chokwé, Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 38

IFPELAC Technical Courses:
Cutting and Sewing, Electricity and IT
Community Centre

£ 3.390 Project Costs
N/A per Beneficiary

Key Funders:
ALG General Funds
UPG Co-Funding

CC ESC Courses

What



Baking technical courses of4 months, at Escolinha Santa Catarina. Certified by IFPELAC. for community members, with the duration

Who

Parents and young members of local community inclined to learn skills-based techniques in areas with local market demand.

Long Term Impact

Provide young adults new opportunities through technical education to increase employability. Potentially develop domestic economy and production, as well as generate new income sources in a rural community.

2021 Highlights

On hold due to Covid19. Activities delayed until 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY | INCOME GENERATION



Location: Xai-Xai, Chokwé e Manjangue



 # Beneficiaries: 16

£ 4.715 Project Costs

Key Funders:

ALG HNWI

UPG Co-Funding

What



Financing small individual or family-led businesses in the local community with the potential to generate income.

Who

Community youngsters or their families under the UPG Sponsoring program with an entrepreneurial spirit, driven to start a new business or improve an existing one, and an historic link to ALG (***e.g.*** moms, technicians, UPG Sponsored children family).

Long Term Impact

Stimulate a culture of entrepreneurship among the communities, strengthen the local economy and financial independence in the families and promote youth employment.

2021 Highlights

- *Mozambikes*: acquisition of materials to support the business of bicycle repairing;
- *Hélio's Stand:* support for an HIV Day Centre young beneficiary to start a business selling several items (biscuits, bags, broths, tea, pasta, salt, etc.);
- *Sérgio's Stand*: Support for a University scholarship student to start a business selling various items related to his training (Electrician);
- *Moms' Stand*: support for the start-up of 7 stalls selling miscellaneous items:
    - Santa Luísa de Marillac (4): Mom Madalena, Mom Tinita, Mom Judite and Mom Engrácia;
    - São Vicente de Paulo (3): Mom Amélia, Mom Luisa and Mom Noemia;
- *Chicken Coops of Mom Quitéria* (Banhine community, Xai Xai region): structure with capacity to hold 200 chickens to support rural communities in the Chongoene region.

Figure 36: Sustainability, Income Generation, Chicken Coops of Mom Quitéria (2021) Moms' Stand (2021)





FUNDRAISING IN 2021

Funds of £89'336 were down 12% compared to 2020 ("LY" or Last Year 2020) largely due to a significant decline in one-off donations and income from events, only partially offset by the uplift in proceeds obtained from challenges.

Figure 37: Annual Funds Raised and Trendline, 2011-2021

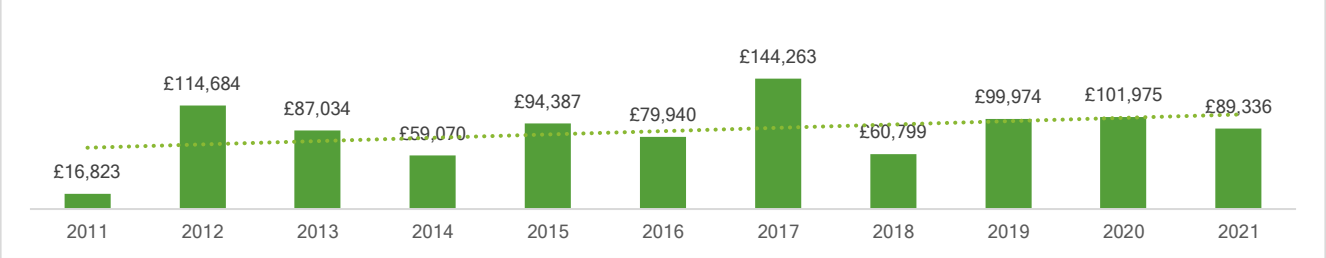
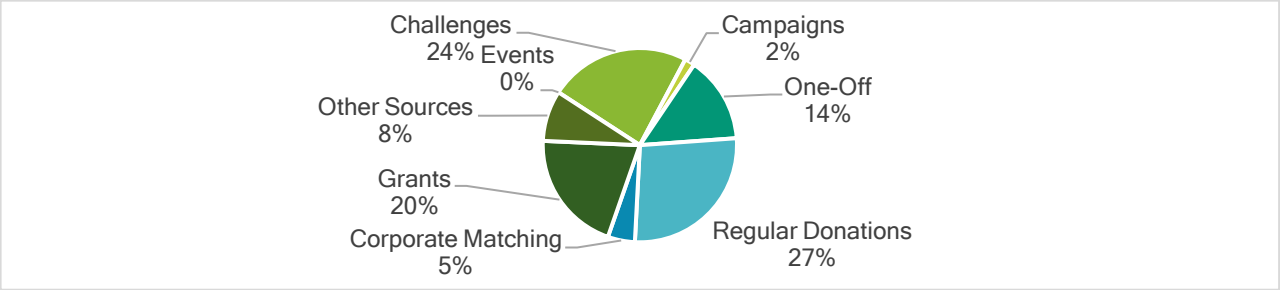


Figure 38: Annual Funds Raised by Channel, 2021



Fundraising Highlights

Regular Donations £24'090 (LY £8'781)

ALG Regular Donors contributions were significantly higher in 2021 as ALG was able to rally the support of long-standing donors through 1-on-1 targeted requests. In terms of small monthly donations, ALG now has 7 regular donors, having added one new individual donor throughout the year.

ALG Challenges £21'084 (LY £7'105)

This channel was yet again another important source of fundraising for the charity. The Royal Parks Half Marathon was the main event of the year, raising £13'565 across donations and entry fees (ex-Gift Aid). Additional individually led sports and celebration events contributed to growth in this area.

Grants £18'197 (LY £33'481)

Grants continue to be an important key source of fundraising for ALG. Notable grants include £14'203 from the Egmont Trust for the HIV Centre and £11'000 from Mac Bevan Trust for the ESC Pre-School.

One-Off Donations £12'870 (LY £40'665)

One-Off Donations were a key source of fundraising though lower than the high of 2020, where ALG received strong contributions due to the Covid-19 pandemic to support local emergency initiatives.

Campaigns £1'500 (LY £6'957)

This has been a small but historically reliable area of ALG funding that benefits greatly from donor engagement in the aftermath of small group events. These have been reduced since the start of the pandemic leading to, among others, a decrease in subsequent donations from engaged attendees.

Other Sources £7'553 (LY £3'251)

These include, among others, Corporate Matching grants that are dependent on donor volunteering and Gift Aid.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and friends that contributed to our fundraising activities in a challenging 2021!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Figure 39: CC Receipts and Payments Report

CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

For the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	40,793.19	48,542.91	0.00	89,336.10	101,974.92
Fundraising Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	40,793.19	48,542.91	0.00	89,336.10	101,974.92
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	40,793.19	48,542.91	0.00	89,336.10	101,974.92
Payments					
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	43.57	648.42	0.00	691.99	3,586.63
Charitable Activities Costs	3,998.61	35,826.00	0.00	39,824.61	73,400.00
Governance Costs	262.50	0.00	0.00	262.50	1,634.50
	4,304.68	36,474.42	0.00	40,779.10	78,621.13
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	4,304.68	36,474.42	0.00	40,779.10	78,621.13
Excess of receipts over payments	36,488.51	12,068.49	0.00	48,557.00	23,353.79
Transfers between Funds	-652.02	652.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00	143,105.19	119,751.40
Cash funds this year end	159,144.28	32,517.91	0.00	191,662.19	143,105.19

Figure 20: CC Assets & Liabilities Report

CC Statement of Assets & Liabilities

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Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2021

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds				
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	Total cash funds	159,144.28	32,517.91	0.00

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets				
	OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			

		Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			

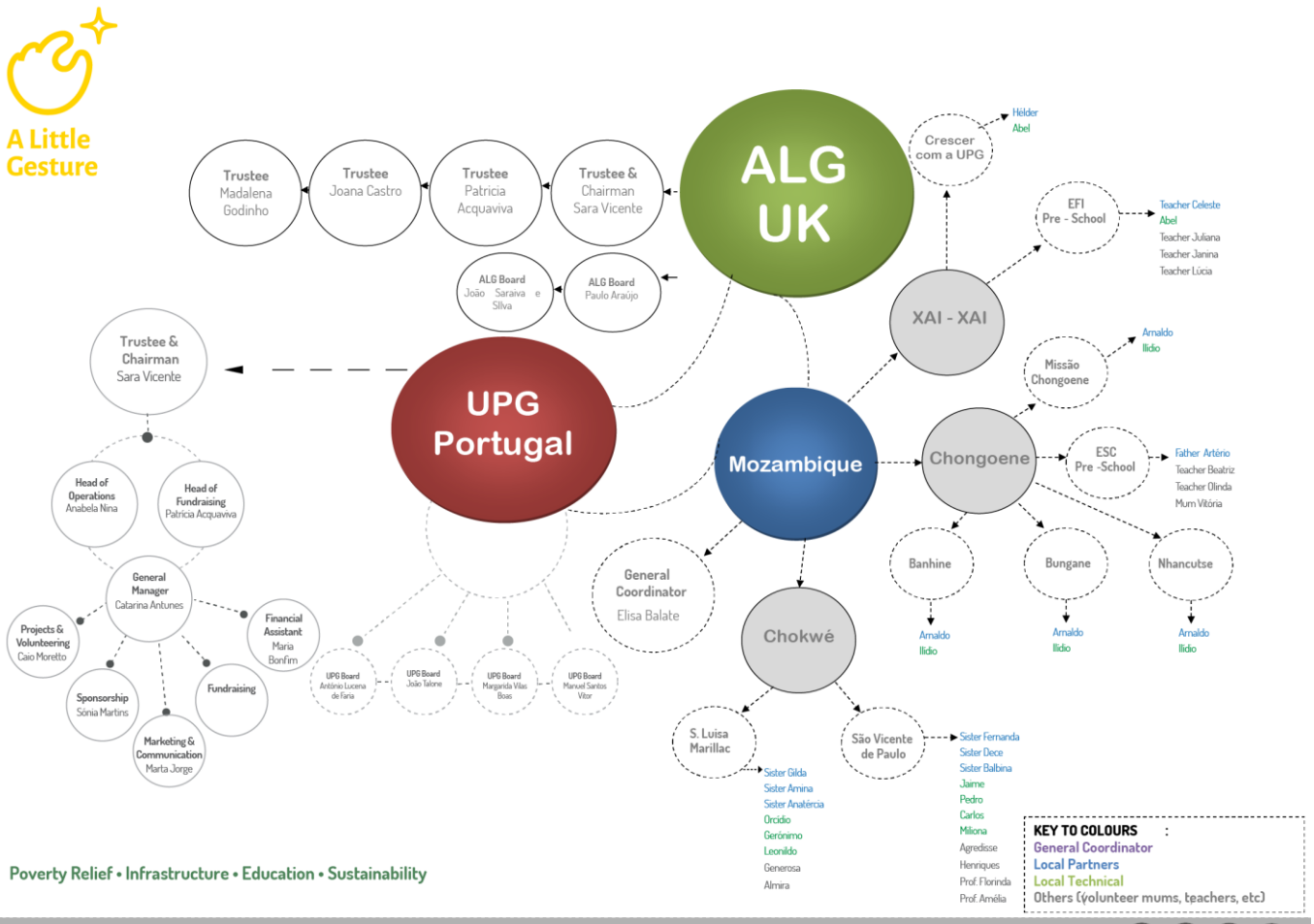
		Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
	LIABILITIES			

CONCLUSION

FINAL NOTES

ALG continued to work in its mission to support children, their families and rural communities improve their living conditions. Despite a more challenged fundraising year, ALG continued to aid its beneficiaries overcome their new constraints and emerging difficulties post a global pandemic, with coordinated support with sister charity UPG portugal. Therefore, the Trustees considered to have achieved 2021 expectations, proceeding with multiple school re-openings and the start of a return to normal day-to-day activities.

ALG STRUCTURE & SISTER CHARITY UPG



SISTER CHARITY UPG

A Little Gesture, A Great Help ("**ALG**") is deeply intertwined with its Portuguese sister-charity **Um Pequeno Gesto, Uma Grande Ajuda** ("**UPG**") on implementation of operations on the ground and management by a volunteer board of ALG Trustees and UPG Directors. Both teams work in close cooperation since 2011 and this cooperation benefits from UPG's extensive experience since its inception in 2004. Risk management and financial accounting is performed and audited separately for each institution. All donors will be offered consolidated management accounts for the two combined entities at request.

On a day-to-day basis, the two entities share volunteer resources at management level and the work of full-time staff employed and paid for at UPG's headquarters in Lisbon. The Lisbon office also benefits from the daily physical presence of ALG Trustee Patricia Acquaviva and from ALG Founder Sara Vicente Barreto's role as Chairman. The two entities also share a flow of information related to its respective projects in Mozambique from common Local Partners who implement projects in cooperation with management of both entities.





GET INVOLVED

Your support is key for us to continue to develop our action and provide A Great Help for the children of Mozambique.

Donate

Donations are the lifeblood of our activities. Thanks to your generosity we can reach more children, with greater depth. We particularly encourage donors to join as regular givers. Don't forget to provide us with your Gift Aid Declaration, so that we can claim an additional 25p for each 1£ that you give at no extra cost to you.

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Fundraise for ALG

Whether you like to host events for friends, do a bake sale, run a marathon or a triathlon or just pledge your birthday for ALG, join our supporters and help ALG spread the word.

Engage your Business

Bring us to your workplace for a dress down day or a campaign with your employees. For small businesses we offer excellent marketing opportunities through participations for our Quiz Night Raffles.

Engage your School

Bring us to your school (or kids) school for a talk on giving back and life in Mozambique. We can help you run engaging campaigns with the children and offer tailored solutions to each school's requirements.

Stay engaged

Keep up with our news in our newly launched blog at http://alittlegesturestories.org

A Huge Thank you to Our ALG Supporters

GLOSSARY

ALG – A Little Gesture A Great Help

CC – Community Centre

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

CFO – Chief Financial Officer

EFI – Escolinha Flor da Infância Pre-School

ESC – Escolinha de Santa Catarina Pre-School

FX – Foreign Exchange

FY – Fiscal Year GBP – British Pound

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HQ – Headquarters

IFPELAC – Alberto Cassimo Laboral Studies and Professional Education Institute

IS – Infra-structures

KPI – Key Performance Indicators

LY – Last Year

MZN – Mozambique Metical

RPHM – Royal Parks Half Marathon

SLM – Santa Luísa de Marillac School

SVP – São Vicente de Paulo School

UPG – Um Pequeno Gesto

Y-O-Y – Year-over-year

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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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 **A Little Gesture a Great Help**		
On accounts for the year ended	31-Dec-2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1141990
Set out on pages	(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 / 12 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:		**Date:**	30.10.2022
Name:	Pedro Santos Reis		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Flat 5, 1 Gloucester Street SW1v 2DB		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	**NONE ----------**

A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

England & Wales - Charity number 1141990

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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INTRODUCTION

In 2020, **A Little Gesture ("ALG")** reached a total of 6'268 beneficiaries on the province of Gaza, Mozambique in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal[1]. Deep and personalised support to children and families focuses on education, poverty relief, sustainability and infra-structures. In 2020, the story of our graduated Uni Scholarship holder, Fátima Fernando Nhabanga, is just one of the many success stories that remind us how important is to continue our support to children, families, and their communities despite the global Covid-19 pandemic affecting all our programmes.

Letter from The Chairman

2020 was the year noone could predict. We started off the year with plans, a lot of willingness to spread change one life at a time. And a month into the start of the Mozambican school year, the school year finished. For many children, the school year never even came back at the time I write this letter. The year of Covid-19 shook all our actions at A Little Gesture. Most of our activities had to be adapted or even cancelled and, at the same time, we threw ourselves to put even more efforts on the ground, launching projects specific for the pandemic. For most of our supported families, the loss of remunerated work, the closure of schools with subsidized meals, the loss of extra income provided by quick "gigs" and the subsequent increase of hunger were direct consequences of a prolonged lockdown period that started at the end of March all the way through September 2020. For ALG, it was a period of double work under great uncertainty. However, I look back proud at the work the team was able to accomplish.

As the schools closed, ALG reacted quickly to adjust to the new reality. In a time of crisis, we made quick decisions that ended up lasting through more than 12 months of emergency state. Our first priority was **food support**. In our **school feeding program** and in our **pre-schools**, our support would have typically been given directly at the school. So we converted our financing into emergency food baskets that were distributed directly to the families. With our fantastic local team, we organized large scale distributions into pandemic-appropriate sized groups to follow all local regulations and we were quickly able to provide the families with this basic support at a time when they were in most need.

As we were able to guarantee food, we moved on to the next step – **education**. Given the limited digital resources locally and no real remote learning opportunities for most of children, ALG had to be creative on how to support children in their families. We created exercise sheets that we would give to parents in the food distributions, allowing the children to maintain some sense of routine and not be totally disconnected from learning for a full year. We used the time away from school to invest in teacher training for our pre-schools. And we also took the opportunity to leverage technology where possible .- with our teenage students, we were able to create After School Support Whatsapp groups that were key not only for homework sharing and questions, but more importantly to keep a sense of connection and safe haven between the youth in such challenging times.

As expected when Mozambique joined the world in confinement, we invested a great deal in **digitalization**. Our uni students stopped spending money on transport to school and we converted that support into data for their mobile phones so they could study and watch classes online. We also invested in equipment for our own local team, given that became a key part for them to be able to do their job and be in touch remotely.

Life at HQ changed as well. Whilst the ALG Trustees are usually remote, we work in close partnership with a fixed team at HQ in UPG Portugal, which moved to a fully remote environment. This change was swift as we had already adopted early stages of remote working, but new ways of communicating and collaborating virtually had to be introduced. Despite the challenges we all had staying at home, the team across the UK, Portugal and Mozambique got together stronger than ever, for the children.

All the work we have done would not have been possible without our fantastic donours. We launched emergency appeals and received an enormous solidarity response from new and existing donours. In an environment of great fundraising uncertainty, we were pleased to continue to count with the support of The Egmont Trust, The McBevan Charity Trust and The Angus Lawson Memorial Trust, among others. We also received large donations from our Patrons and Ambassadors, which have doubled down on their support through this pandemic year. To all of them, we express our deepest gratitude.

This was a year of great challenges to everyone. Each experienced this pandemic in different ways and different intensity levels. It has allowed us great growth as people and organizations and it has focused us on the little we can control in situations of crisis – our actions and our direct support to the children. The ALG Team was there every day. We get to the end of the year without knowing what to expect from 2021, but we are certain that we will be there, together for the children. Thank you to all of you that are there with us. **Sara Vicente, Trustee and Founder**

[1] ALG recognized by the UK Charity Commission in May 2011. UPG Portugal launched in 2004 and recognised as a Portuguese NGO in 2008.

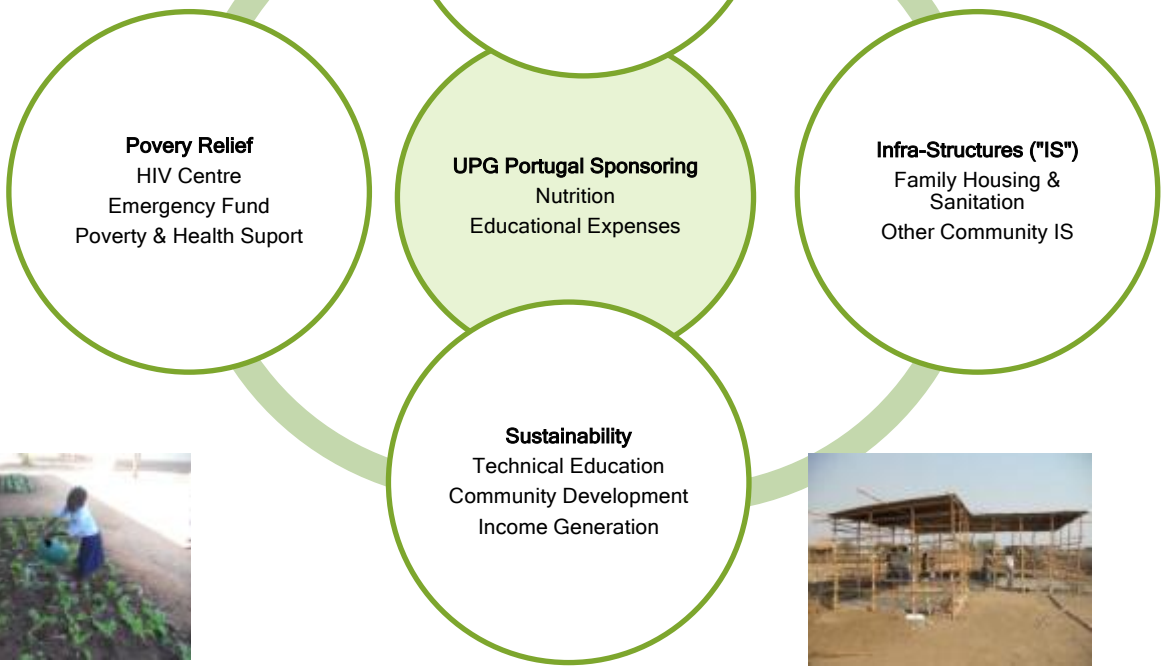
A LITTLE GESTURE'S APPROACH

The Child at the Centre of Our Intervention

Our mission is to improve the living conditions of each child and their families in the South of Mozambique. We believe we can do this by providing deep and personalized care to each child giving them access to education, nutrition and a dignified life.









ALG IMPACT IN 2020

In 2020, ALG supported 6'268 beneficiaries, 53% of which were girls. ALG fundraised a total of 101'975£ in a year challenged by the pandemic.

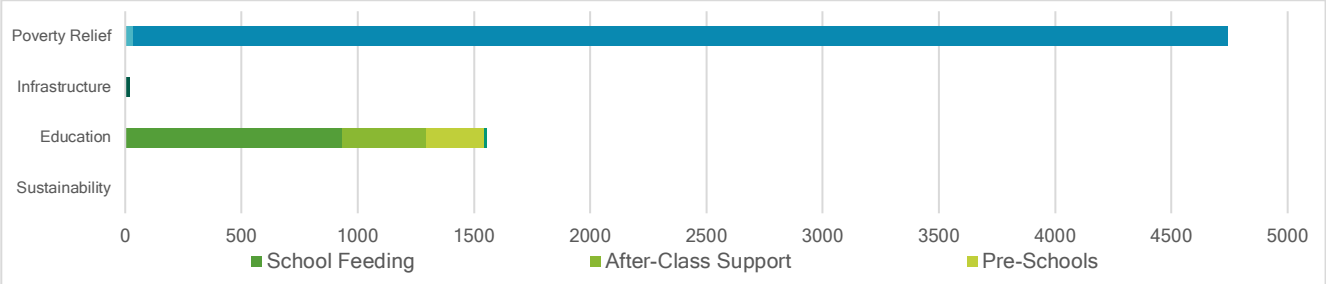
- In 2020, ALG supported a total of 6'268 direct beneficiaries in the operating areas of Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé, co-funded in cooperation with sister charity UP Portugal.[2]
- Project implementation presented challenges with the pandemic as Education and Emergency Aid became key objectives in every activity in operation during 2020. Activities delivered positive indicators: children had academic success when applicable and a rise in family hunger was minimised as children kept weight and physical wellbeing.
- 2020 was a challenging year with direct impact in ALG's fundraising, with the regular events and campaigns being replaced by Emergency Appeals.

Figure 1: Numbers 2020

	2019 (Dec)	2020 (Dec)
Direct Beneficiaries	1'634	6'268
% Girls	50%	53%

	2019 (Dec)	2020 (Dec)
Use of Funds	**GBP (FY)**	**GBP (FY)**
- Charitable activities	85'405 £	73'400 £
- Fundraising Costs	4'434 £	3'587 £
- Governance Costs	251 £	1'635 £
TOTAL	**90'089 £**	**78'621 £**
Funds Raised	**GBP (FY)**	**GBP (FY)**
- Donations	99'974 £	101'975 £
TOTAL	**99'974 £**	**101'975 £**

Figure 2: ALG Beneficiaries 2020



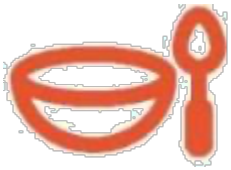
[2] The indirect beneficiaries are calculated as a multiplication of the average number of local household members per direct beneficiaries, which are typically 5 members per each ALG direct beneficiary in the Gaza region. In 2020, indirect beneficiaries received, in an exceptional basis, food and hygiene support at home through Emergency Baskets distributions in several projects.

A LITTLE GESTURE: KPI'S IN 2020

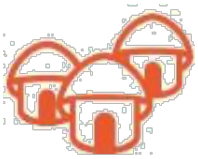
Thanks to our amazing ALG donors, and in partnership with UPG Portugal, ALG was able to provide direct support to 6'268 children and their families across 9 project areas. Detailed Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") selected by the Charity are illustrated below.



Pre-Schools
 # Children: 251
% Girls: 55%
↑ Weight: c. 1 kg
School Attendance: High
Family Engagement: Intermediate/High



School Feeding
 # Children: 931
% Girls: 48%
↑ Weight: c.2kg
School Attendance: High



Family Huts
 # Families: 5 (21 beneficiaries)
#Girl's Families: 4
Hygiene Improvement: Immediate

Other Infrastructures
 # Children: constructions allocated to ALG Pre-Schools
% Girls: 57%
Better Quality Education: Immediate

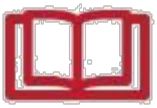


HIV Day Centre
 # Children: 38
% Orphans: 58%
Weight = / ↑ : 92%

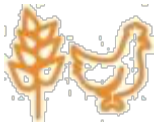
Centre Attendance: 50%
Grades Average: 12/20
Family Engagement: High



Emergency Fund
 # Beneficiaries: 4'653
% Girls: 73%
Support: Immediate



After-Class Support
 # Children: 364
% Girls: 52%
Attendance: Weekly, High
Family Engagement: Average in SLM and High in SVP



Income Generation
 # Families: 1
% Female: 0%
Refinancing: 0



Uni Scholarship
 # Youngsters: 9
% Girls: 33%
Academic Progression: 100%
 # Graduates: 1

The ALG Local Partners also provide the Trustees a qualitative analysis of the impact of the Charity´s financial performance highlighting in many, though not all the cases, enthusiasm, recognition and often gratitude from the **happier, healthier, more socially aware beneficiaries**. In particular for 2020, the local team highlighted a community that became **more involved in child wellbeing and engegment with ALG activities** as the pandemic spread fear and insecurity but also strengthened a sense of community around our projetcs.

A LITTLE GESTURE: SDG'S

ALG aims to reach and implements various project areas that are in line with the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDG) elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations. These basic pillars promote an equal society, with wealth and employment generating activities, as well as preserving and advocating for human rights.

Family Huts	
Other Infrastructures	
Pre-Schools	
School Feeding	
After-Class Support	
Uni Scholarships	
HIV Day Centre	
Fundo Emergência	
Technical Courses	
Income Generations	

CASE STUDY

Meet Fátima Nhabanga

Fátima Fernando Nahbanga was born on May 17th 1998. As a child, Fátima was supported by the Sponsorship programme developed by UPG Portugal from May 2010 until December 2019, in Xai-Xai. This program provided Fátima with academic support and monthly nutritious baskets corresponding to a charitable investment of just under **£1'000 over 9 years**.

In 2018, Fátima was part of a Technical Course in Xai-Xai and thanks to it she was able to **secure an internship** at the Science and Technology Province Administration, in Xai-Xai. A very driven and community conscious young girl, Fátima applied and was approved for ALG's **Uni Scholarship**. Starting her superior studies in a challenging 2020, Fátima started studying Public Health in the Gwaza Muthini Institute. The Charity financed Fátima's school enrolment and monthly fees and provided complementary assistance in the form of school supplies, Internet data allowance, transportation, and nutritional support. The course will last 4 years, with professional internships planned each academic semester.

The year 2020 brought Fatima the added difficulty to change her routine and study methods entirely. For Fátima and most of ALG's Uni Scholarship holders, learning online through different digital platforms while studying, delivering papers on time and sitting through online exams entailed a great commitment and effort. Nevertheless, Fátima had an average **grade of 13 out of 20**, as well as a remarkable grade of 17 out of 20 in her Community Health Internship.

Fátima's engagement with the Charity's initiatives grew into other project areas. In 2020, the team invited Fátima to a new challenge! The Charity launched the **In-Touch 4 Impact** project as a structured response to how the pandemic affected girls access to and engagement with education, as well as a prevention against domestic abuse. Fátima was one of the selected mentors. As part of this remote mentoring programme, Fátima communicated weekly with a group of young girls to support them through the pandemic and provide incentives to remain in then academic system. One of the most empathic and communicative mentors, Fátima enjoyed participating and serving as a role model to young girls.

We look forward to continuing to watch Fátima grow and develop!



Figure 3: Fátima, Sponsorship program (2010)



Figure 5: Fátima in the Secretarial Course Graduation (2018)



Figure 4: Fátima in the Internship (2021)



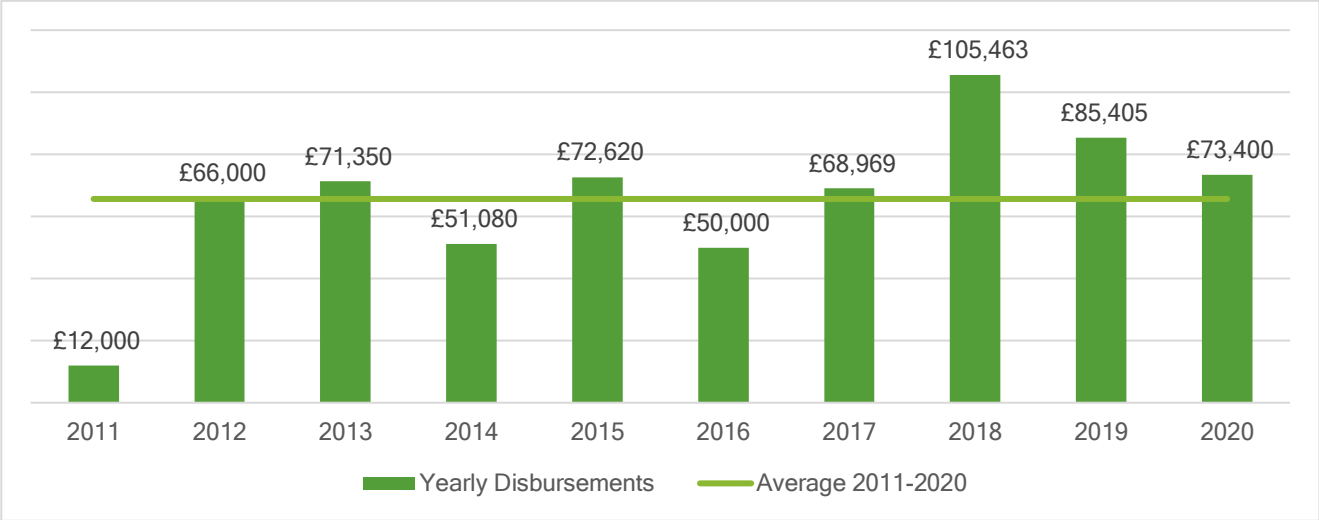




ALG IN NUMBERS

In 2020, ALG disbursed a total of £73'400 to charitable projects on the ground to continue delivering deep and sustainable positive impact to over 6'268 beneficiaries.

Figure 6: ALG Historical Disbursements (in £), 2011-2020



The tenth year of ALG's operations and intervention in Mozambique has been marked by the Covid-19 pandemic and its local consequences. Most of the Charity's projects and initiatives were adapted or replaced by new ones to guarantee an efficient and quick answer to the needs on the ground.

- On **Beneficiaries**, the ALG intervention in 2020, in cooperation with UPG Portugal, reached out a combined 6'268 direct beneficiaries in Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé[3].
- On **Disbursements** of funds to the ground, funds of **£73'400** were below the last 2 years, but still above the 10-year average of 65'577.
- In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic forced **ALG to adapt its focus towards more the immediate needs** of the ALG beneficiary communities such as lack of food , access to hygiene products and loss of the family income, while keeping children attached to the educational system.
- ALG also did a strong investment in communication through a much needed local **digital upgrade** to maintain contact between the ground and HQ during a long lockdown and rigid prevention measures.
- The pandemic allowed for significant **innovation in project implementation** at ALG.
    - Without any on-site education projects for the majority of the year, ALG implemented new approaches to reach the children.
    - Daily traditional activities were replaced by remote tutoring, exercises displayed in public spaces and regular phone calls to at-risk groups.
    - Feeding programs were replaced with food baskets with added farming kits to help the families improve their sustainability.
    - Families suprised the team with an increased engagement in children wellbeing and academic development, seeing the organisation as a safe port of call.

[3] The indirect beneficiaries are calculated as a multiplication of the average number of local household members per direct beneficiaries, which are typically 5 members per each ALG direct beneficiary in the Gaza region. In 2020, indirect beneficiaries received, in an exceptional basis, food and hygiene support at home through Emergency Baskets distributions in several projects.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY[4]

2020 in Review

The Charity registered an increase of 2% on annual funds raised despite a challenging year. A large part of these funds were dedicated to pandemic emergency relief. Significant reserves were built at year end as the Trustees foresee a continuation of a difficult fundraising environment, especially on the events front.

Figure 7: 3 Years Financial Performance

	FY'18	FY'19	FY'20
Sources of Funds	£ 60 799	£ 99 974	£ 101 975
Project Costs	£ 105 463	£ 85 405	£ 73 400
Fundraisisng & Admin	£ 3 179	£ 4 684	£ 5 221
Total Expenditure	**£ 108 641**	**£ 90 089**	**£ 78 621**
Net Balance	**-£ 47 842**	**£ 9 884**	**£ 23 354**

Key Financial Metrics

ALG raised an average £97'390 for its charitable activities over the last 5 years. The fluctuation in the level of funds over the period is mostly affected by i) years hosting the one-off Gala events in the UK (2012 and 2017), and ii) Trustees availability as volunteers and also dedicating significant time to UPG Portugal and its fundraising. A technical factor towards these year on year fluctuations is the dates when tranches of significant grants such as the Egmont Trust are received.

ALG accumulated **reserves** over the years to build capacity to deal with emergency funding and consistently expand its project areas. Cash at year-end 2020 of **£143'104** remained comfortably above funds both raised and disbursed, as the Charity disbursed **72%** of funds raised in the year.

Figure 8: Key Financial Metrics, FY16-FY20

	FY'16	FY'17	FY'18	FY'19	FY'20
Sources of Funds	£ 79,940	£ 144,263	£ 60,799	£ 99,974	£ 101,975
Net Cash Balances	£ 27,007	£ 61,328	-£ 47,842	£ 9,884	£ 23,354
Cumulative Cash Balar	£ 96,380	£ 157,708	£ 109,866	£ 119,750	£ 143,104
% Funds Disbursed	63%	48%	173%	85%	72%
Cost Income Ratio	7.7%	9.7%	5.2%	4.7%	5.1%

The Trustees keep a close focus on the **cost-to-income ratio**, targeted at under 10%. In 2020, this was confortably achieved with Admin Costs at 5.1% of funds raised and at 6.6% of funds applied over the year.

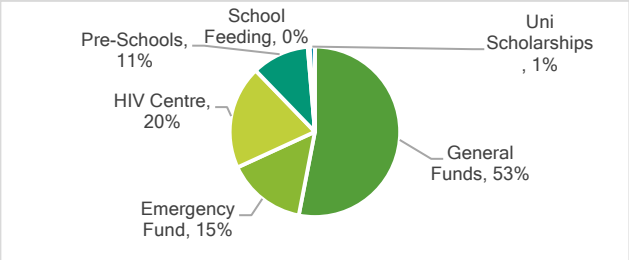
Funds Financial Review

ALG dedicates its activities to i) advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease. In 2020, the area of **Poverty Relief** was a strong recipient of funds raised (35%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (65%).

£101'975 Funds Received

Of relevance in this section is the weight of the Emergency Fund due to the Covid-19 pandemic (15%) where as the SLM School Feeding programme had a considerable reduction as most ALG event -led fundraising in this area was suspended.

Figure 9: Funds Received, FY20

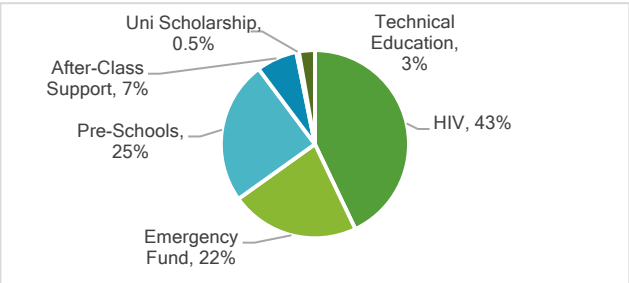


£73'400 Funds Disbursed

An amount of £73'400 was disbursed in 2020 to be applied directly in projects in Mozambique. This represents an **annual decrease in disbursements** in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Multiannual projects adapted their local intervention by replacing cancelled on-site activities with food and hygiene emergency baskets at home.

Figure 10: Funds Disbursed, FY20



In **Poverty Relief**, after funding the key project of the *HIV Day Centre*, efforts were directed towards *Emergency Relief for Covid* with £14'816 of funds disbursed. These covered a significant digital upgrade

[4] Full financial statements available from page 33 onwards

(computers, phones, internet data, modems, among others), masks for the entire beneficiary universe and other health supplies and equipment.

In **Education**, the largest individual ALG project remains *School Feeding* which in 2020 was fully funded by ALG Balance of Funds and by its associated charity in Portugal UPG being adapted into an at-home nutritional support. Out of the 3 *Pre-Schools*, ALG funded in full the Escolinha de Santa Catarina and co-funded the Escolinha Flor da Infância with at-home activities. Smaller funding was directed towards the now remote activities of the *After-Class Support Centres* and the final year of studies of the *Uni Scholarshiop* holder Vasco.

There were no funds disbursed for **Infrastructure** as most construction was halted during the pandemic though ongoing housing build for 2 families was funded by UPG Portugal.

As communities were mostly confined, there were limited funds dedicated to the **Sustainability** area. The Charity approved a disbursement in *Technical Education* overdue from courses run throughout 2019 and minimal maintenance costs. ALG agreed to finance the launch of the *Dental Clinic* for Gil, a former Uni Student, early in 2021, with construction works starting in 2020.

ALG Disbursement Schedule - FY2020		***In GBP***	***%***
SLM HIV Centre - *Poverty Relief**	£	31 500	43%
Emergency - *Family Huts*	£	-	0%
Emergency - *Covid ALMT Digital Upgrade*	£	2 316	3%
Emergency - *Covid Emergency Fund*	£	10 000	14%
Emergency - *Mosquito Nets***	£	1 482	2%
Emergency - *IDAI (P Esperanca)****	£	2 500	3%
Pre-School Education - *Education*	£	18 100	25%
After-School Support - *Education*	£	5 168	7%
University Support - *Education*	£	334	0%
Technical Education - *Education*	£	2 000	3%
Total Funds Disbursed 2020 (projects only)	**£**	**73 400**	100%

** Note: The payment of the UPG Portugal Sponsoring annuity through ALG UK was of an exceptional nature, made in good faith and only accepted given a long-term historic relationship between the donor and the 2 charities.*

***Adjustment after an advance payment through local funds in Mosquito Nets, overdue from prior reporting years*

****ALG provided a grant to a registered Charity operating in the north of Mozambique, Projeto Esperança, that still faces constraints after the IDAI Cyclone*

Fund Balances

As of year-end 2020, ALG had **£143'105** in Cash Balances, the majority of which in the General Fund, which allows the Trustees flexibility in its application.

Figure 12: Cash Funds, Year End 2020

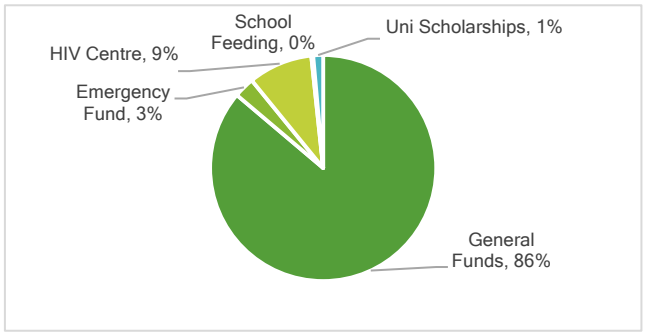
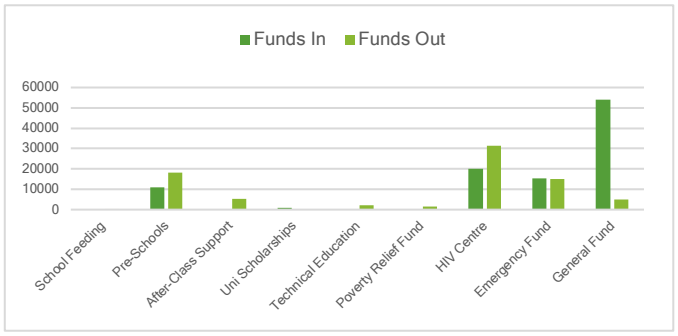
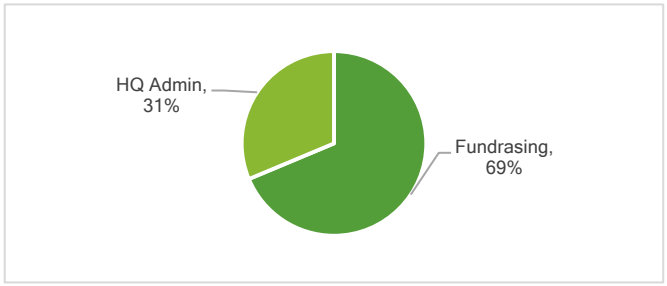


Figure 11: Annual Fund Movements, FY20



Admin Costs

Figure 13: Admin Costs, FY20



The financial year registered non-disbursement, non-project-led Costs of **£5'221** (£4'684 in 2019). These represented **5.1% of fundraising / 6.6% of funds applied**, both still comfortably inside the charity's target of 10% cost to income ratio.

Fundraising costs are the largest component and are mostly composed of purchase costs for the RPHM charity slots (£2'800). In 2020 ALG incured for the first time in 2020 in grant writing costs (£523), as an investment in this area. Fundraising website costs were marginally higher than in prior years (£263) as a significant part of the fundraising was done via online platforms. In 2020, there were no event costs.

Admin Costs (£1'635) were higher than in prior years as the ALG Trustees hired external support on accounting (later discontinued). While there is no headcount cost recorded in the UK, part of the staff costs from work at UPG Portugal Headquarters in Lisbon are embedded in Project Costs financed by ALG as a *de facto* cost share. The Trustees remain fully volunteer and committed to support the key charitable objectives of the charity with minimal headquarter and admin costs.

PROJECTS

ALG believes that the intergenerational cycle of poverty can be broken from the early years through education. We achieve our mission through **deep and personalized** support for each child, promoting nutrition, education, and skills development, in a healthy and dignified environment, where children can grow and develop to be the independent adults of tomorrow. The Projects implemented by the Charity in four key areas allow children to grow in a context of increased opportunity. Our multi-year support empowers them to break the family's poverty cycle as better educated citizens with access to professional opportunities.

ALG Projects			
Poverty Relief	**Infrastructures**	**Education**	**Sustainability**

Projects in Numbers

Figure 14: Projects in Numbers

Project Area	Direct Beneficiaries[1]	ALG Funds Disbursed, FY20[2]	Project Costs, FY20[2]
		GBP	GBP
Housing	21	0 £	7 798 £
Total Infrastructures	**21**	**0 £**	**7 798 £**
Pre-School[3]	251	18 100 £	26 803 £
After-Class Support	364	5 168 £	3 895 £
School Feeding[3]	931	0 £	33 418 £
Uni Scholarship	9	334 £	4 839 £
Total Education	**1.555**	**23 602 £**	**68 955 £**
Technical Courses	-	2 000 £	795 £
Income Generation	1	0 £	9 572 £[5]
Total Sustainability	**1**	**2 000 £**	**10 367 £**
HIV Day Centre[3]	38	31 500 £	23 238 £
Covid-19 Emergency Fund	4.653	16 298 £	19 293 £
Sponsorship Baskets Reinforcement[3]	*886*	*-*	*11 126 £*
Seeds Distribution[3]	*558*	*-*	*1 063 £*
Covid-19 Equipment and Supplies[3]	*1.144*	*10 000 £*	*1 398 £*
Digital Equipment	*1.992*	*2 316 £*	*2 793 £*
Idai Cyclone[4]	*-*	*2 500 £*	*-*
Mosquito Nets	*-*	*1 482 £*	*-*
In-Touch 4 Impact	*73*	*-*	*2 913 £*
Total Poverty Relief	**4.691**	**47 798 £**	**42 531 £**
Total	**6.268**	**73 400 £**	**129 651 £**

1) Includes beneficiaries of projects co-financed with UPG Portugal, both on a multi-annual basis or one-off if construction runs over 12 months
2) Funds disbursed by ALG in the UK, only. Project Costs include total costs of individual projects in Mozambique co-financed by these ALG disbursements with UPG Portugal disbursements- Total Costs include a fixed 10% allocation of consolidated Admin costs at the charities
3) Beneficiaries in 2020 are conservatively estimated since activities adapted to Covid-19 supported, on an exceptional basis, both children and their families at home (and not school) through Distributions of food supplies, hygiene products and seeds
4) Advance financing for implementation in 2021 for 100 beneficiaries
5) Budget approved for Income Generation project - Gil Dental Clinic *and co-financed by 90% by the charities and 10% by beneficiary Gil. Final Costs significantly exceeded this amount with additional funding fully financed by Gil, not consolidated in the ALG accounts.*



POVERTY RELIEF

POVERTY RELIEF – HIV CENTRE

Location: Manjangue



 # Beneficiaries: 38



% Orphans: 58%

Weight Kept/Increased: 92%

Monthly average Centre Attendance: 50%

Academic Progress: 95%

School Average: 12/20

£23'238 Project Costs

£612 Per Child

Key Funders:

Egmont Trust



What

The HIV Day Care Centre supports HIV infected children on a day-care basis, providing nutritionally balanced meals (breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner), physical and emotional medical support and after-class tutoring activities.

Who

38 vulnerable children affected by HIV that attend the Santa Luísa de Marillac School. Of these, 11 children from very vulnerable families are also part of the UPG sponsoring program.

Long Term Impact

This project promotes poverty relief, as well as health and disease prevention:

- Promote the inclusion of ill and vulnerable children in the school context, while providing them equal opportunities and activities to stimulate their personal development and inclusion in the broader community;
- Raise awareness among families and their communities of the need for prevention and continuous care with regular medical support for HIV infected children.

2020 Highlights

- Daily meals replaced by bi-monthly **Emergency Baskets** including local food products (rice, dry beans, flour) and a reinforcement of more nutritious products (vegetables, chicken, fish). The Emergency Baskets also provided **hygiene** products to better prevent the local community of Covid-19 transmission.
- To enhance food safety ALG distributed **Farming Kits** to the families. These kits included seeds that require limited irrigation (corn and sweet potato), hand ploughs and hand sprinklers. The families were able to plant and increase families' meals.
- To guarantee Covid-19 prevention ALG purchased more **materials and equipment**. The HIV Centre staff prepared signage, sanitizers, masks, gloves, as well as new uniforms and bedlinen for a more frequent laundry. These measures were accompanied by lectures to educate the community on their use.
- Due to a maximum of people in public spaces and as required by local authorities, ALG divided the HIV Centre in **groups and shifts** that decreased the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Children started in October to attend the Centre 2x per week, or 3x week for the older children due to the national exams. Assiduity was kept at these levels till year-end.
- To guarantee regular contact of the children with Portuguese since most families only speak the local dialect ("changana"), the HIV Centre started a **Book Club** that enabled children to read a book at home for two weeks. This initiative replaced one of children's favourite moments at the Centre. After the daily tutoring at the Centre, children loved to read their favourite books and were even more excited to take home different books.

Figure 15: HIV Day Centre, Gender, 2020

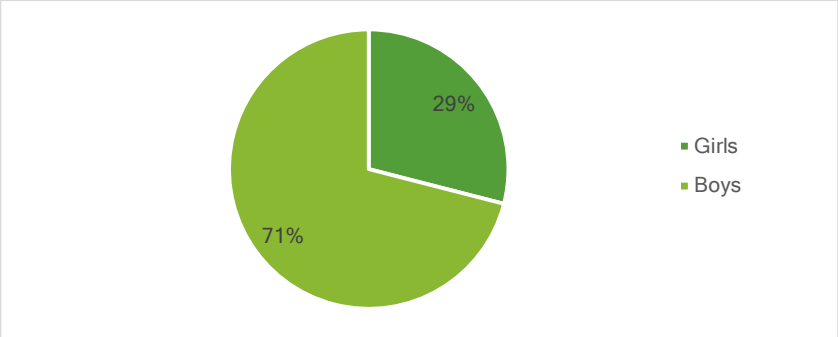


Figure 16: HIV Day Centre, #Beneficiaries, 2014-2020

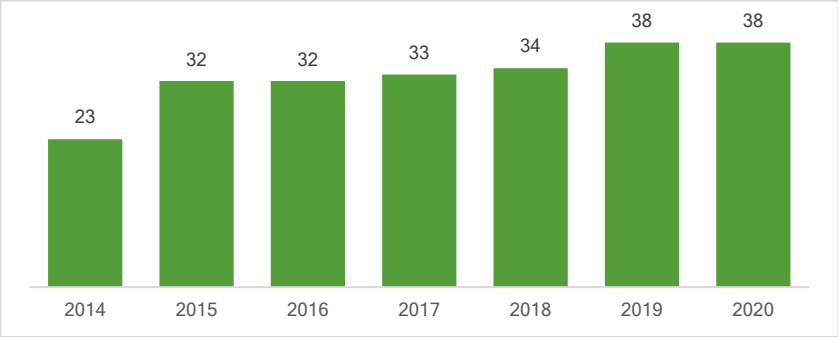


Figure 17: HIV Day Centre, Baskets' Attendance, 2020

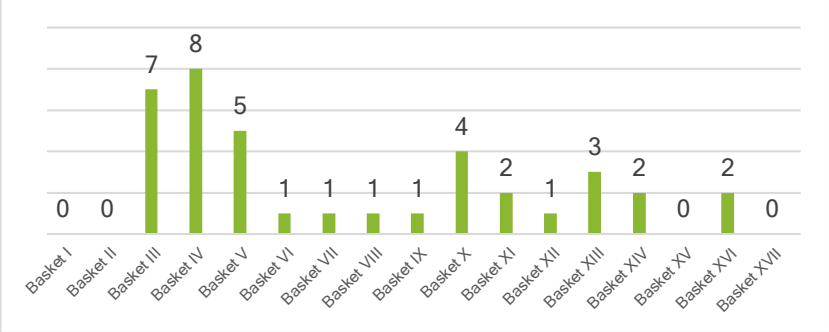
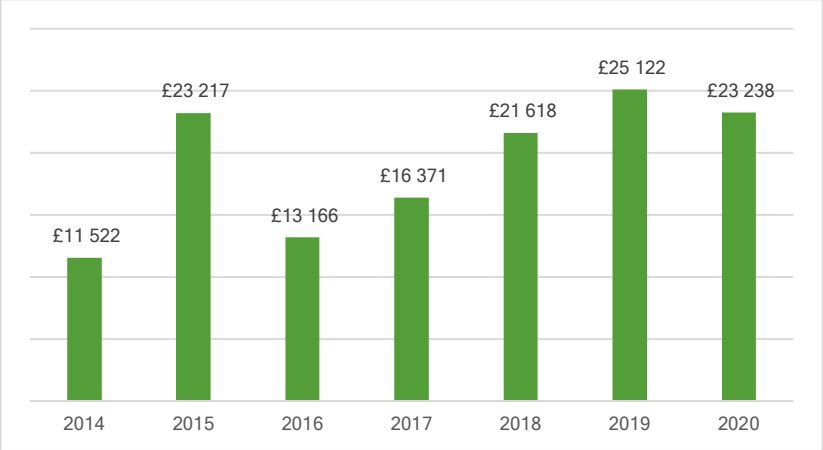


Figure 18: HIV Day Centre, Historic Evolution of Costs, 2014-2020



POVERTY RELIEF - COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

Location: Manjangue, Chokwé, Chongoene and Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 4'653



% Girls: 73%

Support: Immediate

£19'293 Project Costs

Key Funders:

ALMT Foundation

Individual Donours

ALG Trustees Challenges

UPG Co-Funding

What

The ALG Emergency Fund promotes quick and efficient responses concerning new emergency needs due to unexpected events (floods, cyclones, storms, severe drought or a pandemic). In 2020 this Emergency Relief focused adresisng the difficulties broiyght by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Who

4'653 children and youngsters from the communities and areas of intervention (Manjangue, Chokwé, Chongoene and Xai-Xai) where ALG is present. These beneficiaries are part of the key programmes co-funded by ALG and UPG Portugal (Pre-Schools, HIV Centre, School Feeding, Sponsorship) that became more vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic and worsening socio-economic context.

Long Term Impact

- Immediate relief in poverty with long term effects in health;
- Maintenance of minimum support to education to provide better long term opportunities.

2020 Highlights

- Due to a worsening community hunger context, the Emergency Fund **strengthened monthly food baskets** of the UPG Sponsorship program with extra products (rice, dry beans, soap bars and liquid soap);
- During the long lockdown that started at the end of March 2020, ALG distributed **Emergency Food Baskets** to Pre-Schools, HIV Centre and School Feeding beneficiaries;
- Every distribution followed Covid-19 transmission prevention, such as social distancing, use of masks and frequent handwashing. ALG financed **hygiene products**, such as sanitizer, liquid soap and water buckets with small taps in the ALG communities;
- ALG distributed **face masks** to After-Class Support Centres, Pre-school and HIV's children, Local Partners, Local Technicians and ALG Coordinators. ALG delivered 2'480 masks made of local fabric ("capulana");
- Due to social distancing and local quarantine, many activities and work processes suffered constrains. ALG invested in new digital equipment (computers, cell phones, modems, internet monthly data) that enabled a higher level of digitalization on the ground and ensure the continuation of daily activities;
- The charities launched the *In-Touch 4 Impact* project as a structured response to how the pandemic affected girls access to and engagement with education, as well as a prevention against domestic violence. This new project allowed for weekly phone calls between young girls (School Years 5 – 9) to have weekly phone calls from their mentors regarding school dropouts, sexuality, STD's, gender inequality, women in their career journeys, vocational orientation and Covid-19 prevention measures. This project towards female protection and empowerment was financed by UPG Portugal within the programme area of Emergency Relief cofounded between the two organisations[5] .



INFRASTRUCTURE

ORLANDA AND AFONSO HOUSE AND LATRINE, CHOKWÉ







FERNANDO LANGA HOUSE AND LATRINE, XAI-XAI







INFRASTRUCTURE - HOUSING

Location: Chokwé and Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 21



 # Families: 5

 # Families with Girls: 4

Hygiene Improvements: Immediate

£7'798 Project Costs[6]

£1'873 Per House

£308 Per Latrine

Key Funders:

UPG Co-Funding

What

Rehabilitation, recovery, or construction of Family Housing, including sanitary infrastructure to improve the living standards of children and their families, with immediate upgrade to their general well-being.

Who

5 families representing a total of 21 direct beneficiaries received new houses and latrines. Of these, 6 beneficiaries are part of the Sponsoring program or the Pre-School EFI. ALG financed the construction of two new houses in SVP (Daina and Salomão, Orlanda and Afonso), a house and latrine in Xai-Xai (Fernando Langa), a home reconstruction in Nhancutse (Clarência Cuna) and a latrine in SVP (Carla Donaldo Sitoe).[4]

Long Term Impact

Promote the immediate improvement of general hygiene and health conditions, with longer term impact on academic success and performance. ALG believes that recovering and building basic housing infrastructures offer a primary source of dignity for underprivileged families.

Figure 19: Housing Infrastructures: #Beneficiaries, # Families and # Girls' Families, 2010-2020

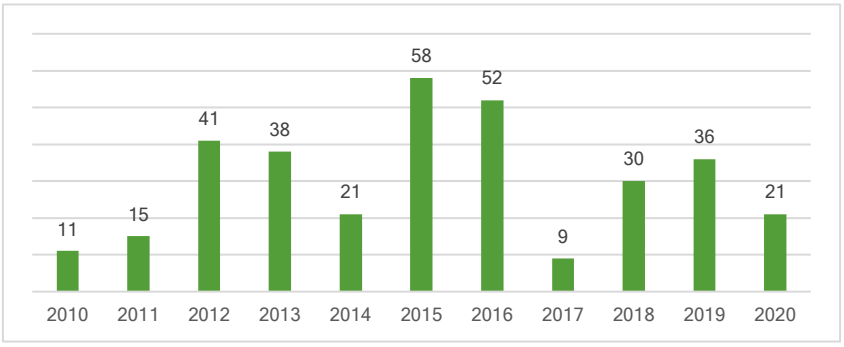
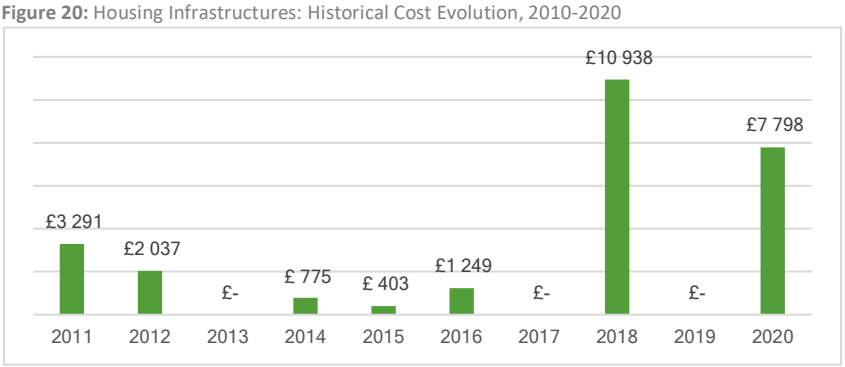


Figure 20: Housing Infrastructures: Historical Cost Evolution, 2010-2020



[6] Co-funded with ALG's Portuguese sister-charity, Um Pequeno Gesto ("UPG"). In 2020 all funding originated in UPG given existing relationshipos between the specific beneficiaries and the respective donors.



EDUCATION

EDUCATION | PRE-SCHOOLS

Location: Chongoene, Chokwé, Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 251

% Girls: 51%



Weight Gain:
Avg increase 1kg

School Assiduity: High

Family Involvement:
Intermediate, inc. Family Contributions

£26'803 Project Costs

£8'934 Per School

£110 Per Child

Key Funders:

The MacBevan Trust

ALG HNWI

UPG Co-Funding

What

ALG Pre-Schools offer underprivileged children between the ages of 3 and 5 access to early-years education, daily school meals, dedicated teachers, school supplies and much affection.



Who

251 children aged 3-5 years old, split in 3 Pre-Schools: *EFI - Escolinha FIor da Infância* (#75), *ESC – Escolinha Santa Catarina* (#70) and *Pre-SVP - São Vicente de Paulo* (#74) in Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé, respectively, all in the Province of de Gaza, Mozambique[7].

Long Term Impact

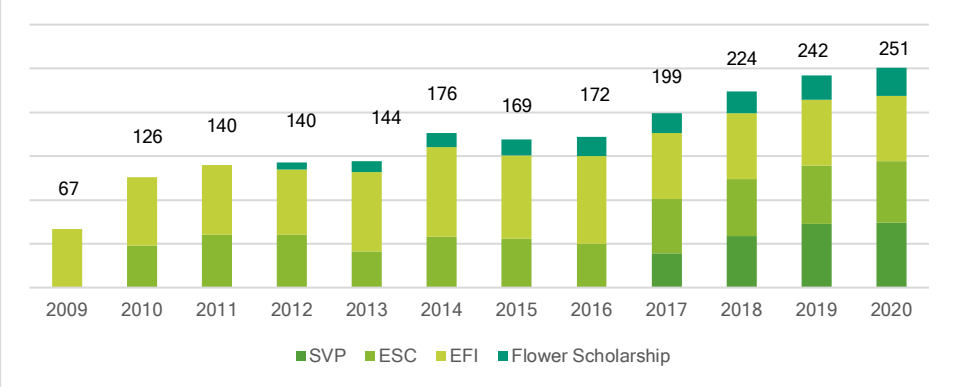
In Mozambique, only 4% of children have access to pre-school education (World Bank[8]). The ALG Pre-Schools seek to create the habit of school assiduity, improve children's nutrition and hygiene, promote academic performance and, ultimately, reduce child delinquency and promote civic integration.

2020 Highlights

The year of 2020 was a year of innovation in a new local context. ALG replaced its daily on-site activities to guarantee the support and respond to the local needs at an home setting. Throughout the pandemic ALG Pre-Schools delivered monthly **Emergency Baskets** with food products (rice, dry beans, flour) and hygiene products (soap bars).

In every distribution the ALG team also circulated simple and small activities to do at home, such as copying numbers and letters, drawing, painting, finding geometrical figures and others. This initiative was welcomed by children's guardians. Additionally, a walkway was built in the SVP Pre-School that allows children to walk safely around the school and to the bathroom.

Figure 21: Pre-Schools: # Beneficiaries, 2009-2020



[7] Complementing the Pre-School Flor da Infância Project, the EFI Flower Scholarship programme provides additional support to a group of children selected according to their merit, academic support and engagement in studies. The Flower Scholarship helped a total of 32 children in 2020, including past and present EFI students (programme spend £3'476).

[8] World Bank, *In Mozambique Helping Kids Get a Strong Start*

Figure 22: Pre-Schools: Total Beneficiaries vs Girls, 2013-2020

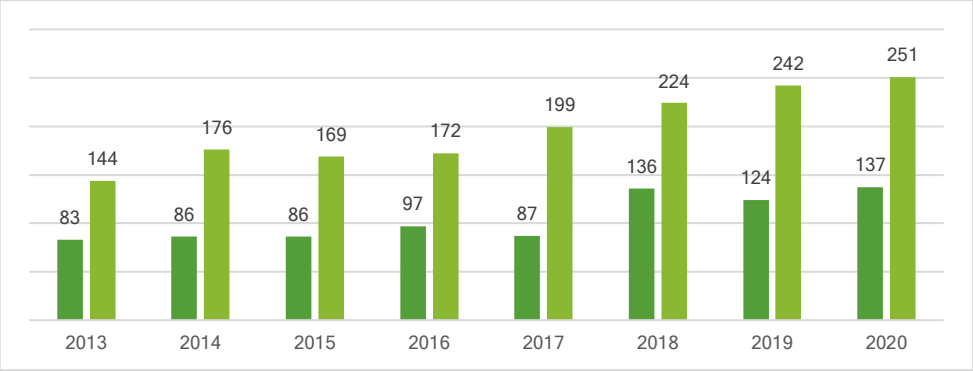


Figure 23: Pre-Schools: Historic Cost Evolution, 2016-2020

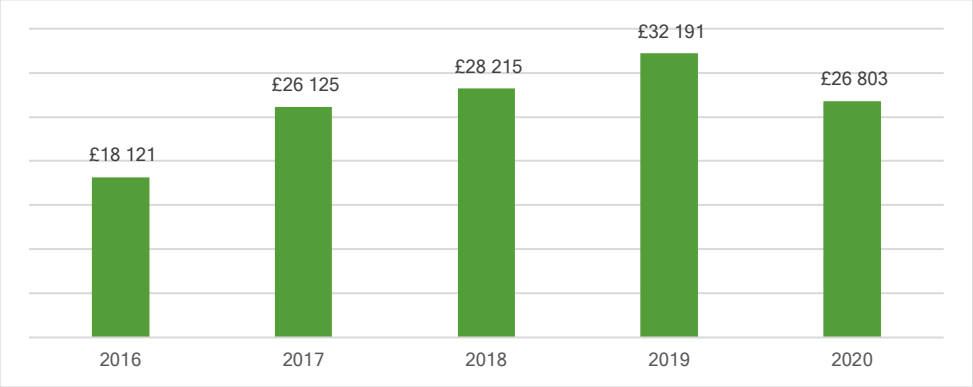
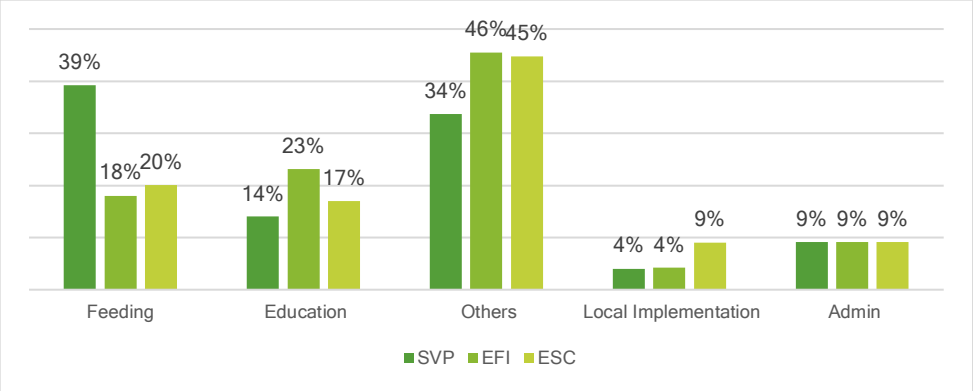


Figure 24: Pre-Schools: Total Costs per Pre-School, 2020



Figure 25: Pre-School: Cost Analysis per Pre-School, 2020 (ex Flower Scholarship)



EDUCATION | SCHOOL FEEDING

Location: Manjangue



 # Beneficiaries: 931

% Girls: 48%



School Dropouts: 0% (#3)

Academic Progression: adapted - 100% in years without exam; 90% in exam years

School Attendance: High

£33'418 Project Costs

£36 Per Child

Key Funders:

ALG Balance of Funds in Mozambique from 2019

UPG Co-Funding



What

The School Feeding Program in the Santa Luísa de Marillac School (SLM) provides a free daily hot meal to students during the school year.

Who

931 children who study at Santa Luísa de Marillac School, corresponding to 48% girls. 168 of the more vulnerable children are also part of the UPG Sponsorship program.

Long Term Impact

Improve school attendance through the incentive of a free daily meal; improve children's academic performance by reducing child hunger during the school year; promote gender equality since many girls stay at home to cook for their relatives; relieve family budgets as families will reinvest lunch costs onto other needs.

2020 Highlights

In 2020, ALG's largest project was severely impacted by the pandemic. The daily meals for 931 children in school grounds were replaced by **bi-monthly Emergency Baskets** distributions to guarantee food safety at home. These baskets included food products based in local meals (rice and dry beans) and hygiene products to support Covid-19 transmission prevention (soap bars). These distributions followed every prevention measure required by local authorities, dividing the 931 families into small groups throughout different days and school years. The exams season was postponed to the beginning of 2021 *(academic progression data reported refers to Feb21)*.

Figure 26: School Feeding: Historic Beneficiaries Evolution, 2013-2020

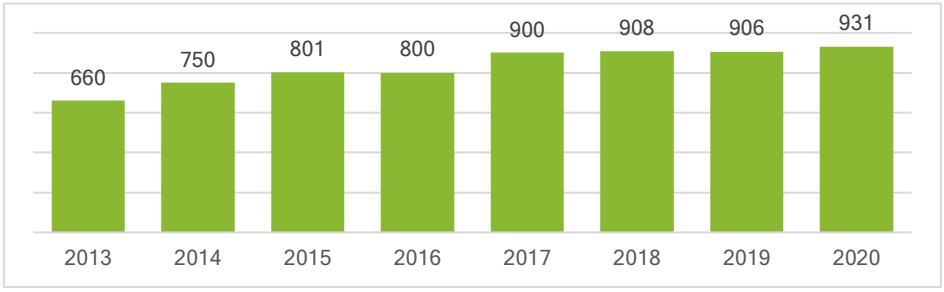


Figure 27: School Feeding: Beneficiaries per School Year, 2020

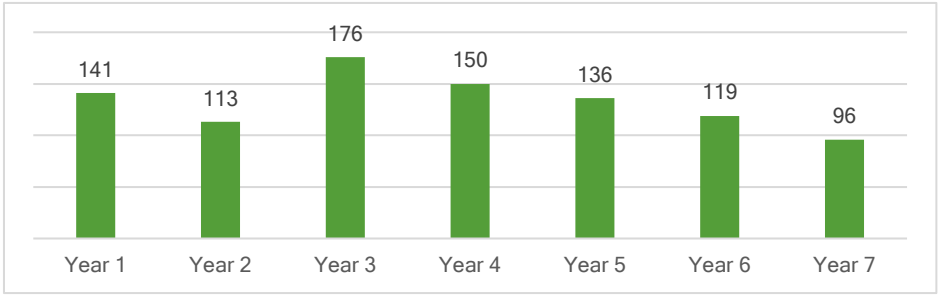


Figure 28: School Feeding: # Dropouts, 2013-2020

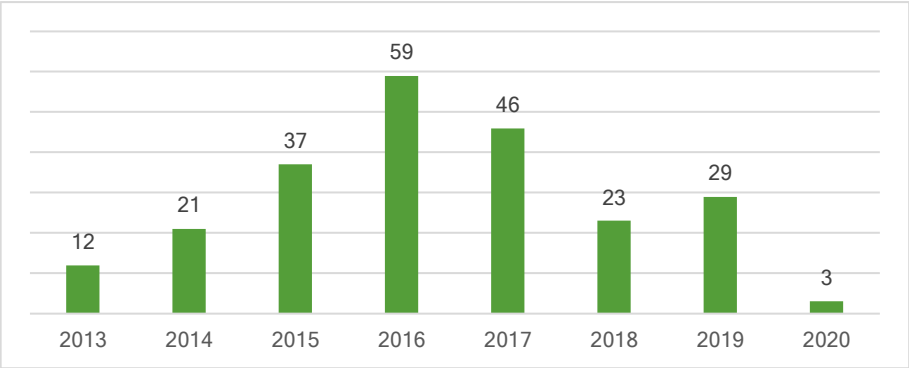


Figure 29: School Feeding: # Approved vs # Beneficiaries, 2013-2020

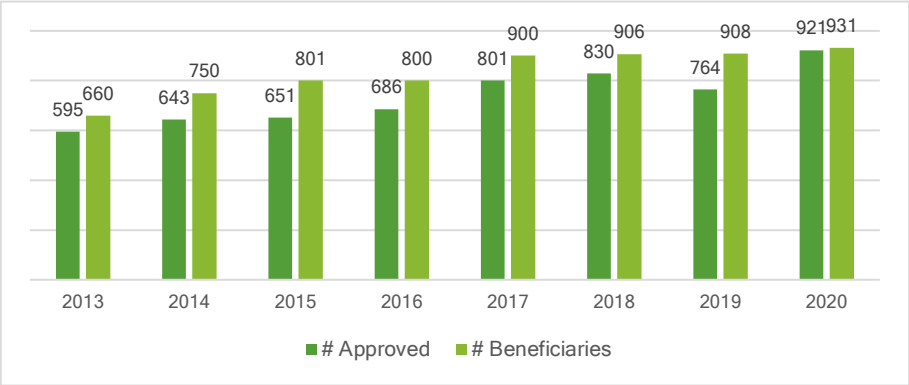


Figure 30: School Feeding: Historic Cost Evolution, 2016-2020

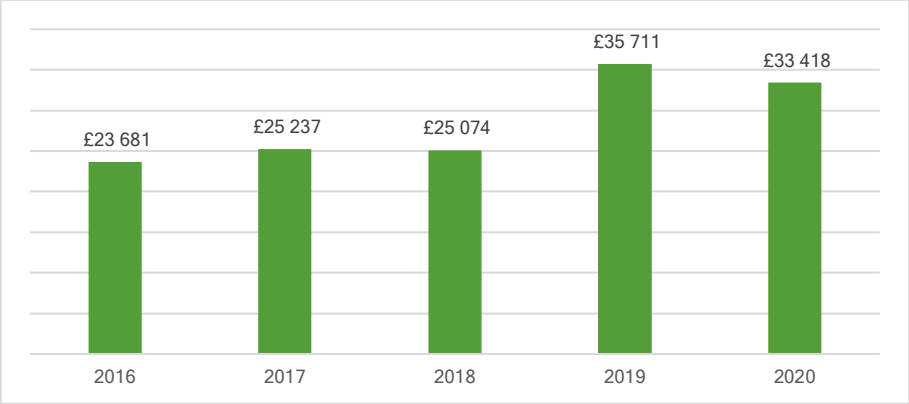
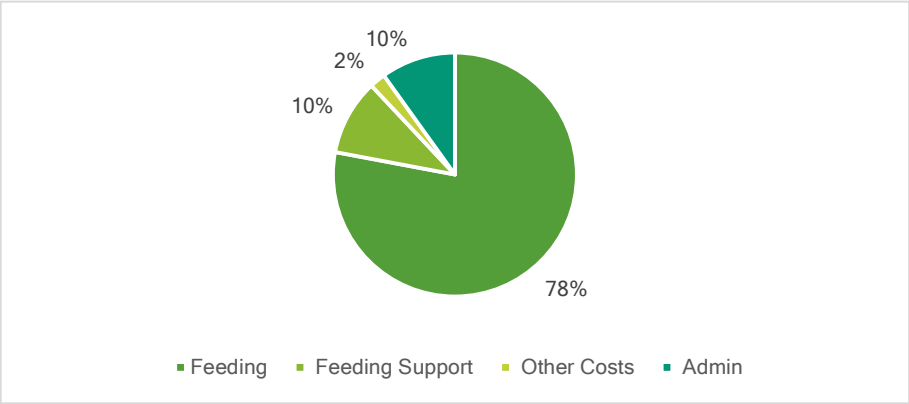


Figure 31: School Feeding: Cost Analysis by Expense Centre, 2020



EDUCATION | AFTER-CLASS SUPPORT

Location: Manjangue, Chokwé



 # Beneficiaries: 364

% Girls: 52%



Attendance: High

Family Engagement: N/A in SLM and SVP

£3'895 Project Costs

£11 Per Child

Key Funders:

ALG Board Member

ALG General Funds

UPG Co-Funding

What

Two After-Class Centres where attendance of all Sponsored children is compulsory and provided at no cost. These support centres aim to improve academic performance, help children overcome their academic difficulties, decrease school dropouts and be open forums for local problematics (early pregnancy and marriage, sexuality, study methods, careers, Covid-19, among others). As an added incentive to attend, the multi-annual financing also includes a free snack (SLM) or a free lunch (SVP) on days attended by each child.

Who

In 2020, #364 UPG Sponsorship children benefitted from the After-Class Support: #135 in SLM (48% girls) and #229 in SVP (55% girls).

Long Term Impact

Improve academic performance and success, as well as decrease school dropouts. Offer exposure to vocational orientation, civil and sexual education, among others, to enrich a future professional life and personal development.

2020 Highlights

In light of the pandemic, the After-Class Support Centres and its traditional on-site activities were suspended. The after-class support continued remotely at home with exercises by ALG displayed in public spaces and of easy access to children. The exercises focused in school years with national exams (Year 5, Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12) and children that recently began their academic journey (Year 1 and Year 2). The monitors and ALG Local Technicians were able to support children through Q&A on basket distributions, phone calls and WhatsApp group chats.

Figure 32: After-Class Support: # Beneficiaries, 2012-2020

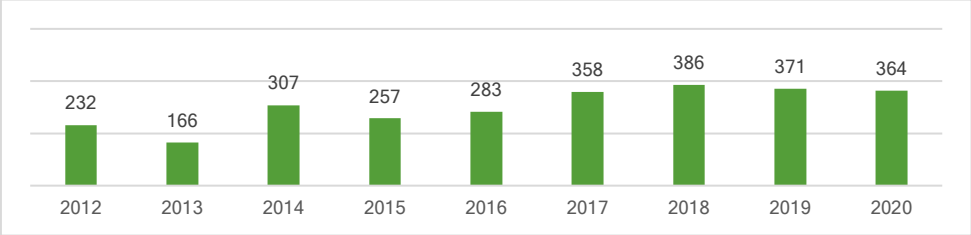
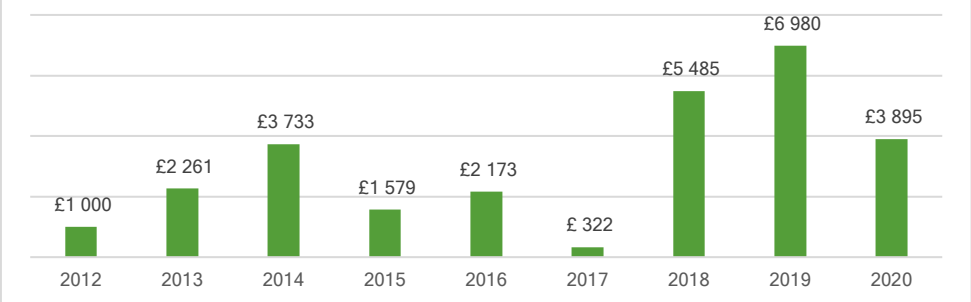


Figure 33: After-Class Support: Historic Cost Evolution, 2012-2020



EDUCATION | UNI SCHOLARSHIPS

What

ALG finances academic and living costs to underprivileged and motivated young people with an interest in continuing their academic or superior studies.

Who

9 beneficiaries, including 3 girls. 7 of the scholarship holders were previously part of UPG Sponsorship children.[9]

Long Term Impact

Allow driven young underprivileged people with good academic results to continue their studies and achieve higher levels of education, creating opportunities for a better professional life and re-investment in the local community.

2020 Highlights

In 2020, Uni Scholarship holders had to adapt to a new educational context. Most youngsters had online classes in a context without easy access to Internet data or digital equipment. Therefore, ALG provided the needed Internet data monthly for students to follow their online lessons using their cell phones or ALG and friends' computers.

Figure 34: Uni Scholarship, 2020

Name	Course	Institution	2020
Pedro	Human Resources Management	Universidade Leonde	Year 3 (of 4)*
Artimisa	Zootechnical Engineer	Universidade Leonde	Year 3 (of 4)*
Jaime	General Medecine	Instituto Médio de Admin e Ciências Saúde	Year 1 (of 2)*
Miliona	Pharmacy	Instituto Médio de Admin e Ciências Saúde	Year 2 (of 2)*
Alfredo	Public Administration	Gwaza Muthini	Year 3 (of 4)
Sérgio	Industrial Electricity	Escola Profissional de Inhamisa	Year 2 (of 3)
Fátima (NEW)	Public Health	Gwaza Muthini	Year 1 (of 4)
Jorge (NEW)	Clinic Analyses	Gwaza Muthini	Year 1 (of 4)
Vasco	Teacher's Training	Universidade Pedagógica de Chokwé	Year 5 (of 5)

**The Academic calendar had several changes and delays due to Covid-19.*

Figure 35: Uni Scholarship, #Beneficiaries, 2011-2020

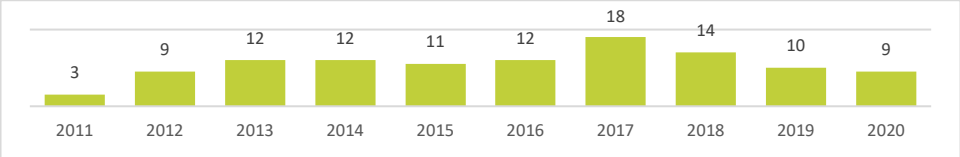
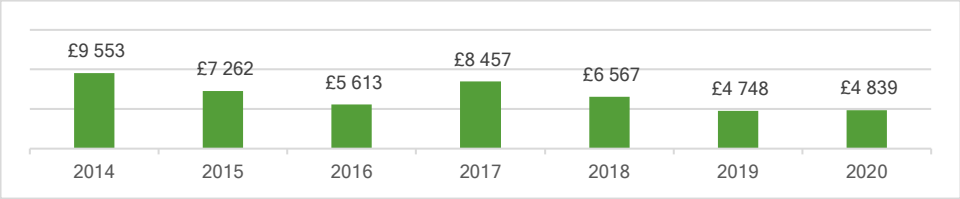


Figure 36: Uni Scholarship: Historic Cost Evolution, 2014-2020



Location: Chokwé, Xai-Xai, Chongoene



Beneficiaries: 9

% Girls: 33%



Progress: 100%

Graduates: 1

£4'839 Project Costs [6]

Avg £538 per Uni Scholarship

Key Funders:

ALG Regular Donours

UPG Regular Donours

[9] Over the years, the Uni Scholarships are financed by either UPG Portugal or ALG UK on a multi-annual basis, with the perspective to maintain the scholarship sponsor, depending on where he is located and which currency he prefers to donate in. In 2020 , only one of the Uni Sponsorship donors donated through the UK Charity account.



SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY | TECHNICAL EDUCATION

IFPELAC[10] Courses

What

Technical Professional Courses on electricity, refrigeration, etc, during 4 to 6 months, after school time, in certified centres. In partnership with governmental body IFPELAC who provides teachers, guidelines and official certificates.

Who Attends

Youngsters part of UPG Sponsorship program in Xai-Xai who learn a new technical skill with high local demand, such as electricity, refrigeration, plumbing, metal welding, among many others.

Long Term Impact

Provide young adults new opportunities through technical education in order to increase employability. Potentially develop domestic economy and production, as well as generate new income sources in a rural community.

2020 Highlights

Suspended due to Covid-19. Activities planned for 2021.

CC ESC COURSES

What

Technical Professional Courses on sewing or cooking & baking, during 4 months, in the Community Courses classroom of the Santa Catarina Pre-School (CC ESC). Courses in ALG premises but officially certified by IFPELAC.

Who Attends

Parents from ALG schools and young local community members interested and motivated in learning new skills with potential for immediate income generation, such as sewing and cooking.

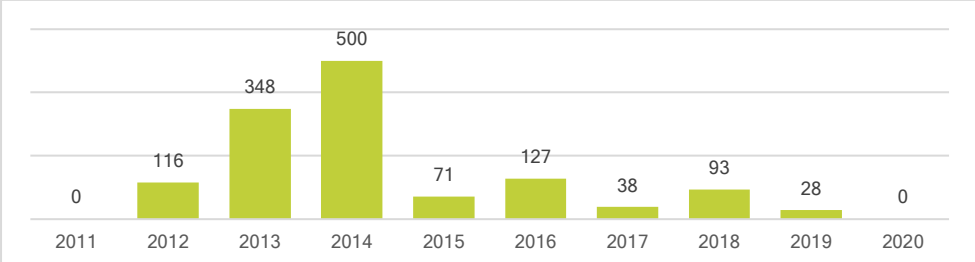
Long Term Impact

Provide young adults new opportunities through technical education in order to increase employability. Potentially develop domestic economy and production, as well as generate new income sources in a rural community.

2020 Highlights

Suspended due to Covid-19. Activities planned for 2021.

Figure 37: Technical Education: Historic Beneficiaries Evolution, 2012-2020



Location: Chongoene, Xai-Xai



#Beneficiaries: -



IFPELAC Technical Courses: -

CC ESC Courses: *

£795 Project Costs

N/A Per Beneficiary

Key Funders:

ALG General Funds

[10] IFPELAC - Instituto de Formação Profissional e Estudos Laborais Alberto Cassimo is the governmental center for skills-based formation including qualified teachers and publicly accepted certification.

SUSTAINABILITY | INCOME GENERATION

Location: Xai-Xai



 # Beneficiaries: 1



 # Families: 1

% Women: 0%

£30'319 Project,
Of which £9'572 consolidated
into ALG accounts
= £2'234 ALG Grant*

Key Funders:
ALG Board Member
UPG Co-Funding

What

Financing small individual- or family-led businesses in the local community with the potential to generate new income sources.

Who

Local community members or young adults previously linked to the Charity that demonstrate an entrepreneurial profile, driven to launch a new business or to improve an already ongoing business (local mums, Technicians, UPG Sponsorship children family agregates, among others).

Long Term Impact

Stimulate a culture of entrepreneurship among the communities, strengthen the local economy and financial independence in the families and promote youth employment.

2020 Highlights

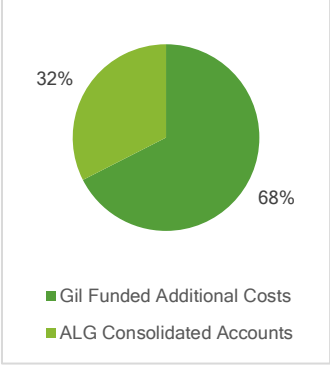
Dental Care Clinic "El Francês" owned and run by Gil Mucavele, a former ALG Uni Sponsorship holder. Gil graduated as a reputed dentist with ALG support and works at the hospital in Xai-Xai. The **initial budget of £9'572** was co-financed between the charities (90%) and by Gil himself and classified as Self-Financing (10%). The charities funding of £8'596 was composed by an ALG grant (16%, supported by an individual ALG Donor*) to be disbursed early in 2021, by a non-interest bearing loan (70%) and by an in-kind donation by a corporate donor (4%) who donated the painting materials.

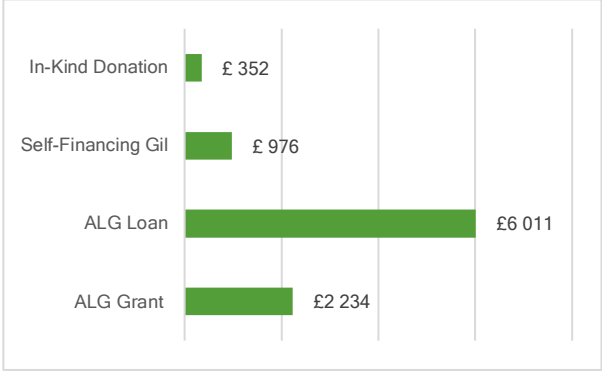
The entire **project finally cost £30'319** to build and fully equip the facilities. After the project concluded with a very signification deviation in costs, Gil fully funded the additional £20'747 required.





Figure 38: Income Generation, Dental Care Clinic Financing, 2020





FUNDRAISING IN 2020

Funds of £101'975 were up 2% compared to 2019.

Figure 40: Annual Funds raised and Trendline, 2011-2020

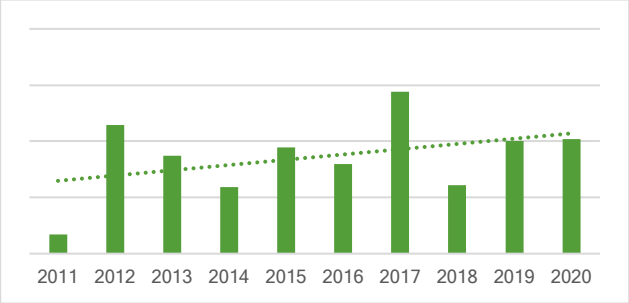
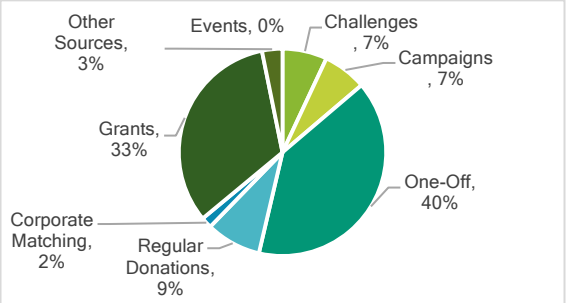


Figure 39: Annual Funds Raised by Channel, 2020



Fundraising Highlights

One-Off Donations £40'665 (LY £1'299)

One-Off Donations were a key source of fundraising with strong contributions due to the Covid-19 pandemic to support local emergency initiatives. An ALG Patron contributed towards more than 50% of this amount in 2020.

Grants £33'481 (LY £50'747)

Grants wcontinue to be an important key source of fundraising for ALG and an effort where the Trustees have invested further in 2020. Notable grants include £39'037 from the **Egmont Trust** for the HIV Centre, £11'000 from **MacBevan Trust** for the ESC Pre-School, and a £2'361 **ALMT** Covid-19 Grant supporting a local digital upgrade to improve communication during the lockdown.

ALG Challenges £7'104 (LY £18'665)

In the absence of the iconic Royal Parks Half Marathon, ALG's fundraising in this channel was severely limited in 2020. Quiz nights which provided not oly a strem of fundraising but also direct engagement with donors were also suspended. However, the ALG Trustees launched various individual challenges for their birthdays and other family celebrations. These managed to maintained a healthy flow of funds through their networks into this channel.

Regular Donations £8'781 (LY £7'138)

ALG Regular Donors contributions were marginally down in 2020. In terms of small monthly donations, ALG now has 7 regular donours, having added 3 new individual donours throughout the year. ALG has also continued its effort to nurture its HNWI network and has continued to add donations from a loyal donour base. Funds reported in this channel are down YoY but some regular donours contributed via the ALG Chairman's appeal and were classified as challenges and campaigns.

Campaigns £6'957 (LY £4'888)

ALG launched a strong emergency appeal in 2020 in order to respond to the extra measures required by the Covid-19 pandemic. The response from ALG's donour base was extremely positive and this was a significant channel in 2020.

Other Sources

In 2020, ALG continued to benefit from multiple **Corporate Matching** grants. The decrease in this channel to £1'747 (LY £7'524) reflects the absence of Peer2Peer challenges were employees participate. ALG donors request ALG to claim **Gift Aid** on its behalf, generating a total of £2'940 for the Charity (LY £4'319).

We are grateful to all our sponsors and friends that contributed to our fundraising activities in a challenging 2020!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

For the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Fundraising Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Payments					
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	3,386.35	200.28	0.00	3,586.63	4,433.72
Charitable Activities Costs	1,482.14	71,917.86	0.00	73,400.00	85,405.00
Governance Costs	1,634.50	0.00	0.00	1,634.50	250.50
	6,502.99	72,118.14	0.00	78,621.13	90,089.22
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	6,502.99	72,118.14	0.00	78,621.13	90,089.22
Excess of receipts over payments	47,585.62	-24,231.83	0.00	23,353.79	9,884.40
Transfers between Funds	-13,609.04	13,609.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	89,331.21	30,420.19	0.00	119,751.40	109,867.00
Cash funds this year end	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00	143,105.19	119,751.40

Statement of Financial Position

CC Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2020

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
CASH FUNDS	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00
Total cash funds	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			

B5 Liabilities

	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
LIABILITIES			

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounts

The ALG accounts are reported on a standalone basis and based on receipts and payments accounting. Additionally, we refer to Project Expenses or Project Costs throughout the document, which refer to the local project expenses, which may or not be the same as the disbursements made to the ground. When an excess or deficit remains, it is carried over to the next year of the project. We show project accounts inclusive of the projects co-funded with UPG as this provides a more accurate view of the combined charities intervention on the ground.

Reserves

ALG received funds of £101'975 in 2020. At year end, Cash Funds stood at **£143'105,** a *16% Increase* year on year. The Trustees pursued a conservative disbursement policy, disbursing 72% of the funds received in anticipation of a continued challenging fundraising environment and potential for further emergency relief needs. This reserve accumulation well exceeded the goal of 5% per year. The Trustees continued to enforce their policy towards a conservative management of charitable funds, with reserves readily available for emergency poverty relief or unexpected requirements.

Figure 41: Year-End Reserves



Fund Balances & Adjustments

YE'20 End of Year Adjustments The Trustees agreed on the following *end of year adjustments* to the 2020 accounts, resulting in a **General Funds net transfers of £13'609 to fund the below**:

Figure 42: Year-End General Fund Adjustments

- **After-Class Support £5'168,** as no funds were raised to this area in 2020, usually funded through events. An ALG Board Member donated to one of the After School Centers just after the year closed and this amount will be returned to General Funds.
- **Pre-Schools £6'441,** as no funds were raised for the Escolinha Flor da Infância in 2020 but the Trustees still supported the school.
- **Technical Education £2'000**, as no funds were raised for this areas.

These adjustments reflect the Charity´s policy of not carrying negative balances on individual project funds, which require to be covered by General Funds at hyear end. Detailed explanations are available at request.

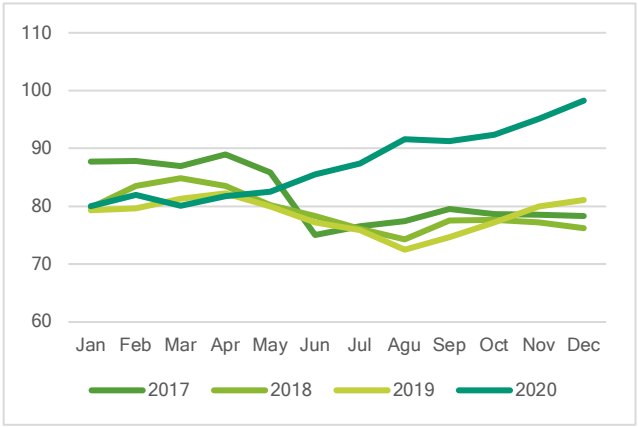
FX

The FX GBP to Metical in 2020 registered swings of up to 17%[11] in lighf of the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst for ALG this benefited the amount of meticals obtained for each pound raised, it also created a local constraint as inflation crept through food and hygiene products. The FX climbed above the 85 MZN/GBP from June and closed the year close to the 100 MZN/GBP mark.

The average FX used by ALG for 2020 budgeting purposes was **78.2 MZN/GBP** whereas the average FX derived by actual transfers during the year stood at **85.8, a 9.8% positive effect** in terms of applying the Charity's funding.

Over the past years funding of all multi-year and one-off programmes implemented by ALG have suffered from limited financial currency risk. The Charity´s project budgeting always include a conservative 5% buffer for FX and inflationary fluctuations to protect the impact of the significant reserves of the Charity. The Trustees also seek to keep a low cash balance of funds in local currency under the Mozambican bank account in order to minimise local inflationary and depreciation risk. Balances will, by default, be kept in GBP until regular disbursements are required for the running of approved programmes.

Figure 43: FX MZN to GBP, 2017-2020



[11] **FX 2020**: **GBP/MZN** close:**100.683** low:**74.9812** high:**100.2087**

THE MOZAMBIQUE CONTEXT

This section provides a summary overview of the Mozambican economic context over 2020, as gathered by international agencies and organizations such as the **World Bank**, **IMF** and **United Nations**. The following bullet points regarding Mozambique's macroeconomic aspects and key events in 2020 are compiled from such public sources:

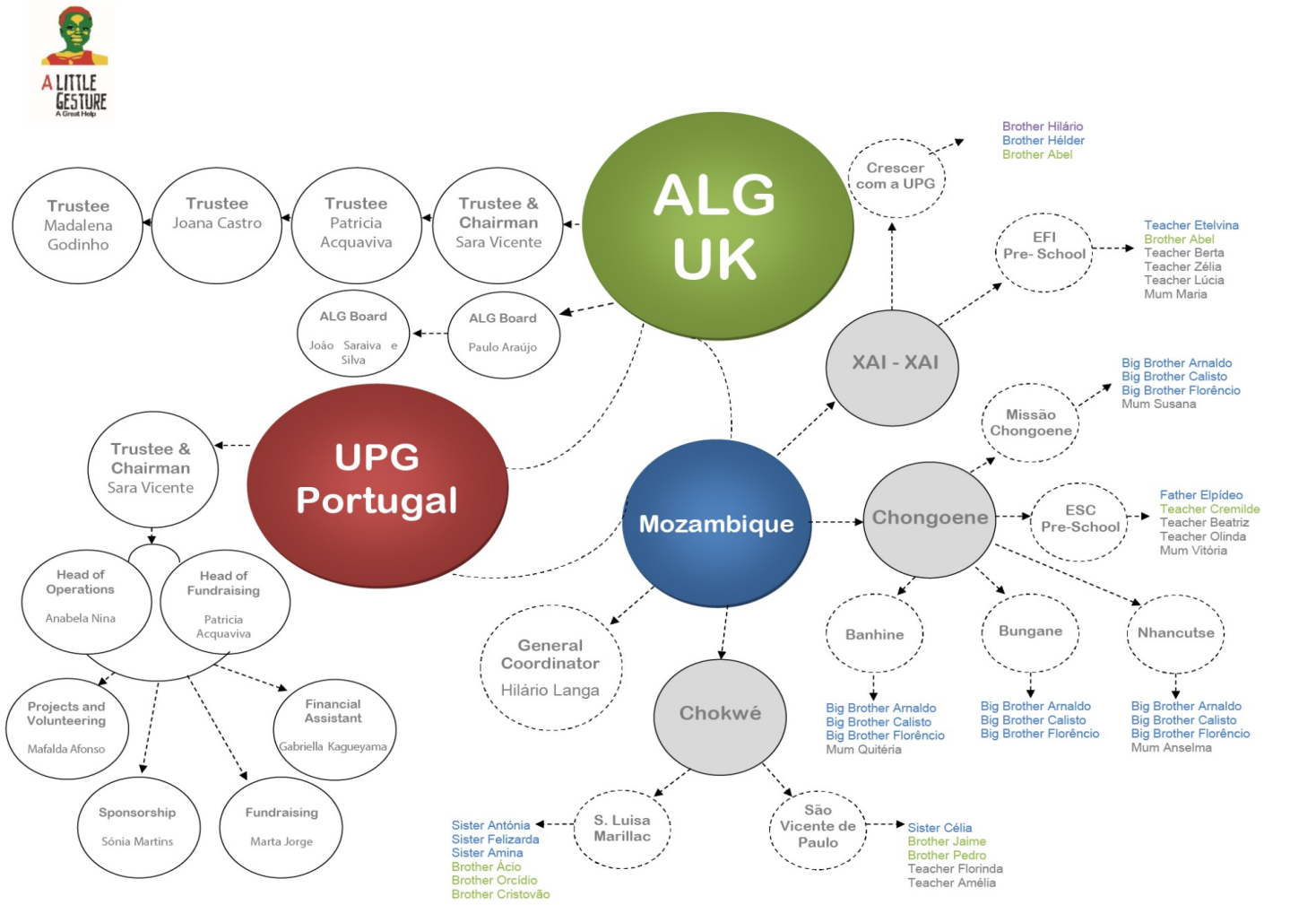
- In 2020, Mozambique registered the first financial downturn over the last 30 years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- A gradual economic recovery is expected during 2021 due to constraints and uncertainties concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. The Mozambican economy was affected during a period of time still recovering from the debts crisis and 2019 cyclones.
- Real gross domestic product (GDP) growth is estimated to have fallen 1.3% in 2020, comparing to 4.3% pre-pandemic due to a decline in demand and rigid local prevention measures (6-month quarantine and lockdown). In 2019, the World Bank's expectations were at 4%, 3.3% in 2018, and 3.7% in 2017.
- As a consequence of the rigid local prevention measures, most families lost their main source of income and jobs, as well as most businesses closed, complicating the countries progress and SGD achievement.
- The implemented measures represented few numbers of deaths and confirmed cases during the pandemic's 1st wave Also, the Bank of Mozambique adopted new incentives such as adopting new measures to stabilize the financial sector and the monetary policy rate, credit lines for businesses, and moratorias' extension to small businesses.
- Inflation had a light increased to 3,52% when comparing to the previous year (3.5% in 2019) and the equivalent when comparing to 2018. During 2020, there was a tendency for a small increase in prices, excluding May and July (average decrease of 0.45%).
- The general increase of prices tendency was essentially reflected in the food and non-alcoholic beverages. The decrease in May and July concerns a small decrease in prices in local food products (eg: tomato) and fuel costs.

CONCLUSION

FINAL NOTES

ALG continued to work in its mission to support children, their families and rural communities improve their living conditions. In an unprecedently challenging year for project implementation and fundraising, ALG continued to aid its beneficiaries overcome their new constraints and emerging difficulties from a global pandemic. Therefore, the Trustees considered to have achieved 2020 expectations, overcoming local challenges through new initiatives and replacing most traditional activities by adapting swiftly to the global Covid-19 crisis.

ALG STRUCTURE & SISTER CHARITY UPG



Poverty Relief • Infrastructure • Education • Sustainability

Volunteers in Mozambique and Europe, majority in Portugal

SISTER CHARITY UPG

A Little Gesture, A Great Help ("**ALG**") is deeply intertwined with its Portuguese sister-charity **Um Pequeno Gesto, Uma Grande Ajuda** ("**UPG**") on implementation of operations on the ground and management by a volunteer board of ALG Trustees and UPG Directors. Both teams work in close cooperation since 2011 and this cooperation benefits from UPG's extensive experience since its inception in 2004. Risk management and financial accounting is performed and audited separately for each institution. All donors will be offered consolidated management accounts for the two combined entities at request.

On a day-to-day basis, the two entities share volunteer resources at management level and the work of full-time staff employed and paid for at UPG's headquarters in Lisbon. The Lisbon office also benefits from the daily physical presence of ALG Trustee Patricia Acquaviva and from ALG Founder Sara Vicente Barreto's role as Chairman. The two entities also share a flow of information related to its respective projects in Mozambique from common Local Partners who implement projects in cooperation with management of both entities.





GET INVOLVED

Your support is key for us to continue to develop our action and provide A Great Help for the children of Mozambique.

Donate

Donations are the lifeblood of our activities. Thanks to your generosity we can reach more children, with greater depth. We particularly encourage donors to join as regular givers. Don't forget to provide us with your Gift Aid Declaration, so that we can claim an additional 25p for each 1£ that you give at no extra cost to you.

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Fundraise for ALG

Whether you like to host events for friends, do a bake sale, run a marathon or a triathlon or just pledge your birthday for ALG, join our supporters and help ALG spread the word.

Engage your Business

Bring us to your workplace for a dress down day or a campaign with your employees. For small businesses we offer excellent marketing opportunities through participations for our Quiz Night Raffles.

Engage your School

Bring us to your school (or kids) school for a talk on giving back and life in Mozambique. We can help you run engaging campaigns with the children and offer tailored solutions to each school's requirements.

Stay engaged

Keep up with our news in our newly launched blog at **http://alittlegesturestories.org**

A Huge Thank you to Our ALG Supporters

GLOSSARY

ALG – A Little Gesture A Great Help

CC – Community Centre

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

CFO – Chief Financial Officer

EFI – Escolinha Flor da Infância Pre-School

ESC – Escolinha de Santa Catarina Pre-School

FX – Foreign Exchange

FY – Fiscal Year GBP – British Pound

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HQ – Headquarters

IFPELAC – Alberto Cassimo Laboral Studies and Professional Education Institute

IS – Infra-structures

KPI – Key Performance Indicators

LY – Last Year

MZN – Mozambique Metical

RPHM – Royal Parks Half Marathon

SLM – Santa Luísa de Marillac School

SVP – São Vicente de Paulo School

UPG – Um Pequeno Gesto

Y-O-Y – Year-over-year

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

For the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Fundraising Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	54,088.61	47,886.31	0.00	101,974.92	99,973.62
Payments					
Voluntary Income Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs	3,386.35	200.28	0.00	3,586.63	4,433.72
Charitable Activities Costs	1,482.14	71,917.86	0.00	73,400.00	85,405.00
Governance Costs	1,634.50	0.00	0.00	1,634.50	250.50
	6,502.99	72,118.14	0.00	78,621.13	90,089.22
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	6,502.99	72,118.14	0.00	78,621.13	90,089.22
Excess of receipts over payments	47,585.62	-24,231.83	0.00	23,353.79	9,884.40
Transfers between Funds	-13,609.04	13,609.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	89,331.21	30,420.19	0.00	119,751.40	109,867.00
Cash funds this year end	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00	143,105.19	119,751.40

Statement of Financial Position

CC Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2020

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
CASH FUNDS	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00
Total cash funds	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			

B5 Liabilities

	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
LIABILITIES			

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: A LITTLE GESTURE A GREAT HELP

On accounts for the year ended: 31.12.2020

Charity no (if any): 1141990

Set out on pages: (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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: Pedro

Date: 28.10.2020

Name: PEDRO DOS SANTOS REIS

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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.

NONE