



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

A Little Gesture A Great Help

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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 Portugal¹. 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 no one 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 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 donors. We launched emergency appeals and received an enormous solidarity response from new and existing donors. 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.

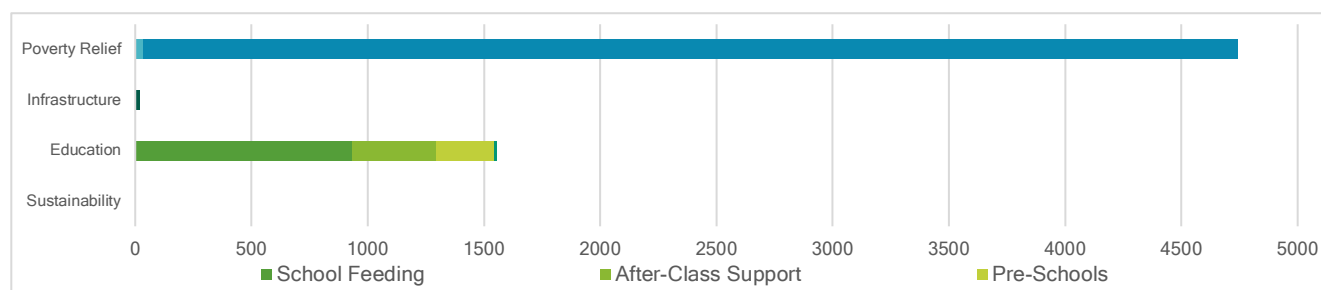
- In 2020, ALG supported a total of 6'268 direct beneficiaries in the operating areas of Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé, co-funded in cooperation with sister charity UP Portugal.²
- Project implementation presented challenges with the pandemic as Education and Emergency Aid became key objectives in every 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 £


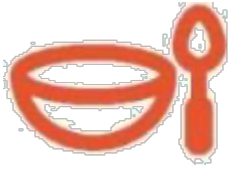
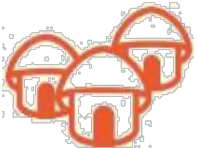



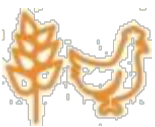

Figure 2: ALG Beneficiaries 2020



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.

 <p>Pre-Schools # Children: 251 % Girls: 55% ↑ Weight: c. 1 kg School Attendance: High Family Engagement: Intermediate/High</p>	 <p>School Feeding # Children: 931 % Girls: 48% ↑ Weight: c.2kg School Attendance: High</p>
 <p>Family Huts # Families: 5 (21 beneficiaries) #Girl's Families: 4 Hygiene Improvement: Immediate</p>	<p>Other Infrastructures # Children: constructions allocated to ALG Pre-Schools % Girls: 57% Better Quality Education: Immediate</p>
 <p>HIV Day Centre # Children: 38 % Orphans: 58% Weight = / ↑ : 92%</p>	<p>Centre Attendance: 50% Grades Average: 12/20 Family Engagement: High</p>
 <p>Emergency Fund # Beneficiaries: 4'653 % Girls: 73% Support: Immediate</p>	 <p>After-Class Support # Children: 364 % Girls: 52% Attendance: Weekly, High Family Engagement: Average in SLM and High in SVP</p>
 <p>Income Generation # Families: 1 % Female: 0% Refinancing: 0</p>	 <p>Uni Scholarship # Youngsters: 9 % Girls: 33% Academic Progression: 100% # Graduates: 1</p>

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 projects.

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)



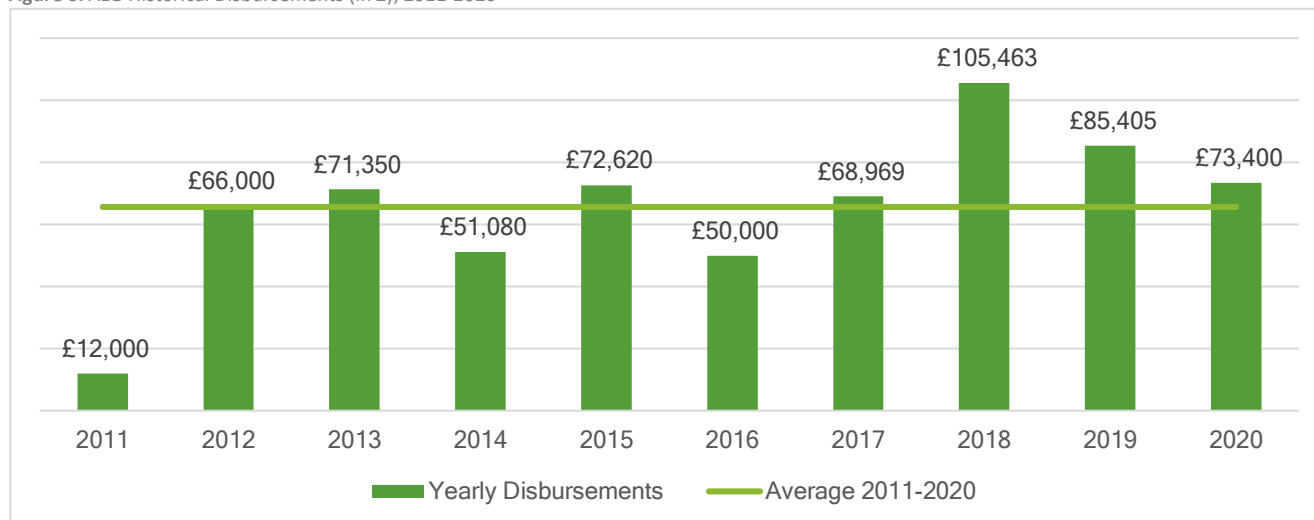
Figure 4: Fátima in the Internship (2021)



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 Chokwé³.
- 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.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY⁴

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.

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 Balances	£ 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 comfortably 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.

£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.

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

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
Fundraising & Admin	£ 3 179	£ 4 684	£ 5 221
Total Expenditure	£ 108 641	£ 90 089	£ 78 621
Net Balance	-£ 47 842	£ 9 884	£ 23 354

Figure 9: Funds Received, FY20

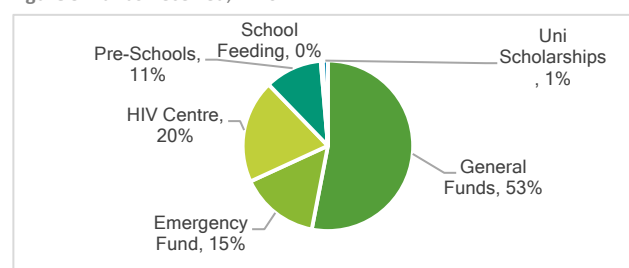
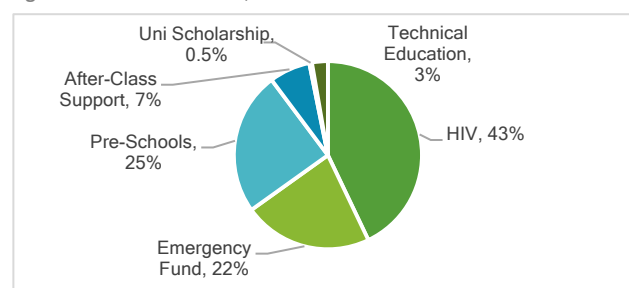


Figure 10: Funds Disbursed, FY20



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 Scholarshop* 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 - <i>Poverty Relief</i> *	£ 31 500	43%
Emergency - <i>Family Huts</i>	£ -	0%
Emergency - <i>Covid ALMT Digital Upgrade</i>	£ 2 316	3%
Emergency - <i>Covid Emergency Fund</i>	£ 10 000	14%
Emergency - <i>Mosquito Nets</i> **	£ 1 482	2%
Emergency - <i>IDAI (P Esperanca)</i> ***	£ 2 500	3%
Pre-School Education - <i>Education</i>	£ 18 100	25%
After-School Support - <i>Education</i>	£ 5 168	7%
University Support - <i>Education</i>	£ 334	0%
Technical Education - <i>Education</i>	£ 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

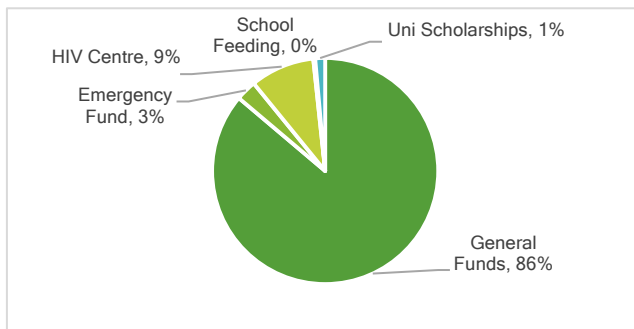
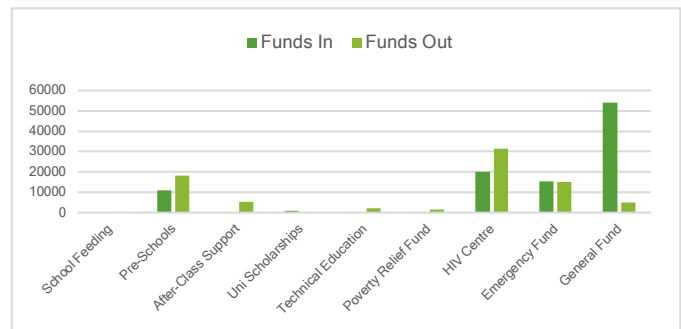


Figure 11: Annual Fund Movements, FY20



Admin Costs

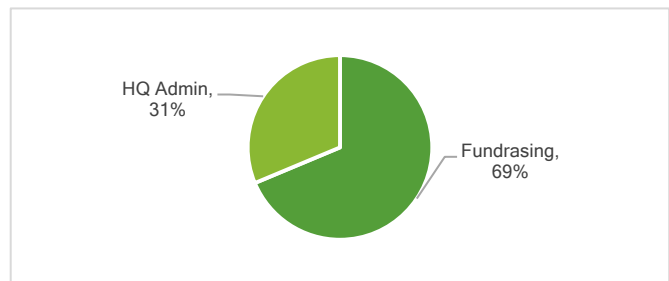
The financial year registered non-disbursement, non-project-led Costs of **£5'221** (£4'684 in 2019). These represented **5.1% of fundraising / 6.6% of funds applied**, both still comfortably inside the charity's target of 10% cost to income ratio.

Fundraising costs are the largest component and are mostly composed of purchase costs for the RPHM charity slots (£2'800). In 2020 ALG incurred 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.

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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.

Figure 13: Admin Costs, FY20



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 £
<i>Sponsorship Baskets Reinforcement³</i>	<i>886</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11 126 £</i>
<i>Seeds Distribution³</i>	<i>558</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 063 £</i>
<i>Covid-19 Equipment and Supplies³</i>	<i>1.144</i>	<i>10 000 £</i>	<i>1 398 £</i>
<i>Digital Equipment</i>	<i>1.992</i>	<i>2 316 £</i>	<i>2 793 £</i>
<i>Idai Cyclone⁴</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2 500 £</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Mosquito Nets</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 482 £</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>In-Touch 4 Impact</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2 913 £</i>
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: Manjangué



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

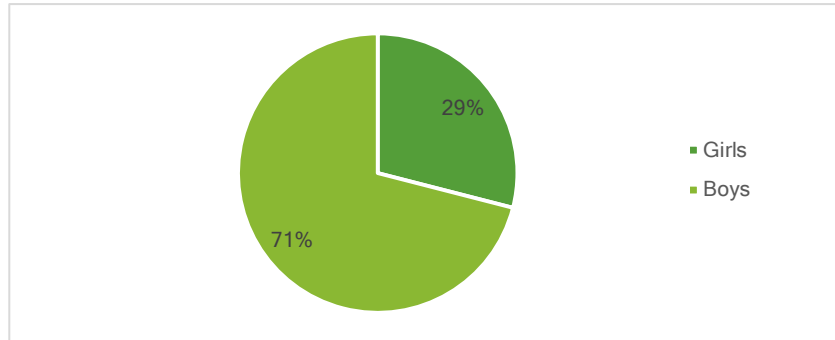


Figure 16: HIV Day Centre, #Beneficiaries, 2014-2020

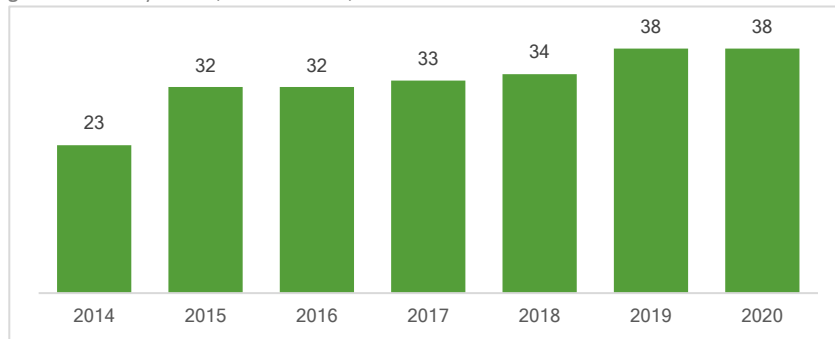


Figure 17: HIV Day Centre, Baskets' Attendance, 2020

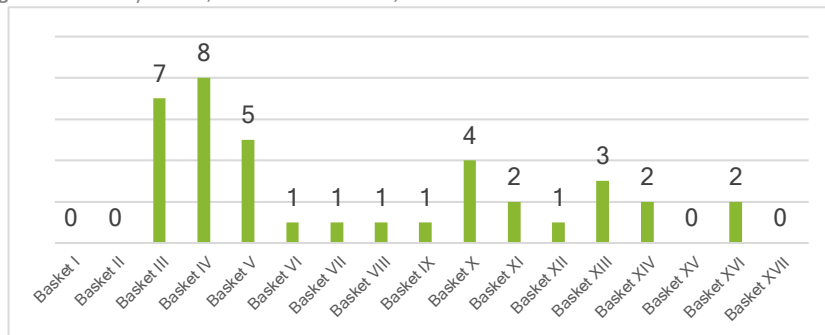
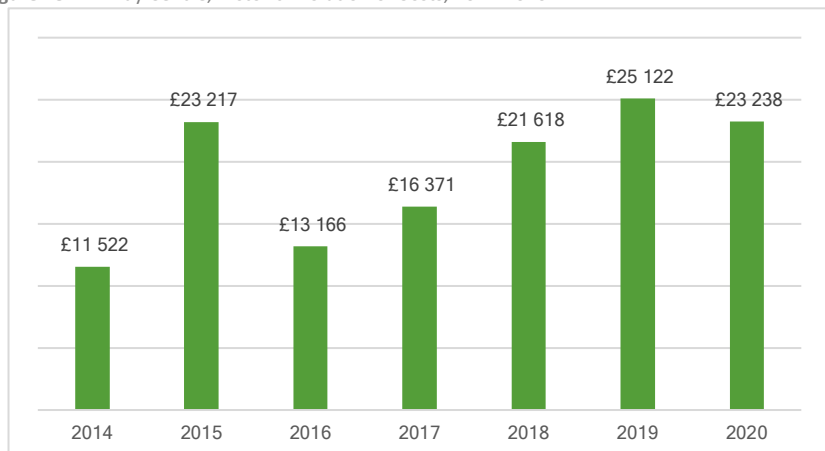


Figure 18: HIV Day Centre, Historic Evolution of Costs, 2014-2020



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 addressing the difficulties brought 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 constraints. 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 organisations⁵.



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 Costs⁶

£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 Siteo).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

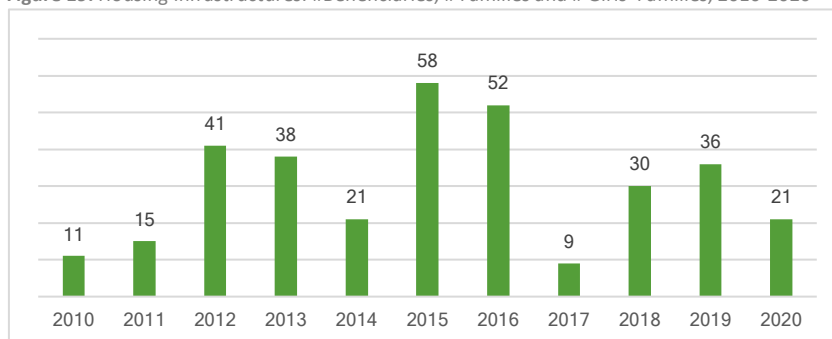
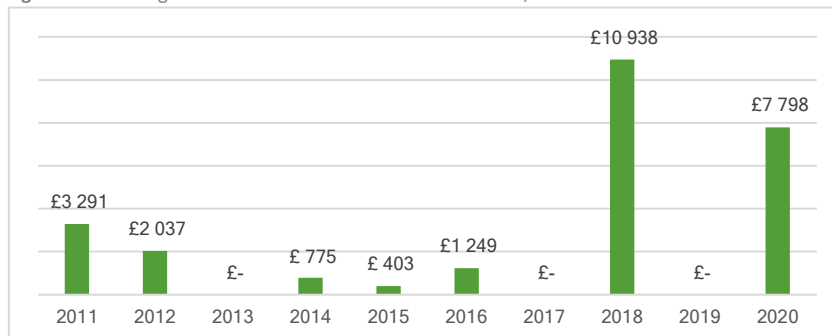


Figure 20: Housing Infrastructures: Historical Cost Evolution, 2010-2020



⁶ Co-funded with ALG's Portuguese sister-charity, Um Pequeno Gesto ("UPG"). In 2020 all funding originated in UPG given existing relationships 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 Flor 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, Mozambique⁷.

Long Term Impact

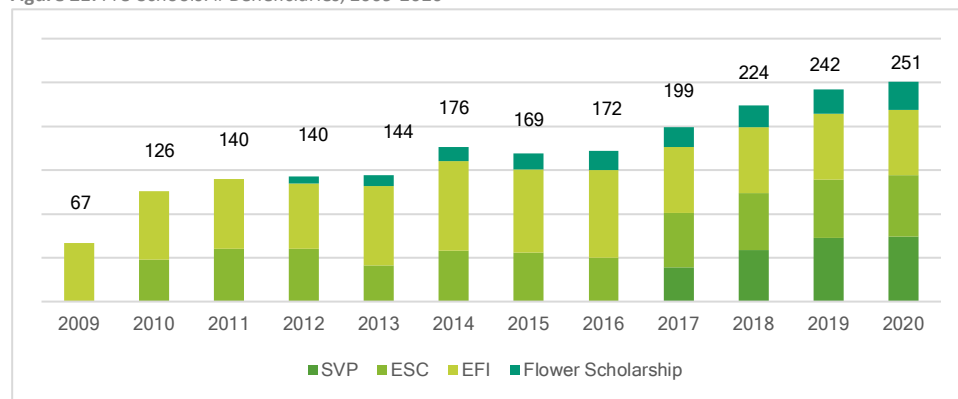
In Mozambique, only 4% of children have access to pre-school education (World Bank⁸). The ALG Pre-Schools seek to create the habit of school assiduity, improve children's nutrition and hygiene, promote academic performance and, ultimately, reduce child delinquency and promote civic integration.

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

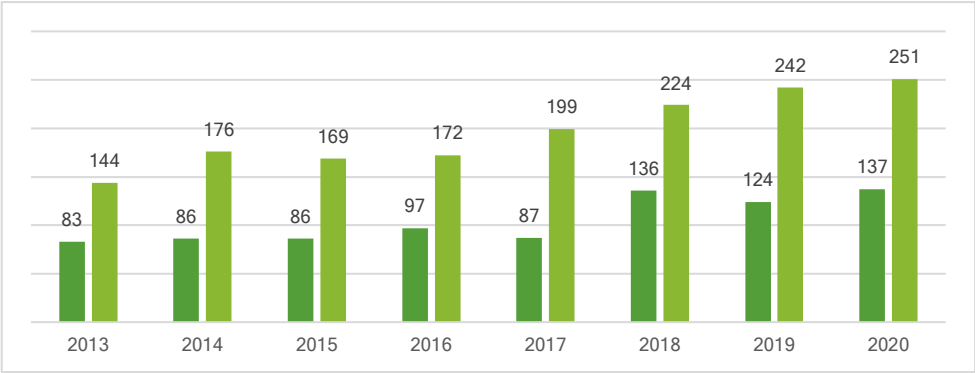


Figure 23: Pre-Schools: Historic Cost Evolution, 2016-2020

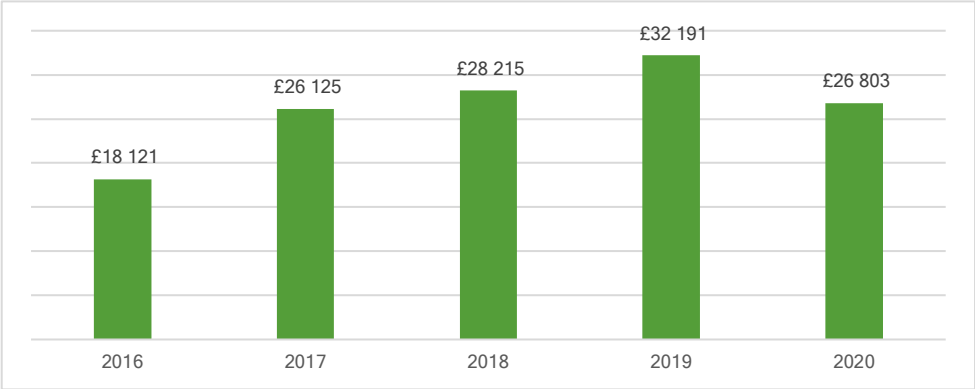
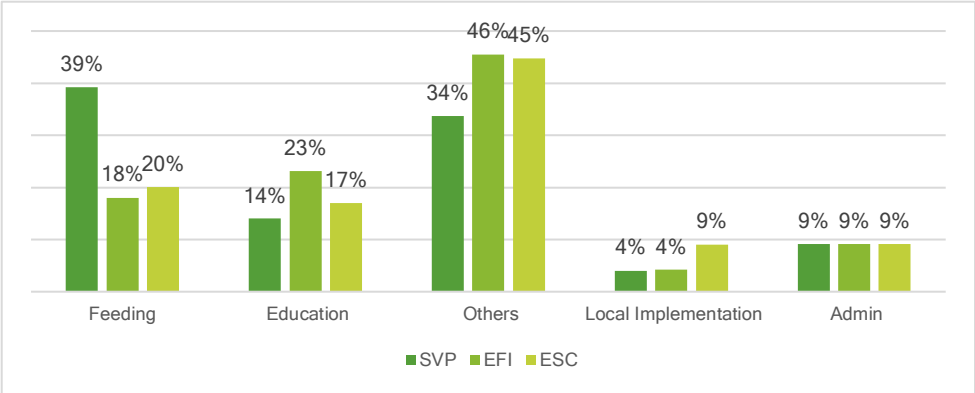


Figure 24: Pre-Schools: Total Costs per Pre-School, 2020



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



EDUCATION | SCHOOL FEEDING



Location: Manjangué



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

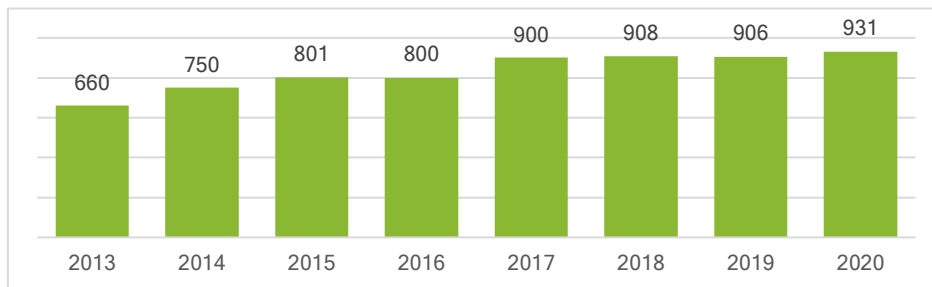


Figure 27: School Feeding: Beneficiaries per School Year, 2020

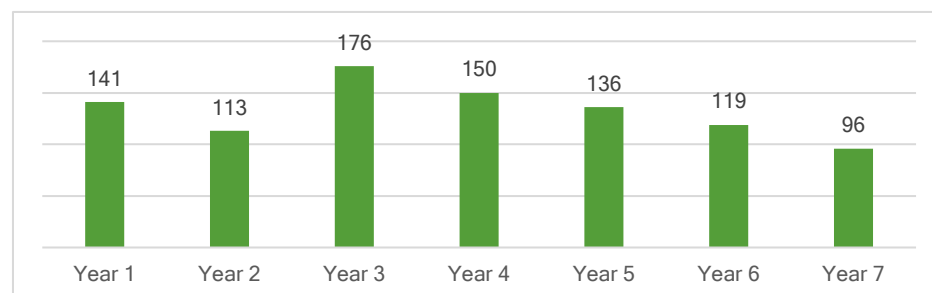


Figure 28: School Feeding: # Dropouts, 2013-2020

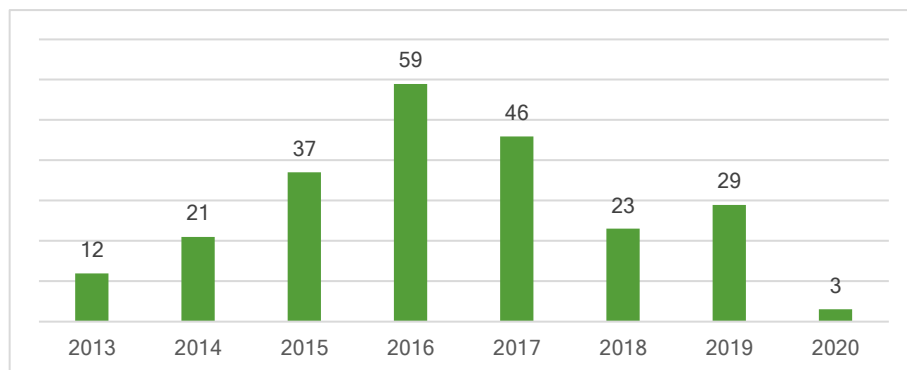


Figure 29: School Feeding: # Approved vs # Beneficiaries, 2013-2020

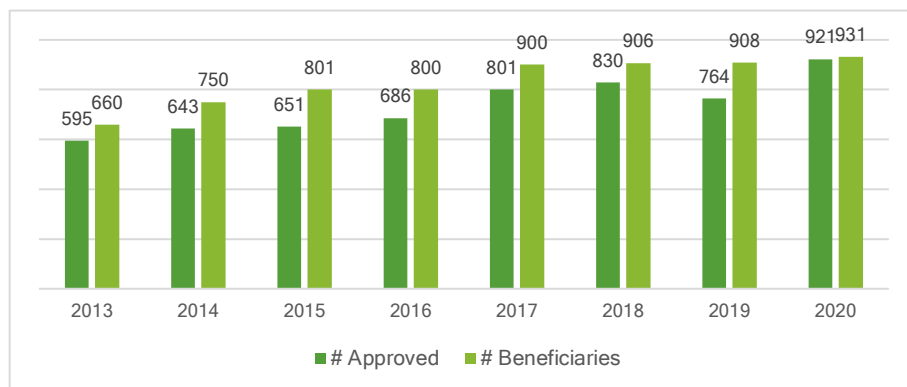


Figure 30: School Feeding: Historic Cost Evolution, 2016-2020

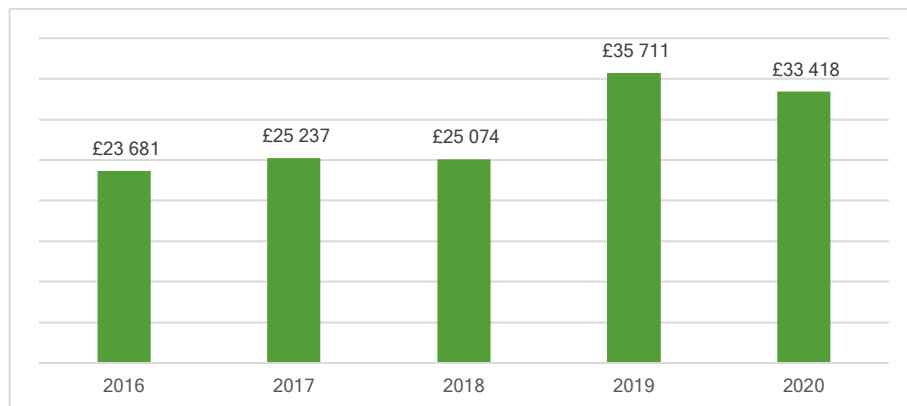
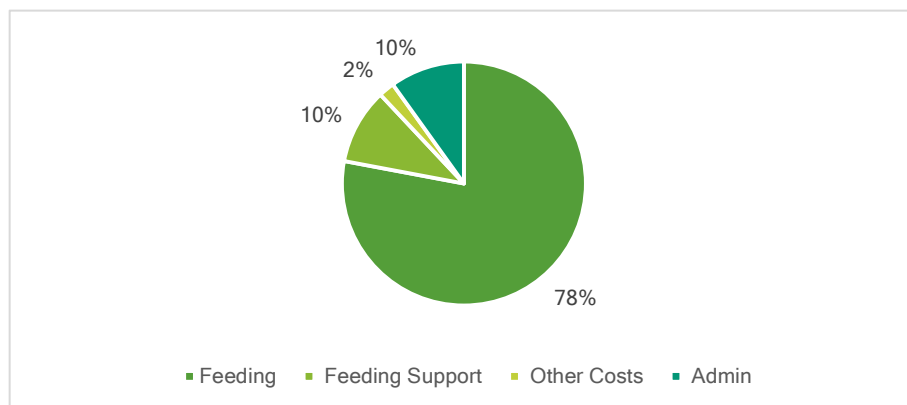


Figure 31: School Feeding: Cost Analysis by Expense Centre, 2020



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

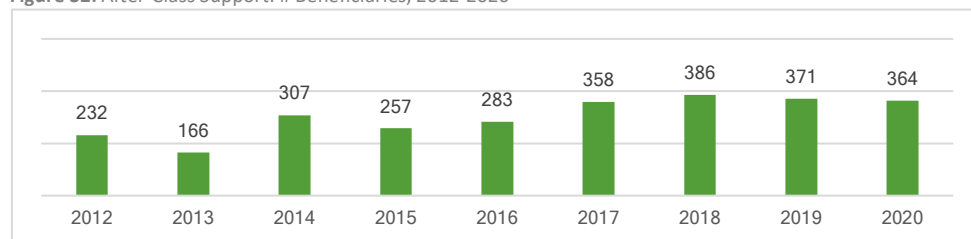
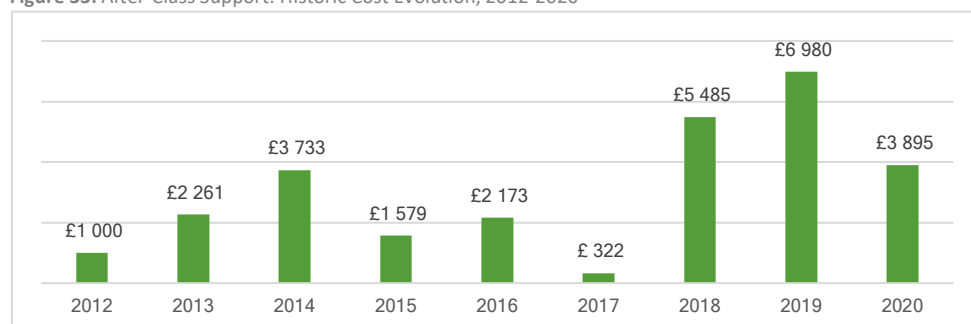


Figure 33: After-Class Support: Historic Cost Evolution, 2012-2020



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)*
Milliona	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

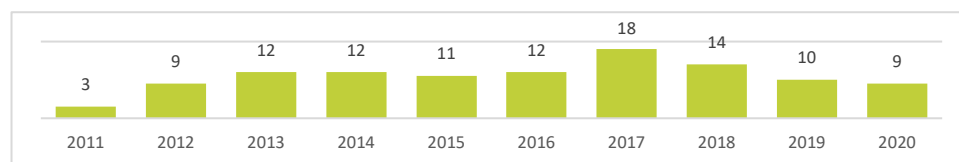
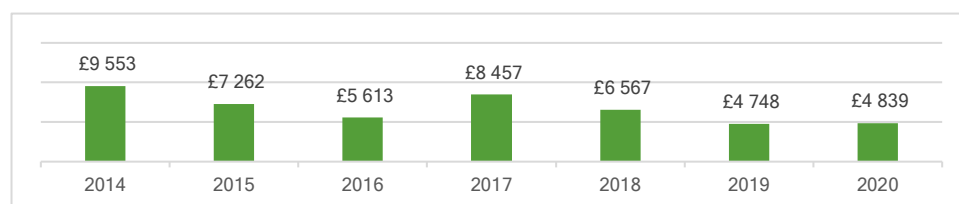


Figure 36: Uni Scholarship: Historic Cost Evolution, 2014-2020



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



IFPELAC¹⁰ 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.

Location: Chongoene,

Xai-Xai



#Beneficiaries: -



IFPELAC Technical Courses: -

CC ESC Courses: *



£795 Project Costs

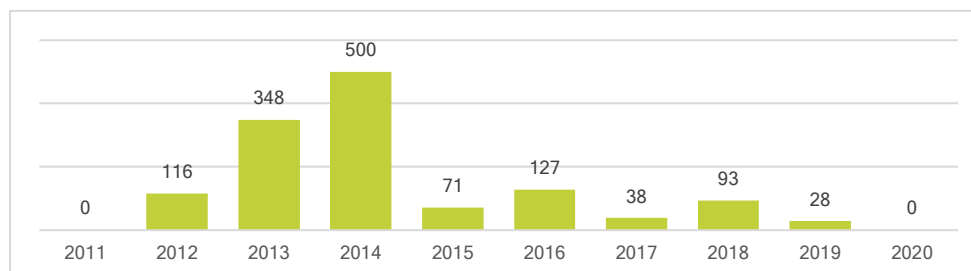
N/A Per Beneficiary



Key Funders:

ALG General Funds

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



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 aggregates, 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.

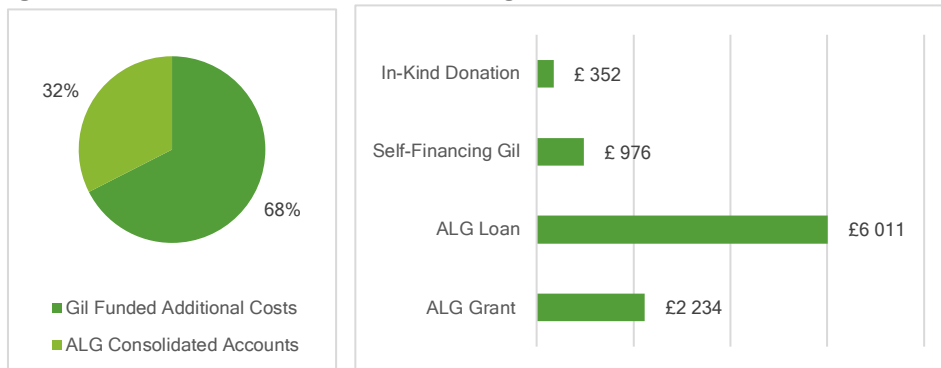
2020 Highlights

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

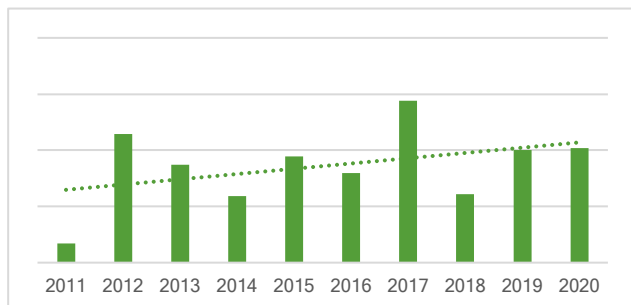
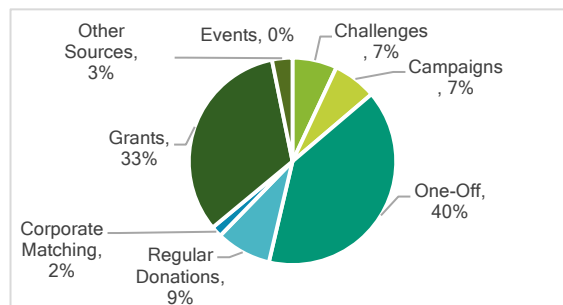


Figure 39: Annual Funds Raised by Channel, 2020



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 continue 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 only a stream 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 maintain 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 donors, having added 3 new individual donors throughout the year. ALG has also continued its effort to nurture its HNWI network and has continued to add donations from a loyal donor base. Funds reported in this channel are down YoY but some regular donors 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 donor 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 where 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
	<u>54,088.61</u>	<u>47,886.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101,974.92</u>	<u>99,973.62</u>
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	<u>54,088.61</u>	<u>47,886.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101,974.92</u>	<u>99,973.62</u>
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
	<u>6,502.99</u>	<u>72,118.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>78,621.13</u>	<u>90,089.22</u>
Assets and investments gains/losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	<u>6,502.99</u>	<u>72,118.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>78,621.13</u>	<u>90,089.22</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>47,585.62</u>	<u>-24,231.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,353.79</u>	<u>9,884.40</u>
Transfers between Funds	-13,609.04	13,609.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds Last Year End	<u>89,331.21</u>	<u>30,420.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>119,751.40</u>	<u>109,867.00</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>123,307.79</u>	<u>19,797.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>143,105.19</u>	<u>119,751.40</u>

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

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds				
	CASH FUNDS	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00
	Total cash funds	123,307.79	19,797.40	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			

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 year end. Detailed explanations are available at request.

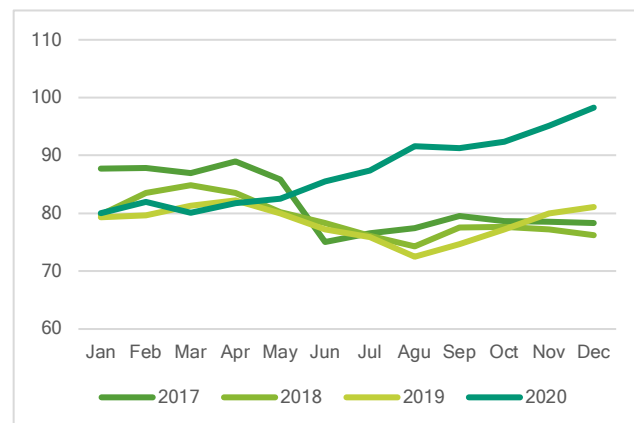
FX

The FX GBP to Metical in 2020 registered swings of up to 17%¹¹ in light 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 increase 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.

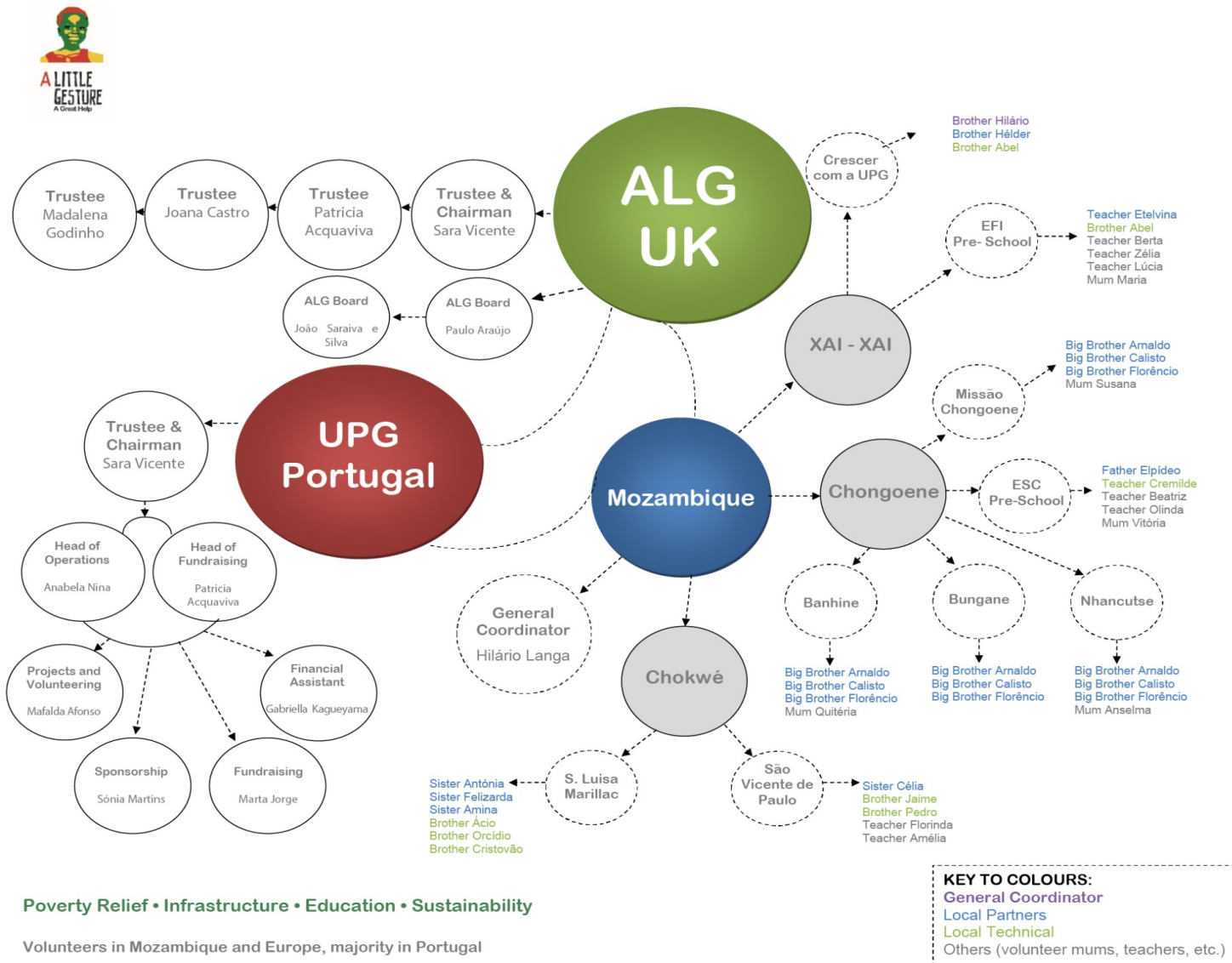


CONCLUSION

FINAL NOTES

ALG continued to work in its mission to support children, their families and rural communities improve their living conditions. In an unprecedentedly 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



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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

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds				
	CASH FUNDS	123,307.79	19,797.40	0.00
	Total cash funds	123,307.79	19,797.40	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			



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

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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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Peuro

Date:

28.10.2020

Name:

PEURO 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