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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 1'500¹ direct beneficiaries on the province of Gaza, Mozambique, in its joint operation with sister charity UPG Portugal².

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

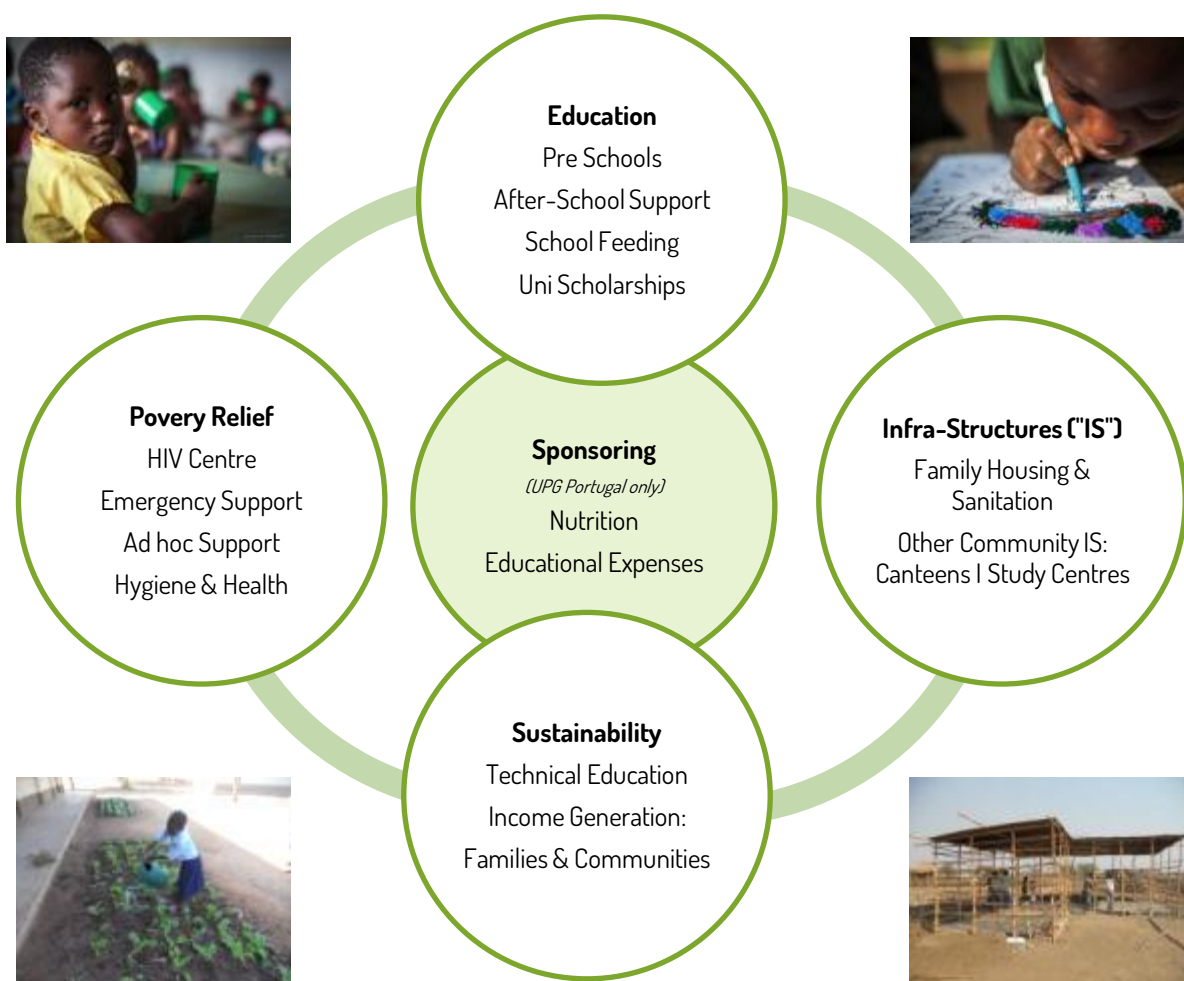
¹ **ALG Beneficiaries** (only) include children and adults in programmes with **direct** funding by ALG, in some instances co-funded with sister charity UPG Portugal. Charity Beneficiaries mentioned throughout this report, unless specified, include beneficiaries directly funded by UPG Portugal and/or 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.



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.

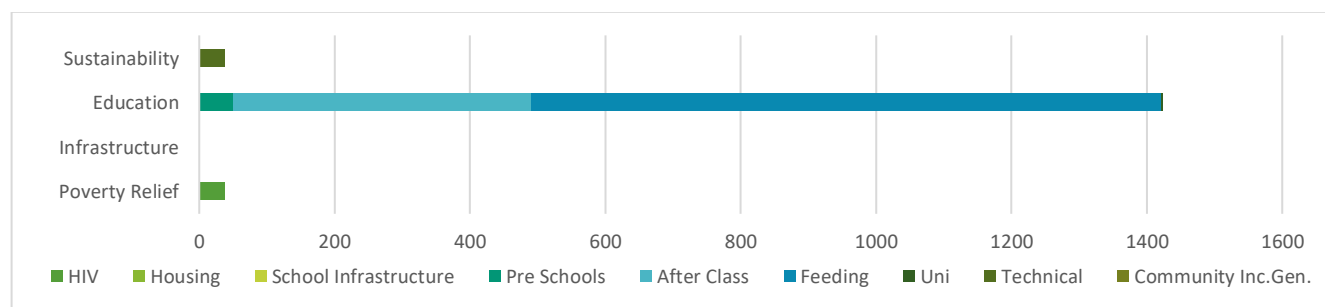
- In 2021, ALG directly financed a total of 1'500 direct beneficiaries in the operating areas of Xai-Xai, Chongoene and Chokwé, part co-funded in cooperation with sister charity UP Portugal³;
- The implementation of the ALG programmes resulted in a positive evolution, with children making marked academic 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






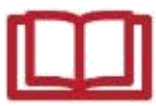




³ The **indirect beneficiaries** are calculated as a multiplication of the average number of local household members per direct beneficiaries, which are typically 5 members per each ALG direct beneficiary in the Gaza region. In 2020, indirect beneficiaries also received, exceptionally, food and hygiene 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.

 <p>Pre-Schools # Children: 186 % Girls: 72% ↑ Weight: c. 1 kg School attendance: High Family Involvement: Intermediate/High <i>(classes suspended)</i></p>	 <p>School Feeding # Children: 931 % Girls: 48% ↑ Weight: c. 2kg School attendance: High</p>
 <p>Family Huts # Families: 4 (15 beneficiaries) #Girl's Families: 1 Hygiene Improvement: Immediate</p>	<p>Other Infrastructures # Beneficiaries: 295 Improving Education Quality: Immediate</p>
 <p>HIV Centre # Children: 38 % Orphans: 58% Weight = / ↑ : 73 %</p> <p>% Centre Attendance: 50% Student Achievement: 12/20 Family Involvement: High</p>	
 <p>Emergency Fund # Beneficiaries: 341 % Girls: 69 Support: Immediate</p>	 <p>After-Class Support # Children: 441 % Girls: 43 Attendance: high Family Involvement: Medium SLM / High SVP</p>
 <p>Income Generation # Beneficiaries: 16 % Female: 78% Refinancing: 0</p>	 <p>University Scholarships # Young People: 13 % Girls: 31 Academic Progression: 10 # Graduated: 3</p>

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 Support	    
 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.

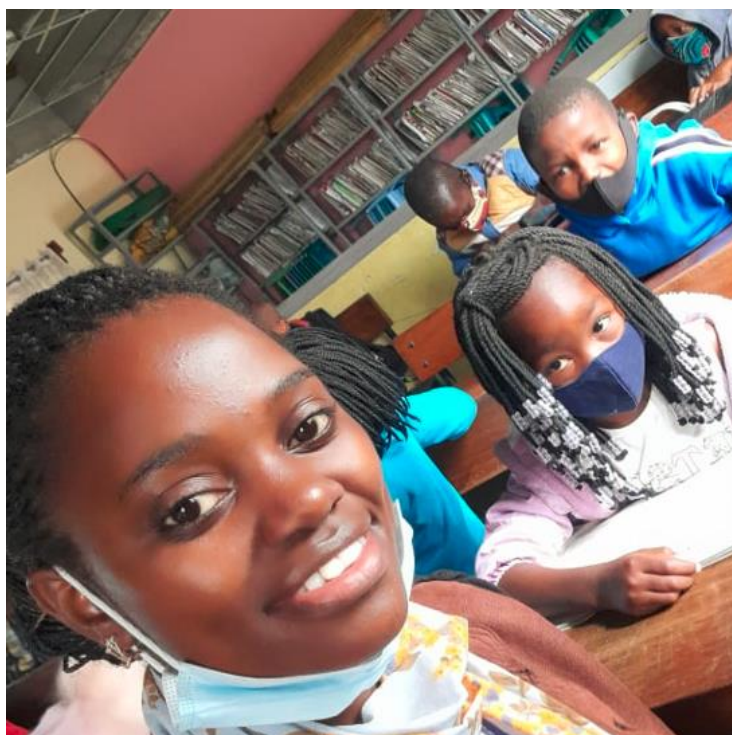
Agredisse has always been a young woman very close to ALG. In 2018 while attending the 11th grade, she started helping the local technicians at SVP with food basket distributions, taking photos, and organising products.

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

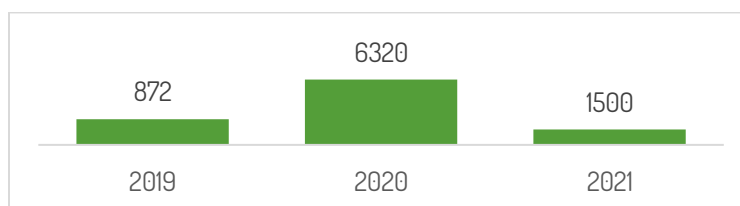


Figure 4: ALG in numbers, Applied Funds 2019-2021

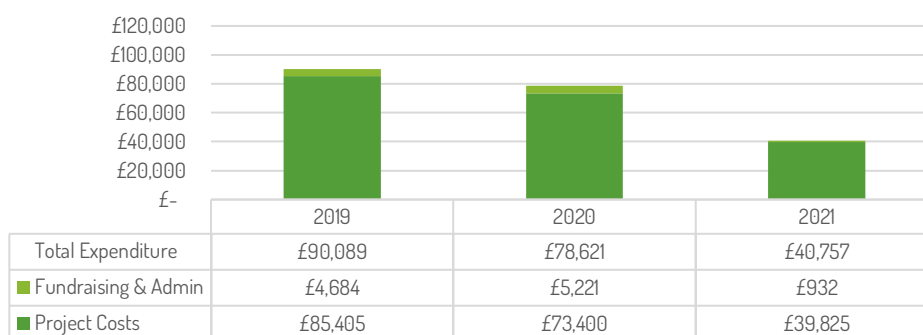
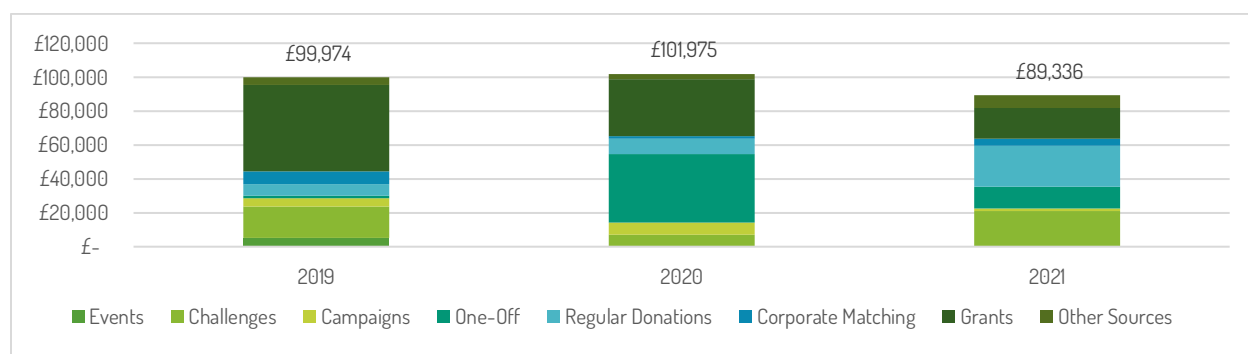


Figure 5: ALG in numbers, Funds Received 2019-2021



FINANCIAL SUMMARY⁴

2021 in Review

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.

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

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
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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

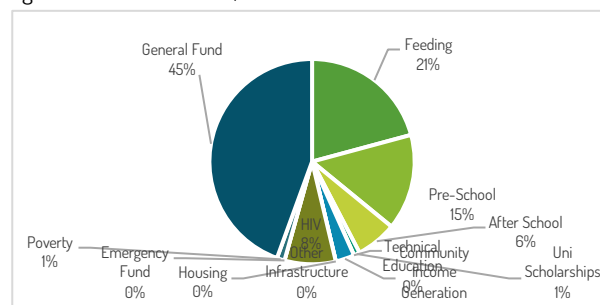
ALG dedicates its charitable activities to i) the advancement of education, ii) the relief of poverty and iii) the advancement of health and prevention of disease. In 2021, the area of **Poverty Relief** was a strong recipient of funds raised (35%) and of funds disbursed to the ground (65%).

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

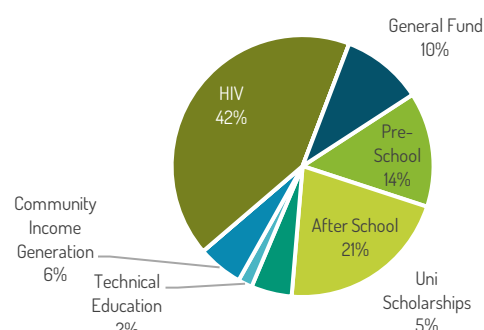


Figure 10: Disbursement Schedule, 2021

ALG Disbursement Schedule - 2021	In GBP	%
SLM HIV Centre - <i>Poverty Relief</i>	£ 16,750	42%
Pre-School Education - <i>Education</i>	£ 5,650	14%
After-School Support - <i>Education</i>	£ 8,491	21%
University Support - <i>Education</i>	£ 2,000	5%
Technical Education - <i>Sustainability</i>	£ 701	2%
Community Income - <i>Sustainability</i>	£ 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

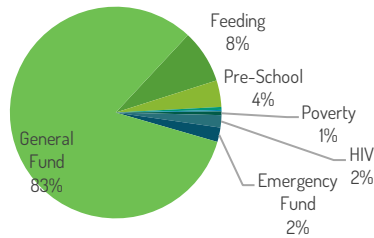
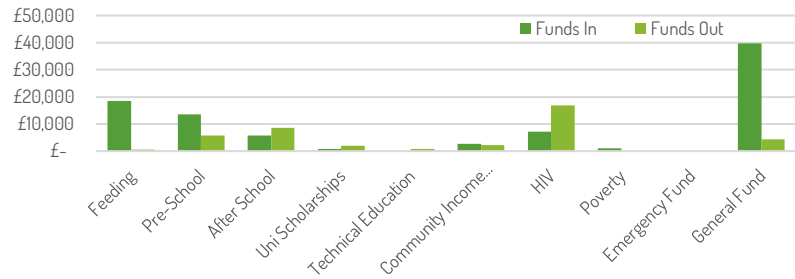


Figure 12: Annual Fund Movements, 2021

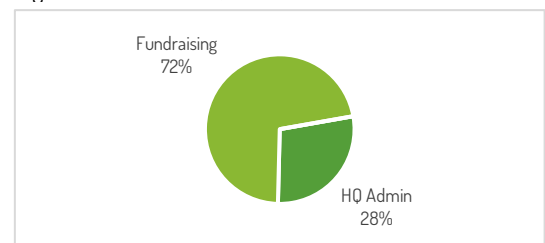


The financial year registered non-disbursement, non-project-led costs of **£932** (£5'221 in 2019). These represented **only 1.0% of fundraising / 2.3% of funds applied**, the lowest levels in 5 years and comfortably inside the charity's target of 10% cost to income ratio.

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 education⁶. 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. £2750 in 2021).

⁶ Per the World Bank

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

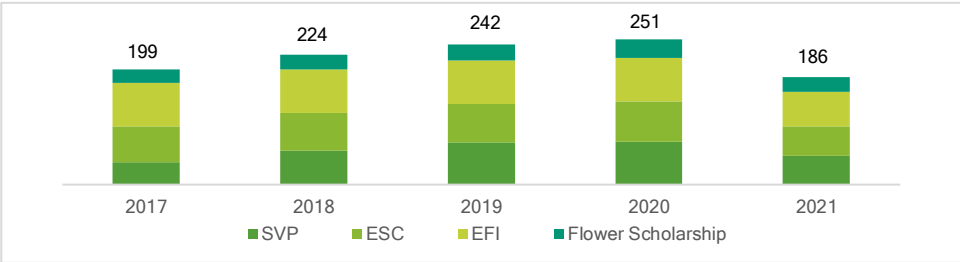


Figure 16: Pre-Schools: Total Beneficiaries vs Girls, 2017-2021

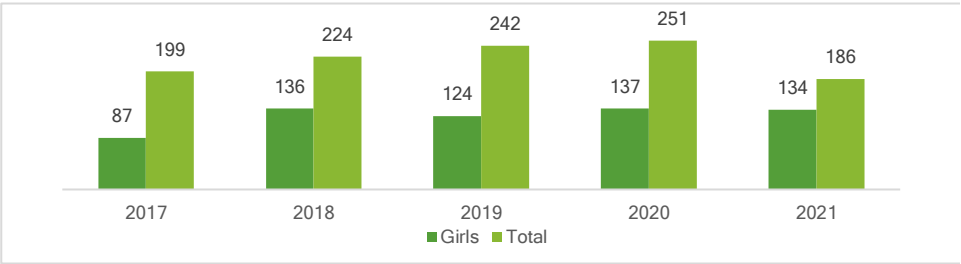


Figure 17: Pre-Schools: Hist. Costs Evolution, 2017-2021

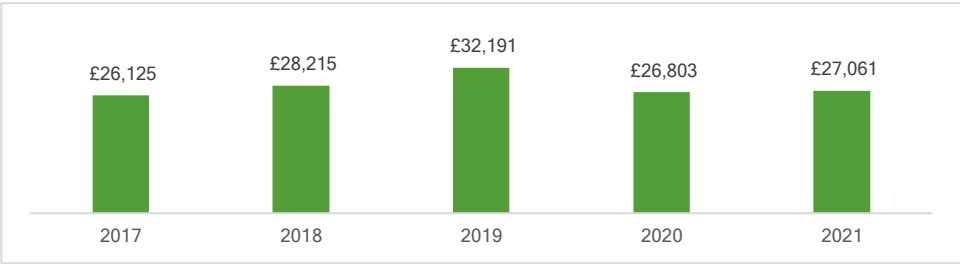


Figure 18: Pre-Schools: Costs per Pre-School, 2021

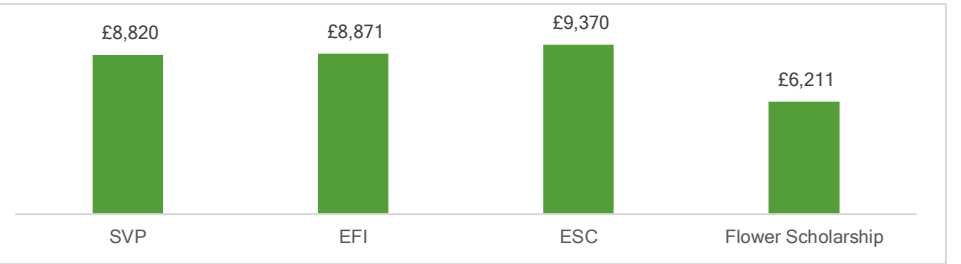
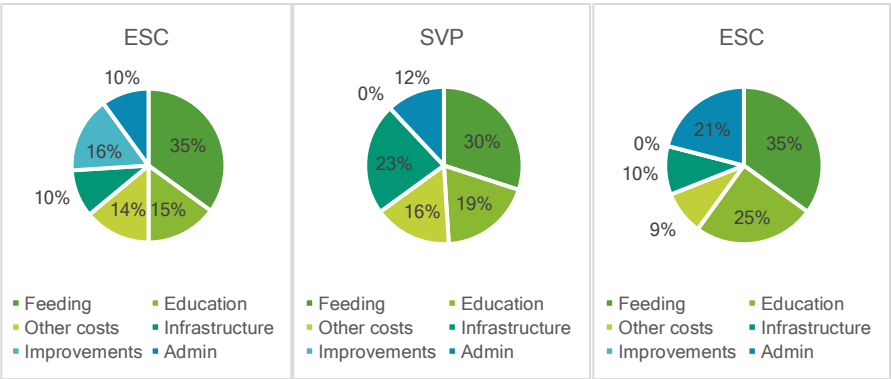


Figure 19: Pre-Schools: Cost Analysis per Pre-School, 2021 (ex-Flower Scholarship)





EDUCATION | SCHOOL FEEDING



Location: Manjangué
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 Marillac (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

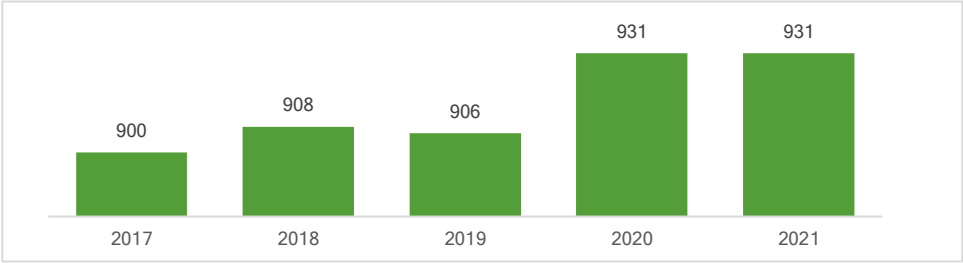


Figure 21: School Feeding: Beneficiaries per School Year: 2021

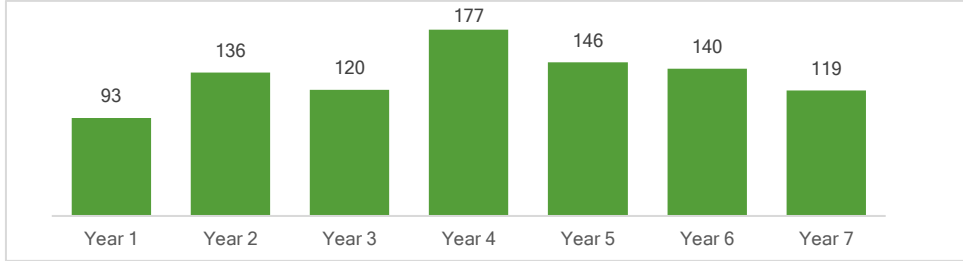


Figure 22: SLM School Feeding: # of Dropouts, 2017-2021

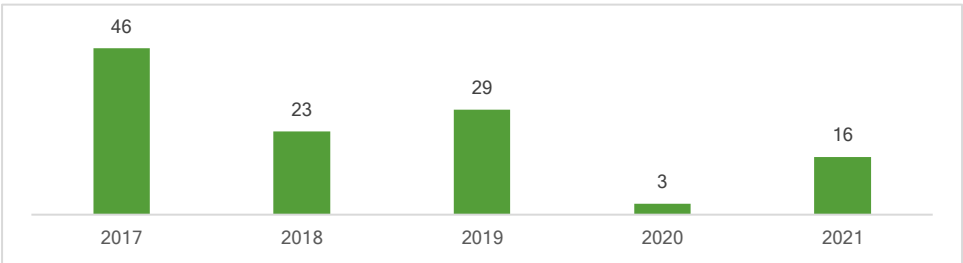


Figure 23: SLM School Feeding: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021

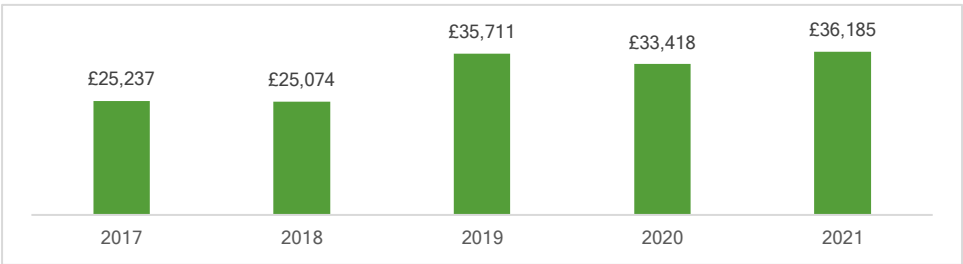
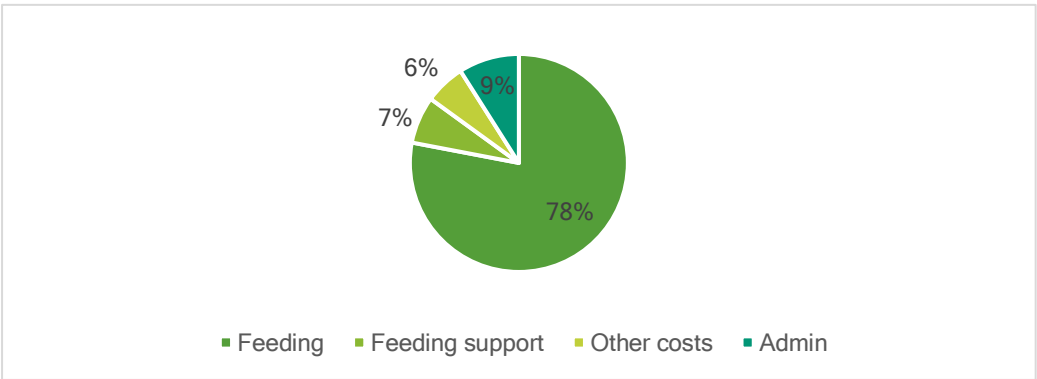


Figure 24: SLM School Feeding: Cost Analysis by Expense Centre, 2021



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

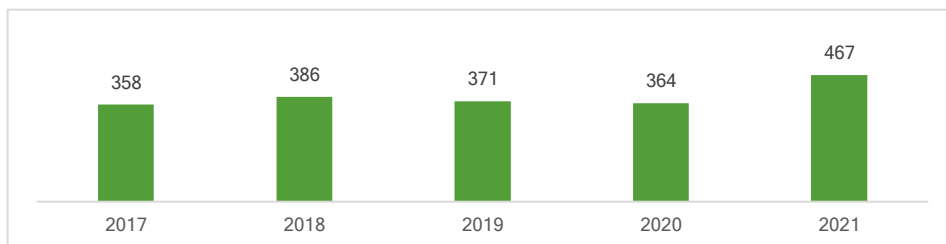
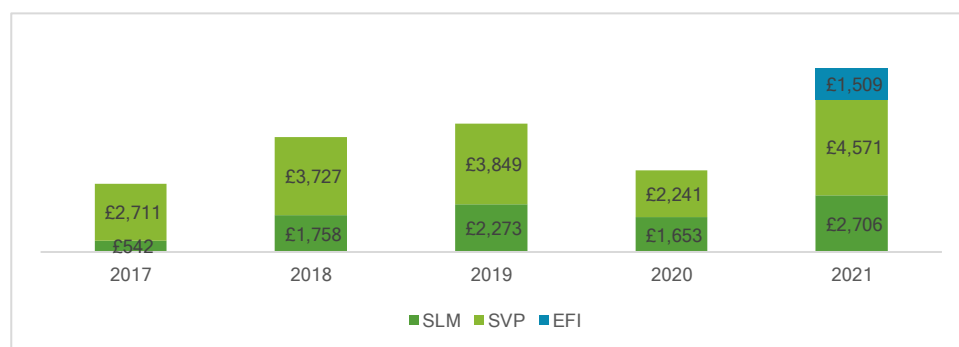


Figure 26: After School Support: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021



EDUCATION | UNI SCHOLARSHIPS



Location: Manjangué,
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 Program⁷.



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
Pedro⁸	HR Management	Universidade Leonde	Graduated
Artimiza⁷	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 Artimiza.

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

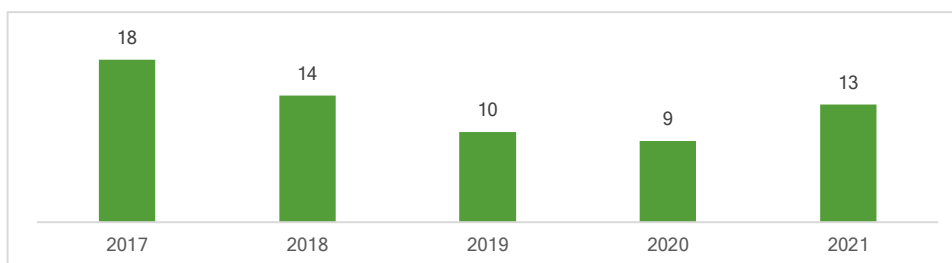
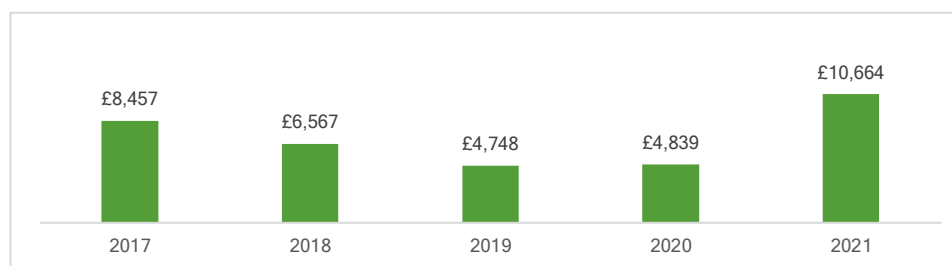


Figure 29: Technical and University Scholarship Students: Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021





POVERTY RELIEF



Location: Manjangué



#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

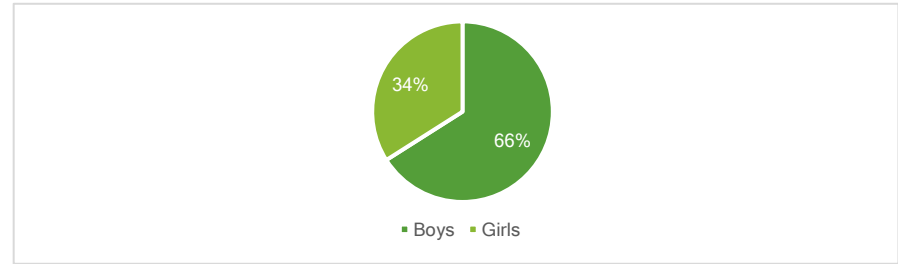


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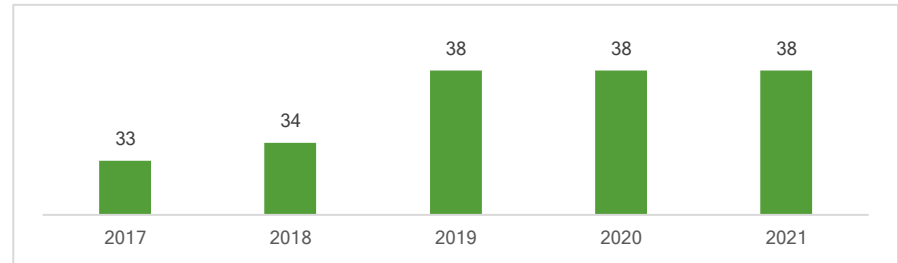
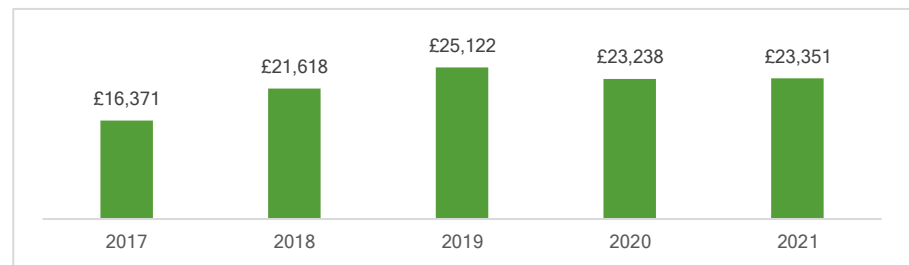


Figure 32: HIV Centre, Historical Cost Evolution, 2017-2021



POVERTY RELIEF | COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND



Location: Manjangué,
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 SITEO,
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 Costs⁹

£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 Siteo) as well as the repairment of another two, namely a roof (Aurélíio Gonçalves) and a latrine (Carla Siteo).

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 Siteo: construction of houses (3 room structure with a balcony) and latrine (structure with a toilet area and a separate area for showers);
- Aurélíio Gonçalves: support to finish the roof which was damaged;
- Carla Siteo: 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

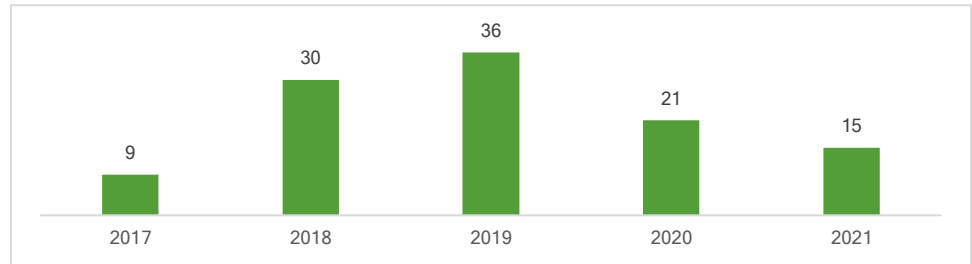


Figure 34: Infrastructure Housing: Historical Cost Evolution: 2017-2021





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
of 4 months, at Escolinha



for community members, with the duration
Santa Catarina. Certified by IFPELAC.

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
Manjangué



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

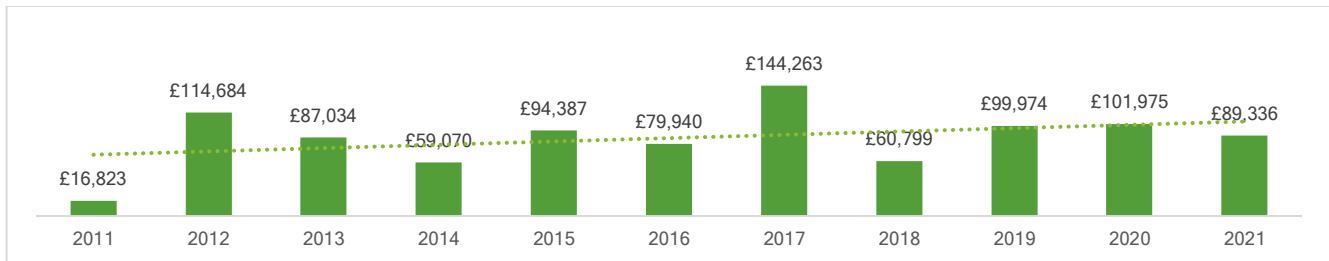
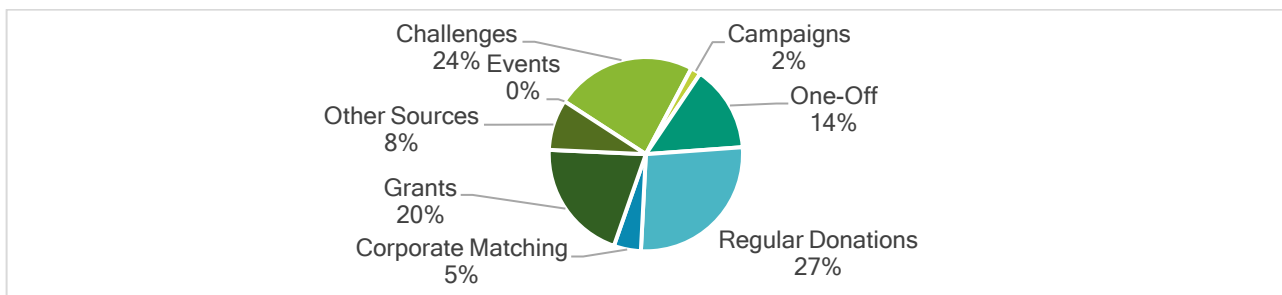


Figure 38: Annual Funds Raised by Channel, 2021



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
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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					
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

Charity name: A Little Gesture UK

Charity number: 1141990

At the period ending 31/12/2021

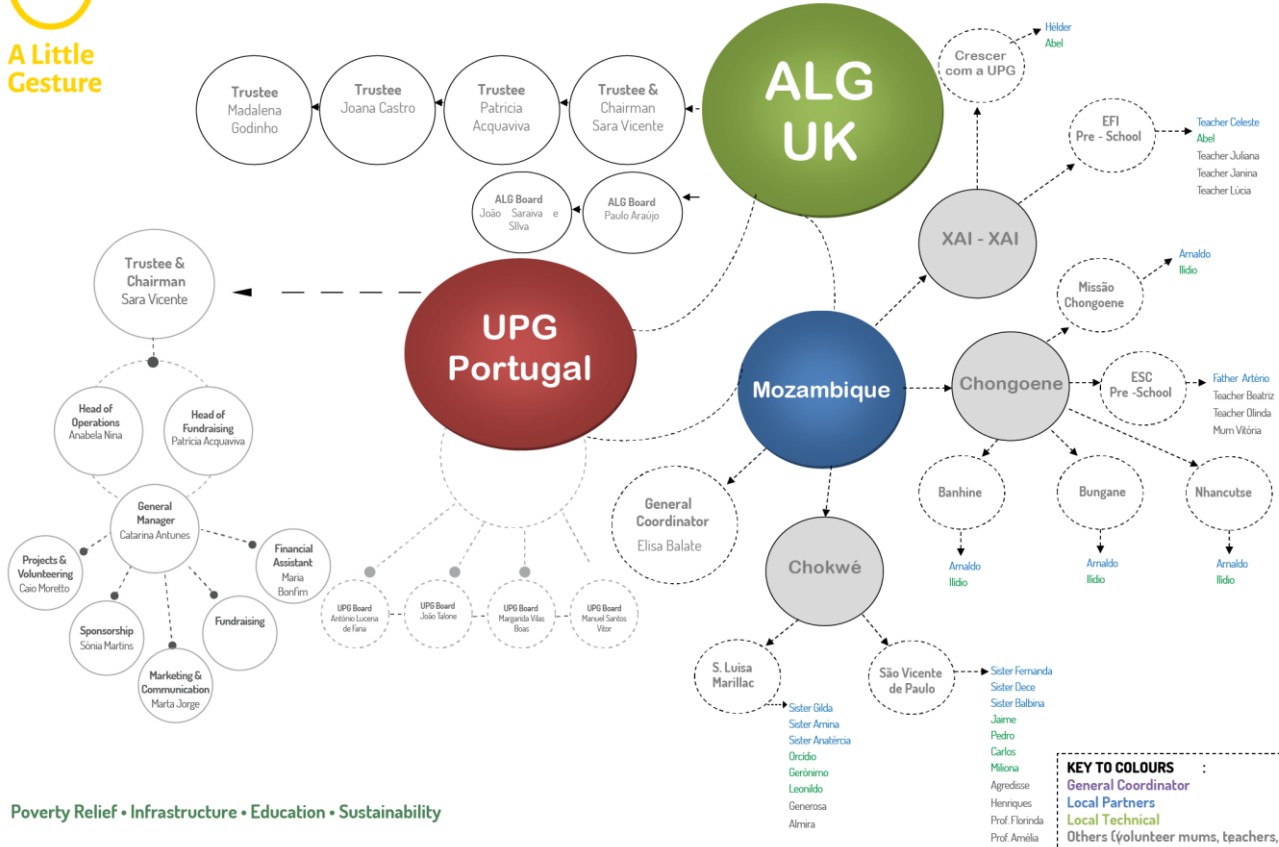
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B2 Other monetary assets				
	OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
		Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FIXTURES & FITTINGS			
		Funds to which liability relates	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



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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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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

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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.

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