

# BACE

England & Wales · Charity number 1142445

## Details

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**Other names** BUILDING AND ASSISTING COMMUNITIES WITH EDUCATION

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2011-06-17

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN POOR COMMUNITIES IN THE GAMBIA IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING LEARNING MATERIALS TO ESTABLISHED SCHOOLS AND BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS WHERE THEY DO NOT CURRENTLY EXIST.2. THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AMONGST PEOPLE RESIDING PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA

**Activities:** To advance the education of the public in poor communities in The Gambia in particular but not exclusively, by providing learning materials to established schools and building new schools where they do not currently exist.The relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people residing permanently or temporarily, particularly but not exclusively in The Gambia, West Africa.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- The Gambia

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,978	£21,828	-	-
2023-12-31	£23,002	£26,491	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,251	£23,281	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,137	£22,267	-	-
2020-12-31	£52,611	£32,117	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TRACY MENDY	Chair	2011-04-10
CHARLOTTE BARNETT		2011-06-17
CHRIS LILLEYSTONE		2016-12-10
Dr FRANCES WARREN		2016-12-10
Fara Mendy		2017-08-28
HOWARD TAYLOR		2011-04-10
Laura Collier-Keywood		2011-06-21
Tania Price		2024-01-04

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# Accounts

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**Building and  
Assisting Communities  
with Education**

# **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Registered charity number 1142445**

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives for BACE and in planning activities and setting policies for the year ahead.

Our objectives are:

1. To advance the education of the public in poor communities in The Gambia in particular but not exclusively by providing learning materials to established schools and building new schools where they do not currently exist.
2. The relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people residing permanently or temporarily, particularly but not exclusively in The Gambia, West Africa.

#### Significant activities

It's been another productive and positive year for our projects in The Gambia. I'm delighted to share the key developments and progress we've made across the various programs BACE supports.

#### Nursery School

The nursery school continues to thrive. With four full-time teachers now working across three classrooms, it's been encouraging to see the ongoing progress in both teaching quality and child development. This year, the teachers have participated in additional training, focused on effective lesson planning, and learning through play—an approach that is both enjoyable for the children and valuable in building their foundational skills.

Each class has also begun regular use of the new playground area, thanks to the successful installation of our climbing animals.

**Mother Club Development** - Our Head Teacher was instrumental in establishing a Mothers Club at the school. Every Monday, a group of mothers meets to discuss early years education and how best to support their children's development. Their involvement has been inspiring and is already making a difference in the home environment for our students. We hope the club will continue to grow and flourish, supporting a strong bridge between school and home.

We will be focusing a lot more on this in the next 12 months and during our trip in November 2025.

#### BACE Clinic

Ten and a half years ago, we opened the BACE Clinic, which now has three full-time staff working five days a week. In 2024 they cared for 5,126 patients and delivered 24 babies, several of whom are likely to attend the nursery school in the next two years.

We're incredibly proud that the clinic continues to serve the community with quality primary healthcare and that we're now expanding the range of services offered.

**BACE Laboratory** - Earlier in the year we received a donation to purchase the equipment to set up and open a laboratory on site. This will mean we can test patients' bloods, look for Haemoglobin and iron levels amongst other tests. A full-time technician is currently being recruited, and we hope to have this facility open in the next few months.

#### **Volunteer contribution**

Our volunteers are vital to the charity fund raising, raising awareness, and supporting across all our projects. In November 2024 we travelled out to The Gambia with 18 volunteers to support our projects, but also to attend a 10 year celebration from when we opened the health clinic. It was wonderful to be able to see former students at the Nursery school and meet the very first babies who were born 10 years ago in our clinic - Volunteer contributions, whether hands-on or behind the scenes, are vital to the success of our work. We're so grateful for their time, energy, and passion.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

It has been a year of growth and consolidation for BACE. Key achievements include the development of our new on-site laboratory, the ongoing success of our nursery school, and the preparations for another major container shipment. With a team of 22 volunteers preparing for our November 2025 trip, we are looking forward to continuing to support sustainable development and community empowerment in The Gambia.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The total income of the charity increased to £36,978 from £22,580 in 2023. This increase is largely due to more fundraising income during the year.

Expenditure during the year was £21,829 which was a decrease from the prior year of £26,491 largely as a result of lower running costs and a smaller exchange loss. As a result, our funds carried forward have increased to £73,820 from £58,339 and continue to meet our target reserves policy.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity aims to build enough reserves to enable it to meet its objectives of advancing the education of the public in poor communities. In addition to help support with the relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people in The Gambia, by providing ongoing support with the staff salaries associated with the charity. The charity will also provide the necessary funds and support for the overall maintenance of Favour Preparatory Nursery School, the BACE Primary Health Care Clinic and other buildings funded by BACE to the required standard.

In addition, sufficient reserves will be maintained at a level, as deemed appropriate by the Trustees, to ensure the charity can meet its existing commitments. Currently the Trustees deem that the appropriate level of reserves should be a minimum of 12 months operating costs.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Recruitment and Appointment** of any future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as Trustees, the Trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise has a special knowledge of the area of benefit or who is otherwise able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the object or the management of the charity.

Upon appointment each new Trustee will receive a copy of the trust constitution and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and volunteer's health and safety when supporting the charity. A risk analysis form is now in place and is utilised prior to any volunteer trips the charity are involved in.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity Number**

1142445

### **Principal Office**

3 Oakhill Cottage  
Peasmarsh Road  
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East Sussex  
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### **Trustees**

Mrs T Mendy MBE  
Mr H Taylor  
Miss C Barnett  
Miss L Collier-Keywood  
Dr Frances Warren  
Mr Christopher Lilleystone  
Mr Francis Mendy  
Mrs Tanya Price (from 4th January 2024)

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees on 3 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Tracy Mendy MBE  
Chairperson

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<b>INCOME FROM:</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Donations and legacies		23,452	15,846
Fundraising activities		9,610	1,956
Bank interest		2	2
Other income		3,914	5,199
Total receipts		<b>36,978</b>	<b>23,002</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	4	172	-
Charitable activities	5	20,354	23,985
Bank charges		76	104
Exchange loss		1,226	2,402
Total payments		<b>21,828</b>	<b>26,491</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>15,150</b>	<b>(3,489)</b>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Total funds brought forward		58,670	62,159
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>73,820</b>	<b>58,670</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>			
Cash at bank		69,844	51,409
Cash		-	-
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
Tax reclaim		3,976	7,261
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>73,820</b></u>	<u><b>58,670</b></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>73,820</b></u>	<u><b>58,670</b></u>
 <b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds			
Unrestricted funds		73,820	58,670
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><b>73,820</b></u>	<u><b>58,670</b></u>

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Laura Collier-Keywood  
Treasurer

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2. FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 3. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	172	-
Advertising (T-Shirts, leaflets etc.)	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-</b>

### 4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building and project costs	1,768	893
School running costs	3,952	5,244
Clinic running costs	2,692	6,808
Office costs	899	341
Gambian salaries and staff costs	10,567	10,654
Other costs	476	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,354</b>	<b>23,985</b>

## **5. TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

Trustees' covered all out of pocket expenses personally.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

## **6. STAFF**

During the year we employed an average of 14 staff. All employees are based in The Gambia. There are currently 8 staff (2023: 8) who work in education and the running of the Nursery school, 5 (2023: 5) who work in health and the running of the clinic and 1 (2023: 1) staff who work in management and the day to day running of the charity.

There were no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

## **7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions during the reporting period.

## **8. AUDIT, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FEES**

No fees have been paid in this reporting period for any audit, independent examination or other financial services.

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives for BACE and in planning activities and setting policies for the year ahead.

Our objectives are:

1. To advance the education of the public in poor communities in The Gambia in particular but not exclusively by providing learning materials to established schools and building new schools where they do not currently exist.
2. The relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people residing permanently or temporarily, particularly but not exclusively in The Gambia, West Africa.

#### Significant activities

Since the travel restrictions were lifted, we were fortunate in 2022 to visit The Gambia twice in the year. A week in March with two volunteers where we were able to sit down and understand the true impact of what the pandemic meant to the staff, the country, and the economy there, but also to share the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on families, charities, and charitable giving across the world.

We were delighted in March to see our shipment had arrived with the much-needed donated notebooks, pencils, school equipment, and medical supplies for the clinic.

In 2022 the clinic successfully delivered 32 babies and treated 3,518 patients in total, which was an increase of 920 patients across all ages from the previous year.

The charity had no major projects running in 2022, but the main objective for the year was to sustain the income via standing orders, donations and fund raising by volunteers.

#### Volunteer contribution

Our volunteer trips play a major part in achieving the objectives of the charity, and are vital to our fundraising initiatives, raising awareness, and support.

The Trustees travelled in November with 15 volunteers to work on some of the existing buildings to repair and re-paint what was needed and spend some quality time with the children making cards, meeting with the students, their families and in the community. It was during this week, that we had

the time to meet with some of the young students who had graduated from our nursery school, and it was very humbling and rewarding to hear their appreciation and gratitude to everyone for having the opportunity to attend a nursery school.

Many of those volunteers who have travelled with us over the years have stayed proactively engaged with the charity supporting with a regular monthly standing order, and already put their name down for future trips.

In October 2022 we had two volunteers complete the London Marathon for BACE, achieved a number of successful boot sales in the summer months, plus many other individuals donating from various events.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The next 12 months for the charity are about sustainability: - sustaining our income, sustaining, and investing in our staff in The Gambia, the projects, and continuing with at least one volunteer trip each year.

From research completed we understand that worm infestation in school age children have the highest infection prevalence of any group. The research has shown that worm infections can cause lethargy, anaemia, and growth stunting. To prevent and reduce the spread of this in the Bansa community we plan in 2023 to support the wellbeing of our staff and the children attending the Nursery school with a Worming programme to be administered twice a year by our Clinic.

To support the sustainability of our projects, the well-being of our staff and the children's education we will be investing in new underground electrical wiring, reconnecting the school to the power, and fitting new cabling. Electricity in the school will provide an enhanced learning experience for the children, and other opportunities with the school building. It will also provide a safer environment than the current overhead cables.

The uncertainty with the world economy and the cost of living for everyone will continue to challenge the charity and any potential plans in the future but we are exploring to support new playground equipment which will improve the area for the children and support their development and learning.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The total income of the charity has increased to £30,531 from £21,137 in 2021. This increase is largely due to additional income raised through our volunteer trip in November 2022.

Expenditure during the year was £23,281, which was a slight increase from the prior year of £22,267 as a result of a larger exchange loss during the year. As a result of the increase in income, our funds carried forward have increased to £61,520 from £54,264 and continue to meet our target reserves policy.

#### **Reserves policy**

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staff salaries associated with the charity. The charity will also provide the necessary funds and support for the overall maintenance of Favour Preparatory Nursery School, the BACE Primary Health Care Clinic and other buildings funded by BACE to the required standard.

In addition, sufficient reserves will be maintained at a level, as deemed appropriate by the Trustees, to ensure the charity can meet its existing commitments. Currently the Trustees deem that the appropriate level of reserves should be a minimum of 6 months operating costs.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Recruitment and Appointment** of any future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting.

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Upon appointment each new Trustee will receive a copy of the trust constitution and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and volunteer's health and safety when supporting the charity. A risk analysis form is now in place and is utilised prior to any volunteer trips the charity are involved in.

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Approved by the trustees on 24 July 22 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Tracy Mendy MBE  
Chairperson

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>INCOME FROM:</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies		23,197	16,245
Fundraising activities		4,797	3,209
Bank interest		2	2
Other income		2,536	1,682
Total receipts		<u>30,251</u>	<u>21,137</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	4	444	84
Charitable activities	5	20,798	20,998
Bank charges		80	59
Exchange loss		1,959	1,126
Total payments		<u>23,281</u>	<u>22,267</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>7,251</u>	<u>(1,130)</u>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Total funds brought forward		54,264	55,394
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>61,520</u>	<u>54,264</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>			
Cash at bank		57,463	51,281
Cash		-	-
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
Tax reclaim		4,057	2,983
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>61,520</u>	<u>54,264</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>61,520</u>	<u>54,264</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds			
Unrestricted funds		54,264	54,264
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>61,520</u>	<u>54,264</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 24 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Laura Collier-Keywood  
Treasurer

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

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### 2. FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

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### 3. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising	444	84
Advertising (T-Shirts, leaflets etc.)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>501</b>

### 4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2022 £	2021 £
Building and project costs	599	60
School running costs	3,396	1,961
Clinic running costs	3,006	1,685
Office costs	1,134	209
Gambian salaries and staff costs	12,612	13,737
Other costs	49	3,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,798</b>	<b>20,998</b>

#### **5. TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

Trustees' covered all out of pocket expenses personally.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

#### **6. STAFF**

During the year we employed an average of 16 staff. All employees are based in The Gambia. There are currently 8 staff (2021: 8) who work in education and the running of the Nursery school, 6 (2021: 7) who work in health and the running of the clinic and 1 (2021: 1) staff who work in management and the day to day running of the charity.

There were no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

#### **7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions during the reporting period.

#### **8. AUDIT, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FEES**

No fees have been paid in this reporting period for any audit, independent examination or other financial services.

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives for BACE and in planning activities and setting policies for the year ahead.

Our objectives are:

1. To advance the education of the public in poor communities in The Gambia in particular but not exclusively by providing learning materials to established schools and building new schools where they do not currently exist.
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#### Significant activities

2020 was a year like no other with the coronavirus pandemic having had an extraordinary impact in the UK, The Gambia and across the world. Just as things seemed to be returning to something resembling normality, we were hit by further lockdowns, restrictions on socialising and quarantine requirements for those travelling. This brought uncertainty both for 2020 and the foreseeable future with restrictions on what fundraising charities are able to do, with many of our own events last year having to be cancelled.

The pressure across the charity sector to continue to deliver the much-needed services has never been greater, yet the implications – to not only BACE, but all charities – of the pandemic in 2020 have been immense.

The year 2020 started well for the Trustees and friends of BACE with an exciting week in March, with 35 volunteers flying out to The Gambia. One of the main objectives of the week was to build a small storeroom for our clinic, and we were delighted to receive a wonderful donation from The Rotary Club of Ipswich, Wolsley in support of this. This, along with the incredible fundraising our volunteers achieved, meant the year started off very well.

Several of the volunteers travelling with us last March work for the NHS, such as Paramedics, midwives and community nurses and it was amazing to be able to share their knowledge and experience hand-on with our own medical team in The Gambia. One of our volunteer midwives delivered a baby girl in the BACE clinic during the week, our Paramedic and nurses experienced an emergency trip to the hospital for a young boy who was seriously ill in the BACE ambulance, and all of the medical team provided valuable and essential first aid training to a large group of teachers from various schools in the surrounding villages. It was an incredible week, with so much achieved.

The BACE Health Clinic last year saw 2589 patients, delivered 63 babies and continued to provide the vital ante- and pre-natal health checks for women despite the pandemic. In addition, we continued to provide the much-needed malaria support and treatment for so many. The number of patients declined in 2020 on previous years due to the pandemic and the villagers being apprehensive about travelling for treatment and risk/fear of Covid.

Whilst the charity has, over the past few years, charged a very small fee for consultation within the Health Clinic, the Trustees found it necessary last year to increase those fees to try to cover the costs of dressings and the essential drugs used for the patients attending the clinic. These charges commenced in May 2020. It is not our aim to make a profit with these fees, but to purely try to cover the growing costs within the Health Centre whilst still making health care as affordable as possible.

Due to COVID-19, Favour Nursery School had to close in line with all schools in The Gambia at the end of our volunteer trip in March but re-opened on 28<sup>th</sup> October. 120 children went back to the nursery school, continuing to learn and develop.

Unfortunately the test project of growing Cassava which was planted 18 months did not provide much return on investment for the charity, mainly due to reduced local support and commitment in the community, which again we believe was due to the pandemic and fear of leaving family compounds to mix with others.

#### **Volunteer contribution**

Our volunteer trips play a major part in achieving the objectives of the charity, and are vital to our fundraising initiatives, raising awareness, and support. Unfortunately, due to the Covid and travel restrictions we were unable to return to The Gambia in 2020 with another group, and we are cautious about booking other trips for 2021 and beyond at the moment.

Despite having a list of keen volunteers wanting to travel out with the charity to support our objectives, the ongoing uncertainty about the lifting of international travel restrictions could impact these trips both in 2021 and potentially in 2022.

However, it is our aim to continue to organise the trips for our volunteers as soon as it is safe to do so, and the travel/quarantine restrictions lift.

The volunteer week in March 2020 was once again a huge success with all the volunteers raising the £350 contribution prior to travelling out with us. The main activity for the week in March was to build a small storeroom for our clinic which we and the volunteers were delighted to complete in just 6 days. As with every trip all volunteers and Trustees funded their own travel and accommodation.

Many of those volunteers who travelled in March have stayed proactively engaged with the charity supporting with a regular monthly standing order, and already put their name down for future trips.

Once again we were delighted to receive some fantastic donations from The Balmoral Holiday apartments in The Gambia in 2020, such as dressings, blood pressures machines, wheelchairs and other much vital equipment needed.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Covid-19 outbreak has had a devastating impact on the charities sector overall with estimates suggesting a minimum of £4.3 billion has been lost because of the pandemic. There has been a growing consumer shift away from cash donations in recent years, and hygiene fears regarding physical money is accelerating this trend and

could impact some of our external fundraising events. As consumers turn to online donation channels, charities with a strong digital fundraising strategy stand to do best, and the Trustees of BACE will need to build on both our online presence and standing order strategy if we want to stay in a financially secure position.

Due to the continuing impact of the pandemic there is still a lot of uncertainty over when we will be able to travel back to The Gambia in 2021 or even into 2022. We were disappointed to have had to cancel a trip in November 2020 due to UK travel guidelines, and border closures, but it is our hope that Trustees will be able to travel out November 2021, with hopefully a potential volunteer group in March 2022

During 2021 and 2022 the charity teams will continue to explore how they can utilise the reserve land next to the clinic to grow crops to sell in the local markets. The Trustees will need to explore how they can clear the land, plant the most profitable crops and how they are maintained going forward, but this will very much depend on community support and time to research in The Gambia.

We will continue to keep all our costs to a minimum with no new building projects planned and only essential maintenance work carried out. We are proud to report that we still have no overheads in the UK and all our volunteers and trustees pay for all their own trips and expenses to The Gambia.

Tourism in The Gambia due to Covid-19 is reportedly down by as much as 80%, and inevitably having an enormous impact on the people and livelihoods there. The number of Covid cases in the Gambia is still low but remains a significant risk if travel restrictions eased too quickly. The charity managed well financially over the past year, reducing all unnecessary costs with the school closed for eight months of the year, and strong support and consistency with our monthly standing orders and donations.

As lockdown measures forced consumer lifestyles in-home the impact on our fundraising potential with volunteers has been substantial, and Trustees are anticipating the charities income revenue could be impacted in 2020. While the Covid-19 outbreak carries significant challenges for all charities, there can be little doubt that smaller organisations like BACE will need to ensure we continue to have sufficient reserve policy.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The total income of the charity has increased to £52,611 from £28,408 in 2019. This is largely due to a one-off voluntary donation provided to support our healthcare clinic over the next few years.

Expenditure during the year was £32,117, which was a slight increase from the prior year of £31,860 with activities and expenditure being broadly similar year on year. As a result of the additional income, our funds carried forward have increased to £55,394 from £34,900 and continue to meet our target reserves policy.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity aims to build enough reserves to enable it to meet its objectives of advancing the education of the public in poor communities. In addition to help support with the relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people in The Gambia, by providing ongoing support with the staff salaries associated with the charity. The charity will also provide the necessary funds and support for the overall maintenance of Favour Preparatory Nursery School, the BACE Primary Health Care Clinic and other buildings funded by BACE to the required standard.

In addition, sufficient reserves will be maintained at a level, as deemed appropriate by the Trustees, to ensure the charity can meet its existing commitments. Currently the Trustees deem that the appropriate level of reserves should be a minimum of 6 months operating costs.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Recruitment and Appointment** of any future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as Trustees, the Trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise has a special knowledge of the area of benefit or who is otherwise able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the object or the management of the charity.

Upon appointment each new Trustee will receive a copy of the trust constitution and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and volunteer's health and safety when supporting the charity. A risk analysis form is now in place and is utilised prior to any volunteer trips the charity are involved in.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity Number**

1142445

### **Principal Office**

3 Oakhill Cottage  
Peasmarsh Road  
Beckley  
East Sussex  
TN31 6TJ

### **Trustees**

Mrs T Mendy MBE  
Mr H Taylor  
Miss C Barnett  
Miss L Collier-Keywood  
Dr Frances Warren  
Mr Christopher Lilleystone  
Mr Francis Mendy

### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees on 27 September 21 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Tracy Mendy MBE  
Chairperson

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BACE  
Year ended 31 December 2020**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....

Name: .....

Date: .....

Relevant professional qualification(s) of body (if any): .....

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>INCOME FROM:</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies		37,864	13,241
Fundraising activities		13,000	14,243
Bank interest		3	4
Other income		1,744	920
Total receipts		<u>52,611</u>	<u>28,408</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	4	501	250
Charitable activities	5	29,289	30,022
Bank charges		113	100
Exchange loss		2,214	1,488
Total payments		<u>32,117</u>	<u>31,860</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>20,494</u>	<u>(3,452)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		34,900	38,352
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>55,394</u>	<u>34,900</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>			
Cash at bank		46,506	32,345
Cash		2,003	17
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
Tax reclaim		6,885	2,537
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>55,394</u>	<u>34,900</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>55,394</u>	<u>34,900</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds			
Unrestricted funds		55,394	34,900
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>55,394</u>	<u>34,900</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 27 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Laura Collier-Keywood  
Treasurer

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16/07/14, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2. FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 3. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2020 £	2019 £
Fundraising	444	0
Advertising (T-Shirts, leaflets etc.)	57	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>250</b>

### 4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2020 £	2019 £
Building and project costs	3,756	666
School running costs	4,605	5,058
Clinic running costs	3,576	5,201
Office costs	1,340	1,841
Gambian salaries and staff costs	15,767	15,582
Container shipping costs	0	1,506
Other costs	244	168
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,289</b>	<b>30,022</b>

#### **5. TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

Trustees' covered all out of pocket expenses personally.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

#### **6. STAFF**

During the year we employed an average of 17 staff. All employees are based in The Gambia. There are currently 9 staff (2019: 9) who work in education and the running of the Nursery school, 7 (2019: 7) who work in health and the running of the clinic and 1 (2019: 1) staff who work in management and the day to day running of the charity.

There were no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

#### **7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions during the reporting period.

#### **8. AUDIT, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FEES**

No fees have been paid in this reporting period for any audit, independent examination or other financial services.