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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1144255

Principal address

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CAMBRIDGE
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Trustees

Pontso Mafethe (Chair)
Claire Mathonsi (Deputy Chair)
Melissa Woodward (Treasurer)
Catherine Kiama
Shannon Sutton
Gaye Sowe
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Structure & Recruitment of Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring adequate governance and are recruited via an application and interview process. Trustees serve for three years and the Chair is appointed on an annual basis. The Board of Trustees meets at least three times per year to discuss strategic, operational and financial matters.

Principal Activities and Objectives

MEWC is an African woman-led organization which serves as an information, research and training platform. Formed in 2010, the overarching goal of the organization is to ensure that African women and girls have access to information, tools and easy to use data to facilitate their equal and meaningful participation in policy dialogue with public and private institutions

Our main activities are enacted through our online portal, which provides information, resources and guidance to women's organisations, grassroots movements and activists working on the ground to empower women and girls. We provide African women with a platform for sharing ideas, learning and creating linkages to build and establish female leaders in Africa. Through monitoring the participation and representation of women in national and local politics, we produce multiple reports which audit the status and condition of women in each African country. MEWC also implements training to build the capacity of African women.

VISION: A just, peaceful and inclusive world where women in all their diversity and men have equal rights, enjoy equal opportunity and participate equally.

MISSION: To generate cutting edge research and easy to use data, knowledge and tools based on feminist principles to strengthen the work of women's rights movements towards advancing women's rights and gender equality in Africa.

Our goal is to ensure that African women and girls have a strong voice in all governance institutions, from the judiciary to the civil service, as well as in the private sector and civil society, so that they can participate fully and equally in public dialogue and in making the decisions that will determine the future of their families, communities and countries.

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Highlights from 2020 include:

- Training over 150 people (young women, women's groups, media) in Guinea on the implementation of the Maputo Protocol and international instruments on women's rights.
- We also advocated for the Guinean government to do its reporting duty of the Maputo Protocol to the African Union Commission. After months of advocacy, the Government has started the process of drafting the periodic report of the Maputo Protocol.
- In partnership with the African Union, we organised a series of webinars which brought together Governments from various African countries to discuss the challenges they face in the ratification and reporting of international instruments on women's rights with a specific focus on the Maputo Protocol.
- We also carried out online campaign throughout the year on the Maputo Protocol where we engaged various groups.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to ensure the long-term financial viability of the organisation. In doing so they consider the perceived operating risks, strategic objectives and the required level of unrestricted funds. The charity holds two categories of reserves: Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds. At the end of 2020, total funds stood at £31,059 on a receipts and payments basis. Of this £4,985 are unrestricted funds. These funds are adequate to ensure that the organisation can continue to operate as a going concern.

COVID 19 Implications

Since its establishment ten years ago, MEWC has always had a remote and flexible working environment by leveraging technology to connect with the team, partners and beneficiaries. This, along with close consultation with our partners, has helped us to sustain our work and programme during challenging times. While the outbreak of the COVID-19 didn't have a direct impact on our day-to-day reporting activities due to this policy, it has had a significant impact on the implementation of our program activities in Guinea. In response to the growing number of cases, many countries adopted strict preventative measures that were often enforced by the police and the military and included restrictions on movement and a ban on gatherings. For health, safety and security reasons, MEWC had to postpone the implementation of our project activities in Guinea until the lockdown was lifted and it was safe to bring people together. As a result, the delivery of this program has continued into FY21.

Operating Results

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and the surplus for the year ended 31 December 2020 amounted to £29,014 (2019 restated: deficit £6,819).

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16th August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAKE EVERY WOMAN COUNT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages six to eleven.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 statements 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
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have 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.

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Kerry Brown

Date: 16 August 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
		£	£		
Receipts					
Donations		6,875	-	6,875	
Grants		<u>-</u>	<u>123,219</u>	<u>123,219</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts		<u>6,875</u>	<u>123,219</u>	<u>130,094</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments					
Audit and Accounting		2,606	750	3,356	2,081
Bank Charges		(2)	(88)	(90)	-
Consultancy		1,209	37,108	38,317	-
Donations		250	-	250	-
Employee Costs		(582)	38,233	37,651	879
Printing, Postage and Stationary		414	518	932	80
Rent		-	3,549	3,549	900
Report Design		-	1,870	1,870	-
Subscription		1,389	900	2,289	-
Travel		635	6,966	7,601	2,509
Venue Hire		250	2,569	2,819	-
Website, Media and IT		<u>765</u>	<u>1,770</u>	<u>2,535</u>	<u>370</u>
Total Payments		<u>6,934</u>	<u>94,145</u>	<u>101,079</u>	<u>6,819</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		(59)	29,074	29,015	(6,819)
Transfer		3,000	(3,000)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2020		<u>2,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>8,863</u>
CASH FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		<u>4,985</u>	<u>26,074</u>	<u>31,059</u>	<u>2,044</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Funds					
Cash at Bank		<u>4,985</u>	<u>26,074</u>	<u>31,059</u>	<u>2,044</u>
Current Assets					
Other Debtors		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,731</u>
Current Liabilities					
Other Creditors and accruals		<u>4,110</u>	<u>2,873</u>	<u>3,983</u>	<u>31,512</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th August 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Legal status of the Charity

Make Every Woman Count is a charity constituted under the governing document 'Settlement' in England, whose registered office and primary place of business 10 Howard Road, Cambridge, CB5 8QP, United Kingdom. It has no share capital. Its principal activities are to support charitable organisations and general areas of charitable activity which would have been in keeping with the founder of the Trust.

Income

All income is recognised in Receipts and Payments once the charity has received funds.

Expenditure

All payments are recognised in the Receipts and Payments Accounts when it is paid.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Comparatives

The prior comparatives have been restated from accrual accounting to a receipts and payments basis.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

	2020 £	2019 £
Trustees' expenses	-	-

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3. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>37,651</u>	<u>879</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Average number of employees		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. FUNDS ANALYSIS

	Balance at 01/01/2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance 31/12/2020
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	<u>2,044</u>	<u>6,875</u>	<u>(6,934)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,985</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>2,044</u>	<u>6,875</u>	<u>(6,934)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,985</u>
Restricted Funds					
African Women's Decade Report	-	37,054	(27,887)	-	9,167
FEMNET Guinea Project	-	67,475	(57,453)	-	10,022
Communication Project	-	15,690	(8,805)	-	6,885
Comic Relief	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>123,219</u>	<u>(94,145)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>26,074</u>
Total Funds	<u>2,044</u>	<u>130,094</u>	<u>(101,079)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,059</u>

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RESTRICTED FUND DESCRIPTIONS

African Women's Decade Report (2010-2020)

The project was funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through Solidarity for African Women's Rights and Equality Now; it ran between June 2020 to March 2021. The project aimed to produce a final report and analyse the progress/gaps made in terms of securing, realizing, and extending the rights for African women and girls during the AWD. It will also highlight trends, challenges, best practices.

Building the Capacity of Women's, Girls' and Media Organisations on the Implementation of the Maputo Protocol

The project was funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through FEMNET; it ran from January 2020 to April 2021. The project aimed to build the capacity of women's groups organisations, young women groups and the media on the implementation of the Maputo Protocol and the use of social accountability mechanisms to monitor progress and compliance with national, regional and international gender commitments.

SOAWR Communication Secretariat

The project was funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through Solidarity for African Women's Rights and Equality Now. This is a 3-4-year project which started in June 2020 and is renewable each year. MEWC acts as the communication secretariat for the Solidarity for African Women's Rights (a network of over 60 organisations working on the ratification, domestication and the implementation of the Maputo Protocol). We receive funds to manage the network's communication (website, social media, event, ...)

Comic Relief – MEWC Organisational Development

In 2017/18. MEWC received an organisational strengthening grant from Comic Relief to support and build the capacity of MEWC. The funds were spent in 2018/19, but the final amount of 3,000 GBP income was received in early 2020.