

NEWBORNS VIETNAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1144562

Details

Other names NBV

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07787718](#)

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

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Activities

Objects: "THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE TO SAVE LIVES, BY REDUCING NEONATAL MORTALITY AND PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF NEWBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS IN COUNTRIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF NEONATAL MORTALITY AND ILLNESS AND IN PARTICULAR SOUTH EAST ASIA".

Activities: The reduction of neonatal mortality in South East Asia; with a specific focus on advancing neonatal care, through capacity building, including doctor, midwife and nurse training, through long-term partnerships with local public health providers. The provision of basic and specialist medical equipment.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Laos
- Vietnam

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£90,084	£206,231	-	-
2024-03-31	£215,139	£417,780	-	-
2023-03-31	£460,171	£546,742	-	-
2022-03-31	£330,205	£277,763	-	-
2021-03-31	£322,706	£285,115	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bang Trinh		2016-04-29
Dr DUNCAN JOHN MACRAE		2012-02-02
Hoanh Tien Nguyen		2018-07-01
NICK ROBINSON		2011-11-07
SUZANNA ELAINE LUBRAN		2011-10-19
Samantha Campbell		2020-06-05

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Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025



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Chairman's statement and annual review

Professor Duncan Macrae, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

As I reflect on the period since 2020, I do so with great pride in what has been achieved during a time of global and national challenge.

Over these five years, we have navigated the unprecedented disruption of COVID-19, provided essential equipment to support the care of mothers and babies testing positive for the virus, and rapidly transitioned our teaching programmes online to ensure continuity of training. We have supported the establishment of the first human milk bank in Hanoi and played a central role in launching a national newborn resuscitation programme, contributing directly to the development of the new national guideline. In addition, we have successfully introduced UK postgraduate neonatal specialist education across four hospitals in Vietnam, leading to significant improvements in clinical practice and nursing care.

This past year has been particularly demanding as we continued to assess the implications of changes to the regulatory and operating framework for foreign NGOs in Vietnam. In response to emerging constraints, we transferred delivery of our core programme to So Sinh Vietnam, a Vietnamese Scientific and Technological Organisation, with our Executive Director assuming the role of Managing Director to provide leadership and continuity. We are deeply grateful to our UK medical and nursing volunteers for their commitment, ensuring a smooth transition and excellent results for the second cohort of neonatal doctors at the National Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Hanoi.

As the year progressed, it became clear that the STO regulatory structure is more complex and restrictive than anticipated and may not provide the stable foundation required for the long-term delivery of our mission to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam. Much of the Board's work in 2025 has therefore focused on reviewing the most effective pathways for programme delivery through a Vietnamese organisation, while also exploring alternative approaches, including the potential to provide grants to partners whose work aligns with our charitable objectives.

We have also paused to reflect on the significant impact of the Government's planned restructuring of provincial-level administrative units and the introduction of a two-tier local governance system from June 2025. These reforms coincide with major efforts to modernise and strengthen the health system, with a strong emphasis on reducing maternal mortality, preventing obstetric complications, lowering newborn deaths, and improving the health and quality of life of women and babies across Vietnam. Understanding this new landscape is essential in shaping our future strategy.

A personal highlight this year has been witnessing the growing impact of our Newborn Life Support programme. To date, more than 1,023 health professionals across 171 hospitals have been trained—a remarkable progression from our beginning in just one hospital in Da Nang in 2015. It is a testament to what sustained partnership, commitment, and shared purpose can achieve.



Executive Director's statement

Suzanna Lubran MBE - Executive Director

This year has been one of both transition and continued purpose. As we look back on the period since 2020, I am reminded of the extraordinary resilience of our partners, volunteers, and colleagues across Vietnam. Despite global uncertainty, natural disasters, and significant regulatory changes, our shared commitment to improving newborn outcomes has remained constant.

Throughout these five years, Newborns Vietnam has adapted to profound shifts in the operating environment. We navigated the challenges of COVID-19 by moving education online, provided essential equipment for the care of mothers and babies affected by the virus, and supported the establishment of Vietnam's first human milk bank. We have seen the Newborn Life Support (NLS) programme evolve from a pioneering collaboration in Hanoi with Vietnam National Children's Hospital into the foundation of a national newborn resuscitation strategy, contributing directly to the new Ministry of Health guideline on Newborn Care and Treatment Services. Our introduction of UK postgraduate neonatal specialist education across four leading hospitals has strengthened clinical practice and elevated standards of care for some of Vietnam's most vulnerable newborns.

The past year required particularly careful stewardship as new regulatory requirements for foreign NGOs reshaped the way international organisations operate in Vietnam. To ensure continuity for our core programmes, we transitioned delivery to **Sơ Sinh Việt Nam**, a Vietnamese Science and Technology Organisation (STO), where I also took on the Managing Director role. I am grateful to our UK faculty who ensured an uninterrupted programme with excellent results for the second cohort of neonatal doctors at the National Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Hanoi.

As implementation progressed, it became evident that the STO framework—while valuable—presents complexities that may limit long-term sustainability. In response, Trustees and I spent much of 2025 examining every option to safeguard our mission: from refining local delivery models to exploring grant-based approaches that would allow us to partner flexibly with organisations aligned with our goals. This reflective process has been essential in preparing for the far-reaching administrative reforms the Government will introduce from June 2025, as well as the broader strategy to modernise maternal and newborn healthcare nationwide.

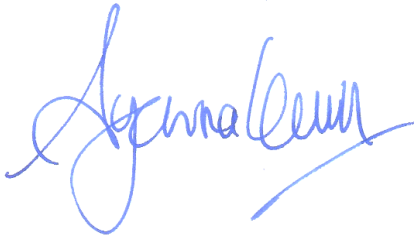
Amid these organisational adjustments, our programme work has remained strong.

I am continually inspired by the transformative feedback from health professionals participating in our NLS training.

"Participating in the NLS class helps me to be more confident, do things more correctly and improve my initial intervention skills. With the perspective of both working and gaining experience for myself and also wanting to build a good initial resuscitation team for my hospital, I always put the instruction for technicians and nurses first because when a team works well and smoothly, the results will be good and will help more patients!"

Sustainability remains a cornerstone of our efforts, with doctors, nurses, and midwives being trained as future instructors to ensure the programme's long-term success. The programme's influence is visible not only in skills and confidence, but also in the growing sense of shared responsibility among hospitals across Vietnam.

None of this progress would have been possible without the trust of our partners, the dedication of our volunteers, and the generosity of our supporters. As we move into a new phase, our focus remains unwavering: to ensure that every baby in Vietnam has the best possible chance to survive and thrive.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Leung', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Realising the promise of a life, love, family and achievement for every baby

This report is a review of our journey, achievements and challenges over the past year.

We hope the report inspires many more people to support our mission to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.



About Newborns Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam is a medical education charity working in partnership with Vietnam's Ministry of Health and over 200 hospitals to drive fundamental improvements in the country's maternal and neonatal care systems.

We are committed to reducing neonatal mortality and enhancing the health of newborns and their mothers in regions with high levels of neonatal mortality, particularly in Southeast Asia, with a primary focus on Vietnam.

Our mission is simple yet profound: to "save newborn lives." We achieve this by bringing international experts to Vietnam to deliver specialist medical education. Our approach goes beyond advocacy; we engage in active, practical partnerships that yield measurable results and support their adoption at a national level, maximising societal benefits. We empower and support healthcare professionals to lead systemic change by adapting British models of training and care systems to adapted to the Vietnam context.

We believe that the foundation for saving newborn lives starts with getting the basics right for every mother and baby. Simple yet effective practices—such as skin-to-skin care at birth, early breastfeeding, minimising unnecessary separation of mother and baby, and maintaining effective hand hygiene—are critical. Through collaborative efforts with our public health partners, we create nurturing learning environments to build capacity and knowledge, supporting excellence in basic maternal and newborn care and advanced neonatal intensive care.

In the past 35 years, Vietnam has made remarkable progress in reducing maternal and infant mortality. However, maternal obstetric complications and neonatal mortality remain persistent challenges in the health system. The disparity between regions, particularly in remote, mountainous, and ethnic minority areas, where maternal and child health indicators are two to three times worse than in urban areas is a major challenge.

Vietnam currently lacks a standardized mandatory newborn resuscitation program, a proven intervention that has significantly reduced neonatal mortality worldwide and there is no specialist neonatal post graduate training for doctors and nurses. Our focus is to provide or enable programs that are aligned with the Ministry of Health's goals to provide equality of access to health services, more patient focused care and improve patient safety.

This year, through our enabling partnerships we made significant strides in developing a faculty of Vietnamese NLS-trained instructors across Vietnam, the introduction of respectful maternity care and specialist training at more national hospitals.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

In accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 contains a legal requirement that all charities' aims are for the public benefit. The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit.

- There must be an identifiable benefit.
- Benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Regular evaluation of outcome data for babies undergoing intensive care demonstrates the clear and positive benefit our programmes we deliver or enable have for thousands of babies, their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them. This is particularly through: the provision of UK specialist neonatal training and our world recognised newborn resuscitation programme, quality improvement projects and audits leading to improvement of practice in neonatal units, highlighting the challenges for neonatal care and solutions to address these through supportive advocacy for the adoption of simple but effective solutions to improve care at birth and the hours thereafter.

The aims of our charity are; to advocate for increased policy attention and global funding, develop interventions to reduce neonatal mortality and specifically neonatal nursing and clinical training programmes that are suitable for a middle income country context which can be replicated across Vietnam and in south-east Asia, the provision of life-saving neonatal equipment, and, in partnership with public health providers, to support the development of managed neonatal networks with national and regional centres of excellence, to cascade skills and knowledge to medical staff working in the poorest areas and for those with the least access to medical services.

Implementing our strategy to end preventable newborn deaths

Our 2020–2024 business plan set out a bold vision: to improve survival and outcomes for premature and sick babies across Vietnam through system-wide change. That vision continues to guide all our work as we plan for the next four years.

Over the past year, significant regulatory changes for foreign NGOs in Vietnam required us to rethink how our strategy is delivered. In response, and to ensure uninterrupted progress, the leadership of programme implementation has transitioned to Sơ sinh Việt nam (The Center for the Support of the Development of Maternal and Neonatal Care in Viet Nam), a Vietnamese non-profit Science and Technology Organisation. Newborns Vietnam continues to provide strategic direction, international expertise and technical support – ensuring our original goals remain firmly on track.

The foundations of our strategy remain unchanged. We continue to focus on **three priority interventions** with the greatest potential to reduce preventable newborn deaths:

1. **Standardised post-graduate training for neonatal doctors and nurses**

Together with UK experts, Sơ sinh Việt nam is implementing evidence-based, competency-driven training for neonatal doctors and nurses – strengthening clinical decision-making and hands-on skills at the bedside.

2. **National newborn resuscitation training and certification**

The establishment of four national Newborns Life Support (NLS) training centres and the progression of internationally accredited instructors are enabling a sustainable, country-led resuscitation programme aligned with national policies.

3. **Managed neonatal networks**

Hospitals are increasingly adopting standard guidelines, essential newborn care practices and referral pathways – strengthening care coordination and improving access to safe transport for the smallest and sickest babies.

4. **Respectful Maternity Care**

The role of the midwives is underdeveloped in leading and managing a more supportive birth experience, during and immediately post labour for mothers. Our focus is enabling midwives to access training to build their capacity to build midwifery led birthing service.

This past year has demonstrated that our resilience to adapt to a change operational environment and to develop partnerships to ensure the continuation of training, quality improvement initiatives and support for frontline teams.

What began as a strategy is now becoming a Vietnamese-owned initiatives – the clearest signal yet that change is taking root.

We remain steadfast in our commitment: working alongside Vietnamese colleagues to build a health system in which every newborn has the chance to survive and thrive. The transition to local leadership marks an important milestone – and a vital step toward long-term sustainability and scale.

Impact in the year – what we achieved

In 2024-2025 we navigated a year of significant change, responding to new regulations that no longer allow Vietnamese companies and individuals from funding foreign NGOs, and require complex approvals for local activities. Through close partnership with Sơ sinh Việt nam, we ensured continuity of our mission and strengthened nationally-led delivery.

Together, we achieved the following:

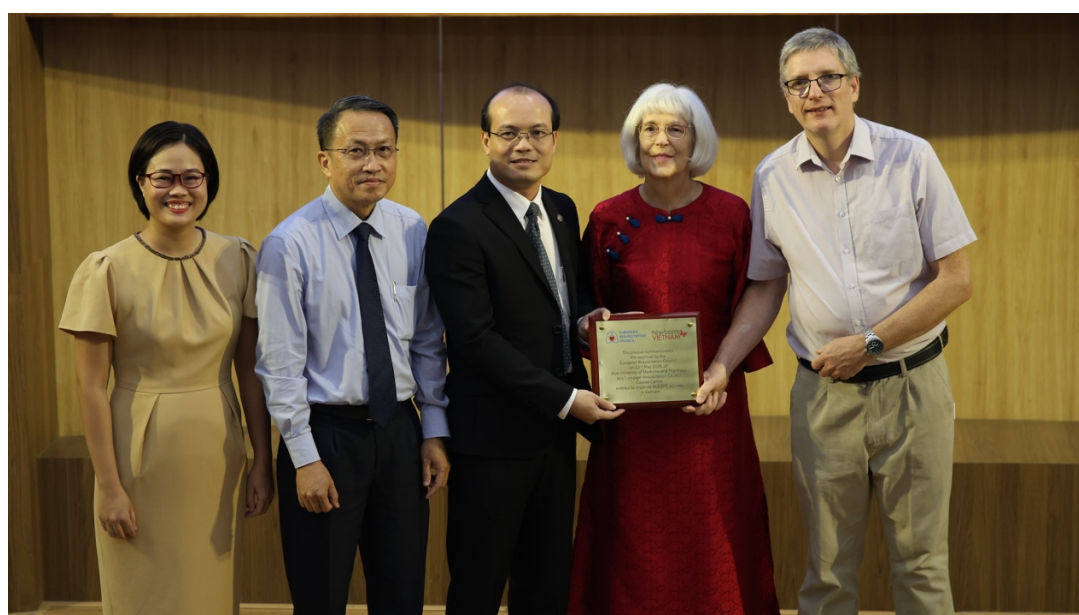
- Scaled up national Newborn Life Support (NLS) training – **1,023** health professionals across **171** hospitals in all **63** provinces received practical, standardised resuscitation training, with scholarships enabling access for hospitals with the greatest need.
- Advanced post-graduate neonatal specialist education – A second cohort of doctors at the National Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Hanoi successfully completed their training, while a new programme was launched at Hue Central Hospital, expanding access to competency-based clinical education.
- Strengthened respectful maternity care – Phase three of the collaborative programme between Edinburgh Napier University, Sơ Sinh Vietnam and Tu Du Hospital introduced informed consent practices in the delivery room, promoting dignity and better communication with mothers and families.
- Celebrated a decade of national growth – From a single hospital in Da Nang in 2015, the programme now supports 171 hospitals nationwide in building capacity to care for preterm and sick newborns.

Despite regulatory changes and operational challenges, our impact has continued to grow. Through collaboration, national leadership and an unwavering focus on quality of care, we are advancing towards our shared goal: ending preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

Achievements 2024-2025

NLS headline achievements at March 2025:

- **4 NLS Course Centres Approved by the European Resuscitation Council (ERC)**
 - **1,023 health professionals trained in NLS 63 provinces**
 - **ERC Newborn Life Support manual in Vietnamese**
- **Pre course NLS online learning for learning for nurses and midwives**
- **Piloted a stabilisation and introduction to newborn resuscitation course**
- **UK neonatal post graduate training completed at 4 national hospitals**
- **Introduction of warm compresses to protect the perineum during second stage labour**









Fundraising

This year presented even more significant challenges in raising the funds necessary to support our programs. In response, we focused on fostering strong connections with our supporters, ensuring they understood the tangible impact their generosity has made. We strived to make every supporter feel valued, connected to our mission, and proud of the achievements their contributions have enabled.

Without the commitment and generosity of our many partners, the transition to support other partners to deliver our programmes would not have been possible. As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening existing partnerships while actively cultivating new ones. We will work more closely with our public sector partners and local partners to enhance our visibility and secure the funding needed to advance our vital mission of saving newborn lives.

Next year: our targets for 2025-2026

In the year ahead there will be new challenges as we address the full impact of transitioning from an operational NGO directly delivering our programmes to enabling local partners, we will investigate other options for delivery.

In partnership with SSVN or other local partners we will continue to roll out the NLS programme across the country, supporting the four Vietnamese ERC approved course centres to plan and lead the ongoing delivery of NLS as the national training programme in Vietnam.

We will encourage and support our partner hospitals to develop their vision to deliver change with the goal of improving neonatal outcomes and to foster a culture for improvement. We will promote setting up of Perinatal teams - obstetricians, midwives, neonatologists and neonatal nurses, a multi-disciplinary "bottom-up" approach to quality improvement. Our teaching will focus on identifying the barriers to change to develop a realistic road map with clear goals.

A neonatal experience is always extremely difficult, and often traumatic for parents. No one plans to learn the layout of a NICU. But parents do. Quickly. Quietly. Bravely. They learn celebrating the small wins their baby earns and grieving the vision of early parenthood they expected to have. It is encouraging that in ten years from no parents allowed to parents present in neonatal intensive care units has become accepted and understood and some of the most exemplary Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) in the world. The next step is more support for parents navigating the trauma of preterm birth. As we look to the year ahead we will explore how we can better support parents.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Newborns Vietnam

Charity registration number

1144562

Company registration number

7787718

Legal Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

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Dr Duncan Macrae

Trustees

Mrs Suzanna Lubran MBE (Executive Director)

Mr Tien Hoanh Nguyen

Mr Desmond Poon (resigned 17th April 2025)

Mr John Nicholas Robinson

Ms Samantha Campbell

Mr Bang H Trinh

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Newborns Vietnam is registered as a charity with the UK's Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 26th September 2011 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 15th September 2011.

Newborns Vietnam is also licensed by the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM) of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO), to operate as an International Non-Governmental Organisation in Vietnam.

Management

Members of the company elect a voluntary Board of Trustees (whom are also known as Directors), to be responsible for the overall governance and direction of the charity. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to their suitability for the role, with the skills and experience to support our organisational growth, ensure good governance, transparency and provide highly specialist medical knowledge.

The Board currently (as of 17th April 2025) has six Trustees, including a Chairman and Treasurer. Typically, the full Board meets four times a year, with additional meetings held by specialist committees, currently comprising a Medical, Education and Finance, each of which is under the direction of two or more Trustees.

The day-to-day management of the charity's programmes are delegated to the Executive Director and are delivered in accordance with the approved delivery plan and annual budget. In 2024 the Executive Director has also acted as the managing director of So sinh Viet nam.

Our vision and values

Our vision is a world where there are no preventable deaths of newborn infants, where every birth is celebrated, and mothers and babies survive and realise their full potential. We are determined to do more to stop babies from dying the day they are born, or in days after their birth.

We are determined advocates working to raise awareness of neonatal mortality and advancing solutions informed by research and our direct experience. Our work is guided and informed by our commitment to getting the basics of newborn care right for every baby.

As an organisation we have a single-minded vision, and we act on it every day with commitment and passion. We work as one determined and ambitious team to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

- **One focus.** We keep our beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do and it's essential that everyone at Newborns Vietnam has a beneficiary-oriented mindset.
- **Always looking to improve.** We continuously look for ways to do things better, both internally and for our beneficiaries.
- **Ambitious.** We're committed to achieving more on behalf of the parents of newborns born sick.
- **Step up.** We believe in doing what we say we do. We always rise to the occasion.
- **Openness.** we are committed to a culture of teamwork and collaboration
- **Inclusiveness** - we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Partnership** - we know that we will not advance neonatal care on our own, we collaborate with others and together we support our public health partners to bring about change.
- **Stewardship** - we take great care of the resources entrusted to us by others, whether this is money, time or trust, and we are open and transparent in our reporting.
- **Inspire** - through our work and our sports platform we inspire others to come together to help end preventable newborn deaths.

Thank You

We greatly appreciate and thank our strategic partners, UK medical and nursing volunteers, companies, athletes, and the thousands of individuals for supporting us through another challenging year! Each and every donation is making a difference to the life chances of newborns in Vietnam.

Alba Spa Hotel, Alchemy Asia, British Chamber of Commerce, Burns Committee, Chops, BIM Group, British Embassy Hanoi, British Consulate HCM, Consular Club HCMC, Doan Ket International, Greenhat, Harbour Energy, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Hong Ngoc Hospital, JJO Invest, Kind Heart Foundation, KMS Technology, Maestoso, Melia VinPearl Hue, MTTS, Purple Asia, Regna, Red Bridge Restaurant, Renaissance International School, Rotary Club of Macau, Sunrise Events, Swire Long Lunch, Topas Travel, VietBay, Viet Shack Restaurant, Wink Hotels, Zoomations and all the other companies and organisations who have supported us with finance and in-kind resources.

Clare Ackroyd, Charlotte Ashton, Ken Atkinson, Stephen Charles Brammar, Caroline Buckley, Anne Bulgar, Emma Carter, Christine Chapman, Fraser Christie, Warrick Cleine, Alex Crane, Rebecca Eckersley, Gaston Fernandez, Elizabete Fong, Prateek Kumar Gupta, David Holland, Huynh Trung Hieu, Andrew Lyon, Nhat Minh Doan, Nguyen Dung, Gloria Pantling, Phan Thi Quynh Trang, Julie Popplewell, Adam Priestley, Carole Rabaiotti, Ian Roberts, Elizabeth Schonewald, Sunita Seal, Lisa Shaw, David Erle Shelton Smith Trang Le family, all the anonymous supporters and donators.

Financial review

2024/25 has been a year of change for Newborns Vietnam, and this is reflected in its financial activity.

It is the first year during which the focus has been primarily on supporting a local non-profit organisation, The Center for the Development of Maternal and Neonatal in Vietnam, to deliver the training programmes designed and implemented by Newborns Vietnam. Therefore Newborns Vietnam’s spend on training has reduced significantly, down from nearly £273k in 2023/24 to £199k in 2024/25, a drop of 27%, but by providing support to The Center for the Development of Maternal and Neonatal in Vietnam significant progress has been made in delivering a national newborn resuscitation programme.

In addition, while there was spend £136k on equipment programmes in 2023/24, there has been no spend this year. One of reasons for this change lies with the difficulties in meeting the paperwork requirements of local regulation, which are more onerous than in the past. However, it is now hoped that will be at least one medical equipment project completed next year, in 2025/26.

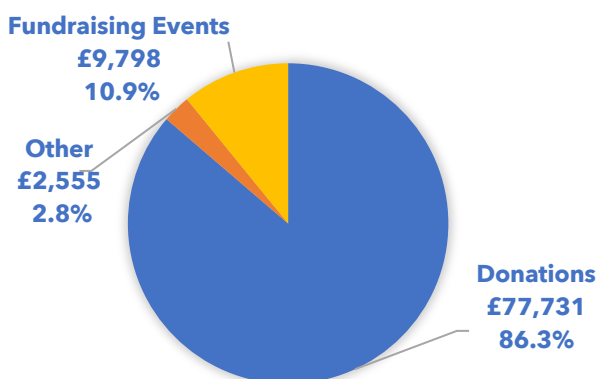
Fundraising expenditure is a little lower in 2024/25, £6.6k compared to £8.7k in 2023/24.

Overall expenditure for the year 2024/25 was just under £206k, very slightly less than half of the level of expenditure in 2023/24 (£418k).

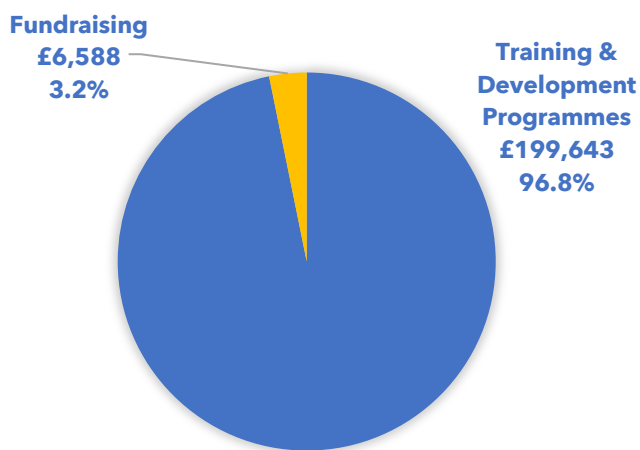
Similarly, there has been a reduction in income, total income for 2024/25 being £90k, compared to £215k in 2023/24, a drop of 58%. However this should be viewed too negatively, as the major corporate sponsors in Vietnam who previously donated Newborns Vietnam, in 2024/25 donated to The Center for the Development of Maternal and Neonatal in Vietnam to fund the programmes now being directly delivered by them.

Therefore, at the end of the year there has a net reduction in the Newborns Vietnam’s cash resources of £113k, so the charity starts the year 2025/26 with a balance of nearly £329k, a healthy financial position for the year ahead.

INCOME 2024 - 2025



EXPENDITURE 2024 - 2025



Reserve Policy

The charity's trustees have agreed that its reserve policy requires the retention of sufficient financial resources necessary to meet our legal obligations resulting from a closure of the organisation over a three-month period. The calculated sum includes; the gross cost of staff (if any) for two months and an allowance for redundancy, a set sum based on the general running costs budget for small contractual commitments, and reasonable allowances for the termination of any large (over £3,375 per annum) contracts that are held. The allowance is reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or upon the taking on of any new large contractual commitment.

Trustees' statement and responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Newborns Vietnam for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company [and the group] and of the income and expenditure of the charitable [company/group] for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company [and the group] and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

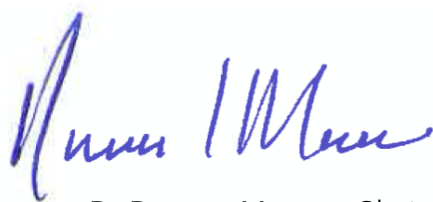
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Duncan Macrae, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Newborns Vietnam

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newborns Vietnam (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as of 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements

does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater

regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton
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Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Goldwins Limited

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

75 Maygrove Road

West Hampstead

London NW6 2EG

Date: 23 January 2026

Statement of financial activities

(incorporating income and expenditure account)

For year-end 31st March 2025

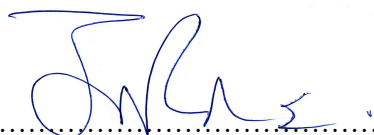
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
	Donations (Individual & Corporate)	8,511	69,220	77,731	176,066
	Other trading activities	9,798	-	9,798	36,390
	Investments (Bank interest)	2,555	-	2,555	2,683
	Total income	20,864	69,220	90,084	215,139
Expenditure on:					
	Raising funds	6,588	-	6,588	8,727
	Charitable activities	57,291	142,352	199,643	409,053
	Total expenditure	63,879	142,352	206,231	417,780
	Net income / (expenditure) before transfers	(43,015)	(73,132)	(116,147)	(202,641)
	Transfer between funds	(60,648)	60,648	-	-
	Other recognised gains / (losses)				
	Foreign Exchange gains / losses	2,890	-	2,890	3,087
	Net Movement in funds	(100,773)	(12,484)	(113,257)	(199,554)
	Balance brought forward	391,501	50,431	441,932	641,486
	Total funds carried forward	290,728	37,947	328,675	441,932

Balance sheet at 31st March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024/25	2023/24
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
	Stocks	10	5,459	-	5,459
	Debtors and prepayments	11	212	-	212
	Cash at bank and in hand		290,810	37,947	328,757
			296,481	37,947	334,428
					448,912
Creditors					
	Amounts falling due in one year	12	(5,753)	-	(5,753)
					(6,980)
Net current assets					
			290,728	37,947	328,675
					441,932
Funds					
		13			
	Unrestricted funds			290,728	391,501
	Restricted Funds			37,947	50,431
Total funds					
				328,675	441,932

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved by the trustees on 22nd January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



John Nicholas Robinson - Trustee
Company registration no. 07787718

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.
- b) Going concern. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for absolute and slow-moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in these notes to the financial statements.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023/24 £
Incoming from:			
Donations (Individual & Corporate)	124,740	51,326	176,066
Activities for generating funds	36,390	-	36,390
Other incoming (Bank interest)	2,683	-	2,683
Total incoming resources	163,813	51,326	215,139
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	8,727	-	8,727
Charitable activities	349,775	59,278	409,053
Total expended	358,502	59,278	417,780
Net incoming / (outgoing) Resources before transfers	(194,689)	(7,952)	(202,641)
Other recognized gains /(losses)			
Foreign Exchange gains /loss	3,087	-	3,087
Transfer between funds	(8,755)	8,755	-
Net movement in funds	(200,357)	803	(199,554)
Balance brought forward	591,858	49,628	641,486
Total funds carried forward	391,501	50,431	441,932

3 Exchange Rates

Exchange rate of Vietnam Dong to Pounds Sterling are those quoted as the transfer rate by the Vietcombank (Joint Stock Commercial Bank of Vietnam) for the day given at the bank headquarters.

4 Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ending 31st March 2025. There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st March 2025, other than those noted in the related transactions note.

5 Other trading activities

	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Fundraising events	9,798	36,390

6	Cost of generating voluntary income	2024-25	2023-24
		£	£
	Fundraising activities	5,753	5,428
	Add Governance costs	835	3,299
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		6,588	8,727
7	Charitable activities	2024-25	2023-24
		£	£
	Medical staff training	174,348	207,279
	Medical equipment & consumables	-	108,402
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		174,348	315,681
	Add Governance costs	25,295	93,372
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		199,643	409,053
8	Governance costs	2024-25	2023-24
		£	£
	Bank charges	204	390
	Operational costs	21,336	92,381
	Audit fees	4,590	3,900
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		26,130	96,671
	Less: Allocated to fundraising activities	(835)	(3,299)
	Less: Allocated to charitable activities	(25,295)	(93,372)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	-
9	Analysis of staff cost	2024-25	2023-24
	(Programme and Finance Staff)	£	£
	Wages	-	63,598
	On-costs	-	8,747
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	72,345

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was zero (2024: six).

10	Stock	2024-25	2023-24
		£	£
	Finished goods	5,459	2,500

11 Debtors	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Donations receivable	212	172
	<hr/> 212	<hr/> 172

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Training, equipment and operation creditors	5,435	6,980
Other creditors	318	-
	<hr/> 5,753	<hr/> 6,980

13 Movement in funds in 2024-2025

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	391,501	(40,125)	(60,648)	290,728
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	37,840	(4,127)	-	33,713
- Network safe transport system	-	-	-	-
- Network medical equipment	4,234	-	-	4,234
- NLS training	-	(10,155)	10,155	-
- NLS training scholarships	8,357	(58,850)	50,493	-
Sub-Total	<hr/> 50,431	<hr/> (73,132)	<hr/> 60,648	<hr/> 37,947
Total Funds	<hr/> 441,932	<hr/> (113,257)	<hr/> -	<hr/> 328,675

Net movement of funds in 2024-2025

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	20,864	63,879	2,890	(40,125)
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	37,119	41,246	-	(4,127)
- Network Safe Transport System	-	19,671	-	(19,671)
- NLS training	12,037	22,192	-	(10,155)
- NLS training scholarship	20,064	78,914	-	(58,850)
Sub-Total	<hr/> 69,220	<hr/> 142,352	<hr/> -	<hr/> (73,132)
Total Funds	<hr/> 90,084	<hr/> 206,231	<hr/> 2,890	<hr/> (113,257)

Movement in funds in 2023-2024

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	591,858	(191,602)	(8,755)	391,501
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	34,478	3,362	-	37,840
- Network safe transport system	10,916	(19,671)	8,755	-
- Network medical equipment	4,234	-	-	4,234
- NLS training scholarships	-	8,357	-	8,357
Sub-Total	49,628	(7,952)	8,755	50,431
Total funds	641,486	(199,554)	-	441,932

Net movement of funds in 2023-2024

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	163,813	358,502	3,087	(191,602)
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	36,676	33,314	-	3,362
- Network safe transport system	-	19,671	-	(19,671)
- Network medical equipment	-	-	-	-
- NLS training scholarships	14,650	6,293	-	8,357
Sub-Total	51,326	59,278	-	(7,952)
Total funds	215,139	417,780	3,087	(199,554)

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 01 April 2024	Cash flows	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	446,240	(117,483)	328,757
Total cash and cash equivalents	446,240	(117,483)	328,757
	At 01 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	683,908	(237,668)	446,240
Total cash and cash equivalents	683,908	(237,668)	446,240

15 Related party transactions

During the year under review, Mr J.N.Robinson, trustee, paid £317.57 expenses on behalf of the charity. None of these were personal expenses. The amount owing to Mr J.N.Robinson at the year-end is £317.57

NEWBORNS VIETNAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1144562

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

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Chairman's statement and annual review

Professor Duncan Macrae, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The past twelve months have seen very significant achievements as well as significant challenges. Our volunteer neonatal and newborn resuscitation teams have been at the forefront of efforts to expand the European Resuscitation Council's Newborn Life Support (NLS) program across Vietnam. Their dedication has also advanced our neonatal postgraduate teaching, helping to improve outcomes for premature and sick babies.

A highlight for me this year has been the measurable impact of our neonatal postgraduate training program. This program over the past nine years has contributed to improved survival rates for preterm and critically ill babies at major hospitals in Hanoi and Da Nang. It is inspiring and encouraging to see hospitals in central and southern Vietnam seeking our training. This training addresses the deficit of specialist neonatal education in Vietnam.

The evolving regulatory framework for INGOs in Vietnam, coupled with economic challenges in some sectors, has underscored the importance of forward planning. In response, we have supported the establishment of a Vietnamese NGO, the Center for the Support of the Development of Maternal and Neonatal Care in Vietnam (SSVN) that will work alongside us, drawing on UK expertise and funding. This partnership is a step toward strengthening our existing collaborations and building a foundation for future programs.

This year we also completed a training needs analysis of midwives' perceptions of their continuous professional development in providing respectful intranatal maternal care. This included the validation and translation of the Birth Satisfaction Scale-Revised (BSS-R), an internationally recognized tool for measuring postpartum women's birth satisfaction. These initiatives, developed in collaboration with Edinburgh Napier University, were published in Nurse Education Today and the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology. We are proud to lead in advancing respectful midwifery care.

Looking ahead, our priorities include diversifying income streams and emphasizing the value for money our medical volunteers bring, the value of their time being more than double the total cash spend for running the programmes. We will also maintain our commitment to addressing health inequalities, ensuring our efforts achieve the greatest impact for preterm and sick babies.



Executive Director's statement

Suzanna Lubran MBE - Executive Director

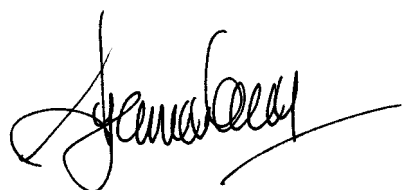
As we conclude the final year of our current business plan, we look ahead with determination and optimism. Our forthcoming three-year strategy reflects our unwavering commitment to ending preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam. We plan to scale up our programs, maximise their impact, and ensure their sustainability, by supporting the Center for the Support of the Development of Maternal and Neonatal Care in Vietnam (SSVN) to take a leading role in developing programmes to improve care for preterm and sick babies.

Our approach builds on proven solutions, while addressing the persistent challenges that hinder progress in reducing neonatal mortality and morbidity. A key priority is advocating for Newborn Life Support (NLS) training to become mandatory for all healthcare professionals involved in resuscitating newborns. The adoption of standardised, mandatory resuscitation programs globally has played a pivotal role in reducing neonatal mortality. Scaling up the NLS program is essential to providing equitable care at birth for every baby.

I am continually inspired by the transformative feedback from health professionals participating in our NLS training. Comments such as, *"this course helped me change incorrect practice,"* highlight the life-saving impact of this program. Equally heartening are accounts of successful outcomes where adherence to the NLS algorithm avoided the need for intubation, enabling babies to be placed skin-to-skin with their mothers soon after birth. Sustainability remains a cornerstone of our efforts, with doctors, nurses, and midwives being trained as future instructors to ensure the programme's long-term success.

Beyond resuscitation, we will continue to advocate for increased healthcare staffing and greater recognition of parents as essential partners in their babies' care. Current nurse-to-baby staffing levels are inadequate, limiting even the most dedicated nurses' ability to deliver the highest quality care.

Raising the funds to support our programs has been particularly challenging this year. We are deeply grateful for the steadfast support of our long-standing sponsors, individual donors, and the vibrant sports community. Together, their generosity fuels our mission to give every newborn the chance to thrive.



Realising the promise of a life, love, family and achievement for every baby

This report details our progress against our goals, it is a review of our journey, achievements and challenges over the past year.

We hope the report inspires many more people to support our mission to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.



About Newborns Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam is a medical education charity working in partnership with Vietnam's Ministry of Health and over 150 hospitals to drive fundamental improvements in the country's maternal and neonatal care systems.

We are committed to reducing neonatal mortality and enhancing the health of newborns and their mothers in regions with high levels of neonatal mortality, particularly in Southeast Asia, with a primary focus on Vietnam.

Our mission is simple yet profound: to "save newborn lives." We achieve this by bringing international experts to Vietnam to deliver specialist medical education. Our approach goes beyond advocacy; we engage in active, practical partnerships that yield measurable results and support their adoption at a national level, maximising societal benefits. We empower and support healthcare professionals to lead systemic change by adapting British models of training and care systems to suit Vietnam's context.

We believe that the foundation for saving newborn lives starts with getting the basics right for every mother and baby. Simple yet effective practices—such as skin-to-skin care at birth, early breastfeeding, minimizing unnecessary separation of mother and baby, and maintaining effective hand hygiene—are critical. Through collaborative efforts with our public health partners, we create nurturing learning environments to build capacity and knowledge, supporting excellence in basic maternal and newborn care and advanced neonatal intensive care.

In the past 35 years, Vietnam has made remarkable progress in reducing maternal and infant mortality. However, neonatal mortality and morbidity remain persistent challenges. Vietnam currently lacks a standardized mandatory newborn resuscitation program, a proven intervention that has significantly reduced neonatal mortality worldwide.

Our Newborn Life Support (NLS) program is directly aligned with the Ministry of Health's goals outlined in the National Action Plan for Children. It supports reducing the infant mortality rate from approximately 15 per 1,000 live births to under 9.5 per 1,000 by 2025 and under 9 per 1,000 by 2030. The NLS course provides comprehensive knowledge and hands-on instruction in the initial resuscitation of newborns, designed for all healthcare workers who may be called upon to resuscitate a baby. This year, we made significant strides in developing a faculty of Vietnamese NLS-trained instructors across Vietnam.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 contains a legal requirement that all charities' aims are for the public benefit. The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit.

- There must be an identifiable benefit.
- Benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Regular evaluation of outcome data for babies undergoing intensive care demonstrates the clear and positive benefit our programmes have for thousands of babies, their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them. This is particularly through: the provision of UK specialist neonatal training and our world recognised newborn resuscitation programme, quality improvement projects and audits leading to improvement of practice in neonatal units, highlighting the challenges for neonatal care and solutions to address these through supportive advocacy for the adoption of simple but effective solutions to improve care at birth and the hours thereafter.

The aims of our charity are firstly to advocate for increased policy attention and global funding, secondly to develop interventions aimed at reducing neonatal mortality such as neonatal nursing and clinical training programmes that are suitable for use across Vietnam. We also provide life-saving neonatal equipment, and, in partnership with public health providers, support the development of managed neonatal networks with national and regional centres of excellence. Networks enable cascading of skills and knowledge to healthcare workers in the poorest areas and for those with the least access to medical services.

Implementing our strategy to end preventable newborn deaths

Our 2020-2024 business plan set out an ambitious vision: to deliver direct, tangible outcomes for premature and sick babies and their families. This strategy was informed by 11 years of experience working in Vietnam and deep insight into the systemic challenges within neonatal care. These challenges include a highly theoretical education system, the absence of an organizational framework for designating care in lower-level hospitals, inadequate staffing, poorly maintained equipment, the lack of a safe neonatal transport service, and the absence of mandatory national newborn resuscitation training.

The strategy identified three priority areas that could significantly improve neonatal care outcomes in Vietnam:

The strategy set our aims to achieve the three most important factors identified in the business plan that could improve neonatal care outcomes in Vietnam:

- 1) the implementation of standardised post-graduate training for neonatal doctors and nurses including work-based competency assessment, through the establishment of a revised national curriculum,
- 2) the implementation of standardised resuscitation training and certification through the establishment of a National Resuscitation Organisation for Vietnam and,
- 3) the establishment of managed neonatal networks across the country. Within each network the hospitals work together to provide different levels of safe consistent care. Each network would have a dedicated transport system to move sick babies safely to the hospitals in the network that provide the more specialized care.

By focusing on these priorities, we are laying the foundation for lasting improvements in neonatal care, ensuring every newborn in Vietnam has a chance to survive and thrive.

Impact in the year - what we did

In 2023-24 we scaled up the Newborn Life Support (NLS), with 428 health professionals from 40 provinces receiving training. We signed new partnership agreements implemented with the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, Hanoi, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy and Tu Du Hospital, HCM to deliver the roll out of the NLS training nationwide. We launched an NLS scholarship scheme to maximise the participation of doctors, nurses and midwives from the poorest provinces. We delivered neonatal post graduate training for a second cohort of doctors at the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, Hanoi and completed the first stage of our respectful midwifery training needs analysis with Edinburgh Napier University with four hospitals.

Newborn Life Support (NLS) - Achievements 2023-24

NLS headline achievements at March 2024:

- **3 New Partnerships for delivery of NLS**
 - **428 health professionals from 40 provinces received training**
- **Launch of the NLS scholarship scheme at the British Consulate, HCMC**



NLS Training



NLS Training



Launch of the NLS Scholarship Scheme at the British Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City



Signing of Scholarship Agreement between Newborns Vietnam and Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy.



NLS Candidates receiving NLS Scholarships



NLS Candidates receiving CME Certificates

Strategy Goal 1: Neonatal post graduate training for junior doctors

Our UK neonatal consultants delivered our neonatal post graduate training programme for neonatal doctors working within the neonatal intensive care unit at National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, and Vietnam National Children's Hospital, both in Hanoi.

The course is adapted from the UK Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Level 1 curriculum. The course is taught by UK Tertiary Level NHS Neonatal Consultants. Nine doctors were enrolled, nine doctors completed the course.

The primary objective of following a competency-based curriculum is to translate theory into practice, thereby providing doctors with excellent clinical knowledge and skills which could be used in their everyday practice. The overall aim is to foster a good clinical approach to each baby, an ability to initiate appropriate care and to formulate individual management plans logically and safely.

The doctors on the course were assessed continuously using a variety of methods including case-based discussion (CBD), miniClinical Examination (miniCex) and direct observation of practical procedures (DOPS). All assessments were entered into each doctor's personal e-portfolio, which was a record of his/her training journey. The doctors were also expected to make personal entries into two sections of their e-portfolio including reflections on their practice, seeking best practice to manage a complex/rare problem following a literature search, learning points from formal educational sessions, and records of their practical skills. This could be considered as an introduction to future continuing professional development.

Over the course of the training programme there was clear evidence of progress and increasing confidence in the ward round presentations. The doctors were inquisitive and eager to learn with active engagement in discussions and respectful querying and challenging of decisions. English language understanding and confidence in spoken English improved throughout the 10-month training period.

Theoretical knowledge was good; however, developing a systematic approach took more time to evolve and will require ongoing consolidation and development as the second Level 1 course progresses.

The Quality Improvement Projects were a success and highlighted areas of practice to improve on, chosen by the doctors themselves.

Formal assessment of all the doctors was undertaken at completion of the Level 1 course. This comprised two written papers (testing the application of knowledge and skills in different clinical scenarios), the presentation of an audit or quality improvement project, an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), a Viva and an assessment of their e-portfolio - marked according to pre-set criteria. The overall pass mark was set at 60%.

All doctors passed the exam with very good marks, which were shared with the Director Board. The average mark for this cohort was 79%.

Level 1 Examination Results

Vietnam National Children's Hospital Candidates											
No.	Paper 1 (max 100)	Paper 2 (max 50)	QI Project (max 50)	e-Portfolio (max 50)	OSCE (max 30)	OSCE percent	Viva (max 20)	Viva %	Clinical percent (60% pass)	Total (max 300)	Total %
1	76.3	39.0	38.5	44.2	24.6	82	16.6	83	82	239	80
2	79.3	31.7	39.4	44.8	24.6	82	14.8	74	79	235	78

National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital Candidates											
No.	Paper 1 (max 100)	Paper 2 (max 50)	QI Project (max 50)	e-Portfolio (max 50)	OSCE (max 30)	OSCE percent	Viva (max 20)	Viva %	Clinical percent (60% pass)	Total (max 300)	Total %
1	85.0	36.2	38.6	40.8	25.9	86	12.5	63	77	239	80
2	80.3	37.6	33.3	46.0	24.6	82	12.0	60	73	234	78
3	93.3	34.0	35.6	44.5	27.9	93	18.8	94	93	254	85
4	85.7	36.4	40.1	39.3	29.3	98	16.8	84	92	248	83
5	81.7	36.0	39.3	41.8	26.5	88	18.3	91	90	244	81
6	82.3	33.7	32.5	30.0	25.7	86	12.0	60	75	216	72
7	82.7	39.2	31.1	40.8	23.8	79	12.0	60	72	230	77



Graduation Ceremony for Doctors receiving their Level 1 Certificates.

Strategy Goal 2: Empowering midwives

Midwives and clinical managers from Tu Du, Hung Vuong Hospitals, in Ho Chi Minh City, and Hanoi Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital and Dong Anh and Gia Lam General Hospitals in Hanoi, participated in a training needs analysis carried out by Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) during the period April – May 2023, and 200 women participated in the validation for Vietnam of the 10-item Birth Satisfaction Scale-Revised (BSS-R). The BSS-R is a quick and easy survey instrument recommended by the International Consortium for Health Outcome Measures as the tool of choice for measuring women's birth satisfaction.

A validated version of the Vietnamese-BSS-R was approved on 9 April 2024 and published as an open access validation paper the reference below:

MacVicar, S., Jordon, A., Vu, H., Tran, H.N., Greig, Y., Thi Tuyet Nguyen, H., Norris, G., Martin, C.R, Hollins Martin, C.J. (2024). Translation and validation of Vietnamese version of the Birth Satisfaction Scale-Revised (BSS-R). *Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology*. 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02646838.2024.2338176>

The training needs analysis assessed the continuous professional development (CPD) requirements of the four hospitals. Tu Du and Hung Vuong Hospitals midwifery workforce confirmed their commitment to engage with the development of a Respectful Maternal Care (RCM) continuous professional development (CPD) education programme in 2025. The training needs study paper was published in *Nurse Education Today* in May 2024.

Strategy Goal 3: National Newborn Life Support resuscitation programme

Since the Ministry of Health's Department of Science, Technology Training's approval of the European Resuscitation Council's Newborn Life Support (NLS) as the single programme for Vietnam to be taught by UK/EU instructors until Vietnam achieves a fully qualified faculty of instructors, we have made good progress in rolling out the NLS program nationwide.

Vietnam has made remarkable progress over the past 35 years in reducing maternal and infant mortality. However, despite these achievements, neonatal mortality and morbidity remains a persistent challenge in the health system.

Birth asphyxia remains the leading cause of death, brain damage, autism, ADHD, seizures, and cerebral palsy. For babies who do not breathe at birth, every second can mean the difference between life, death, or disability. For those who survive, 80% will face lifelong health challenges, placing enormous financial and emotional burdens on families, communities, and society. The adoption of a national standardised mandatory resuscitation programme has contributed significantly to reduction in neonatal mortality worldwide.

By bringing UK newborn resuscitation instructor to Vietnam to teach an internationally recognised newborn resuscitation course we are empowering health professionals with critical skills to save babies' lives. Our UK Newborn Life Support (NLS) instructors teach doctors, nurses, and midwives to master newborn resuscitation techniques using lifelike manikins and real-life scenarios. These hands-on simulations are not just lessons—they are lifesavers. Every trained professional will go on to save thousands of lives and, in turn, become future trainers, multiplying the impact across generations.

The timeline for an independent Vietnamese NLS faculty for four NLS course is late 2025. In 2023 identified a three new partners as potential European Resuscitation Council course centres and signed new partnership agreements with the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, Hanoi, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy and Tu Du Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City, together with Vietnam National Children's Hospital we delivered 12 NLS courses to 354 health professionals in 33 provinces and 15 fully trained as instructors, and a further 15 undergoing training as instructors.

To maximise participation of health professionals from the poorest provinces, Newborns Vietnam has established an NLS Scholarship Scheme to meet the cost of education materials, travel and accommodation. It was pleasing to see candidates from many central highland mountainous provinces participating in the March 2024 NLS course.

Strategy Goal 4: Neonatal network

The neonatal managed network set up to ensure that hospitals providing different types of neonatal care worked closely together, reduce unnecessary transfers and overcrowding at central hospitals. The lack of central hospital support and resources at the majority of the local hospitals the managed network as envisaged has had limited impact. All the hospitals have benefitted from the equipment we donated and from the NLS training. One of the hospitals is on course to achieve designation from Ministry of Health as a Centre of Excellence for breast feeding. The lack of a safe transport system remains a major factor in poor outcomes. The development of our simple low-cost baby transporter trolley system is progressing, and we expect to handover the first units in mid 2025.

Fundraising

This year presented significant challenges in raising the funds necessary to support our programs. These challenges arose amidst the introduction of a new regulatory framework for foreign NGOs and economic difficulties in certain sectors.

In response, we focused on fostering strong connections with our supporters, ensuring they understood the tangible impact their generosity has made. We strive to make every supporter feel valued, connected to our mission, and proud of the achievements their contributions have enabled.

Without the commitment and generosity of our many partners, none of this year's successes would have been possible. As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening existing partnerships while actively cultivating new ones. We will pursue innovative initiatives to enhance our visibility and secure the funding needed to advance our vital mission of saving newborn lives.



Newborns Vietnam runout at BIM Group Phu Quoc Ironman.

Next year: our targets for 2024-2025

In the year ahead there will be new challenges as we address the full impact to changes to the regulatory framework in Vietnam for foreign non-governmental organisations, develop our three year business plan and support the development of SSVN to work with us at a local level to carry our mission forward.

Our aim remains to achieve a self-sustaining Vietnamese faculty of Newborn Life Support (NLS) instructors for the north, south and centre of Vietnam by the end of 2025 and a Vietnamese Generic Instructor Course (GIC) faculty by 2026.

In partnership with SSVN will continue to roll out the NLS programme across the country, supporting the four Vietnamese ERC approved course centres to plan and lead the ongoing delivery of NLS training in Vietnam.

We will encourage and support our partner hospitals to develop their vision to deliver change with the goal of improving neonatal outcomes and to foster a culture for improvement. We will promote setting up of Perinatal teams - obstetricians, midwives, neonatologists and neonatal nurses, a multi-disciplinary "bottom-up" approach to quality improvement. Our teaching will focus on identifying the barriers to change to develop a realistic road map with clear goals.

Caring for sick babies is challenging for parents, families and healthcare teams in all countries. In Vietnam there can be many barriers which prevent parents from being with their baby. Parents are not visitors. Babies have the very best long-term developmental outcomes if their parents are able to be partners in delivering their baby's care on the neonatal unit. COVID adversely impact progress in this important area, we will redouble our efforts to encourage neonatal units to ensure that every mother and father have access to their sick baby.

We will use the next phase of respectful midwifery programme to deliver a programme to develop compassionate respectful care at birth.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Newborns Vietnam

Charity registration number

1144562

Company registration number

7787718

Legal Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Registered company office

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Dr Duncan Macrae

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Mr Tien Hoanh Nguyen

Mr Desmond Poon,

Mr Martin Reimann (resigned in 2024/25)

Ms Thi Khanh Dung Khu (resigned on 1 October 2023)

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Newborns Vietnam is registered as a charity with the UK's Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 26th September 2011 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 15th September 2011.

Newborns Vietnam is also licensed by the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM) of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO), to operate as an International Non-Governmental Organisation in Vietnam.

Management

Members of the company elect a voluntary Board of Trustees (whom are also known as Directors), to be responsible for the overall governance and direction of the charity. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to their suitability for the role, with the skills and experience to support our organisational growth, ensure good governance, transparency and provide highly specialist medical knowledge.

The Board currently has nine Trustees, including a Chairman and Treasurer. Typically, the full Board meets four times a year, with additional meetings held by specialist committees, currently comprising a Medical, Education and Finance, each of which is under the direction of two or more Trustees.

The day-to-day management of the charity's programmes are delegated to the Executive Director and are delivered in accordance with the approved delivery plan and annual budget.

Our vision and values

Our vision is a world where there are no preventable deaths of newborn infants, where every birth is celebrated, and mothers and babies survive and realise their full potential. We are determined to do more to stop babies from dying the day they are born, or in days after their birth.

We are determined advocates working to raise awareness of neonatal mortality and advancing solutions informed by research and our direct experience. Our work is guided and informed by our commitment to getting the basics of newborn care right for every baby.

As an organisation we have a single-minded vision, and we act on it every day with commitment and passion. We work as one determined and ambitious team to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

- **One focus.** We keep our beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do and it's essential that everyone at Newborns Vietnam has a beneficiary-oriented mindset.
- **Always looking to improve.** We continuously look for ways to do things better, both internally and for our beneficiaries.
- **Ambitious.** We're committed to achieving more on behalf of the parents of newborns born sick.
- **Step up.** We believe in doing what we say we do. We always rise to the occasion.
- **Openness.** we are committed to a culture of teamwork and collaboration
- **Inclusiveness** - we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Partnership** - we know that we will not advance neonatal care on our own, we collaborate with others and together we support our public health partners to bring about change.
- **Stewardship** - we take great care of the resources entrusted to us by others, whether this is money, time or trust, and we are open and transparent in our reporting.
- **Inspire** - through our work and our sports platform we inspire others to come together to help end preventable newborn deaths.

Thank You

We greatly appreciate and thank our strategic partners, UK medical and nursing volunteers, companies, athletes, and the thousands of individuals for supporting us through another challenging year! Each and every donation is making a difference to the life chances of newborns in Vietnam.

Alba Spa Hotel, Alchemy Asia, British Chamber of Commerce, Chops, BIM Group, British Embassy Hanoi, British Consulate HCM, Doan Ket International, Edrington, Empire City, Tony Foster, Gaw Capital, Grant Thornton, Greenhat, Harbour Energy, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Hong Ngoc Hospital, Kind Heart Foundation, KMS Solutions, KMS Technology, Maestoso, Melia VinPearl Hue, Craig Martin, Ms Jady, MTTs, NRE Group, Purple Asia, Regna, Renaissance School, Staff Exeter Neonatal Unit, Dominic Scriven, S Commerce, Sioux HighTech Software, Sunrise Events, Swire Long Lunch, Topas Travel, J Van Mars Foundation, VietBay, VNG Corporation, WINK Hotels, Zoomations and all the other companies and organisations who have supported us with finance and in-kind resources.

Ken Atkinson, Amy Bennett, Susan Blake, Anne Bulgar, Emma Carter, James Cherry, Fraser Christie, Warrick Cleine, Alex Crane, Lauren Crispin, Nam Dao Phuong, Tuyen Doan, Gaston Fernandez, Sara Forde, Tony Foster, Tram Le, Duncan Macrae, Leigh Martens, Victoria Martin, Huynh Nguyen, Gloria Pantling, Hayley Parnell, Jan Peat, Thomas Siese, Sam Snellgrove, Chloe Stephens, Khuong Su, Phuong Thy Lan, Maxine Valpy, Elfie Vietnam, Natasha Webb and all the anonymous supporters and donators.

Financial Review

After successfully emerging from the restrictions of COVID in 2022/23, the Charity's level of operations and finance in 2023/24 in some ways follow on from last year, however in other ways they have changed.

Firstly, the proportion of spend is similar, with two-thirds (65.3%) of spend being on training and development programmes (compared to 74.3% in 2022/23), and approaching a third (32.6%) of spend being on medical equipment and consumables (compared to 20.3% in 2022/23), the remainder being in fundraising activities (2.1% of spend compared to 5.4% in 2022/23).

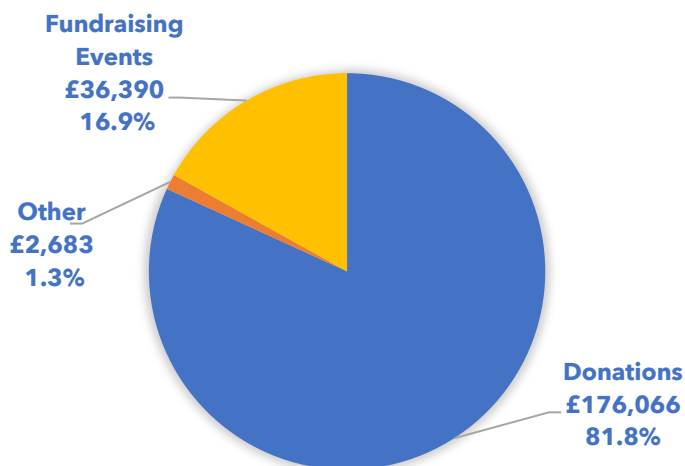
However, the overall level of spend has reduced by nearly 24% from £547k in 2022/23 to £418k in 2023/24. This is primarily due to the new local NGO, the Center for the Development of Maternal and Neonatal Care in Vietnam (SSVN) taking on responsibilities for programmes that previously were entirely managed by Newborns Vietnam.

As last year's Financial review anticipated, income has fallen in 2023/24, reducing from £547k in 2022/23 by 53% to £215k. This is primarily the result of the regulatory change in November 2022 under which local corporate sponsors are unable to donate to foreign NGOs operating in Vietnam.

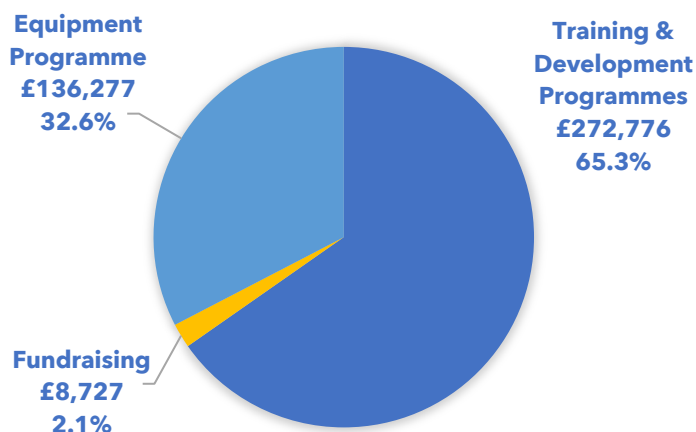
The annual deficit for 2023/24 is £203k (compared to £89k in 2022/23, meaning that the Newborns Vietnam has resources of £442k to commence the year 2024/25, so as in previous years, the charity is in a strong financial position to deliver its currently planned activities in the year ahead.

2024/25 will be an important year for the charity, as it moves towards completion of the activities set out in its 5 Year Business Plan (2020 -2024) and develops its plans for the future.

INCOME 2023 - 2024



EXPENDITURE 2023 - 2024



Reserve Policy

The charity's trustees have agreed that its reserve policy requires the retention of sufficient financial resources necessary to meet our legal obligations resulting from a closure of the organisation over a three-month period. The calculated sum includes; the gross cost of staff (if any) for two months and an allowance for redundancy, a set sum based on the general running costs budget for small contractual commitments, and reasonable allowances for the termination of any large (over £3,375 per annum) contracts that are held. The allowance is reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or upon the taking on of any new large contractual commitment.

Trustees' statement and responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Newborns Vietnam for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company [and the group] and of the income and expenditure of the charitable [company/group] for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company [and the group] and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

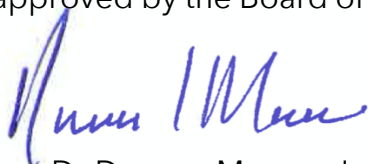
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Duncan Macrae, Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Newborns Vietnam

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newborns Vietnam (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as of 31 March 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
 - the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
 - certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
 - we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the

financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.

- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton

Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Goldwins Limited

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, London NW6 2EG

Date: 27 January 2025

Statement of financial activities

(incorporating income and expenditure account)

For the year-ended 31st March 2024

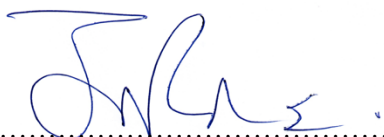
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
	Donations (Individual & Corporate)	124,740	51,326	176,066	382,948
	Other trading activities	5 36,390	-	36,390	75,689
	Investments (Bank interest)	2,683	-	2,683	1,534
	Total income	163,813	51,326	215,139	460,171
Expenditure on:					
	Raising funds	6 8,727	-	8,727	31,375
	Charitable activities	7 349,775	59,278	409,053	515,367
	Total expenditure	358,502	59,278	417,780	546,742
	Net (expenditure) before transfers	(194,689)	(7,952)	(202,641)	(86,571)
	Transfer between funds	(8,755)	8,755	-	-
	Other recognised gains / (losses)				
	Foreign Exchange gains / (losses)	3,087	-	3,087	(2,247)
	Net Movement in funds	(200,357)	803	(199,554)	(88,818)
	Balance brought forward	591,858	49,628	641,486	730,304
	Total funds carried forward	13 391,501	50,431	441,932	641,486

Balance sheet at 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Current assets					
	Stocks 10	2,500	-	2,500	3,924
	Debtors and prepayments 11	172	-	172	7,546
	Cash at bank and in hand	395,809	50,431	446,240	683,908
		<hr/> 398,481	50,431	448,912	695,378
Creditors					
	Amounts falling due in one year 12	(6,980)	-	(6,980)	(53,892)
		<hr/> 391,501	50,431	441,932	641,486
Net current assets					
Funds					
					13
	Unrestricted funds			391,501	591,858
	Restricted Funds			50,431	49,628
				<hr/> 441,932	641,486
Total funds				<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved by the trustees on 27th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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John Nicholas Robinson - Trustee
Company registration no. 07787718

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.
- b) Going concern. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for absolute and slow-moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in these notes to the financial statements.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022/23 £
Incoming from:			
Donations (Individual & Corporate)	271,118	111,830	382,948
Activities for generating funds	75,689	-	75,689
Investments (Bank interest)	1,534	-	1,534
Total income	348,341	111,830	460,171
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	31,375	-	31,375
Charitable activities	373,986	141,381	515,367
Total expenditure	405,361	141,381	546,742
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers	(57,020)	(29,551)	(86,571)
Other recognised gains /(losses)			
Foreign Exchange gains /(losses)	(2,247)	-	(2,247)
Transfer between funds	(44,419)	44,419	-
Net movement in funds	(103,686)	14,868	(88,818)
Balance brought forward	695,544	34,760	730,304
Total funds carried forward	591,858	49,628	641,486

3 Exchange Rates

Exchange rate of Vietnam Dong to Pounds Sterling are those quoted as the transfer rate by the Vietcombank (Joint Stock Commercial Bank of Vietnam) for the day given at the bank headquarters.

4 Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ending 31st March 2024. There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st March 2024, other than those noted in the related parties note 15.

5 Other trading activities

	2023-24 £	2022-23 £
Fundraising events	36,390	75,689

6	Cost of generating voluntary income	2023-24	2022-23
		£	£
	Fundraising activities	5,428	15,906
	Add Governance costs	3,299	15,469
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		8,727	31,375
7	Charitable activities	2023-24	2022-23
		£	£
	Medical staff training	207,279	302,985
	Medical equipment & consumables	108,402	93,730
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		315,681	396,715
	Add Governance costs	93,372	118,652
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		409,053	515,367
8	Governance costs	2023-24	2022-23
		£	£
	Bank charges	390	763
	Operational costs	92,381	130,058
	Audit fees	3,900	3,300
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		96,671	134,121
	Less: Allocated to fundraising activities	(3,299)	(15,469)
	Less: Allocated to charitable activities	(93,372)	(118,652)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	-
9	Analysis of staff cost	2023-24	2022-23
	(Programme and Finance Staff)	£	£
	Wages	63,598	100,030
	On-costs	8,747	1,860
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		72,345	101,890

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year of more than £60,000 (2023: none).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was six (2023: six) At the end of the year, there were four employees.

10	Stock	2023-24	2022-23
		£	£
	Finished goods	2,500	3,924

11 Debtors	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Donations receivable	172	7,546
	<u>172</u>	<u>7,546</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Training, equipment and operation creditors	6,980	53,796
Other creditors	-	96
	<u>6,980</u>	<u>53,892</u>

13 Movement in funds in 2023-2024

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	591,858	(191,602)	(8,755)	391,501
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	34,478	3,362	-	37,840
- Network safe transport system	10,916	(19,671)	8,755	-
- Network medical equipment	4,234	-	-	4,234
- NLS training scholarships	-	8,357	-	8,357
Sub-Total	49,628	(7,952)	8,755	50,431
Total Funds	641,486	(199,554)	-	441,932

Net movement of funds in 2023-2024

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	163,813	358,502	3,087	(191,602)
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	36,676	33,314	-	3,362
- Network Safe Transport System	-	19,671	-	(19,671)
- Network Medical Equipment	-	-	-	-
- NLS training	14,650	6,293	-	8,357
Sub-Total	51,326	59,278	-	(7,952)
Total Funds	215,139	417,780	3,087	(199,554)

Movement in funds in 2022-2023

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	695,544	(59,267)	(44,419)	591,858
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	-	34,478	-	34,478
- Network Safe Transport System	18,483	(7,567)	-	10,916
- Network Medical Equipment	16,277	(12,043)	-	4,234
- NLS Training	-	(44,419)	44,419	-
Sub-Total	34,760	(29,551)	44,419	49,628
Total funds	730,304	(88,818)	-	641,486

Net movement of funds in 2022-2023

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	348,341	(405,361)	(2,247)	(59,267)
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	34,478	-	-	34,478
- Network safe transport system	-	(7,567)	-	(7,567)
- Network medical equipment	16,643	(28,686)	-	(12,043)
- NLS training	60,709	(105,128)	-	(44,419)
Sub-Total	111,830	(141,381)	-	(29,551)
Total funds	460,171	(546,742)	(2,247)	(88,818)

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 01 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	683,908	(237,668)	446,240
Total cash and cash equivalents	683,908	(237,668)	446,240

	At 01 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	722,475	(38,567)	683,908
Total cash and cash equivalents	722,745	(38,567)	683,908

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to disclose for the year.

NEWBORNS VIETNAM

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

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Chairman's statement and annual review

Dr Duncan Macrae Chairman the Board of Trustees

The post COVID landscape brought with it new challenges in the health sector. Following the re-opening of Vietnam, we worked quickly to resume safe face-to-face teaching to complete training courses commenced in 2019.

At the heart of our work to support the Ministry of Health achieve its goals set out in the National Action Plan for Children 2021-2030 to decrease the infant mortality rate from around 15 per 1,000 live births to under 9.5 per 1000 by 2025 and under 9 per 1000 by 2030 is the strategy that I set for our work in Vietnam in 2011, of getting the basics right for every baby, with simple effective and affordable care. Today our core mantra is enshrined in the World Health Organisation's Early Essential Newborn Care and is embedded in all our teaching.

I am proud of our partnerships with our many public sector partners, and believe that together we can overcome the barriers to change that are evident in many middle-income countries as they scale up delivery of evidence-based neonatal intensive care. The primary challenge to the provision of quality neonatal care in Vietnam are high patient to staff ratios. This persistent challenge places undue pressure on clinical and nursing teams potentially leading to compromised care. Our work over the years has shown that specialist competency based neonatal training (theory and clinical) for both nurses and doctors is key to improving survival but is also critical to achieving survival without long-term disability.

The adoption of the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) Newborn Life Support (NLS) course as the single newborn resuscitation programme for Vietnam is a very positive step to ensure that all delivery room health professionals have the skills to correctly resuscitate newborn babies. This year we have made great progress in embedding NLS in twenty nine provinces in north Vietnam.

I am filled with admiration for the dedication and commitment of our UK neonatal consultants and nurse educators, many have taught every year in Vietnam since the first neonatal postgraduate course in Da Nang in 2015. They show exceptional dedication to sharing UK knowledge and expertise. When I hear first-hand or read the feedback from Vietnamese doctors and nurses participating in our training programmes their words make me determined to find new ways to end preventable newborn deaths and minimise survivor disability in Vietnam.

We clearly have major challenges ahead. New legislation for INGOs in Vietnam is already impacting how we operate our medical education programmes. As we develop our latest 5 year plan, we are determined to address these new challenges and look forward to a future supporting the delivery of relevant and effective neonatal programmes.

Dr Duncan Macrae - Chairman

Executive Director's statement

It has been another extraordinary year, after almost two years of online teaching, in April 2022 Vietnam fully reopened and we welcomed back our UK neonatal postgraduate teaching team and the Newborn Life Support faculty. We emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic with new ways of working, we will continue to provide learning through a mix of in-person and online activities. This approach allows us to better engage with the remote provincial hospitals in areas where mortality remains high.

The pandemic continued to cast a dark shadow over neonatal care, in particular as restrictions for access to neonatal units for both parents and wider family continued to affect the care experiences of babies and their families. The limited but hard-won access to the neonatal intensive care unit we achieved at some central hospitals pre COVID was not reinstated. It therefore remained a significant focus for us during the course of this year to achieve a return to access for parents to babies and to break down the barriers through continuing education to enable family centred care. The shining light is the continued introduction of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) in more and more hospitals and a steady increase in breastfeeding.

We also built on the light shone by the pandemic on the importance of hand hygiene, with excellent hand hygiene quality improvement projects, showing a sustained improvement in the rate of handwashing that can be achieved by retraining staff, simple messages and regular audits.

We have been very pleased to make strong progress this year with our flagship project the Newborn Life Support (NLS) resuscitation programme. We are close to achieving our first objective of a self-sustaining faculty of Vietnamese, NLS instructors for north Vietnam, who can train without overseas support with more than 335 health professionals trained in 29 northern provinces.

And in February 2023 we celebrated the completion of our UK neonatal postgraduate training programme at two central Vietnam hospitals. The excellent examination results were a testament to the commitment of the Vietnamese doctors who balanced a heavy workload and studying in English. The graduation ceremony was the highlight of the year with Her Majesty's Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr Iain Frew presenting the certificates and encouraging the recipients to continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

We are grateful for the continued support of so many individuals and organisations this year, who have helped us to deliver a stable financial performance in what has remained an extremely challenging external environment. In particular, we would like to pay special tribute to Newborns Vietnam's, medical and nursing volunteers, who have gone above and beyond all year in their commitment to building the capacity of doctors, nurses and midwives in Vietnam; to improve neonatal care, overcome barriers to changing their practice to give every baby the best chance of survival and a healthy life.

Suzanna Lubran MBE - Executive Director

Realising the promise of a life, love, family and achievement for every baby



This report details our progress against our goals, it is a review of our journey, achievements and challenges over the past year.

We hope the report inspires many more people to support our mission for Vietnam - to end preventable newborn deaths.

About Newborns Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam is dedicated to reducing neonatal mortality and promoting the health of newborns and their mothers in countries with high levels of neonatal mortality, particularly in southeast Asia but focused on Vietnam.

We are a very focused enterprise that supports the Vietnam's government's healthcare agencies to make fundamental improvements to the country's maternal and neonatal care systems. We work not just through advocacy, but by active, practical partnerships that deliver measurable results and engender their adoption at a national level, maximising the benefit to society. We empower and support health professionals to lead system change adapting British models of training and care systems to the Vietnam context.

We partner with international experts in neonatal intensive care and resuscitation at birth to support the Vietnamese Ministry of Health to achieve the goals set out in the National Action Plan for Children to decrease the infant mortality rate from around 15 per 1,000 live births to under 9.5 per 1000 by 2025 and under 9 per 1000 by 2030.

Our Newborn Life Support (NLS) programme directly supports achieving a reduction in newborn mortality. The course provides detailed knowledge and practical instruction in the initial resuscitation of babies at birth. It is designed for all health workers, regardless of their discipline or status, who may be called upon to resuscitate a newborn baby. In 2022 we made great progress towards developing a faculty of Vietnamese NLS trained instructors for the north of Vietnam.

We believe that the most effective way of achieving saving newborn lives starts with getting the basics right for every mother and baby. Simple solutions; skin to skin care at birth, early breastfeeding, no unnecessary separation of mother and baby, effective hand hygiene. We work collaboratively with our public health partners, providing a nurturing learning environment to build capacity and knowledge to support excellence in the delivery of basic services for mothers and babies and specialist neonatal intensive care.

While essential newborn care benefits small and sick newborns, adding special and adequately resourced intensive care units for very sick babies would reduce neonatal mortality by almost 50%. It would also promote healthy child development and foster economic productivity. Cost-effective solutions exist for the main causes of neonatal death and disability. This includes newborn infants with complications from prematurity, intrapartum brain injury, severe bacterial infection or pathological jaundice, and those with congenital conditions. Substantial human potential for lifelong health and well-being is lost through neonatal mortality, disability and long-term disease. Furthermore, family members of small and sick newborns are at high risk of long-term psychological and financial problems. These, in turn, can have additional detrimental effects on a newborn's developmental, social and cognitive growth.

We work to ensure that all babies born too soon, too small and too sick and their families have the best possible chance of survival and of reaching their full potential.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

In accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 contains a legal requirement that all charities' aims are for the public benefit. The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit.

- There must be an identifiable benefit.
- Benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Regular evaluation of outcome data for babies undergoing intensive care demonstrates the clear and positive benefit our programmes have for thousands of babies, their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them. This is particularly through: the provision of UK specialist neonatal training and our world recognised newborn resuscitation programme, quality improvement projects and audits leading to improvement of practice in neonatal units, highlighting the challenges for neonatal care and solutions to address these through supportive advocacy for the adoption of simple but effective solutions to improve care at birth and the hours thereafter.

The aims of our charity are; to advocate for increased policy attention and global funding, develop interventions to reduce neonatal mortality and specifically neonatal nursing and clinical training programmes that are suitable for the local context which can be replicated across Vietnam and in south-east Asia, the provision of life-saving neonatal equipment, and, in partnership with public health providers, to support the development of managed neonatal networks with national and regional centres of excellence, to cascade skills and knowledge to medical staff working in the poorest areas and for those with the least access to medical services.

Implementing our strategy to end preventable newborn deaths

Our 2020-2024 business plan set out an ambitious vision to deliver direct tangible outcomes for premature and sick babies and their families. The strategy is drawn from eleven years of work in Vietnam, our first-hand experience of the limitations of a highly theoretical education system, the lack of an organisational framework for the designation of care in the lower level hospitals, low staffing levels, poorly maintained equipment, no safe transport service and no mandatory national resuscitation training.

The strategy set our aims to achieve the three most important factors identified in the business plan that could improve neonatal care outcomes in Vietnam:

- 1) the implementation of standardised post-graduate training for neonatal doctors and nurses including work-based competency assessment, through the establishment of a revised national curriculum,
- 2) the implementation of standardised resuscitation training and certification through the establishment of a National Resuscitation Organisation for Vietnam, and moved to more specialised neonatal units if necessary.
- 3) the establishment of managed neonatal networks, with standard guidelines, an appropriate level of training to get the basics right for every baby including Early Essential Newborn Care and the provision of a safe transport system. This would ensure that babies receive the care they need wherever they are born and can be promptly and safely

This is the third year of our current strategy period, and although we have made progress in delivering our mission, it has been impacted and limited by the many challenges of the post COVID period, the economic downturn, exhausted health professionals overstretched during the pandemic, and many changes in the regulatory framework for INGOs.

This year we have more closely aligned our strategy to the National Action Plan for Children with intervention packages, practices that have been proven effective in middle income countries. Our focus is narrowing the gap between the major Cities and provinces central to improving outcomes at birth is implementing nationwide the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) Newborn Life Support (NLS) course. Adoption of a national standardised mandatory resuscitation programme has contributed significantly to reduction in neonatal mortality.

The pilot Hanoi neonatal managed network is in its third year of operation, progress slowed during COVID and momentum has not been regained, the major barrier to change is the difficulty of large maternity hospitals in introducing and sustaining Early Essential Newborn Care. We are moving forward with a plan to support two of the six general and district hospitals to achieve designation as Ministry of Health Centres of Breastfeeding Excellence.

During the COVID period work on a new national paediatric curriculum was not a priority, this initiative will continue to move forward but very slowly. The UK/Vietnam Education Partnership is supporting the development of a national examination for licensing doctors to practice medicine and a draft Law 2023 Medical Examination and Treatment will come into force in early 2024.

Impact in the year - what we did

In 2022 we established a firm foundation to scale up the Newborn Life Support (NLS), and opened a two year UK Level neonatal post graduate programme at the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, Hanoi. Our nurse education partnership with Edinburgh Napier University continues to go from strength to strength as we witness changes in practice that support improved outcomes for babies.



Nurse Mai Thanh Hai:

“At this course, I’ve learned many useful things. I understand what babies have been gone through at NICU, I can understand how our daily treatment actions, all the noises, stress, pains, can affect their brain and neurodevelopment and movements, it changes my awareness and actions. I can also transfer positive energy to my colleagues. I also understand the importance of family integrated care which I used to think it is so annoying”



Doctor Nguyễn Thị Vân:

"I feel very deeply impressed because I only took training for general paediatrics before, so this is my first time I am being trained as a neonatologist. The course helps me so much to improve my clinical practice to enable me to have more confidence in managing difficult or serious cases."

Saving Babies Lives - Achievements 2022-23

NLS headline achievements by March 2023:

- 335 health professionals trained in 29 northern provinces
- 26 Instructor candidates



Learning to Practice



Elizabeth Schonewald, UK Nurse and NLS Instructor:

As a nurse and Newborn Life Support Instructor it is always wonderful to see the progress that candidates make on a course they have attended. Your hope is that the knowledge and skills shared, enthuses the candidates to take that learning into their own practice, cascading the knowledge throughout their own teams. This has clearly been the case with one nurse I met and helped to teach in June 2022.

After the course I received a message from her,



telling me that the knowledge and skills learnt on an NLS course, had been used in a real-life situation. Finding herself in attendance to a collapsed baby, she assessed the situation and quickly recognised that the rest of the team present, including the doctor, lacked the resuscitation skills necessary to provide help. She took control of the situation and used the resuscitation techniques that she had learnt, very effectively and the baby responded.

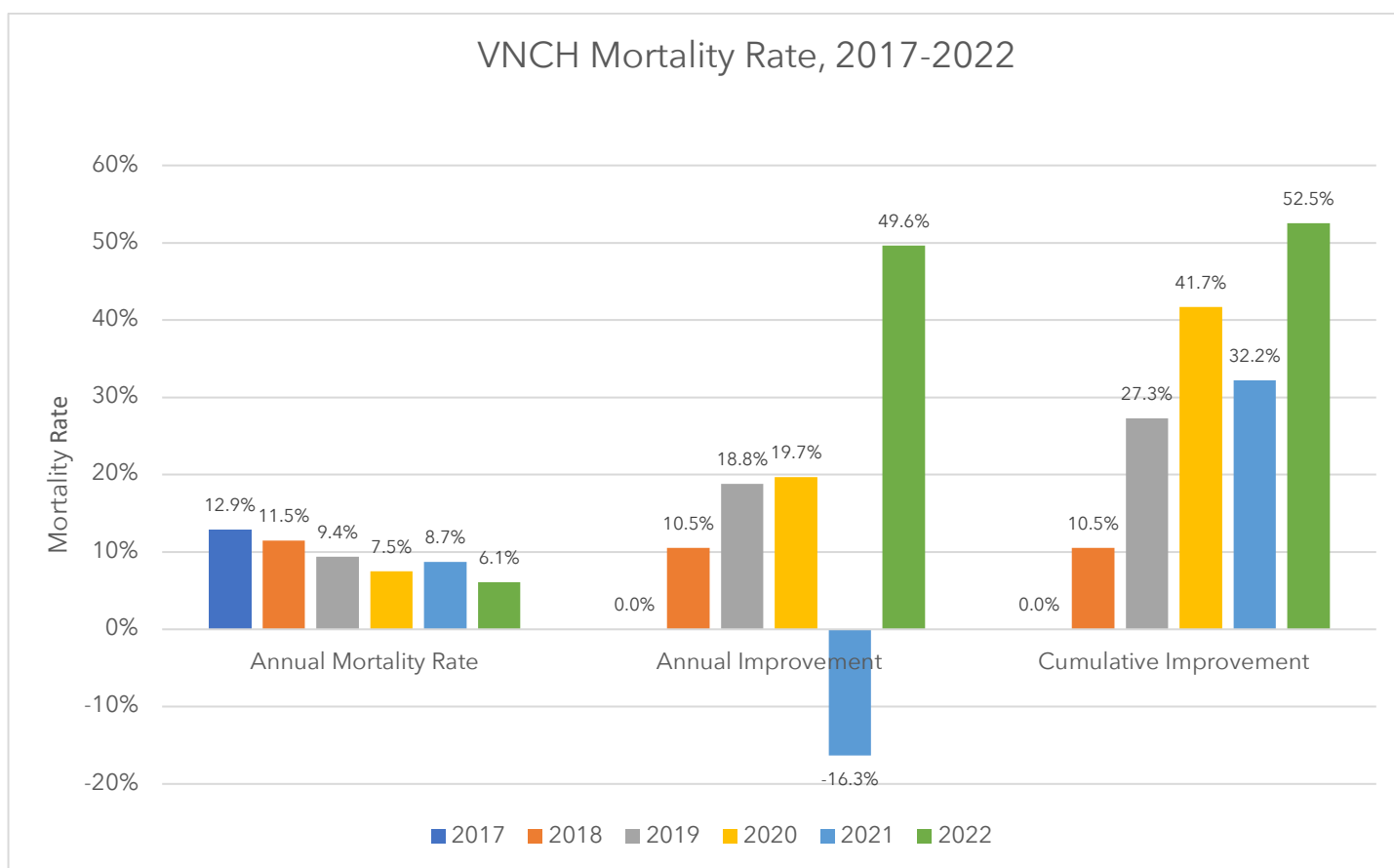
I am proud that the nurse had the knowledge and skills but more importantly the confidence to respond and lead the staff present to help the baby's recovery. Nurse Yen feels thankful to have had the opportunity to learn the resuscitation skills, and to have been able to apply those skills with a baby. She shared the knowledge that she had gained, with the team present, they listened to her leading to a positive outcome in this situation.



Overarching Goal: reducing neonatal mortality

The Vietnam National Children’s Hospital in Hanoi is the highest level of neonatal unit in the country. Newborns Vietnam commenced working with the hospital in 2017, providing Neonatal Doctor, and Neonatal Nurse training. In 2022 with an annual neonatal mortality rate of 6.1%, the Vietnam National Children’s Hospital recovered from the reversal in 2021 when during the COVID pandemic only the sickest babies were admitted, which increased the mortality rate to 8.7% compared to 7.5% for the previous year, 2020.

Overall, following the completion of Newborns Vietnam programme of support for the hospital for six years from 2017 to 2022, the annual neonatal mortality rate at the Vietnam National Children’s Hospital has more than halved, having reduced from 12.9% to 6.1%, a total reduction in the mortality rate of 52.5%.



Strategy Goal 1: Neonatal post graduate training for junior doctors and nurses

Our UK neonatal consultants and nurse educators from Edinburgh Napier University delivered over 3,000 hours of face to face training for neonatal doctors and nurses from two central Hanoi and nurses at Ho Chi Minh City's largest maternity hospital.

Nurse Training; with the aim of sustainability, senior neonatal nurses who had undergone previous training by our partner Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) at the Vietnam National Children's Hospital (VNCH) neonatal unit were invited to deliver specific education topics to the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital (Hanoi) student cohort. The nurses from VNCH were supported by ENU staff to develop and present their teaching topic. This innovation was well received and also allowed for networking and exchange of ideas and discussion of practice between the two hospitals. Course materials in Vietnamese were available in advance, to all students in Vietnamese, on a virtual learning environment - Moodle, a platform students had unlimited access to, via desktop or a mobile device.

The programme assessment strategy was specifically designed as integrated throughout the programme, Weekly tests of learning in the form of formative individual multiple-choice test were undertaken, culminating in a final summative assessment. Throughout the training, students also participated in group work, case-based discussion and low fidelity simulation. The final assessment comprised of a multiple-choice exam, an OSCE/minicex/case-based assessment and the development and presentation of a group quality improvement project (QI project) and poster presentation.

The participants were

- 23 nurses from Phu san Hanoi
- 16 nurses from Tu Du, HCM
- 16 nurses from National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital (Hanoi)

All achieved above 80% marks and were awarded an ENU certificate of course completion.

The nurses expressed their pride and gratitude for the access to the UK international training programme, and for being taught that simple solutions and minor actions that they haven't thought of before impact on the baby's development.

These are few comments from nurses about the course:

“The class helped me learn more knowledge about newborn babies, especially those with respiratory distress syndrome and how to better care for and monitor premature babies. It brings a fun and vibrant learning atmosphere with open-ended questions so that I can absorb the lesson faster”.

“I feel very honored and lucky to have an opportunity to attend this Neonatal Nursing class. Thank you very much Ms. Anne Moylan, Edinburgh Napier University and Newborns Vietnam”.



Doctor Training: The Level Neonatal Postgraduate Course is adapted from the UK Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Level 1 curriculum. The course was completed at two hospitals in Hanoi, following a long period of online teaching during COVID. The course is taught by UK Tertiary Level NHS Neonatal Consultants. 21 doctors were enrolled, 20 doctors completed the course.

The primary objective of following a competency-based curriculum is to translate theory into practice, thereby providing doctors with excellent clinical knowledge and skills which could be used in their everyday practice. The Level 1 neonatal curriculum is divided into 17 sections, (respiratory, birth depression, cardiovascular etc.), each section containing many competencies.

The overall aim is to foster a good clinical approach to each baby, an ability to initiate appropriate care and to formulate individual management plans logically and safely.

The doctors on the course were assessed continuously using a variety of methods including case-based discussion (CBD), miniClinical Examination (miniCex) and direct observation of practical procedures (DOPS).

All assessments were entered into each doctor's personal e-portfolio, which was a record of his/her training journey. The doctors were also expected to make personal entries into two sections of their e-portfolio including reflections on their practice, seeking best practice to manage a complex/rare problem following a literature search, learning points from formal educational sessions, and records of their practical skills. This could be considered as an introduction to future continuing professional development.

The final assessment consisted of two written papers (testing the application of knowledge and skills in different clinical scenarios), presentation of a quality improvement project, objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), A viva, an assessment of each doctor's e-portfolio all marked according to pre-set criteria. The overall pass mark was 60%. It was very pleasing that there was an average overall increase in attainment from the 2018 pre-course assessment at the two hospitals from **46% to 76%**.

Level 1 Examination Results

Phu San Hanoi Hospital Candidates										
No.	Paper 1 (max 100)	Paper 2 (max 50)	QI Project (max 50)	e-Portfolio (max 50)	OSCE (max 30)	Viva (max 20)	Viva %	Clinical % (60% pass)	Total (max 300)	Total %
1	75.7	39.7	38.2	42.2	23.50	17.00	85	81.0	236.2	78.7
2	68.7	37.7	37.1	41.0	24.25	13.25	66	75.0	221.9	74.0
3	76.0	44.3	39.3	44.8	21.50	13.00	65	69.0	239.0	79.7
4	85.7	42.2	38.9	44.2	25.50	18.75	94	88.5	255.1	85.0
5	73.7	37.8	40.1	46.5	25.75	15.25	76	82.0	239.1	79.7
6	70.3	39.2	38.5	43.2	26.50	12.00	60	77.0	229.7	76.6
7	77.0	36.2	35.5	41.8	27.75	16.75	84	89.0	235.0	78.3
8	70.0	38.5	39.0	43.2	23.00	12.00	60	70.0	225.6	75.2
9	73.7	42.0	40.5	45.2	28.50	12.00	60	81.0	241.8	80.6
10	70.0	39.3	37.4	44.3	27.00	14.75	74	83.5	232.8	77.6
11	76.0	34.2	36.6	42.0	26.00	11.75	59	75.5	226.5	75.5

St. Paul Hospital Candidates										
No.	Paper 1 (max 100)	Paper 2 (max 50)	QI Project (max 50)	e-Portfolio (max 50)	OSCE (max 30)	Viva (max 20)	Viva percent	Clinical % (60% pass)	Total (max 300)	Total%
1	65.3	35.3	40.0	37.5	18.00	15.25	76	66.5	211.4	70.5
2	86.7	44.2	36.5	43.7	27.00	15.5	78	85.0	253.5	84.5
3	78.3	35.5	40.8	43.7	25.75	14.75	74	81.0	238.8	79.6
4	72.0	35.2	32.8	33.2	27.50	16.5	83	88.0	217.1	72.4
5	69.7	33.5	40.0	46.2	27.00	14.25	71	82.5	230.6	76.9
6	75.0	33.3	37.3	38.8	22.50	13.5	68	72.0	220.4	73.5



A new Level 1 course commenced at the National Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital, Hanoi in January 2023 for 9 neonatal doctors from with experience range from one year to twenty years. The course leaders were Dr Julian Eason and Dr David Schapira. All participants were issued with our Level 1 Handbook and the course textbook, the 4th Edition of Neonatology at a Glance.

Strategy Goal 2: National Newborn Life Support Resuscitation Programme

In May 2022 the Ministry of Health's Department of Science, Technology Training's appraisal council approved the European Resuscitation Council's Newborn Life Support (NLS) as the single programme for Vietnam to be taught by UK/EU instructors until Vietnam achieves a fully qualified faculty of instructors, and thereby can form its own national resuscitation council.

As the coordinator of the international training provision from the UK, it is Newborns Vietnam's (NBV) task in partnership with Vietnam National Children's Hospital (VNCH) to support the development of a full trained faculty of Vietnamese instructors for northern Vietnam with the necessary internationally recognised qualifications and experience to be able to train without needing training support from overseas, and so be a self - sustaining operation that ensures all Vietnamese delivery room staff have the skills to save babies lives.

Headline achievements March 2022- March 2023

- 335 health professionals trained in 29 northern provinces
- 26 Instructor candidates
- 18 Full NLS instructors awarded a European Resuscitation Council Certification
- 8 Province Hospitals all delivery room staff participated in UK supervised practice simulation

Strategy Goal 3: Neonatal Network

The initial support for a managed neonatal network has not been maintained. During COVID no progress was made other than the highly successful development and launch of the first Human Milk Bank in Hanoi.

Post COVID, momentum and interest was lost from the two central hospitals in implementing the referral and transfer plan from lower level hospitals.

Of the six lower-level hospitals who signed up to the managed network and to achieve Ministry of Health designation as breastfeeding centres of excellence (CoE) after intensive support and training, only two have made the necessary commitment and progress. The estimated timescale for their achievement of CoE designation is December 2024.

The lack of a safe transport system remains a major factor in poor outcomes. The development of our simple low-cost baby transporter trolley system is progressing, and we expect to handover the first units in 2024.

Fundraising

One of our strategic aims is to grow our partnerships with individuals, businesses and organisations, in 2022 this was realised by continued sponsorship from Edrington and Harbour Energy our long-term partner and new partnerships with VNG Corporation and BIM Group. With these resources we drove forward the Newborn Life Support (NLS), Level 1 postgraduate training, nurse training and the provision of lifesaving equipment for Hanoi city and northern provincial hospitals.

We continued to benefit from sports events throughout the year, the Empire City swim gala was a fantastic community event with six teams, swimming nearly 175 km. We welcomed AVASport 2022 Swim Gala, the winning team, to a roar of applause, huge joy as their captain held the trophy on high. Empire City, GawNP Capital, VNG Embracing Challenges, Nutifood, AVASport and Seedcom teams were all smiles as they received their medals, and were proud to be raising funds for Newborns Vietnam.

The VNG, Da Nang Ironman 70.3 was another triumphant for community involvement, more than 300 runners joined the Newborns RUN, to raise awareness of our important message 'Every Baby Matters'.

Newborns is proud and grateful to be a beneficiary charity of the Vietnam Mountain Marathon and Vietnam Trail Marathon, the country's most famous trail runs. This funding supports our work with hospitals in two remote and poor provinces where newborn mortality is high with training and lifesaving equipment. This year the 100-mile challenge was very tough but our Newborns heroes made it to the finish line. It is always humbling to see runners push themselves to the limits of their endurance to raise awareness and funds to give the gift of life to more families.

We worked hard to ensure that our supporters who gave so generously understood what they had helped make possible. Making every supporter feel valued, allied to our work and proud of what we have achieved together. Without our many generous partners, we would not have achieved all we have this year. Looking to the year ahead it is not clear what the impact of new legislation introduced in late 2022 will have on Newborns Vietnam's capacity to deliver our programmes.



Next year: our targets for 2023-2024

In the year ahead there will be new challenges as we address the impact to changes to the regulatory framework in Vietnam for foreign non-governmental organisations, review our achievements against our business plan targets and consider the options to ensure the sustainability of embedding neonatology as a recognised subspecialty within the Vietnamese medical education system. We will remain steadfast in our mission to reduce neonatal mortality.

Our aim remains to achieve by 2025 a self-sustaining Vietnamese faculty of Newborn Life Support (NLS) instructors for the north, south and centre of Vietnam and a Generic Instructor Course (GIC) faculty by 2026.

From mid-2023 we will roll out the NLS programme across the country, confirming new collaborations with public-sector partners in Ho Chi Minh City and Hue and seek a European Resuscitation Council (ERC) assessment for three new NLS course centres.

We will encourage and support our partner hospitals to develop their vision to deliver change with the goal of improving neonatal outcomes and to foster a culture for improvement. We will promote setting up of Perinatal teams - obstetricians, midwives, neonatologists and neonatal nurses, a multi-disciplinary "bottom-up" approach to quality improvement. Our teaching will focus on identifying the barriers to change to develop a realistic road map with clear goals.

A neonatal experience is always extremely difficult, and often traumatic. In Vietnam there can be many barriers which prevent parents from being with their baby. Parents are not visitors. Babies have the very best long-term developmental outcomes if their parents are able to be partners in delivering their baby's care on the neonatal unit. COVID adversely impact progress in this important area, we will redouble our efforts to give every mother and father access to their sick baby.

We will use the midwifery training needs analysis report completed this year to plan a training programme to develop compassionate respectful care at birth.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Newborns Vietnam

Charity registration number

1144562

Company registration number

7787718

Legal Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

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Mrs Suzanna Lubran MBE (Executive Director)

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Newborns Vietnam is registered as a charity with the UK's Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 26th September 2011 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 15th September 2011.

Newborns Vietnam is also licensed by the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM) of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO), to operate as an International Non-Governmental Organisation in Vietnam.

Management

Members of the company elect a voluntary Board of Trustees (whom are also known as Directors), to be responsible for the overall governance and direction of the charity. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to their suitability for the role, with the skills and experience to support our organisational growth, ensure good governance, transparency and provide highly specialist medical knowledge.

The Board currently has nine Trustees, including a Chairman and Treasurer. Typically, the full Board meets four times a year, with additional meetings held by specialist committees, currently comprising a Medical, Education and Finance, each of which is under the direction of two or more Trustees.

The day-to-day management of the charity's programmes are delegated to the Executive Director and are delivered in accordance with the approved delivery plan and annual budget.

Our vision and values

Our vision is a world where there are no preventable deaths of newborn infants, where every birth is celebrated, and mothers and babies survive and realise their full potential. We are determined to do more to stop babies from dying the day they are born, or in days after their birth.

We are determined advocates working to raise awareness of neonatal mortality and advancing solutions informed by research and our direct experience. Our work is guided and informed by our commitment to getting the basics of newborn care right for every baby.

As an organisation we have a single-minded vision, and we act on it every day with commitment and passion. We work as one determined and ambitious team to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

- **One focus.** We keep our beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do and it's essential that everyone at Newborns Vietnam has a beneficiary-oriented mindset.
- **Always looking to improve.** We continuously look for ways to do things better, both internally and for our beneficiaries.
- **Ambitious.** We're committed to achieving more on behalf of the parents of newborns born sick.
- **Step up.** We believe in doing what we say we do. We always rise to the occasion.
- **Openness.** we are committed to a culture of teamwork and collaboration
- **Inclusiveness** - we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Partnership** - we know that we will not advance neonatal care on our own, we collaborate with others and together we support our public health partners to bring about change.
- **Stewardship** - we take great care of the resources entrusted to us by others, whether this is money, time or trust, and we are open and transparent in our reporting.
- **Inspire** - through our work and our sports platform we inspire others to come together to help end preventable newborn deaths.

Thank You

We greatly appreciate and thank our strategic partners, UK medical and nursing volunteers, companies, athletes, and the thousands of individuals for supporting us through another challenging year! Each and every donation is making a difference to the life chances of newborns in Vietnam.

ABC International School, ACSV Legal, Alchemy Asia, American International Hospital, Ava Sport, Bu Baby, Chops, Chim Sao Runners, BIM Group, Bonchon Vietnam, British Embassy Hanoi, Bull and Mo Team, 365 Begin, Doan Ket International, Empire City, Gaw Capital, Grant Thornton, Greenhat, Harbour Energy, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Hong Ngoc Hospital, International Minh Viet JSC, John Swire (H.K) Ltd, Vietnam Representative Office, KMS Solutions. KMS Technology, Minh Long, MTTs, Nat by Nature, NutiFood Vietnam, NRE Group, Play Nutrition, Pocari Sweat, Purple Asia, Renaissance School, ICUC, Staff Exeter Neonatal Unit, Savills Vietnam, S Commerce, Seedcom, Sunrise Events, Swire Long Lunch, Topas Travel, Unavailable, VNG Corporation, Wardhaven Capital,

Minh Anh, Ken Atkinson, Sue Blake, Henry Bott, Anne Bulgar, Samantha Campbell, Fraser Christie, Bui Quoc Dat, James Edmondson, Alan Grincer, Frederik Grysolle, Simon Hardern, Andy Ho, Clare and George Hold, Pham Quang Hung, Sinh Huynh, Andy Knapp, Suzanna Lubran, Le Anh Nguyet, Simon Lunn, Dave Maggs, Mathias, Haike Manning, Ngo Dung, Nguyen Linh Chi, Nguyen Dat, Nguyen Duyen, Nguyen Ham Hanh, Nguyen Hoanh Tien, Nguyen To Phuong, Nguyen Teppi, Nguyen Tran Duy Anh, Nguyen Kao Toan, Nguyen Thi Hong Hanh, Judith Meek, Phillip Orme, Pham Kelly, Gloria Pantling, Lee Stevenson, Anne Thompson, Tran Hoang Viet, Truong Tan Khai Truong Anh Tuan, Vo Anh Tuan, Bang H Trinh, Dickon Verry, Yen Thi Hai Vo, George Williams, Josh Williams, and all the anonymous supporters and donators.

Financial review

After two years of the Charity's programme being affected by the COVID pandemic, in 2022 international consultants were able to travel to Vietnam to provide training. As a result the division of expenditure reverted to the pre-COVID levels, with the bulk of spend being on the training and development programmes, 74% (£393k) this year compared to 28% (£75k) in 2021-22, 27% (£81k) in 2020-21, and 86% (£394k) in 2019-20.

With the return of face-to-face training in Vietnam, overall spend significantly increased to £546k, higher than the highest pre-COVID pandemic level of £459k in 2019-2022, and well above the previous two years, £277k in 2021-22 and £285k in 2020-2021.

At £121k (20.3%), expenditure on equipment was higher than in any previous year other than 2020-21 (£160k - 56% of spend that year) when we supported partner hospitals' equipment needs during the pandemic.

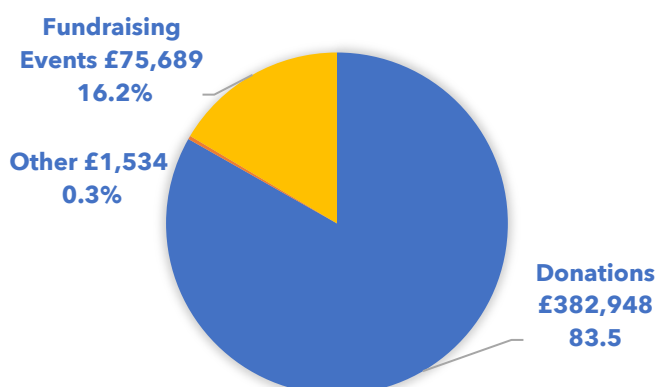
In 2022-23 the Charity secured more income than in any previous year, £460k compared to £330k in 2021-22, £323k in 2020-21, and \$422k in 2019-2020, the highest pre-pandemic level.

This growth in income was primarily due the Charity's increased support from individuals and corporations in Vietnam resulting from wider recognition of the high quality of the programmes provided and the significance of their impact.

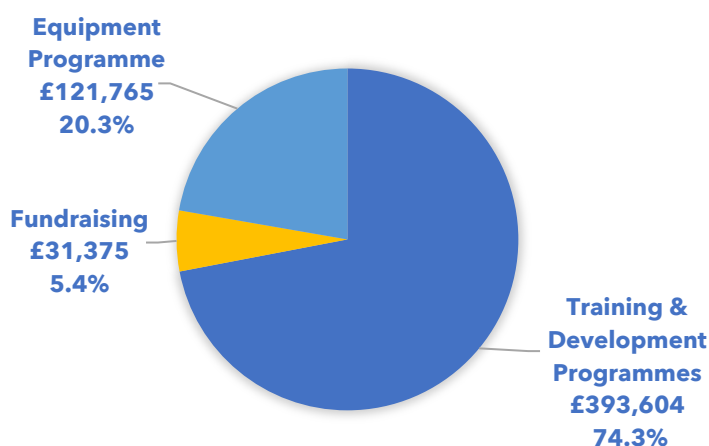
Unfortunately changes to the implementation of regulations controlling the income of foreign NGOs operating in Vietnam that came into force in November 2022 mean that it will not be possible to maintain this level of income in future years.

Whatever the mid-to-long term future holds, the Charity is in a strong financial position as it enters 2023-24. As at year start it holds cash resources of £683k, the Charity can be confident that it will be able to carry out all its planned programmes for the remainder of 2023 whatever the income received, and it has time to consider and develop plans for the future.

INCOME 2022 - 2023



EXPENDITURE 2022 - 2023



Reserve Fund

The charity's trustees have agreed that its reserve policy requires the retention of sufficient financial resources necessary to meet our legal obligations resulting from a closure of the organisation over a three-month period. The calculated sum includes; the gross cost of staff for two months and an allowance for redundancy, a set sum based on the general running costs budget for small contractual commitments, and reasonable allowances for the termination of any large (over £3,375 per annum) contracts that are held. The allowance is reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or upon the taking on of any new large contractual commitment.

Trustees' statement and responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Newborns Vietnam for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company [and the group] and of the income and expenditure of the charitable [company/group] for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company [and the group] and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Duncan Macrae, Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Newborns Vietnam

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newborns Vietnam (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as of 31 March 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial

statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton
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Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
West Hampstead
London NW6 2EG

Date: 25 January 2024

Statement of financial activities

(incorporating income and expenditure account)

For year-end 31st March 2023


		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
	Donations (Individual & Corporate)	271,118	111,830	382,948	241,814
	Other trading activities	75,689	-	75,689	86,695
	Other incoming (Bank interest)	1,534	-	1,534	1,696
	Total income	348,341	111,830	460,171	330,205
Expenditure on:					
	Raising funds	31,375	-	31,375	14,862
	Charitable activities	373,986	141,381	515,367	262,901
	Total expenditure	405,361	141,381	546,742	277,763
	Net income / (expenditure) before transfers	(57,020)	(29,551)	(86,571)	52,442
	Transfer between funds	(44,419)	44,419	-	-
	Other recognised gains / (losses)				
	Foreign Exchange gains / losses	(2,247)	-	(2,247)	2,990
	Net Movement in funds	(103,686)	14,868	(88,818)	55,432
	Balance brought forward	695,544	34,760	730,304	674,872
	Total funds carried forward	591,858	49,628	641,486	730,304

Balance sheet at 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Current assets					
	Stocks 10	3,924	-	3,924	5,685
	Debtors and prepayments 11	7,546	-	7,546	39,263
	Cash at bank and in hand	601,639	82,269	683,908	722,475
		<hr/> 613,109	82,269	695,378	767,423
Creditors					
	Amounts falling due in one year 12	(21,251)	(32,641)	(53,892)	(37,119)
		<hr/> 591,858	49,628	641,486	730,304
Net current assets					
Funds					
				591,858	695,544
				49,628	34,760
				<hr/> 641,486	730,304
Total funds				<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved by the trustees on 25th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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John Nicholas Robinson - Trustee
Company registration no. 07787718

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.
- b) Going concern. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for absolute and slow-moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in these notes to the financial statements.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021/22 £
Incoming from:			
Donations (Individual & Corporate)	103,359	138,455	241,814
Activities for generating funds	75,872	10,823	86,695
Other incoming (Bank interest)	1,696	-	1,696
Total incoming resources	180,927	149,278	330,205
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	14,862	-	14,862
Charitable activities	113,165	149,736	262,901
Total expended	128,027	149,736	277,763
Net incoming / (outgoing) Resources before transfers	52,900	(458)	52,442
Other recognized gains /(losses)			
Foreign Exchange gains /(loss)	2,984	6	2,990
Transfer between funds	(19,247)	19,247	-
Net movement in funds	36,637	18,795	55,432
Balance brought forward	658,907	15,965	674,872
Total funds carried forward	695,544	34,760	730,304

3 Exchange Rates

Exchange rate of Vietnam Dong to Pounds Sterling are those quoted as the transfer rate by the Vietcombank (Joint Stock Commercial Bank of Vietnam) for the day given at the bank headquarters.

4 Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ending 31st March 2023. There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st March 2023, other than those noted in the related parties note 16.

5 Other trading activities

	2022-23 £	2021-22 £
Fundraising events	75,689	86,695

6	Cost of generating voluntary income	2022-23	2021-22
		£	£
	Fundraising activities	15,906	4,243
	Add Governance costs	15,469	10,619
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		31,375	14,862
7	Charitable activities	2022-23	2021-22
		£	£
	Medical staff training	302,985	13,037
	Medical equipment & consumables	93,730	179,622
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		396,715	192,659
	Add Governance costs	118,652	70,242
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		515,367	262,901
8	Governance costs	2022-23	2021-22
		£	£
	Bank charges	763	454
	Operational costs	130,058	77,107
	Audit fees	3,300	3,300
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		134,121	80,861
	Less: Allocated to fundraising activities	(15,469)	(10,619)
	Less: Allocated to charitable activities	(118,652)	(70,242)
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		-	-
9	Analysis of staff cost	2022-23	2021-22
	(Programme and Finance Staff)	£	£
	Wages	100,030	68,569
	On-costs	1,860	1,371
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		101,890	69,940

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year of more than £60,000 (2022: none).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was six (2022: six) At the end of the year, there were four employees.

10	Stock	2022-23	2021-22
		£	£
	Finished goods	3,924	5,685

11 Debtors	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Donations receivable	7,546	39,263
	<u>7,546</u>	<u>39,263</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Training, equipment and operation creditors	53,796	35,941
Other creditors	96	1,178
	<u>53,892</u>	<u>37,119</u>

13 Movement in funds in 2022-2023

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	695,544	(59,267)	(44,419)	591,858
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery Training	-	34,478	-	34,478
- Network Safe Transport System*	18,483	(7,567)	-	10,916
- Network Medical Equipment	16,277	(12,043)	-	4,234
- NLS Training	-	(44,419)	44,419	0
Sub-Total	<u>34,760</u>	<u>(29,551)</u>	<u>44,419</u>	<u>49,628</u>
Total Funds	<u>730,304</u>	<u>(88,818)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>641,486</u>

Net movement of funds in 2022-2023

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	348,341	(405,361)	(2,247)	(59,267)
Restricted funds				
- Midwifery training	34,478	-	-	34,478
- Network Safe Transport System*	-	(7,567)	-	(7,567)
- Network Medical Equipment	16,643	(28,686)	-	(12,043)
- NLS training	60,709	(105,128)	-	(44,419)
Sub-Total	<u>111,830</u>	<u>(141,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,551)</u>
Total Funds	<u>460,171</u>	<u>(546,742)</u>	<u>(2,247)</u>	<u>(88,818)</u>

* With agreement of funders, the Ambulance Purchase Fund was changed to the Network Safe Transport Fund.

Movement in funds in 2021-2022

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	658,907	55,884	(19,247)	695,544
Restricted funds				
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	-	(19,247)	19,247	-
- Network Medical Equipment	5,172	11,105	-	16,277
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	10,793	7,690	-	18,483
Sub-Total	15,965	(452)	19,247	34,760
Total funds	674,872	55,432	-	730,304

Net movement of funds in 2021-2022

	Income	Expenditur e	Gains & Losses	Moveme nt in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	180,927	(128,027)	2,984	55,884
Restricted funds				
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	84,738	(103,985)	-	(19,247)
- Network Medical Equipment	19,529	(8,424)	-	11,105
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	45,011	(37,327)	6	7,690
Sub-Total	149,278	(149,736)	6	(452)
Total funds	330,205	(277,763)	2,990	55,432

15 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 01 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	722,475	(38,567)	683,908
Total cash and cash equivalents	722,475	(38,567)	683,908

	At 01 April 2021	Cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	674,227	48,248	722,475
Total cash and cash equivalents	674,227	48,248	722,475

16 Related party transactions

During the year under review, the charity reimbursed expenses of £879 to trustee Mr. J. N. Robinson which he had paid on behalf of the charity. None of these were personal expenses.

NEWBORNS VIETNAM

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Chairman's statement and annual review

Dr Duncan Macrae Chairman the Board of Trustees

I was delighted to take up the position of interim Chairman of Newborns Vietnam in March 2021, a position I had previously filled in 2017. I have seen the charity grow from a new organisation running one training project in a single hospital, to an established successful provider of training across the country. I feel privileged to have had an opportunity to make a real difference to outcomes for thousands of preterm and sick babies in Vietnam.

There is no doubt in my mind that our neonatal managed network model of building collaboration and capacity at local hospitals is supporting health professionals to get the basics right with simple solutions, every baby needs to breathe, be warm, be protected and breastfeed. I am proud of our work to promote the importance of the power of the loving embrace of mothers with skin to skin at birth. It is so heart-warming to see the excellent Kangaroo Mother Care, even for preterm babies still receiving oxygen at major hospitals in Da Nang, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. There is strong global evidence that these simple changes of practice support a reduction in the number of babies needing admission to neonatal intensive care units

We have pressed ahead with our work with our public health partners to introduce a standardised national Newborn Life Support (NLS) resuscitation programme and secure Ministry of Health approval for NLS to be the single approved course for Vietnam. Adoption of a national standardised mandatory resuscitation programme has contributed significantly to reduction in neonatal mortality worldwide.

Reflecting on the year, it has been one of incredible challenges, we have laid the groundwork for a national newborn resuscitation programme and a new education package for midwives to provide a safe, compassionate birthing experience for all women, all made possible by the generosity of our supporters and our strong fundraising performance. We look forward to the year ahead as a time for rebuilding post the pandemic, inspiring, educating and empowering a new generation of health care professionals.

Dr Duncan Macrae - Chairman

Executive Director's statement

It has been an extraordinary year, that has challenged us all in so many ways. Pregnancy and childbirth did not stop during the pandemic, millions of babies were born under the dark shadow of COVID-19. The late vaccination of pregnant women, mothers too scared to attend regular check-ups, and lockdowns, significantly impacted maternal and newborn mortality. Families and health professionals faced ongoing hardship, sustained lockdown, and lack of essential equipment to care for sick mothers and babies. During such difficult times for us all, Newborns Vietnam carried out impressive work towards our mission of ending preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

As the year progressed, we adjusted our programmes in ways we could not previously have imagined. Online training for doctors and nurses was extended to more and more hospitals, providing support to provide care for babies unable to transfer to a higher-level hospital. We pushed the boundaries of what remote learning can achieve for our United Kingdom neonatal postgraduate programme with outstanding quality improvements projects that addressed important issues to improve maternal and newborn outcomes.

Thanks to the amazing response to our COVID appeals we were able to step up to meet the immediate needs of maternity hospitals for lifesaving equipment, make life a little brighter for doctors and nurses working 24/7 shifts with nutritious foods and provide milk for pregnant women. We are proud to have accelerated the opening of the first Human Milk Bank in Hanoi, so the sickest babies could have access to the best medicine - breastmilk during the pandemic.

I was continually impressed by the resilience, determination and commitment of our Vietnamese health professionals, the UK volunteer teaching team, our staff and sponsors. Despite all the challenges, Newborns Vietnam and our hospital partners delivered ongoing impact. Our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the vulnerable mothers and babies we serve, for without your compassion and support we could not have made it through 2021.

The future is post COVID is unknown, but what remains true is our resolute belief that with your help, we can achieve our mission - **zero preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.**

Suzanna Lubran MBE - Executive Director



This report details our progress against our goals, it is a review of our journey, achievements and challenges over the past year.

We hope the report inspires many more people to support our mission for Vietnam - to end preventable newborn deaths.

About Newborns Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam is dedicated to reducing neonatal mortality and promoting the health of newborns and their mothers in countries with high levels of neonatal mortality, particularly in southeast Asia but focused on Vietnam.

We are a very focused enterprise that supports the Vietnam's government's healthcare agencies to make fundamental improvements to the country's maternal and neonatal care systems. We work not just through advocacy, but by active, practical partnerships that deliver measurable results to prove the change strategies, and engender their adoption at a national level, maximising the benefit to society.

In Vietnam, the healthcare system and standards of care for preterm and sick babies trail those of more developed countries. We believe that the most effective way of achieving saving newborn lives starts with getting the basics right for every mother and baby. Simple solutions; skin to skin care at birth, early breastfeeding, no unnecessary separation of mother and baby and effective hand hygiene. We work collaboratively with our public health partners, providing a nurturing learning environment to build capacity and knowledge to support excellence in the delivery of basic services for mothers and babies and specialist neonatal intensive care.

We empower and support health professionals to lead system change adapting British models of training and care systems to the Vietnam context. Our approach is aligned with the Government's strategy to build capacity at local level, reducing overload at the central hospitals. Our network model recognises that neonatal care is expensive, and that not all hospitals caring for babies have the resources and expertise to deal with every sick newborn. We have tested the model in Hanoi for nine hospitals in a defined geographical area, the hospitals followed the same training programme, standard guidelines and procedures and work together to treat the babies and by sharing their expertise and knowledge, the quality of care in all the hospitals in that network is improved. This system change, coupled with the introduction of a safe transport system, will mean every baby receives the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

For babies admitted to hospital in need of specialist care, the first hours, days and weeks are the most critical they will ever face in their lives. For families, whether their baby is in hospital for a few days or many months, or sadly does not survive to come home, the journey they face is difficult and full of challenges. We work to ensure that all babies born too soon, too small and too sick have the best possible chance of survival and of reaching their full potential. We must always demonstrate the difference we make to the lives of babies and their families.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

In accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 contains a legal requirement that all charities' aims are for the public benefit. The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit.

- There must be an identifiable benefit.
- Benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

Regular evaluation of outcome data for babies undergoing intensive care demonstrates the clear and positive benefit our programmes have for thousands of babies, their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them. This is particularly through: the provision of UK specialist neonatal training for neonatal professionals and support for audit and improvement of practice in neonatal units, highlighting the challenges for neonatal care and solutions to address these through supportive encouragement for the adoption of simple but effective solutions to improve care at birth and the hours thereafter.

The aims of our charity are; to advocate for increased policy attention and global funding, develop interventions to reduce neonatal mortality and specifically neonatal nursing and clinical training programmes that are suitable for the local context which can be replicated across Vietnam and in south-east Asia, the provision of life-saving neonatal equipment, and, in partnership with public health providers, to support the development of managed neonatal networks with national and regional centres of excellence, to cascade skills and knowledge to medical staff working in the poorest areas and for those with the least access to medical services.

Implementing our strategy to end preventable newborn deaths

Our 2020-24 business plan set out an ambitious vision to deliver direct tangible outcomes for premature and sick babies and their families. The strategy is drawn from nine years of work in Vietnam, our first hand experience of the limitations of a highly theoretical education system, the lack of an organisational framework for the designation of care in the lower level hospitals, low staffing levels, poorly maintained equipment, no safe transport service and a mandatory national resuscitation training. At the start of the strategy, we set our aims to achieve the three most important factors identified in the business plan that could improve neonatal care outcomes in Vietnam:

- 1) the implementation of standardised post-graduate training for neonatal doctors and nurses, including work-based competency assessment, through the establishment of a revised national curriculum,
- 2) the implementation of standardised resuscitation training and certification through the establishment of a National Resuscitation Organisation for Vietnam, and
- 3) the establishment of managed neonatal networks, with standard guidelines, an appropriate level of training to get the basics right for every baby including Early Essential Newborn Care and the provision of a safe transport system. This would ensure that babies receive the care they need wherever they are born and can be promptly and safely moved to more specialised neonatal units if necessary.

This is the third year of our current strategy period and, despite the challenges of COVID, we have made significant progress in delivering our mission.

With support from the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) the Newborns Vietnam organised the first Newborn Life Support (NLS) training courses delivered in partnership with Vietnam National Children's Hospital in 2019. The courses were to an internationally recognised standard and certificated by ERC.

Further courses were on hold for nearly three years due to COVID. During this period Newborns has strongly advocated to our public health partners the benefits of Vietnam adopting the Newborn Life Support (NLS) course as the national programme for Vietnam and establishing a National Resuscitation Council. Presentations of the revised 2021 NLS guidelines were made, consultation on the NLS curriculum and the views of all the major hospitals were sought.

In early April the Ministry of Health convened an assessment council, the outcome was an approval for European Resuscitation Council (ERC) Newborn Life Support (NLS) course to be approved as the single national resuscitation programme.

The pilot Hanoi neonatal managed network is in its second year of operation. Progress slowed during COVID with many maternity units closed to provide care for COVID patients. The positive achievements the hospitals are following the network standard guidelines, six hospitals have registered for Ministry of Health designation as Ministry of Health centres of excellence and are implementing Early Essential Newborn Care (EENC).

During the COVID period work on a new national paediatric curriculum was not a priority, there was a greater focus on establishing a medical data base to support the nascent Vietnamese Medical Council. Post COVID we will renew of work with partners to move the development of a national neonatal curriculum forward.

Data guides our work, providing evidence of the impact of our education interventions to reduce mortality and support sustainable change and inform scaling up the Neonatal Managed Network model to three remote northern provinces with the highest levels of mortality.

Impact in the year - what we did

2021-22 was a year of challenges. Mothers and babies' access to essential health services and transfers to higher level care was limited by a series of lockdowns and the fear of infection. The pandemic had serious knock-on effects for the health and futures of newborn infants, depriving the infant of many things, maternal care at birth, breast milk and vaccinations.

Thanks to support of UK Foundations, corporate sponsors and many individuals, Newborns Vietnam donated pasteurisers from the UK to accelerate the opening of the first Human Milk Bank in Hanoi, and provided lifesaving equipment to hospitals in Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City.

COVID APPEALS



By accelerating the opening of the Human Milk Bank, we provided safe, screened, pasteurised donor milk for preterm/fragile infants, babies born to COVID infected mothers or separated from their mothers due to lockdown restrictions. The Hanoi Human Milk Bank is now providing hundreds of litres of donor milk for sick preterm babies across the city.

Simple solutions, hand hygiene keeping mother and baby together and the support of breastfeeding is at the heart of all we do

DONOR MOTHERS



IMPACT

Between November 2021 and January 2022, 38 donors provided over 800 litres of raw milk providing donor breastmilk for babies born to COVID infected mothers, preterm and sick babies

HUMAN MILK BANK



The Human Milk Bank was officially opened by the Ministry of Health in March 2022

"I would like to express our sincere thanks to our partner Newborns Vietnam for their support over many years and throughout the pandemic to bring our dream of a Human Milk Bank to fruition"

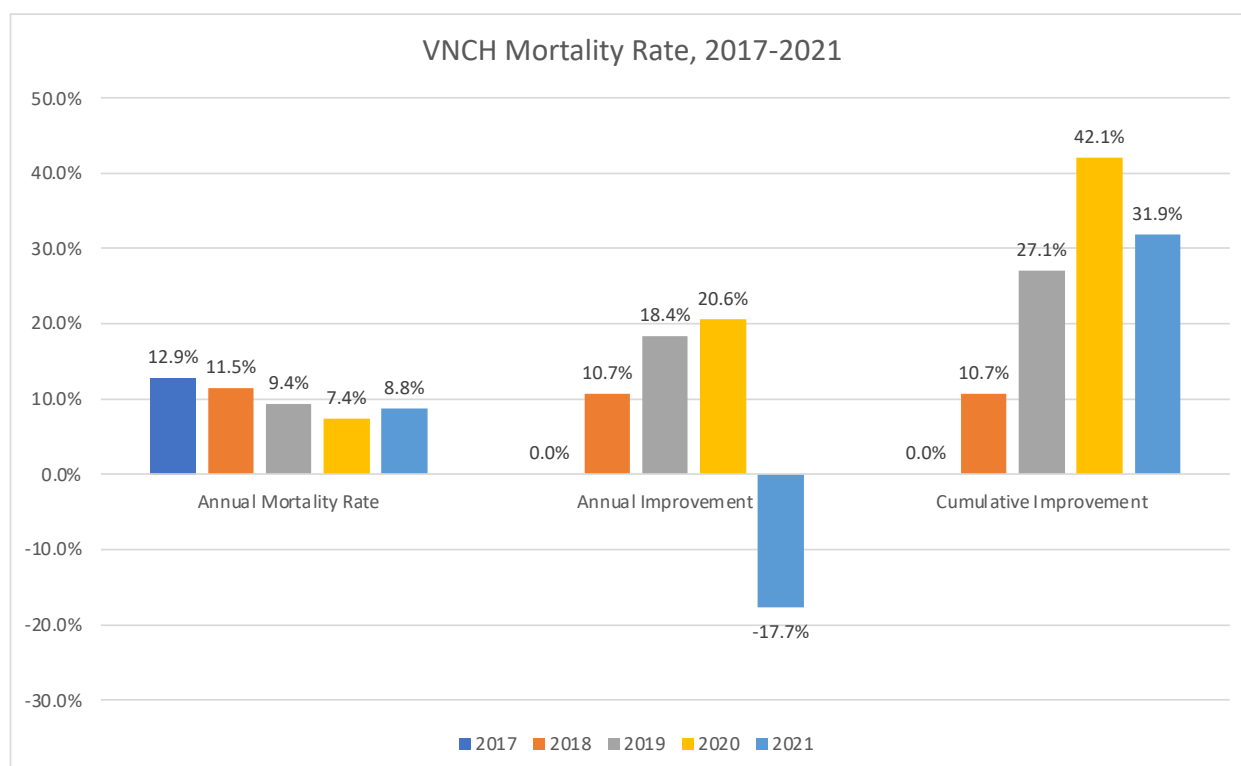
Dr Le Thi Ha,
Director Neonatal Centre,
Vietnam National Children's
Hospital

Overarching goal: reducing neonatal mortality

The impact of COVID on outcomes

In 2021 mothers and babies' access to essential health services and transfers to higher level care was limited, fear of infection was a huge factor. In the pre COVID period our education interventions supported year on year reductions in neonatal mortality at the hospitals we partner with.

At the Vietnam National Children's Hospital in Hanoi, from 2017-2020 a 42% reduction in mortality was achieved, impacting 5,000 sick babies from the City of Hanoi and 28 northern provinces. As a result of COVID in 2021 admissions reduced by nearly 2,000 babies, only the sickest babies were transferred, resulting in an increase in the mortality eliminating much of the rate reduction made in 2020, however the rate of mortality remains two thirds less than the rate in 2017.



Strategy goal 1: neonatal post graduate training for junior doctors and nurses

Our UK neonatal consultants and our nurse educators from Edinburgh Napier University delivered over 1700 hours of online training. The enthusiasm for learning of neonatal doctors and nurses working 24/7 never wavered. Hundreds of lectures were delivered and the online case presentations extended the doctors understanding of the care of complex cases. Quality Improvement Projects (QI projects) which are a mandatory element of the Newborns Level 1 neonatal post graduate course were planned online for three hospitals. The doctors worked in small teams and identified issues that would make measurable improvements in patient care.

Well designed and executed QI activities can have a bigger impact on patient outcomes than other scientific research activities. Doctors who actively participate in QI activities are more aware of how to work in multidisciplinary teams and how patient care processes affect outcomes. For young doctors it is a chance to improve care, develop leadership, presentation, and time management skills to help their career development and build relationships with colleagues.

The benefits to patients, clinicians, and healthcare providers of engaging in quality improvement are considerable, but there are many challenges involved in designing, delivering, and sustaining an improvement intervention. These range from persuading colleagues that there is a problem that needs to be tackled, through to keeping them engaged once the intervention is up and running as other clinical priorities compete for their attention. It is challenging for a clinician to institute real, tangible change, but with quality improvement this is a real possibility, which is both empowering and satisfying.

At its best quality improvement is a team activity, the excellent team working for these projects was recognised by the UK and VN assessors, together with the great support from the hospital directors. The twenty young doctors demonstrated that they had the confidence to reach out to colleagues in other departments that they had not worked with before, and to value their ideas. They learnt in the QI process that no one person has the skills or knowledge to come up with the solution to a problem on their own.

Six excellent Quality Improvement projects were presented to the UK assessor, each project addressed very important issues to further improve maternal and newborn care in Hanoi Hospitals. The QI project to increase the number of mothers receiving one dose of Corticoid before anticipated preterm birth is one of the the most important antenatal therapies available to help lung maturation, reducing the mortality and improving the outcome for preterm babies. The administration of antenatal steroids to women with a risk of imminent preterm birth is standard practice in high income countries. But in Vietnam, the rate of giving antenatal is suboptimal. In

Phu San Ha Noi Hospital prior to the QI project in 2014 and 2019 the rate was about 60%, the outcome of the QI project was an increase to 90%. 12% of babies born at Phu San Hanoi Hospital are preterm, circa 4,800 babies and their families will benefit from this QI project more families will take home a healthy baby.

Despite all the restrictions, our new nurse training programmes commenced in Hanoi and HCMC in early 2021 with our teaching team only meeting the nurses in person when Vietnam re opened in April 2022. Again, the online Quality Improvements (QI) were outstanding and provided recommendations for improvements in the neurodevelopmental care of neonatal babies, to reduce noisy/light and non-pharmacological pain relief.

Strategy goal 2: national newborn life support resuscitation programme

Following our work in 2021-22, on 2nd April 2022 the MOH's Department of Science, Technology Training's appraisal council approved Newborn Life Support (NLS) as the national programme for Vietnam to be taught by UK/EU instructors until Vietnam achieves a fully qualified faculty of instructors, and thereby can form its own national resuscitation council. A formal decree sets out the adoption of a single standard of teaching, examination and quality assurance (initially to be carried out by ERC) for resuscitation training in Vietnam.

As the coordinator of the international training provision from the UK, it is now Newborns Vietnam's task in partnership with Vietnam National Children's Hospital to support the development of a full trained faculty of Vietnamese instructors with the necessary internationally recognised qualifications and experience to be able to train without needing training support from overseas, and so be a self-sustaining operation that ensures all Vietnamese delivery room staff have the skills to save babies lives.

Strategy goal 3: neonatal network

Since the official launch on 15th Oct 2020, the pilot Hanoi Neonatal Network hospitals has achieved significant improvements, most hospitals re-organised their delivery rooms, nurseries, and post-partum rooms to be more mother and baby friendly.

After the online coaching in April, a face-to-face 2-day EENC, breastfeeding and basic resuscitation training, 65 doctors, nurses and midwives from 6 network hospitals engaged positively with the teaching and drafted action plans for the implementation of EENC at their hospitals.

The training was followed by the quarterly phone surveys with mothers post hospital discharge from July 2022 towards and the CoE assessments.

To date 275 doctors, nurses, midwives have been trained in resuscitation at birth, recognising, stabilising and managing a sick newborn, common newborn illnesses.

The 6 hospitals are working to achieve Ministry of Health designation as centres of breastfeeding excellence as determined in decree No: 3451/QD-BYT.

Infection is a major cause of death, the lack of medical sinks, soap, gel and paper towels are essential tools to reduce neonatal deaths, so Newborns Vietnam has provided sinks for the pilot network.

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT AT BIRTH



First Early Essential Newborn Care (EENC) coaching for 6 hospitals in Hanoi to achieve Ministry of Health designation as Centres of Breastfeeding Excellence

Fundraising

In a year like no other, no one was untouched by loss, suffering and hardship, and yet we all found ways to support those in the greatest need, giving back took on a new meaning during the height of the pandemic in Vietnam as we banded together not to raise funds but because those around us were hungry.

Our generous and passionate supporters wholeheartedly demonstrated their commitment to Newborns Vietnam throughout the pandemic. They donated to our COVID appeals and introduced other organisations, together they ensured we would be there to support our health professionals. Supporter events have always been the mainstay of the Newborns fundraising community. As lockdown was lifted, we embraced the 2021 UpRace Challenge. 238,559 participants achieved an incredible 5 million km to raise funds for Newborns Vietnam and three other good causes.

Thanks to the sales of things not needed anymore and tasty lunches and cakes at offices, our Giving Tuesday funded emergency resuscitation equipment for 13 hospitals.

One of our strategic aims is to grow our partnerships with individuals, businesses and organisations with significant resources to help end preventable newborn deaths. The support they offer us could be financial, resources, ideas and insight awareness and understanding of the issues facing middle income countries in providing universal health coverage, harnessing the positive impact of technology in healthcare.

We hugely appreciate our partnership with; Edrington, Premier Oil, Karl Storz, Topas Travel, Seedcom, Empire Ciry, Hong Ngoc Hospital and VNG Corporation, who have supported us financially and raised awareness and understanding of our important mission to end preventable newborn deaths.

We have engaged in conversations with new and existing sponsors about support to scale up the network model of care, supporting the development of a new national paediatric curriculum to incorporate neonatology as a sub specialty for post graduate studies, and a national Newborn Life Support (NLS) programme.

We welcomed back UpRace, an impactful community running event. We are excited to see it develop year-on-year demonstrating the power of sports to transform lives and raise awareness and funds for health, education and the environment. UpRace 2021 was the most successful yet, with more people than ever supporting Newborns Vietnam. We were humbled by the support we received from people from all walks of life participating in sports events.

We worked hard to ensure that our supporters who gave so generously, understood what they had helped make possible. Making every supporter feel valued, allied to our work and proud of what we have achieved together. Without our many generous partners, we would not have achieved all we have this year.

Next year: our targets for 2022-2023

In the year ahead we will face many challenges as we move into the post COVID era. We remain steadfast in our mission to reduce neonatal mortality.

Our aim is to achieve a self-sustaining Vietnamese faculty of Newborn Life Support (NLS) instructors by 2024 and a Generic Instructor Course (GIC) faculty by 2025. In 2022 we roll out the NLS programme across the country, building on the foundation established in 2019 to achieve national coverage - health professionals trained in every province to improve outcomes at birth. Central to achieving a Vietnamese faculty of instructors is the selection and training of future instructors.

We will extend the neonatal managed network model across Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and to the remote provinces, providing practical training for hundreds of doctors, nurses and midwives so that they can treat preterm and sick babies immediately without the delay and risks of transferring them to a higher-level central hospital. The network system will address the perennial problem of central hospital overcrowding and the bypassing of local hospitals, providing better care for all the babies wherever they are born in the country.

A neonatal experience is always extremely difficult, and often traumatic. In Vietnam there can be many barriers which prevent parents from being with their baby. Parents are not visitors. Babies have the very best long-term developmental outcomes if their parents are able to be partners in delivering their baby's care on the neonatal unit. COVID has adversely impact progress in this important area, we will redouble our efforts to give every mother and father access to their sick baby.

We will implement a midwifery training needs analysis for three hospitals in Hanoi and one in HCMC, to help us develop plans for training for compassionate respectful care at birth.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Newborns Vietnam

Charity registration number

1144562

Company registration number

7787718

Legal Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Registered company office

75 Maygrove Road,
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Bankers

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Solicitors

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Chairman of the board of trustees

Dr Duncan Macrae Jencks (from 20th January 2021)

Trustees

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Mr Nguyen Long

Mrs Suzanna Lubran MBE (Executive Director)

Mr Tien Hoanh Nguyen

Mr Desmond Poon,

Mr Martin Reimann

Mr John Nicholas Robinson

Ms Samantha Campbell

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Newborns Vietnam is registered as a charity with the UK's Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 26th September 2011 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 15th September 2011.

Newborns Vietnam is also licensed by the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM) of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO), to operate as an International Non-Governmental Organisation in Vietnam.

Management

Members of the company elect a voluntary Board of Trustees (whom are also known as Directors), to be responsible for the overall governance and direction of the charity. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to their suitability for the role, with the skills and experience to support our organisational growth, ensure good governance, transparency and provide highly specialist medical knowledge.

The Board currently has ten Trustees, including a Chairman and Treasurer. Typically, the full Board meets four times a year, with additional meetings held by specialist committees, currently comprising a Medical, Education and Finance, each of which is under the direction of two or more Trustees.

The day to day management of the charity's programmes are delegated to the Executive Director and are delivered in accordance with the approved delivery plan and annual budget.

Our vision and values

Our vision is a world where there are no preventable deaths of newborn infants, where every birth is celebrated, and mothers and babies survive and realise their full potential. We are determined to do more to stop babies from dying the day they are born, or in days after their birth.

We are determined advocates working to raise awareness of neonatal mortality and advancing solutions informed by research and our direct experience. Our work is guided and informed by our commitment to getting the basics of newborn care right for every baby.

As an organisation we have a single-minded vision, and we act on it every day with commitment and passion. We work as one determined and ambitious team to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.

- **One focus.** We keep our beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do and it's essential that everyone at Newborns Vietnam has a beneficiary-oriented mindset.
- **Always looking to improve.** We continuously look for ways to do things better, both internally and for our beneficiaries.
- **Ambitious.** We're committed to achieving more on behalf of the parents of newborns born sick.
- **Step up.** We believe in doing what we say we do. We always rise to the occasion.
- **Openness.** we are committed to a culture of team work and collaboration
- **Inclusiveness** - we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Partnership** - we know that we will not advance neonatal care on our own, we collaborate with others and together we support our public health partners to bring about change.
- **Stewardship** - we take great care of the resources entrusted to us by others, whether this is money, time or trust, and we are open and transparent in our reporting.
- **Inspire** - through our work and our sports platform we inspire others to come together to help end preventable newborn deaths

Thank You

We greatly appreciate and thank our strategic partners, UK medical and nursing volunteers, companies, athletes, and thousands of individuals for supporting us through this challenging year! We are proud of how we have stood together; to support mothers and babies in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, to keep our health professionals safe, and to continue our work to drive down neonatal mortality rates.

Each and every donation is making a difference to the life chances of newborns in Vietnam.

ACSV Legal, Alchemy Asia, Australian Vietnamese Women's Association, Bu Baby Chops, Chim Sao Runners, BIM Group, BritCham, British Embassy Hanoi, Bull and Mo Team, 365 Begin, Doan Ket International, Empire City, Dutch Lady, Eralda Industries Co, Ltd, Fossil Vietnam, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Gaw Capital, Got It, Grant Thornton, Harbour Energy, Hogan Lovells International LLP, International Minh Viet JSC, John Swire (H.K) Ltd, Vietnam Representative, Karl Storz, KKR Singapore, Maersk Vietnam, Maritime Commercial Joint Stock Bank, Minh Long, MTTs, MUDE, NutiFood Vietnam, NRE Group, Ong Bau Coffee JSC, Peter Bennett Foundation, Philips Vietnam, Play Nutrition, Purple Asia, Ricegrowers Vietnam, Renaissance School, ICUC, Savills Vietnam, S Commerce, Seedcom, Swire Properties, Thao Dien Waders (Triathlon Team), Topas Group The Deck, The Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Unavailable, Viet Bay members and donors, Vietnam Rice Growers, Viet Soc, Viet Union (Payoo), VNG Corporation, Wardhaven Capital.

Ken Atkinson, Sue Blake, Henry Bott, Anne Bulgar, Mary Grace Breslin, Samantha Campbell, Marie Dekkers, Alex & Richard Dunnett, Fraser Christie, Alex Falter, Lindo Grabber, Alan Grincer, Ho Ngoc Ha, David Harris, Phan Thanh Hien, To Trung Hieu Zi Sport, Minh Ho, Do Thi Ngoc Hau, Sinh Huynh, Cosimo Jencks, Cynthia Jensen, Elizabeth Johnston, Tran Huu Khoa, Rachael Kelly, Philip Lam, Richard and Linh Leech, Hoang Le, Trung Le, Loan and friends Suzanna Lubran, Kim Ly, Phil and Fran MacLaurin, Haike Manning, Stephane Masee, Lynn McKeow, Ngo Dung, Nguyen Chi, Nguyen Tien Dat, Nguyen Duyen, Nguyen Ham Hanh, Nguyen Hoanh Tien, Family & Friends, Nguyen Hoang Phuong, Nguyen To Phuong, Nguyen Phuong Nguyen Ngoc, Nguyen Teppi, Nguyen Thi Hai Thanh, Nguyen Manh Tuong, Nguyen Viet Anh, Daniel Olive, Gloria Pantling, Ho Minh Phong, Julie Roberts, Nick Robinson, Margaret Rogan, Brian Simpson, Sunita Seal, Daniel Sweet, Raymond Tan, Bui Thanh Tien, Hoang Huu Thang, Anne Thompson, Vo Anh Tuan, Richard Tubman and family, Tran Viet, Hoang Cam Van, Dickon Verry, Yen Thi Hai Vo, Luan Vo and friends, Gareth Ward, Bernadette Wren, Jonathan Wyllie, Nicky Wright, James Young, Tom Young and the hundreds of anonymous donors.

Financial review

As in the previous year, the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant effect on our financial activities.

At the beginning of the year, it was considered that international travel would become possible in the second half of the year, however the COVID restrictions continued.. With face-to-face training postponed to 2022-23, the much lower cost of online only training, kept training and development programme costs low at £75.5k, close to the spend of £80.8k in the previous year, and significantly less than the £200k planned training expenditure.

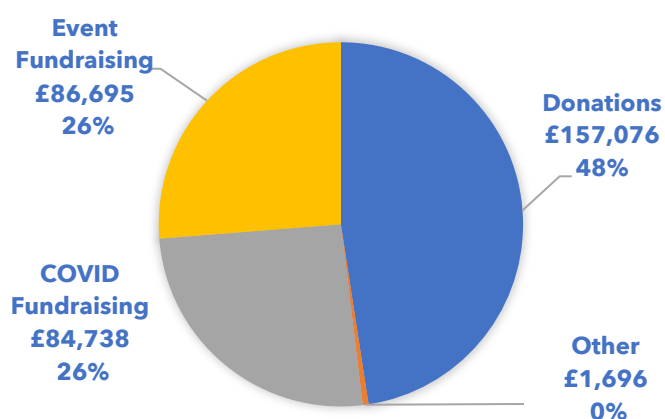
As in the previous year, the situation was reversed for neonatal equipment and consumables. Expenditure of circa £35k was planned, however the additional need arising from urgent COVID related problems, meant that the total spend in the year was £179.6k, even higher than the figure of £159.5k in 2020-21.

At £330.2k, income in 2021-22 was slightly higher than the previous year's total of £322.7k. While COVID meant that there were only limited numbers of sports events and therefore related fundraising income, this was offset by the income from successful appeals where we focused on critically needed equipment and consumables, which raised £138.5k, £84.7k of this being from COVID related appeals.

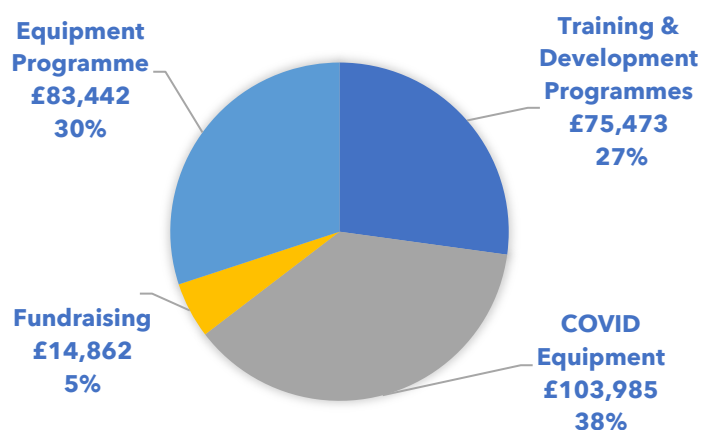
Again, as the previous year, while an annual deficit budget was planned, the result was a surplus of £55.4k (the surplus in 2020-21 being £38.9k).

The result is that at the end of this year, we are in a very strong and secure financial position, especially bearing in mind the difficulties caused by the COVID pandemic. Holding a total cash sum of £722.5k, we have sufficient resources to be able to deliver our upcoming planned programmes in the year ahead and beyond.

INCOME 2021 - 2022



EXPENDITURE 2021 - 2022



Reserve Fund

The charity's trustees have agreed that its reserve policy requires the retention of sufficient financial resources necessary to meet our legal obligations resulting from a closure of the organisation over a three-month period. The calculated sum includes; the gross cost of staff for two months and an allowance for redundancy, a set sum based on the general running costs budget for small contractual commitments, and reasonable allowances for the termination of any large (over £3,375 per annum) contracts that are held. The allowance is reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or upon the taking on of any new large contractual commitment.

Trustees' statement and responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Newborns Vietnam for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company [and the group] and of the income and expenditure of the charitable [company/group] for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company [and the group] and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

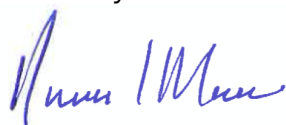
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Duncan Macrae, Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Newborns Vietnam

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newborns Vietnam (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as of 31 March 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial

statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton
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Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Goldwins Limited

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

75 Maygrove Road

West Hampstead

London NW6 2EG

Date: 28 December 2022

Statement of financial activities

(incorporating income and expenditure account)

For year-end 31st March 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021/22	Total 2020/21
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
	Donations (Individual & Corporate)	103,359	138,455	241,814	231,151
	Other trading activities	5 75,872	10,823	86,695	87,001
	Other income (Bank interest)	1,696	-	1,696	4,554
	Total income	180,927	149,278	330,205	322,706
Expenditure on:					
	Raising funds	6 14,862	-	14,862	29,435
	Charitable activities	7 113,165	149,736	262,901	255,680
	Total expenditure	128,027	149,736	277,763	285,115
	Net income / (expenditure) before transfers	52,900	(458)	52,442	37,591
	Transfer between funds	(19,247)	19,247	-	-
	Other recognised gains / (losses)				
	Foreign Exchange gains / losses	2,984	6	2,990	1,292
	Net Movement in funds	36,637	18,795	55,432	38,883
	Balance brought forward	658,907	15,965	674,872	635,989
	Total funds carried forward	13 695,544	34,760	730,304	674,872

Balance sheet at 31st March 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22	2020/21
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
	Stocks	10	5,685	-	5,685
	Debtors and prepayments	11	3,109	36,154	39,263
	Cash at bank and in hand		691,228	31,247	722,475
			700,022	67,401	767,423
Creditors					
	Amounts falling due in one year	12	(4,478)	(32,641)	(37,119)
Net current assets					
			695,544	34,760	730,304
Funds					
		13			
	Unrestricted funds			695,544	658,907
	Restricted Funds			34,760	15,965
Total funds					
				730,304	674,872

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved by the trustees on 15th December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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John Nicholas Robinson - Trustee
Company registration no. 07787718

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.
- b) Going concern. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for absolute and slow-moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in these notes to the financial statements.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020/21 £
Income from:			
Donations (Individual & Corporate)	215,659	15,492	231,151
Activities for generating funds	85,399	1,602	87,001
Other incoming (Bank interest)	4,554	-	4,554
Total incoming resources	305,612	17,094	322,706
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	29,435	-	29,435
Charitable activities	238,606	17,074	255,680
Total expended	268,041	17,074	285,115
Net income, before transfers	37,571	20	37,591
Other recognized gains /(losses)			
Foreign exchange gains /(loss)	1,292	-	1,292
Transfer between funds	(5,152)	5,152	-
Net movement in funds	33,711	5,172	38,883
Balance brought forward	625,196	10,793	635,989
Total funds carried forward	658,907	15,965	674,872

3 Exchange Rates

Exchange rate of Vietnam Dong to Pounds Sterling are those quoted as the transfer rate by the Vietcombank (Joint Stock Commercial Bank of Vietnam) for the day given at the bank headquarters.

4 Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ending 31st March 2022. There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st March 2022, other than those noted in the related parties note

5 Other trading activities

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Fundraising events	86,695	87,001

6	Cost of generating voluntary income	2021-22	2020-21
		£	£
	Fundraising activities	4,243	4,603
	Add Governance costs	10,619	24,832
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		14,862	29,435
7	Charitable activities	2021-22	2020-21
		£	£
	Medical staff training	13,037	10,925
	Medical equipment & consumables	179,622	166,209
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		192,659	177,134
	Add Governance costs	70,242	78,546
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		262,901	255,680
8	Governance costs	2021-22	2020-21
		£	£
	Bank charges	454	1,616
	Operational costs	77,107	98,462
	Audit fees	3,300	3,300
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		80,861	103,378
	Less: Allocated to fundraising activities	(10,619)	(24,832)
	Less: Allocated to charitable activities	(70,242)	(78,546)
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		-	-
9	Analysis of staff cost	2021-22	2020-21
	(Programme and finance staff)	£	£
	Wages	68,569	45,390
	On-costs	1,371	934
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		69,940	46,324

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year of more than £60,000 (2021: none).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was six (2022: six) At the end of the year, there were four employees.

10	Stock	2021-22	2020-21
		£	£
	Finished goods	5,685	3,760

11 Debtors	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Donations made, but not yet received	39,263	4,282
Prepayments	-	18
	39,263	4,300

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Training and operation creditors	35,941	3,773
Other creditors	1,178	3,642
	37,119	7,415

13 Movement in funds in 2021-2022

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	658,907	55,884	(19,247)	695,544
Restricted funds				
- COVID equipment & consumables	-	(19,247)	19,247	-
- Network medical equipment	5,172	11,105	-	16,277
- Ambulance purchase fund	10,793	7,690	-	18,483
Sub-Total	15,965	(452)	19,247	34,790
Total funds	674,872	55,432	-	730,304

Net movement of funds in 2021-2022

	Income	Expenditure	Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	180,927	(128,027)	2,984	55,884
Restricted funds				
- COVID equipment & consumables	84,738	(103,985)	-	(19,247)
- Network medical equipment	19,529	(8,424)	-	11,105
- Ambulance purchase fund	45,011	(37,327)	6	7,690
Sub-total	149,278	(149,736)	6	(452)
Total funds	330,205	(277,763)	2990	55,442

Movement in funds in 2020-2021

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	625,196	38,863	(5,152)	658,907
Restricted funds				
- Medical Consumables	-	(1,027)	1,027	-
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	-	(4,125)	4,125	-
- Network Medical Equipment	-	5,172	-	5,172
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	10,793	-	-	10,793
Sub-Total	10,793	20	5,152	15,965
Total funds	635,989	38,883	-	674,872

Net movement of funds in 2020-2021

	Income	Expenditure	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted			
- General fund	305,612	(266,749)	38,863
Restricted funds			
- Medical Consumables	712	(1,739)	(1,027)
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	11,210	(15,335)	(4,125)
- Network Medical Equipment	5,172	-	5,172
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	-	-	-
Sub-Total	17,094	(17,074)	20
Total funds	322,706	(283,823)	38,883

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 01.04.21	Cash flows	At 31.03.22
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	674,227	48,248	722,475
Total cash and cash equivalents	674,227	48,248	722,475

	At 01.04.20	Cash flows	At 31.03.21
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	648,351	25,876	674,227
Total cash and cash equivalents	648,351	25,876	674,227

15 Related party transactions

During the year under review, Mr. J. N. Robinson, trustee, paid £840 expenses on behalf of the charity. None of these were personal expenses. The amount owing to Mr. J.N.Robinson at the year-end is £840.

NEWBORNS VIETNAM

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For the year ended 31st March 2021



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Chairman's statement and annual review

I have had the privilege of being Newborns Vietnam Chairman for three years. The mission to end preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam and the Newborns team's determination to make this happen inspired me to take up the role. It has kept me inspired throughout three terms and will continue to do so in my new role as a passionate supporter and advocate.

I'm looking back on the extraordinary achievements of our staff team, our amazing UK medical and nursing volunteers in sharing British neonatal clinical and nursing expertise, embedding teaching and driving systemic change in the care of mothers and babies in Vietnam.

Over the last nine years, Newborns Vietnam has expanded the geography and reach of our training programmes from one regional hospital in central Vietnam to fifteen hospitals in three Cities and four Provinces. This expansion has impacted on outcomes for hundreds of thousands of babies and their families, with year on year reductions in neonatal mortality.

A highlight for me was the launch of the pilot Hanoi neonatal network by the Director of Hanoi Department of Health and the British Ambassador to Vietnam. Trustees listened with pride to the Director of Health for Hanoi sharing the progress since the signing ceremony in 2019. He outlined our work to adapt the British network model to suit the Vietnam context, the importance of the data systems we have developed with our sponsor technology companies from smart phone apps to a central data base to evidence improvements in care, parent satisfaction, and the impact of the network model.

The last year, of course, has brought challenges none of us could have foreseen. But the public health emergency caused by the pandemic has also focused attention on key policy issues, that are at the heart of our work to drive down mortality rates; Baby Friendly Hospitals, no unnecessary separation of mother and baby, breastfeeding initiated at birth, and the development of Human Milk Banks.

So, it's with sadness, pride and hope that, I hand over the reins to our interim Chairman Dr Duncan Macrae. He will steer Newborns Vietnam through the next stage of the journey to bring about a world where every baby has an equal chance to survive and thrive.

Mr Ivor Cosimo Jencks, Chairman the Board of Trustees

Executive Director's statement

This year, like everyone, we have experienced the enormous contrast between plans and reality. All of us at Newborns Vietnam have faced the unforeseen challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of course, when the coronavirus hit, our immediate priority was to support our partner hospitals to ensure the safety of their staff and patients, Newborns staff and our United Kingdom medical and nursing volunteers. In consultation with the Ministry of Health and Hanoi Department of Health, Trustees took the decision to suspend our UK neonatal postgraduate teaching in April and for our staff to work from home.

Throughout the year I have taken great inspiration from the way our staff, hospital partners, supporters, and most importantly, our UK and Vietnam health professionals have dealt with these unprecedented times. Our priorities changed overnight, with an abrupt stopping of face-to-face UK teaching, the challenge was to maintain the clinical focus of our postgrautes training online and provide more lectures. An interactive programmes based on real time clinical cases presented by Vietnamese doctors to our UK experts, provided a rich ground for assessing clinical decision making, highlighting gaps in knowledge, and maintaining quality and investigatory learning. Given the call on UK doctors time during the height of the pandemic in the UK, an amazing 2,000 hours of dedicated teaching was provided.

Our emergency appeal mid-year to support Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children, in the grips of a huge wave of infections that threatened to overwhelm the health service, with serious knock on effects for the health and futures of newborn infants, saw an overwhelmingly generous response from supporters both existing and new.

This has been a year of impressive achievements despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19. We welcomed the British Ambassador to Vietnam and the Hanoi Director of Health to celebrate the launch of the Hanoi Neonatal Network, a collaboration of nine hospitals sharing their expertise and knowledge, so quality of care in all the hospitals in that network area is improved and every baby receives the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

We witnessed with great pride hopsitals working together to establish their newborn nurseries and put their training into practice. Thanks to the annual UpRace community running event, funds were raised to provide essential basic lifesaving equipment to seven hopsitals.

Against a backdrop of the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic at the major hospitals we work with, mortality has continued to fall, clearly evidencing the sustainability of our education interventions.

Among the lessons the coronavirus pandemic has been teaching us, the biggest one is to find ways to sufficiently invest in a better and more efficient medical fraternity and give medical professionals the respect and infrastructure that they truly deserve once this crisis is over.

The future is unknown, but what remains true is our resolute belief that with your help, we can achieve our mission – **zero preventable newborn deaths in Vietnam.**

Suzanna Lubran MBE - Executive Director



This report details our progress against our goals, it is a review of our journey, achievements and challenges over the past year.

We hope the report inspires many more to support our mission for Vietnam - to end preventable newborn deaths.

About Newborns Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam is dedicated to reducing neonatal mortality and promoting the health of newborns and their mothers in countries with high levels of neonatal mortality, particularly in southeast Asia but focused on Vietnam.

We are a very focused enterprise that supports the Vietnam's government's healthcare agencies to make fundamental improvements to the country's maternal and neonatal care systems. We work not just through advocacy, but by active, practical partnerships that deliver measurable results to prove the change strategies, and engender their adoption at a national level, maximising the benefit to society.

In Vietnam, the healthcare system and standards of care for preterm and sick babies trail those of more developed countries. While newborns have a better chance at survival than ever before in Vietnam, the majority of under-5 deaths still occur during the first year (82 per cent) and the first month (61 per cent).¹ In 2019, child mortality rates in rural areas (26.0 per 1,000 live births) were more than double those in urban areas (12.7). The Government's national target is, by 2030, to reduce the national mortality rate to below 8 per thousand, a 25% reduction, and as part of that target, to reduce the rate within provinces where the rate is currently over 15 in a 1,000 live births, down to below 12 in 1,000 live births, a 20% reduction.

We believe that the most effective way of achieving the target and saving newborn lives starts with getting the basics right for every mother and baby. Simple solutions; skin to skin care at birth, early breastfeeding, no unnecessary separation of mother and baby and effective hand hygiene. We work collaboratively with our public health partners, providing a nurturing learning environment to build capacity and knowledge to support excellence in the delivery of basic services for mothers and babies and specialist neonatal intensive care.

We empower and support health professionals to lead system change adapting British models of training and care systems to the Vietnam context. Our approach is aligned with the Government's strategy to build capacity at local level, reducing overload at the central hospitals. Our network model recognises that neonatal care is expensive, and that not all hospitals caring for babies have the resources and expertise to deal with every sick newborn. We are testing the model in Hanoi for nine hospitals in a defined geographical area, the hospitals follow the same training programme, standard guidelines and procedures and work together to treat the babies and by sharing their expertise and knowledge, the quality of care in all the hospitals in that network is improved. This system change, coupled with an effective transport system, will mean every baby receives the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

Data guides our work, providing evidence of the impact of our education interventions to reduce mortality and support sustainable change and inform scaling up the Neonatal Network model to the remote provinces with the highest levels of mortality

¹ <https://www.unicef.org/vietnam/maternal-child-health>

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Newborns Vietnam is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission.

The beneficiaries of the charity are newborn infants and their mothers who need specialist care due to complications of pregnancy, pre-term birth or associated birth issues. The charity's object is to save lives, by reducing neonatal mortality and morbidities.

The aims of our charity are; to advocate for increased policy attention and global funding, develop interventions to reduce neonatal mortality and specifically neonatal nursing and clinical training programmes that are suitable for the local context which can be replicated across Vietnam and in south-east Asia, the provision of life-saving neonatal equipment, and, in partnership with public health providers, to support the development of managed neonatal networks with national and regional centres of excellence, to cascade skills and knowledge to medical staff working in the poorest areas and for those with the least access to medical services.

Implementing our strategy to end preventable newborn deaths

The goals set out in our 2020-24 business plan are drawn from nine years of work in Vietnam, our first hand experience of the limitations of a highly theoretical education system, the lack of an organisational framework for the designation of care in the lower level hospital, a safe transport service and a mandatory national resuscitation training. We must address these issues if Vietnam is to bring its neonatal care services into line with the better care provided within high-income countries like the UK, Australia, Singapore and certain European countries. This includes not just the training requirements for the top specialist hospitals with neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), but the need for appropriate training for, and management of, neonatal care at all levels of hospitals.

To achieve our goal to reduce neonatal mortality and improve outcomes for all newborns and their mothers we have identified the three most important factors that could improve neonatal care outcomes in Vietnam:

- 1) the implementation of standardised post-graduate training for neonatal doctors and nurses including work-based competency assessment, through the establishment of a revised national curriculum,
- 2) the implementation of standardised resuscitation training and certification through the establishment of a National Resuscitation Organisation for Vietnam, and
- 3) the establishment of managed neonatal networks, with standard guidelines, an appropriate level of training to get the basics right for every baby including Early Essential Newborn Care and the provision of a safe transport system. This would ensure that babies receive the care they need wherever they are born and can be promptly and safely moved to more specialised neonatal units if necessary.

Impact in the year

2020 was a year of impressive achievements despite the disruption caused by COVID-19. Against a backdrop of the challenge of the pandemic for our major hospitals partners in Da Nang and Hanoi, mortality has continued to fall, clearly evidencing the sustainability of our education interventions.

Our Hanoi Neonatal Network hospitals each committed to an improvement and training plan. We provided each hospital with basic equipment for their nurseries to enable them to provide basic care to reduce the transfer babies with non-serious problems to the overloaded central hospital.

Training was delivered by doctors and nurses trained by our UK teaching team for 255 nurses, doctors and midwives. The training is empowering medical and nursing staff to implement baby friendly practices, recognising that babies have the very best long-term developmental outcomes if their parents are able to be partners in delivering their baby's care.

From a position whereby no parent visiting was allowed in the neonatal nurseries, and were babies routinely separated from their sick baby, this year all the hospitals in the Hanoi pilot network moved further along the journey to becoming Baby Friendly Hospitals, with more and more hospitals establishing Kangaroo Mother Care nurseries to enable even the sickest babies to bond with their mothers.

"These nurses have not only become the voice of the baby but also advocate for parents and families who previously may have been separated from their sick newborn from birth. It is just wonderful to see the impact of neonatal education is having on the Vietnamese nurses and the families in their care."

Anne Moylan, Programme Manager Vietnam, Edinburgh Napier University

With our partner hospitals, we developed protocols to support COVID infected and at-risk mothers and babies to be together during and immediately after birth. We called for action for vaccinations for pregnant women and supported hospitals to access donor breastmilk.

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Doctors at 3 Hospitals in training at UK postgraduate level.

2,000+

Hours of online training provided by UK doctors and nurse educators.

255

Doctors, Nurses, Midwives

Trained in resuscitation at birth, recognising, stabilising and managing a sick newborn.

Trained how to manage common newborn illnesses.

Joint programme Newborns Vietnam and Phu San Hanoi Hospital.

9 Hospitals

sharing their expertise and knowledge, so quality of care in all the hospitals is improved and every baby receives the right care, at the right place, at the right time, standardising care with shared guidelines and training.

Provided

basic equipment for 7 hospitals to help babies breathe and keep them warm.



25%

Reduction in the neonatal mortality rate and an 15% reduction in the rate of infection as cause of death at the Vietnam National Children's Hospital, Hanoi.

Baby Friendly

1st change

All 9 Hospitals in the Network are seeking Ministry of Health designation as Breastfeeding Centres of Excellence.

2nd change

Skin to skin at birth reduces infection, use of antibiotics, admissions to neonatal units and mortality, and increases sustained breastfeeding.

3rd change

The use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines in delivery room, to allow babies with respiratory distress to receive CPAP whilst in skin-to-skin contact with their mothers.



Stable babies moved from intensive care to Kangaroo Mother Care, reducing separation and improving outcomes.



~ 100

Families did not suffer the loss of their baby.

UK Neonatal post graduate training for junior doctors - Impact of COVID

In 2016, we introduced formal competency based post graduate training for junior doctors working within the Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children's neonatal unit and we extended this two-year programme to the Vietnam National Children's Hospital in 2017, and Phu San Hanoi and St Paul Hospital, Hanoi in 2019.

The face to face clinical teaching had to be put on hold in early 2020 due to COVID international travel restrictions. Our early adaption of the Level 1 training to on-line teaching around daily clinical cases has exceeded our expectations and going forward, Blended Learning will add richness and diversity to our programmes connecting a wider field of experts to share knowledge and research. We are very grateful to our British based doctors and nurses who adopted the new methods and mediums with commitment and energy. And the huge enthusiasm and commitment of the Vietnamese doctors who, despite working 24/7 shifts for 7days, maintained their commitment to the programme.

Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children

Doctors at Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children completed their UK Level 2 training in 2018, they have made many changes to their clinical practice with a year on year reduction in mortality. We are providing on-going support to 2021 with additional training placements at UK hospitals. These are on hold due to the pandemic.

The ongoing commitment to maintaining the practice of a daily ward round with clinical teaching and the use of the UK competencies for training new doctors, interns and doctors on short placements from provincial hospitals is impressive. The hospital is a pilot for the soft testing of our bilingual eportfolio, which allows all doctors to record their progress through training and then document their ongoing continuing professional development. Assessments in the workplace are linked to the competencies that need to be achieved. The progress of trainees can be monitored by trainers and educational supervisors and feedback recorded.

Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children (maternity hospital)			
Year	Admissions	Deaths	Mortality Rate
2017	3223	74	2.30%
2019	3412	62	1.82%
2020	4987*	102	2.04%
Improvement in mortality rate in 3 years			11.3%
Breastfeeding has increased from 49% in 2014 to almost 100% in 2019 which has been maintained in 2020, note some sick pre-term newborns receive breastmilk from the Human Milk Bank			

* Impact of COVID-19 wave 2

Vietnam National Children's Hospital

Following the successful completion of Post Graduate Level 2 training in 2019, the review of clinical practice in March 2020, showed that many of the recommendations in our end of course report had been implemented, particularly the continuation of the daily ward round, the completion of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) training and the opening of the KMC unit to enable stable babies to stay with their mothers, parent visiting and the first stage of developing a Human Milk Bank.

Impact of Education Intervention on Outcomes

A core data collection system established at Vietnam National Children's Hospital in 2017 to evidence the impact of our education intervention and build our understanding of number of babies transferred within Hanoi and the reason for admissions. All babies have a data collection form in their notes, the data set includes, the referring hospital details, all aspects of medical care and outcomes.

From four years of data collection we can see the impact of the training and more systematic approach to care.

Vietnam National Children's Hospital (referral hospital)				
Year	Admissions	Deaths	Mortality Rate	Rate of Improvement
2017	3,870	497	12.8%	n/a
2018	4,036	464	11.5%	10.5%
2019	4,061	375	9.2%	19.7%
2020	3,637	269	7.4%	19.9%

Breastfeeding is increasing around 49% and will be greatly supported by the development of a Human Milk Bank, planned to open in early 2022.

Phu San Hanoi (Hanoi Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital)

The Phu San doctors have continued to improve their skills. With excellent support from the hospital directors many changes of practice arising from the training have already been implemented, the revised admissions policy has significantly reduced the unnecessary separation of mother and baby, the use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) in the delivery room, preterm babies transferred in plastic bags to avoid heat loss, delayed cord clamping, review of antibiotic policy, and appointment of team leaders for each nursery and improvements in transfer from delivery suite to the neonatal intensive care unit. The major achievement in 2020 was the completion of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) training and the opening of the KMC unit to enable stable babies to stay with their mothers.

UK Level 1 Post Graduate Training, 2020-21	
Hanoi Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital (Phu San Hanoi), number of Doctors involved:	13
Number of United Kingdom volunteer neonatal consultants providing training:	12
Hours of on-line training provided:	1,000

St Paul Hospital

St Paul Hospital is an important hospital for the city of Hanoi providing specialist surgery and acting as a gateway hospital for neonatal referrals from lower-level hospitals and from the community. It also has an important role within the pilot network. The St Paul doctors completed a Foundation training course in 2019 and commenced Level 1 in 2020 just as the pandemic hit Vietnam. Their commitment to the on-line training and supporting and delivering training for the pilot network hospital has been impressive. With excellent support from the hospital directors, many changes of practice arising from the training have already been implemented, the nursery environment, developmental care and parent involvement is great to see, a huge change in a very short time.

UK Level 1 Post Graduate Training, 2020-21	
St. Paul, number of Doctors involved:	7
Number of United Kingdom volunteer neonatal consultants providing training:	9
Hours of on-line training provided:	1,000

Neonatal nurse training in Hanoi

Training for the third cohort of qualified nurses working within the Vietnam National Children's Hospital's neonatal unit commenced the Edinburgh University's nurse training bespoke curriculum designed to meet the specific learning needs of nurses providing complex intensive care. The aim is for the curriculum and training provision to be dynamic and sustainable in the evolving and challenging environment of Vietnam. This is a hugely popular course, to bridge the gap monthly on-line refresher sessions have been provided for all VNCH nurses.

Neonatal Network

To build a greater understanding of the intensity and levels of care within the pilot network hospitals, between July and August 2020 all nine 'network' hospitals participated in a data collection survey.

The aims of the survey were to determine the intensity of care at each hospital, numbers of transfers from within Hanoi to VNCH and St Paul and numbers from provincial hospital, thereby provide information to:

- compare staffing levels in relation to the intensity of care,
- develop a plan to reduce transfers within Hanoi, develop the capacity of lower level hospitals and by improving local hospitals care, facilities and equipment encourage mothers to return to their home hospital for KMC and low-level care,
- assist in planning the network strategy beyond the pilot.

The key information the survey provided was that during the two months; there were 884 inpatient babies at VNCH, of which;

- 40% had been transferred from other hospitals in Hanoi, while 58% had been transferred from 151 provincial hospitals, in 28 provinces, the furthest coming from 200km to the south of Hanoi.
- 46% of the babies received high level care at VNCH, while 54% received lower level care, which should be able to be provided by the referring hospitals, if they could receive the level of support being provided by NewbornsVietnam to the lower-level hospitals in the pilot network.

The impact of the information recorded by the survey is that;

- significant numbers of babies are being put at risk because they can't receive the lower-level care that they should, and, although there is currently no safe transport system, they have to travel to a high level hospital - VNCH
- the high number of babies needing only lower-level care at VNCH creates overcrowding, which means that is more difficult for VNCH to provide the high levels of staff resourcing necessary to properly care for the babies needing higher level care.

From this information, NewbornsVietnam finalised its plans, and is now implementing its programme. to support the pilot network lower-level hospitals, which include;

- signing up each hospital to their own individual improvement plan, developed for their own specific needs,
- helping them reorganise their nurseries and delivery rooms to provide improved hygiene and environment,
- providing a training plan, which for 2020-21 provides blended training from the mid-level hospital staff and on-line training from UK experts,

- providing, and training the staff to use, basic but essential neonatal care equipment,
- supporting the hospitals to develop EENC (Early Essential Neonatal Care, and
- setting a programme of review visits.

“For me the most impressive thing about Newborns Vietnam is that they can associate the 9 hospitals in Hanoi Neonatal Network. Thanks to that great work, I am able to promptly share information about my patients with my colleagues in the Neonatal Network and work closely to bring the best treatment to our newborn babies. In the past year, thanks to the support of Newborns as well as the doctors in the Neonatal Network, I was able to promptly provide first aid, initial treatment and safely transport a 32-week premature baby with weight of 1.3 kg to St Paul Hospital and now the baby is stable and discharged. In addition, thanks to the equipment sponsored by Newborns Vietnam as well as the professional help from the Hanoi Neonatal Network and all the UK consultants, the neonatal unit in my hospital has made important changes in the process of treating and caring for newborn babies.”

Doctor Le Quang Minh, Gia Lam, District Hospital, Hanoi

Effect of COVID-19

COVID has directly impacted the full implementation of the pilot network training as a number of the hospitals were designated to receive COVID-19 patients and later as referral hospitals for COVID infected mothers to give birth.

In the window where COVID was under control, initial training for six lower level network hospitals was delivered for 255 doctors, midwives and nurses by Phu San Hanoi (Hanoi Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital) and St Paul Hospital focusing on resuscitation at birth, developmental care, the use of non invasive ventilation and the recognition and management of the sick newborn.

A highlight of a difficult and challenging year for the hospitals and Newborns was the handover of new equipment for delivery room and to establish newborn nurseries with the essential equipment required to care for common newborn illnesses. The handover provided an opportunity to review progress, doctors reported less transfers and more successful management of sick babies during the transfer.

As the year progressed and the wave of infections increased, travel restrictions severely limited transfers of sick babies within the City and from the provinces. To provide support and advice, our UK teaching team provided a series of on-line sessions designed to build capacity to manage more complex cases.

Equipment

In addition to the comprehensive package of equipment provided to seven of the nine pilot network hospitals, we have continued to provide essential items of equipment to all the hospitals we work with, with a particular focus on providing equipment, fittings and consumables, such as medical sinks, automatic door openers, paper towels and dispensers, that support our work to reduce hospital acquired infection.



Fundraising – growing powerful partnerships together

One of our strategic aims is to grow our partnerships with individuals, businesses and organisations with significant resources to help end preventable newborn deaths. The support they offer us could be financial, resources, ideas and insight awareness and understanding of the issues facing middle income countries in providing universal health coverage, harnessing the positive impact of technology in healthcare.

We hugely appreciate our partnership with Edrington, Premier Oil, Karl Storz, Topas Travel, Seedcom, Hong Ngoc Hospital and VNG Corporation who have supported us financially and raised awareness and understanding of our important mission to end preventable newborn deaths.

We are immensely grateful to KMS Solutions who have developed a bilingual ePortfolio system that allows doctors undertaking our UK Level 1 postgraduate training to record their progress through their training and then document their ongoing continuing professional development. Assessments in the workplace are linked to the competencies need to be achieved. The progress of trainees can be monitored by trainers and educational supervisors and feedback recorded.

We have engaged in conversations with new and existing sponsors about support to scale up the network model of care, supporting the development of a new national paediatric curriculum to incorporate neonatology as a sub specialty for post graduate studies

We welcomed back UpRace an impactful community running event we are excited to see it develop year on year demonstrating the power of sports to transform lives and raise awareness and funds for health, education and the environment. UpRace 2020 was the most successful yet, with more people than ever supporting Newborns. We were humbled by support we received from people from all walks of life participating in sports events.

We worked hard to ensure that our supporters who gave so generously understood what they had helped make possible. Making every supporter feel valued, allied to our work and proud of what we have achieved together. Without our many other generous partners, we would not have achieved all we have this year.

Next year: our targets for 2021-2022

Vietnam, having initially managed to avoid a serious Covid 19 outbreak, is now facing a huge wave of infections (Delta variant) that is threatening to overwhelm the health service, and has serious knock on effects for the health and futures of mothers and newborn infants.

In the year ahead we will face many challenges, a recently published global survey found that newborns were being separated from their mothers in half the world's countries as a precautionary measure if the mother had tested positive for COVID-19.

We will prioritise raising awareness and support for vaccination for pregnant women, mothers suspected or confirmed COVID-19 not to be separated from their infants and breastfeeding recommendations practiced with additional infection prevention and control measures such as mask wearing, hand hygiene and wiping surfaces. in line with World Health Organisations (WHO) recommendations.

Within the Hanoi network hospitals we will provide support to build confidence at all levels of the health system for infected mothers and babies to stay together, promote breastfeeding and seek options to provide donor breastmilk for mothers to sick to express milk.

The options to transfer sick babies to higher level hospitals are likely to be limited, we will continue to provide on-line training to support hospitals to manage more complex cases that would normally transfer to a higher level central hospital.

One of our key goals is for all 8 network hospitals to achieve designation as breastfeeding centres of excellence, the first steps is an Early Essential Newborn Care (EENC) learning visit to Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children and a formal assessment, prior to commencing training.

The extension of the pilot network to a further ten hospitals in Hanoi is planned, with an assessment of facilities, capacity and care as the first step.

The UK Level 1 neonatal postgraduate and Edinburgh Napier University nurse training will continue on line for Vietnam National Children's Hospital, St Paul and Phu San Hanoi and we will welcome the National Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital. To support the earliest possible completion of Level 1, the quality improvement project for the Level 1 exam will be supervised online with a final presentation of the projects planned for January 2023.

We will develop a formal partnership with Son La Department of Health initially for three hospitals, to introduce a pathway to achieve Baby Friendly care with basic training and equipment to support implementation with the goal of developing capacity of a single hospital to provide a higher level of care for three provinces and reduce the transfer of babies to Hanoi, a six hour journey.

We will need to be ready to support our hospital partners in the face of the escalation of the pandemic.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Newborns Vietnam

Charity registration number

1144562

Company registration number

7787718

Legal Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Registered company office

75 Maygrove Road,
London NW6 2EG

Bankers

Barclays Bank
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London N1 8EH

Vietcombank
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Danang City
Vietnam

Auditors

Goldwins Chartered Accountants
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London NW6 2EG

Solicitors

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38th Floor, Bitexco Financial Tower
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Ho Chi Minh City
Vietnam

Chairman of the board of trustees

Mr Ivor Cosimo Jencks (to 20th January 2021)

Trustees

Dr Duncan Macrae (Vice Chairman, Interim Chairman from 20th January 2021)

Professor Khu Khan Thi Dung (appointed 5th June 2020)

Mr Nguyen Long (appointed 5th June 2020)

Mrs Suzanna Lubran MBE (Executive Director)

Mr Tien Hoanh Nguyen

Mr Desmond Poon,

Mr Martin Reimann

Mr John Nicholas Robinson

Ms Samantha Campbell (appointed 5th June 2020)

Mr Bang H Trinh

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Newborns Vietnam is registered as a charity with the UK's Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 26th September 2011 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 15th September 2011.

Newborns Vietnam is also licensed by the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM) of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO), to operate as an International Non-Governmental Organisation in Vietnam.

Management

Members of the company elect a voluntary Board of Trustees (whom are also known as Directors), to be responsible for the overall governance and direction of the charity. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to their suitability for the role, with the skills and experience to support our organisational growth, ensure good governance, transparency and provide highly specialist medical knowledge.

The Board currently has eight Trustees, including a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer. Typically, the full Board meets four times a year, with additional meetings held by specialist committees, currently comprising a Medical, Education and Finance, each of which is under the direction of two or more Trustees.

The day to day management of the charity's programmes are delegated to the Executive Director and are delivered in accordance with the approved delivery plan and annual budget.

Our vision and values

Our vision is a world where there are no preventable deaths of newborn infants, where every birth is celebrated, and mothers and babies survive and realise their full potential. We are determined to do more to stop babies from dying the day they are born, or in days after their birth.

We are determined advocates working to raise awareness of neonatal mortality and advancing solutions informed by research and our direct experience. Our work is guided and informed by our commitment to getting the basics of newborn care right for every baby.

It is vital, as we grow as an organisation, that we ensure everybody understands what it is that makes us Newborns Vietnam. Our values are at the heart of everything we do as we continue in our mission to end preventable newborn deaths.

Openness - we are committed to a culture of team work and collaboration

Inclusiveness - we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.

Partnership - we know that we will not advance neonatal care on our own, we collaborate with others and together we support our public health partners to bring about change.

Stewardship - we take great care of the resources entrusted to us by others, whether this is money, time or trust, and we are open and transparent in our reporting.

Inspire - through our work and our sports platform we inspire others to come together to help end preventable newborn deaths

Thank You

We greatly appreciate and thank our strategic partners, UK medical and nursing volunteers, companies, athletes, and thousands of individuals for supporting us through this challenging year!

We are proud of how we have stood together; to support mothers and babies in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, to keep our health professionals safe, and to continue our work to drive down neonatal mortality rates.

Each and every donation is making a difference to the life chances of newborns in Vietnam.

Accor Hotels	Mobile World Investment Corporation (MWG)
AIP, swimming team	MoMo (M - Service JSC)
AKA Asia,	MTTS (Life Kit)
Alchemy Asia	MUDE
Alan Grincer	Mullenhouse Salt
British Embassy Hanoi	NRE Group
Bu Baby	Nutifood
CellphoneS	Payoo
Classic Fine Foods (Da Nang)	Peter Bennet Foundation
Cho Tot Company Limited	Philips Vietnam
Chops	Phu Bao Group
DK Engineering	Pmax
Edrington	POPS Worldwide
Ecomobi Media Co. Ltd	Premier Oil (Harbour Energy Company)
Empire City	Red Bridge Restaurant & Cooking School
Endurance Academy	Renaissance International School Saigon
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	Sam Wilson Visuals
Frogs Legs swimming team	Savills Vietnam
Galaxy Education and Training	Seedcom
Gene Friend Vietnam Company Limited	Sunrise Events
Giving Lunch	Sofitel Legend Metropole
Greenhat Events	Techcombank HCM International Marathon
Got It	Tiki Corporation
Haravan	Tek Experts
Henry Boot & Friends	The Coffee House
Hilton Hanoi Opera	Topas Travel
Hoan My Corporation	Trusting Social
Hogan Lovells	UnAvailable
HongKong Land	Velo Vietnam
Hong Ngoc Hospital	Vietnam Airlines
Hotel de L'Opera - Mgallery	VletBay Inc
Hyatt Regency Danang Resort and Spa	VietMedical
ICUC Hanoi	VNG Corporation
IDS Medical	Windsor Property Management Group Corp
iPOS.vn	Yola Education JSC
Isla Climbing Challenge	Zoomations
Kark Storz	and all the individuals, too numerous to list here,
KMS Solutions	we thank you all!
Minh Long 1 Co. Ltd	

Financial review

As expected, the COVID-19 pandemic has made 2020-21 a challenging year for the Charity.

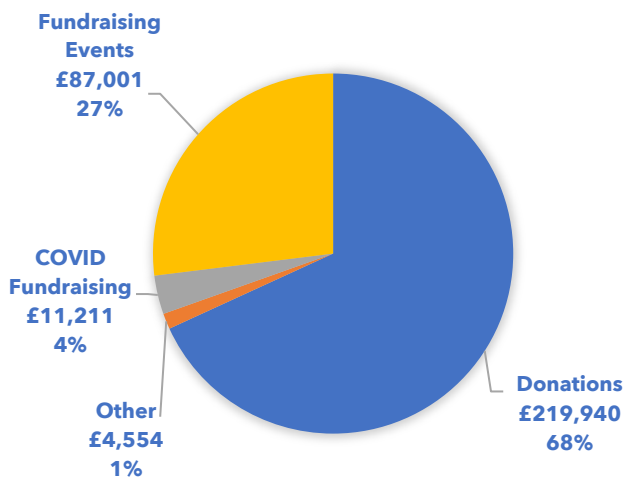
The international travel restrictions had a significant effect on planned expenditure. The contract for the face-to-face training from our UK University partner was suspended and it was no longer necessary to meet the cost of travel for the 100+ international medical staff originally expected to come to Vietnam to teach. As a result, the spend on training and development dropped to £81k, just over a fifth of spend last year of £394k. On the other hand, we were able to accelerate our programme to provide essential equipment to our partner hospitals, the spend of nearly \$160k being nearly seven times the spend of nearly £23k the previous year. Furthermore additional equipment and consumables to a value of over £15k were provided to support our partner Hospital in Da Nang meet its immediate needs in combatting the effects of COVID on its neonatal services. Overall the year's expenditure was £285k, about 38% lower than last year's spend of \$459k.

As anticipated income reduced as a result of the pandemic, primarily because almost all fundraising sports events were cancelled or postponed. As a result, income declined to £322k, nearly 24% less than the £422k raised last year. However, donations were higher than might have been expected, and a short special fundraising appeal raised over £11k to provide equipment and consumables needed as a result of the COVID pandemic.

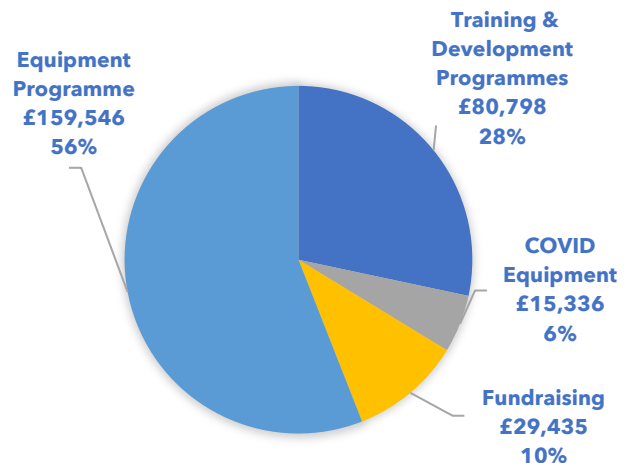
Overall, the reduction in expenditure being higher than the reduction income, has resulted in an annual surplus of £38.9k rather than a budgeted for deficit of £21.4k.

As a result the Charity ends the year with resources of nearly £635k and is in a strong financial position to weather the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that are continuing into the future, and ensuring we continue to deliver our programmes.

INCOME 2020/21



EXPENDITURE 2020/21



Reserve Fund

The charity's trustees have agreed that its reserve policy requires the retention of sufficient financial resources necessary to meet our legal obligations resulting from a closure of the organisation over a three-month period. The calculated sum includes; the gross cost of staff for two months and an allowance for redundancy, a set sum based on the general running costs budget for small contractual commitments, and reasonable allowances for the termination of any large (over £3,375 per annum) contracts that are held. The allowance is reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or upon the taking on of any new large contractual commitment.

Trustees' statement and responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Newborns Vietnam for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company [and the group] and of the income and expenditure of the charitable [company/group] for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company [and the group] and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Duncan Macrae, Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of Newborns Vietnam

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newborns Vietnam (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as of 31 March 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial

statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
 - Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
 - The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton

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Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
West Hampstead
London NW6 2EG

Date: 29 December **2021**

Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

For year-end 31st March 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020/21	Total 2019/20
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
	Donations (Individual & Corporate)	215,659	15,492	231,151	252,409
	Charitable Activities (Grants)	-	-	-	816
	Other trading activities	85,399	1,602	87,001	166,336
	Other incoming (Bank interest)	4,554	-	4,554	2,790
	Total income	305,612	17,094	322,706	422,351
Expenditure on:					
	Raising funds	29,435	-	29,435	41,348
	Charitable activities	238,606	17,074	255,680	418,053
	Total expenditure	268,041	17,074	285,115	459,401
	Net income / (expenditure) before transfers	37,571	20	37,591	(37,050)
	Transfer between funds	(5,152)	5,152	-	-
	Other recognised gains / (losses)				
	Foreign Exchange gains / losses	1,292	-	1,292	1,111
	Net Movement in funds	33,711	5,172	38,883	(35,939)
	Balance brought forward	625,196	10,793	635,989	671,928
	Total funds carried forward	658,907	15,965	674,872	635,989

Balance sheet at 31st March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21	2019/20
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
	Stocks	10	3,760	-	3,760
	Debtors	11	4,300	-	15,348
	Cash at bank and in hand		658,262	15,965	674,227
			666,322	15,965	682,287
					666,956
Creditors					
	Amounts falling due in one year	12	(7,415)	-	(30,967)
Net current assets					
			658,907	15,965	674,872
					635,989
Funds					
		13			
	Unrestricted funds			658,907	625,196
	Restricted Funds			15,965	10,793
Total funds					
				674,872	635,989

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved by the trustees on 16th December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



John Nicholas Robinson - Trustee
Company registration no. 07787718

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for absolute and slow-moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in these notes to the financial statements.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019/20 £
Incoming from:			
Donations (Individual & Corporate)	240,876	11,533	252,409
Charitable activities (Grants)	-	816	816
Activities for generating funds	166,336	-	166,366
Other incoming (Bank interest)	2,790	-	2,790
Total incoming resources	410,002	12,349	422,351
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	41,348	-	41,348
Charitable activities	377,762	40,291	418,053
Total expended	419,110	40,291	459,401
Net incoming / (outgoing) Resources before transfers	(9,108)	(27,942)	(37,050)
Other recognized gains /(losses)			
Foreign Exchange gains /(loss)	1,111	-	1,111
Transfer between funds	(1,936)	1,936	-
Net movement in funds	(9,933)	(26,006)	(35,939)
Balance brought forward	635,129	36,799	671,928
Total funds carried forward	625,196	10,793	635,989

3 Exchange Rates

Exchange rate of Vietnam Dong to Pounds Sterling are those quoted as the transfer rate by the Vietcombank (Joint Stock Commercial Bank of Vietnam) for the day given at the bank headquarters.

4 Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ending 31st March 2021.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st March 2021, other than those noted in the related parties note

5 Other trading activities

	2020-21 £	2019-20 £
Fundraising events	87,001	166,336

6	Cost of generating voluntary income	2020-21	2019-20
		£	£
	Fundraising activities	4,603	19,453
	Add Governance costs	24,832	21,895
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		29,435	41,348
7	Charitable activities	2020-21	2019-20
		£	£
	Medical staff training	10,925	316,846
	Medical equipment & consumables	166,209	20,731
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		177,134	337,576
	Add Governance costs	78,546	55,477
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		255,680	393,053
8	Governance costs	2020-21	2019-20
		£	£
	Bank charges	1,616	1,185
	Operational costs	98,462	73,187
	Audit fees	3,300	3,000
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		103,378	77,372
	Less: Allocated to fundraising activities	(24,832)	(21,895)
	Less: Allocated to charitable activities	(78,546)	(55,477)
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		-	-
9	Analysis of Staff Cost	2020-21	2019-20
	(Programme and Finance Staff)	£	£
	Wages	45,390	35,836
	On-costs	934	878
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		46,324	36,714

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year of more than £60,000 (2021: none).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was four (2021: four). At the end of the year, there were six employees.

10	Stock	2020-21	2019-20
		£	£
	Finished goods	3,760	3,257

11 Debtors	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Donations made, but not yet received	4,282	15,007
Prepayments	18	341
	<hr/> 4,300	<hr/> 15,348

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Training and operation creditors	3,773	28,966
Other creditors	3,642	2,001
	<hr/> 7,415	<hr/> 30,967

13 Movement in funds in 2020-2021

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted				
- General fund	625,196	38,863	(5,152)	658,907
Restricted funds				
- Medical Consumables	-	(1,027)	1,027	-
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	-	(4,125)	4,125	-
- Network Medical Equipment	-	5,172	-	5,172
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	10,793	-	-	10,793
Sub-Total	<hr/> 10,793	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 5,152	<hr/> 15,965
Total Funds	635,989	38,883	-	674,872

Net movement of funds in 2020-2021

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted			
- General fund	305,612	266,749	38,863
Restricted funds			
- Medical Consumables	712	1,739	(1,027)
- COVID Equipment & Consumables	11,210	15,335	(4,125)
- Network Medical Equipment	5,172	-	5,172
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	-	-	-
Sub-Total	17,094	17,074	20
Total Funds	322,706	283,824	38,883

Movement in funds in 2019-2020

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted				
- General fund	635,129	(7,997)	(1,936)	625,196
Restricted funds				
- Medical Consumables	-	(1,936)	1,936	-
- In Safe Hands Programme	36,799	(36,799)	-	-
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	-	10,793	-	10,793
Sub-Total	36,799	(27,942)	1,936	10,793
Total funds	671,928	(35,939)	-	635,989

Net movement of funds in 2019-2020

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted			
- General fund	411,113	(419,110)	(7,997)
Restricted funds			
- Medical Consumables	740	(2,676)	(1,936)
- In Safe Hands Programme	816	(37,615)	(36,799)
- Ambulance Purchase Fund	10,793	-	10,793
Sub-Total	12,349	(40,291)	(27,942)
Total funds	423,462	(459,401)	(35,939)

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 01.04.21 £	Cash flows £	At 31.03.21 £
Cash at bank and in hand	648,351	25,876	674,227
Total cash and cash equivalents	648,351	25,876	674,227

	At 01.04.19 £	Cash flows £	At 31.03.20 £
Cash at bank and in hand	665,794	(17,443)	648,351
Total cash and cash equivalents	665,794	(17,443)	648,351

15 Related party transactions

During the year under review, Mr. J. N. Robinson, trustee, paid £3,642 expenses on behalf of the charity. None of these were personal expenses. The amount owing to Mr. J.N.Robinson at the year-end is £3,642.