



Global Hope Network International UK

BRINGING HELP AND HOPE TO THE HIDDEN AND HURTING

Charity No: 1148384

Company No: 8078928

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Objectives

1.1 Global Hope Network International UK (the charity) is one of 3 national resource associations linked to Global Hope Network International (GHNI), a Geneva-based humanitarian aid and development agency. The 2 other national associations are based in Switzerland and the USA, all with the same charitable purposes, viz.

- The prevention or relief of poverty in any part of the world, through assisting communities to become self-sufficient, and in training their leaders to support transformational change in their countries; and
- The relief and assistance of people in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of medical aid to such persons.

1.2 Each national resource association is legally and financially independent, but they collaborate to ensure good cooperation, accountability and transparency in meeting the needs of recipient countries. The latter are 30-35 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, in which GHNI has several long-term development programmes, particularly amongst rural villages, and emergency aid programmes. Further information about the UK charity is at www.ghniuk.org and about GHNI at www.ghni.org.

1.3 GHNI field staff oversee all country programmes, keeping national the UK (and other) resource offices informed of developments and needs, so that the latter can decide priorities for fund-raising, marketing, publicity etc.

2. Activities and achievements

2.1 The charity's board of trustees agree a 3-year rolling plan each year based on information from GHNI's field staff. The charity received no funding other than from donors and it had no contracts with central government or local authorities, leaving the Board free to set its own priorities.

Publicity and promotional events

2.2 As for many charities, GHNI UK held far fewer events than had been planned for 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdown. However, several online videoconference meetings were held between UK donors and GHNI field staff to maintain donor interest and update them with developments. During 2020, such meetings focused on GHNI's work in Armenia, Jordan, Lebanon and Nigeria.

Field projects and staff supported

2.3 **Jordan.** UK donations went to GHNI's office in Amman to enable them to support Syrian, Iraqi and Yemeni refugees living in privately rented accommodation in Amman. Such support helped to meet the cost of basic needs such as for food, clothing and primary health care. A UK appeal for blankets at Christmas 2019 also resulted in significantly increased giving in early 2020. Meanwhile in the nearby town of Madaba, GHNI's training centre – the House of Ruth – continued to run skills training courses for nearby communities of long-term refugees and operate well equipped medical and dental clinics. Goat loan programmes as a means of income generation also continued successfully in several Jordanian villages.

2.4 The country was less affected by the pandemic in its early stages, so GHNI's work remained unaffected but this changed later in the year and work became more severely hampered. GHNI obtained special government permission to drive emergency aid to refugees in their homes in Amman.

2.5 **Lebanon.** The Bekaa valley was still home to an estimated 750,000 mostly Syrian refugees, and GHNI's skills training and medical centre based there – the House of Sarah – continued to be in much demand. The House of Sarah continued to provide training in certain trades, e.g., carpentry, and to teach languages and IT skills and operate primary health care and dental clinics. However, the centre had to be closed during the year because of periods of national lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic which affected the country badly.

2.6 Lebanon also suffered a severe national economic crisis during 2020 and a catastrophic explosion in Beirut, all of which impacted daily life for ordinary people. The national crisis affected the work of many charities like GHNI, as the local currency was much devalued making imported goods like medicines much more expensive. The country thus became a particular focus for the charity in 2020.

2.6 **Armenia.** The charity helped to initiate a new sewing machine training programme in the village of Jrashen, Spitak in the north of Armenia. The aim was to train local women to gain sufficient sewing skills so that by 6 months they would be able to find local employment or launch out in business on their own. The charity bought 4 sewing machines and helped pay for the refurbishment and initial rental of an existing building and pay the trainer's salary. National GHNI staff oversaw the programme which was immediately successful and after 6 months some women found local employment while others started a new tailoring business of their own.

2.7 However, country went to war with Azerbaijan from September-November 2020, leading to large numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) seeking refuge elsewhere in Armenia. Some 3000 mainly women and children arrived in Spitak, and all local agencies rallied to help provide basic needs for shelter, food, clothing etc. This gave an immediate and urgent focus for the newly begun sewing training programme, whose efforts were diverted to making or mending clothing to help some of the women and children IDPs.

2.8 **Other countries.** Smaller donations from the charity went to support GHNI programmes in Myanmar (Burma), Greece and Nigeria. Some of these were for emergency relief programmes, others for longer-term development.

2.9 Lastly, regular and one-off donations were given to support individual GHNI staff members in both field and HQ offices.

The Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy

2.10 For many years the charity has played an active role in supporting the Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy (GILPP), both in donating towards its costs and attending its annual Geneva conference. GILPP is an agency of GHNI, whose annual conferences in Geneva are held in collaboration with the UN Institute for Training and Research. GILPP conferences are a priority for GHNI as they seek

to influence Government and other leaders in the countries in which GHNI is working, helping to make development truly sustainable.

2.11 The 2020 GILPP conference was held virtually by videoconference because of Covid-related travel restrictions, with over 100 participants joining the event. Speakers gave either live or recorded presentations and there was opportunity for discussion and debate. Despite the limitations of an online event, it was generally deemed to have been very successful.

3. Financial review

Overview

3.1 Like many charities, GHNI UK saw lower donations in 2020 compared to previous years because of the impact of the pandemic, lockdown, loss of jobs etc. This fall in this charity's income was compounded by uncertainties over the future of GHNI's Middle East region which was subject to an internal audit in March 2020. This undermined UK donor confidence in GHNI especially in the Middle East. Hitherto, the great majority of the UK charity's donations had been given for work in the Middle East, so this loss of confidence led to a major loss of annual income.

3.2 The Financial Statement for 2020 is attached as an Annex to this report. The charity saw a 57% fall in income in 2020 compared to 2019, very largely for reasons mentioned in para 3.1 above.

3.3 During the year, the charity also engaged a UK consultancy to give advice on which charitable trusts and similar institutions the charity might approach for financial support. The consultancy duly advised, recommending that the most attractive part of GHNI's work for which to seek funding was GILPP. However, with the 2021 GILPP conference also likely to be virtual rather than real, its need for financial support was far less than usual and it was decided to defer follow-up action until the pandemic was over and a degree of normality returned.

Funds from elsewhere

3.4 The charity held no funds as a custodian for others during the year, neither did it act as an agent for any other. It also had no financial investments, reserve funds

or assets other than what was held in its sole account with the Cooperative Bank. It also received no income from any other countries during 2020.

Means of fundraising, engagement of third parties

3.5 The charity achieves its purposes by raising funds from the UK public. It does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participators, although as mentioned above it has occasionally sought advice on how to raise funds more effectively.

Money transfers

3.6 All funds for field programmes or individual staff are transferred to GHNI's US office which acts on behalf of GHNI Geneva in managing field programmes and staff support. The US office then holds funds until they are needed, ensuring good coordination and control of funds from all national resource associations. Expenditure of funds by field offices is carefully monitored so that funds can be accounted for. All the UK charity's funds are separately tracked so that they can be effectively traced.

3.7 All programme and staff support funds sent to GHNI US were transferred using the regulated banking system.

Financial controls

3.8 Trustees receive monthly reports of accounts from the charity's bookkeeper, who tracks all receipts and payments, maintaining records electronically with a back-up system. Funds for all project and staff support are sent to their beneficiaries via the GHNI US office, which keeps separate records of funds received from donor countries, consolidating them as necessary. This helps to ensure that all UK donations can be carefully traced and at the same time provide oversight of all funds going to the field to ensure financial probity.

4. Structure, governance and management

4.1 GHNI UK is formally governed by its Articles of Association, agreed in 2012, which describe the charity's aims and objectives, the functions of trustees, benefits and conflicts of interest, reporting etc.

4.2 The charity is also governed by a Framework Agreement with GHNI Geneva, GHNI's international HQ, which ensures that the charity is legally and financially independent from GHNI Geneva and promoting good communication between the parties. The Agreement also stipulates that the charity will donate 5% and 2% respectively of all project and staff support donations to GHNI Geneva as a contribution to the latter's management of field programmes on behalf of the charity.

4.3 GHNI UK had no trading subsidiaries during 2020.

Directors/trustees and meetings

4.4 Directors/trustees are appointed for an indefinite period. During 2020, these were:

- Ms Juliet Donoghue
- Mr. Malcolm Gifford (chairman),
- Mr. Hal Jones (until he died on 27 October 2020)

4.5 The charity had no corporate trustees and owned no property.

4.6 As required, the directors/trustees met twice during the year, in May and November, to discuss a wide range of issues relating to the running of the charity.

4.7 All directors/trustees work on a voluntary basis and were unpaid for their work as trustees. None received remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred during the year, and none resigned from the charity in 2020.

Administration

4.8 As in previous years, two part-time unpaid UK volunteers helped with bookkeeping, maintaining financial records, claiming Gift Aid from HM Revenue and Customs, banking donations and routine donor communications.

4.9 In January 2020, a contract was drawn up and agreed with Mr Tim Norman to undertake paid work for the charity for 8 hours/week. The aim was to promote the charity nationally and to develop new partnerships with trusts and other funding organizations to boost the charity's income. The means to achieve this included engaging potential new and existing donors, holding meetings, social media activities and other promotional work to boost the charity's profile and donations.

4.10 At the same time, the charity invited an IT specialist to help build a new website for the charity, independent of the global website. It was hoped that this would

encourage donors to see the charity as truly UK-managed rather than being an offshoot of a US charity. The specialist agreed to work unpaid, but in March 2020 he unfortunately withdrew his services. As a result, Tim Norman was asked to divert effort to building the website, a task that took several months and diverted Tim from his intended work.

5 Reference and administrative details

The name of the charity and its registration details are provided at the top of page 1. The address of the principal office and the registered office is Sparrows farmhouse, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0HE.

6. Risks and serious incidents

6.1 GHNI has a risk management policy which addresses all the risks arising from its activities, whether in the field or in national resource countries. The charity's trustees are satisfied that this policy is adequate.

6.2 There were no serious incidents to report during 2020.

7. Exemptions from disclosure

As far as the trustees are aware, no exemptions from disclosure apply.



M J Gifford

Director, GHNI UK

Signed on behalf of the other charity trustees

29th October 2021

GLOBAL HOPE NETWORK INTERNATIONAL UK**Receipts and Payments account for year ending 31st December 2020****Receipts**

	2020			2019
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	All Funds	All Funds
	£	£	£	£
Income from donations	6299	36234	42533	84378
Gift Aid		560	560	16825
Total Receipts	6299	36794	43093	101203

Payments

	£	£	£	£
Project Support:				
Jordan		14819		56970
Burma		210		300
Armenia		8584		1134
Greece		448		480
Nepal		0		190
Nigeria		416		320
Greatest Needs/Unallocated		1686		1865
Lebanon		10693		0
Afghanistan		0		87
GILPP		0		5160
Covid-19 response		706		0
Total Project Support			37562	66506
GHNI Staff Support		7290	7290	4447
Global Operations Programme Support	3385		3385	2823
Support by USA Office	2531		2531	1294
UK Fund raising	9953		9953	1235
Governance	1082		1082	2263
Bank charges	0		0	10
Ecclesiastical refund '18	0		0	0
	16951	7290	24241	12072
Total Payments			61803	78578
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year			-18710	22625

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2019**Monetary Assets**

Cash in hand	0		0
Bank Current Account:			
Restricted Funds	9703		17224
Unrestricted Funds	5395		16584
Total bank balance		15098	33808

Liabilities

Directors expenses	0		1168
	0		0
Total liabilities		0	1168

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Global Hope Network International UK

I report on the accounts of Global Hope Network International UK for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the previous page.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the act)

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

1. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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