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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**  
**FOR**  
**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 May 2020 to 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The charity's vision is a world where Deaf, hard of hearing, deafened and DeafBlind children, young people and adults are able to live safely and without fear of abuse and exploitation. With safeguarding at the heart of all its work, DeafKidz International aims to respond comprehensively to the protection, health, wellbeing and access to education needs of deaf children, young people and adults worldwide.

Deafness is the third largest disability globally with 466 million deaf people worldwide yet it remains the least resourced. The abuse and exploitation of deaf children is endemic, with deaf children three times more likely to be abused than hearing children, but safeguarding and protection networks lack the means to support deaf survivors/victims of abuse and deaf children at risk. The charity seeks to address the vital gaps in meeting the safeguarding and protection needs of deaf children and reducing risk and vulnerability while supporting deaf children, young people and adults to lead their fullest lives ensuring equal and rightful access to health, education and employment as their hearing peers. DeafKidz International merged with Sound Seekers (The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf) in April 2020 and the combined entity is now 'DeafKidz International'. The merged DeafKidz International combines the 60 years of history, heritage, expertise and experience of Sound Seekers with the passion and innovation of DKI, positioning the combined organisation to become a global leader in the deafness and hearing loss sector. Drawing its authority from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which guide international development agenda, DeafKidz International aims to promote and realise the rights of deaf people as enshrined, endorsed and promoted in international legislation. The reality for deaf people in low middle income countries is that they are often socially isolated, excluded from school and have limited opportunities for income and employment. Our organisational objectives and strategy aim to ensure deaf children, young people and adults are never left behind and can enjoy their rights in a fully inclusive society while able to live safely, access health and education, secure a livelihood and sustain their future.

### **Values**

DeafKid International is a **deaf-led** organization where deaf children, young people and adults are central to all aspects of our organization, influencing and informing our work. We are committed to the integration of deaf and hearing people, through which we 'normalise' being deaf, reduce stigma and promote **deaf inclusion**. We recognise and celebrate the **diversity** of deaf people and deaf communities and adopt and advocate a **total communication approach**, believing every deaf person has the right to choose and use their preferred mode of communication. We are **evidence-led**, guided by the lived experience of deaf people and informed by the learning and impact of our work, strategies and approaches. We consider **sustainability** right from the outset, aiming to embed our work in local structures and investing in enhancing the skills and capacities of local communities and partners.

We take a **rights-based approach**, promoting and protecting human rights, and stand for non-discrimination and equal opportunities for everyone regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or any other basis while also recognizing the barriers and inequalities faced by certain groups due to stigma, stereotypes, marginalization and power imbalances. At our core, we are an organization that treats everyone we come in contact with **decency, respect and dignity**.

### **Our Strategic Aims and Objectives 2020-23**

I. Prevent and mitigate the abuse of deaf children, young people and vulnerable adults.

- a. Empower deaf children, young people and vulnerable adults (CYPVA), their families and communities to know and prevent the abuse of deaf CYPVA.
- b. Ensure governments, civil society and service providers in humanitarian, development, education and health settings are able to respond to the inclusive safeguarding and protection needs of deaf CYPVA through their own systematic architectures, policies, programmes and services.

II. Reduce risk and vulnerability by ensuring accessibility and removing barriers to communication for deaf children, young people and adults.

- a. Support the development and acquisition of communication skills including sign language, sign supported spoken language, community ethnic sign, aural method and DeafBlind manual for deaf children, young people and adults.

III. Ensure deaf children, young people and adults have equal access to health, education and economic opportunities to realise their rights and potential.



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- a. Support deaf children, young people and adults to access local, sustainable, low cost early identification and hearing health interventions led, managed and delivered by trained local partners and professionals.
- b. Support design and delivery of accessible public health education and health promotion programmes and services specifically for deaf children, young people and adults.
- c. Support deaf children, young people and adults to access mental health and wellbeing services and programmes that respond to their specific needs and risks.
- d. Support the rightful access, inclusion and progression of deaf children through the education system.
- e. Support deaf young people and adults to access to employment opportunities enabling economic independence.

**IV. Enhance deaf led representation and advocacy.**

- a. Through our brokerage and support, empower international, regional, national and local organisations of and for deaf people to represent and advocate the safeguarding and protection rights of the communities they serve.

**V. Build a robust and sustainable organisation by strengthening organisational effectiveness, efficiency and resilience.**

- a. Grow the income through diversified funding streams.
- b. Strengthen our monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) systems.
- c. Ensure people capacity and structure meet the needs of the organisation.
- d. Raise the visibility and profile of the organisation.

We work to achieve our vision and objectives by designing, delivering, monitoring and evaluating programmatic and bespoke interventions that empower deaf children and young people (CYP) to adopt safe behaviours and to reduce their risk and vulnerability to abuse. A crucial aspect of our work involves developing state-of-the-art digital content which empowers deaf CYP to stay safe and developing cutting edge digital toolkits which empower professionals to ensure the safeguarding and protection of deaf CYP and equal opportunities for access to programmes and services as their hearing peers.

**Grantmaking**

In some circumstances, grants may be made to third party non-government organisations or other charities where this enables DeafKidz International to further pursue its charitable objectives.

Grants are only considered if the non-governmental organisation or other charity meets the following criteria:

- It has registered with the relevant government authorities.
- The objectives of the proposal are compatible with DeafKidz International's mission statement and objectives.
- The last financial report is produced with full accounts.
- Clear safeguarding policy in action and all requisite codes of conduct.

A formal Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement is signed with DeafKidz International.



## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Achievement and performance**

#### **Charitable activities**

In 2020-21, the charity finds itself reporting yet another year of growth and success. Following the merger with Sound Seekers in April 2020, the year 2020-21 has been one of consolidation of the combined DeafKidz International with a clear strategic path and a solid policy infrastructure, bolstered by a small but mighty team leading on our global work.

On the whole, it's been a tough year for the UK charity sector with significant drop in voluntary income due to Covid, further exacerbated by devastating aid cuts announced by FCDO, resulting in massive reduction of £6billion in the international aid budget.

Despite this challenging landscape, DeafKidz International's work has gone from strength to strength, continuing to develop its programmatic and consultancy portfolio working with a number of partners to design, test, implement and evaluate capabilities in the areas of safeguarding and protection, health and communication, enabling deaf children, young people and vulnerable adults to reduce their risk and susceptibility to abuse. This has seen specific work in Asia (India and Pakistan), Africa (The Gambia, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia) and the Caribbean (Jamaica) empowering deaf CYP and their families and communities on child safeguarding and protection, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Ear and Hearing Care (EHC), life skills development and sign language access & training.

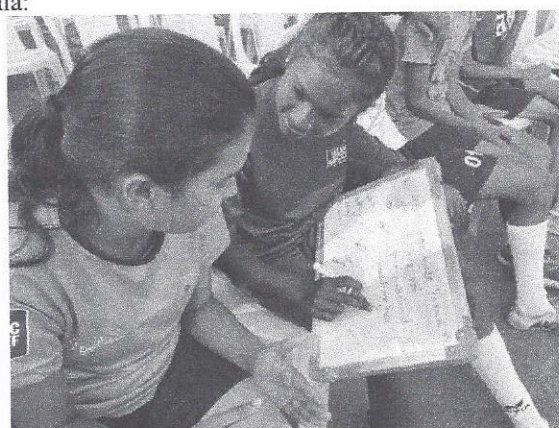
#### **1. Prevention and mitigation of abuse against deaf children, young people and vulnerable adults**

In the financial year 2020-21, 357 deaf children and youth (25 boys, 54 girls and 278 young women) were supported through our programmes preventing and mitigating abuse by raising awareness, educating and empowering deaf CYP and their families and communities on the risks and vulnerabilities of deaf CYP to abuse and exploitation.

#### **DEAFKIDZ GOAL! INDIA**

DeafKidz Goal India is three-year project, funded by Comic Relief and implemented in partnership with Slum Soccer, delivering life skills through the platform of football coaching, for deaf children and young people in Nagpur, central India. In the year 2020-21, in the second year of the project, we delivered deaf awareness training workshops to 88 staff, coaches, youth leaders and volunteers in Nagpur and conducted a 5-day coaches' education training camp for 22 deaf people (18 male & 4 female), totalling 27 trained deaf coaches in all. We organised 2 hugely successful inclusive football tournaments fostering the integration of deaf and hearing participants. As reaching out to deaf children in schools was not possible due to COVID-19 related school closures, the project adapted to a community based approach reaching 30 deaf children living in the local community. This has proved to be a life changing opportunity for these community participants, particularly those feeling isolated due to Covid lockdown, equipping them to improve their football and life skills, with training taking place in Indian Sign Language. A total of 90 deaf children have accessed the programme over the 2 years to date. Parents have reported significant increases in basic life skills in addition to improved physical health and mental wellbeing among deaf CYP after attending their sessions. Many parents have reported deaf CYP looking happier, being more active and helpful around the house, having a heightened sense of involvement in the family and being more communicative. Our coaches have instilled in them a sense of time management and punctuality. Others have reported improvement in self-esteem and confidence arising from their signed interactions and participation in integrated football matches with their hearing peers.

Photos below show DeafKidz Goal participants in India:



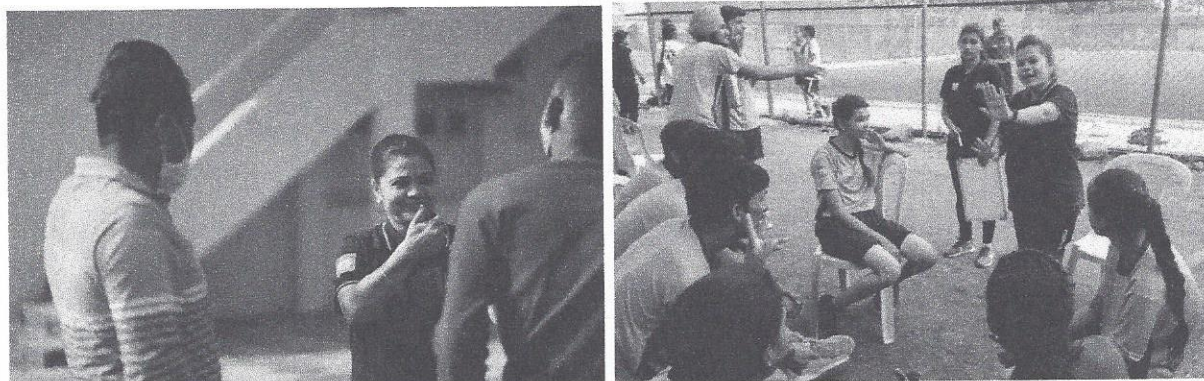


**Case Study, India - Coach Sheetal**

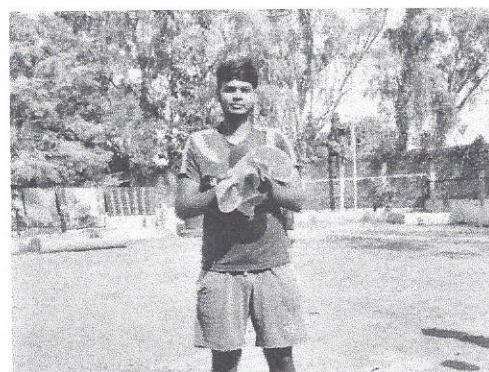
Sheetal (pictured below) has been profoundly deaf since the age of 3 and faced stigma and exclusion in her neighbourhood growing up. Despite there being no formal education available for deaf children beyond 10th grade, Sheetal persevered and graduated in Commerce, and trained as a beautician. She faced discrimination in her workplace where colleagues took credit for her work as she was unable to speak. Now married with a son, Sheetal always felt there were not enough opportunities in deaf schools for students to play sports or learn basic life skills, and was thrilled to join the DeafKidz Goal project in 2019. At first, she was apprehensive of her ability to play football, let alone coach deaf children, however she credits Slum Soccer coaches for helping her to learn football skills so fast and she now feels empowered and proud to be a coach.

*"After attending sessions at Slum Soccer's headquarters and undergoing trainings from their international trainers and partners, I can feel the remarkable positive change in my capabilities and confidence! I take pride in the fact that I am not only instrumental in providing an opportunity for deaf children to play football but also, more importantly, contributing my skills to making the future of children within the deaf community better and brighter."*

Sheetal is an incredible role model and inspiration to the deaf participants she is coaching, leading by example that deaf women and girls should have equal access to life skills and opportunities as their hearing counterparts. Through our DeafKidz Goal project, Sheetal continues to inspire deaf children to feel empowered, stay safe and reach their potential.



**Case Study, India - Amit**



19 year old Amit (pictured left) who has faced many challenges, including the Covid-19 pandemic, but his participation in our DeafKidz Goal project has made such a positive difference to his life. Amit tells us:

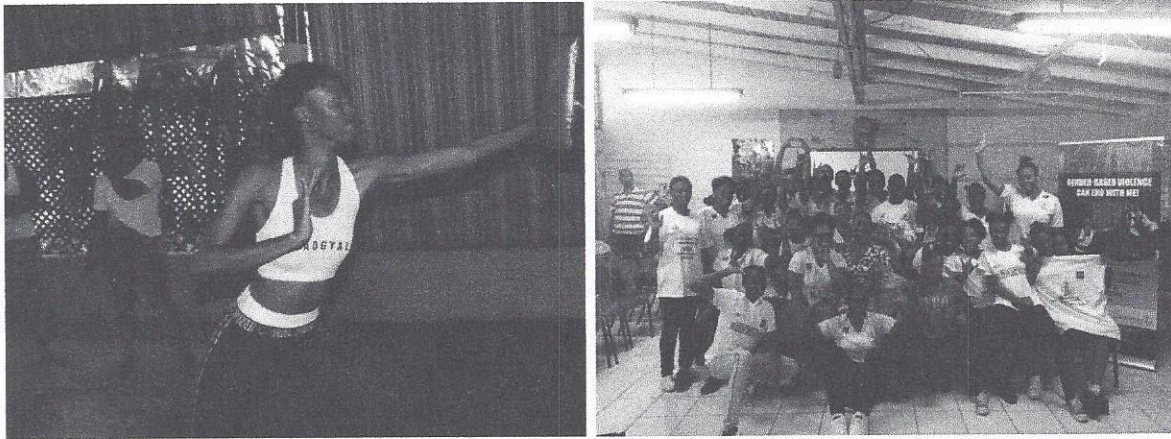
*"My ability is stronger than my disability....Since I joined DeafKidz Goal I have learned not just football but also about importance of education, how to remain safe, basic life skills, etc. More importantly, it has boosted my self-esteem and made me confident to engage with my hearing counterparts. The Slum Soccer Team has made me realize that I am not disabled. It is just that I communicate in a different language."*

**SIGNING SAFE FUTURES, JAMAICA**

A 3-year Gender Based Violence (GBV) awareness project funded by Laureus and St James Place Foundation to empower deaf women and girls to protect themselves from GBV through the platform of martial arts and dance. In the year 2020-21, a one-day GBV awareness workshop was delivered to 300 deaf women and a comprehensive 6-week programme delivered engaging 50 deaf girls. Deaf men and women were recruited and trained to become programme ambassadors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no physical contact was allowed and schools were closed, coaches and ambassadors created a series of videos, as an alternative, to facilitate online learning and project sustainability. We also carried out an independent end of project review of the project. We are now looking to replicate and scale this programme across the DKI footprint.



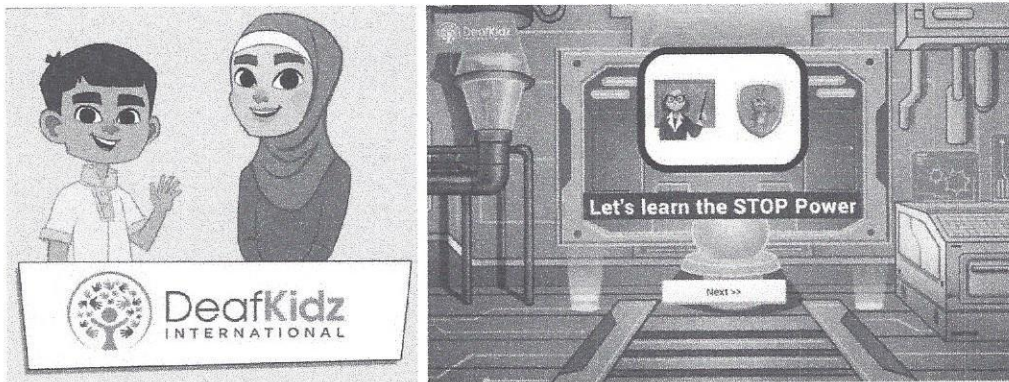
The photos below show participants of the GBV workshops in Jamaica:



### **DEAFKIDZ DEFENDERS**

A 2-year project funded by The Global Partnership to End Violence against Children, to develop a digital, interactive, educational resource, empowering deaf children at an early age to keep safe and understand their right to be safe online, to recognise and understand situations which may be unsafe, and to have the knowledge of what to do in these situations, how to report, and to whom. This project will see the development of seven educational games targeted at young deaf children, covering the following topics: Consent; Keeping Secrets; Private Body Parts; Trusted Adults; Indecent Images & Live Streaming; Cyber Bullying and Online Grooming. In 2020-21, significant progress has been made on this project, a working group has been established involving domain experts from various fields including child protection, deaf inclusion, digital platforms and gaming etc. A project framework has been created covering 7 different themes all relating to online safety and storyboards/concepts for the 7 games have been drafted. The gaming resources are expected to be piloted and launched in 2022.

Images below show early drafts of the DeafKidz Defenders Games:



### **INTELLIGENCE BRIEF AND WEBINAR ON THE ONLINE ABUSE OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

In 2020, DeafKidz International compiled an Intelligence Brief, written by Steve Crump, Founder and Chair, on The Online Abuse of Children with Disabilities for the WePROTECT Global Alliance, which can be found here <https://www.weprotect.org/library/sexual-exploitation-abuse-deaf-disabled-children-online/>

In February 2021, in partnership with the World Childhood Foundation USA (Childhood USA) and WePROTECT Global Alliance and with the support of End Violence Against Children Partnership, DeafKidz International hosted a webinar to present a situational analysis of current perspectives and thinking on the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children with disabilities and provide a space for exploration and discussion of the issues as well as amplify our joint call to action for the wider international child protection sector, civil society and tech communities to address this often neglected area.



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**2. Reduction of risk and vulnerability by ensuring accessibility and removing barriers to communication for deaf children, young people and adults**

**SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING, ZAMBIA**

In the financial year 2020-21, 70 adults (40 women and 30 men) were supported to gain basic sign language skills through a 10-week course aimed at teaching parents of deaf children, **Zambian Sign Language (ZSL)** in Ndola developed and delivered by DKI's local partner, **Zambia Deaf Youth and Women (ZDYW)**. This project funded by The British & Foreign School Society (BFSS) commenced in November 2020 when schools reopened in the area after local Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and was completed in February 2021. 80% had full attendance of all classes (56 participants), with 20% (14 participants) unable to attend some classes due to commitments and transport issues. By the end of the training course, 75% of participants reported they were able to interact and communicate effectively with their deaf children at home. In addition, sign language Dictionary DVDs were produced by ZDYW and given to participants to support their continued learning and practice ZSL at home, which will also benefit other family members.

This project followed on from a project delivered by ZDYW and Sound Seekers who developed a ZSL training course to local teachers in the area who are working with deaf children yet did not have any formal sign language training. Both the success and local awareness of this project encouraged parents of deaf children to consider their own communication needs and therefore, a training programme was piloted for parents to learn sign language locally with surplus funds remaining from the teacher sign language course. As both sign language courses were successful, we are exploring further funding options in Zambia to expand this project into Kitwe and other areas with high deaf populations.

The photos below show participants of the sign language training course in Ndola, Zambia:



**Case Study: Sharon Chola**

Sharon's son Joshua (pictured left) was born with hearing loss and attends the deaf unit in Kansenshi School, Zambia. His mother was invited to join this sign language training course through the school. When asked about the impact of the training, Sharon told us:



*"Sign language training has really helped me and the family to learn communication skills and able to communicate with my son... my son is very happy since I'm able to communicate, discuss and help him with home work without challenges. I have now engaged family members and his siblings to learn as I chat with him. I can confess to say, I have really been helped to acquire the skill I was lacking and be able to help my family. I'm now understanding my son and help him in any way possible... I started from nothing to something. I can interpret for my son and other family members. It is working well for us as a family as they now are able to understand him as a human being and not a nuisance. Thank you very much."*



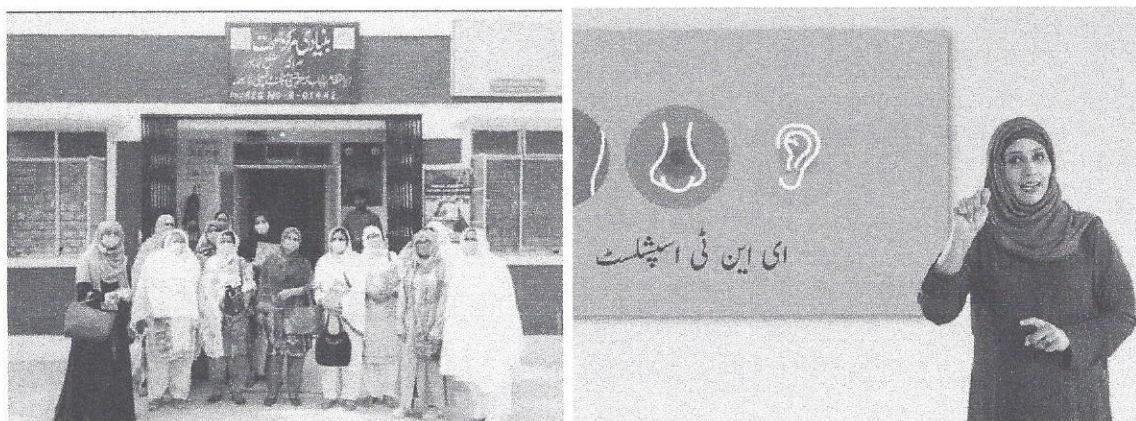
### **3. Enabling access to health, education and economic opportunities for deaf children, young people and adults**

In the financial year 2020-21, 418 children and adults (42 girls, 60 boys, 170 women and 146 men) were directly supported for their hearing loss through our ear and hearing care work. In all, 2183 children and adults were screened for hearing loss through our programmes. 368 people received training and sensitisation on deaf awareness and awareness of ear and hearing care and related safe practices. 9 health care staff were provided specialised technical training on ear and hearing care including hearing loss identification and management. 5000 deaf children were reached through the interactive COVID-19 games raising awareness among young deaf children of Covid-related public health messages.

#### **SIGNING SAFE FUTURES, PAKISTAN**

As part of the "Signing Safe Futures Pakistan" project funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), now Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), we continued training the two audiology staff online via remote training on basic audiology, inclusive of otoscopic examination, tympanometry, otoacoustic emissions, pure tone audiometry, hearing aid fitting and counselling skills, delivered by our Technical Specialist. Audiology software has been used to provide simulations of clinical activities and this has been a crucial element of the clinical training in the absence of face-to-face practicals. Feedback from the audiologists trained showed that they were very satisfied with the training and found that it has helped improve their clinical practice. 157 adults and children (75 adult female and 82 girls) in the Mohlanwal rural community reported increased deaf awareness and awareness of ear and hearing care and related safe practices through awareness sessions provided by the local EHC team in Lahore during a school and community visit to Mohlanwal. This included 30 Lady Health Workers and 5 government schoolteachers (40 female adults) who were keen to further raise awareness in the community about common ear disease; hearing loss and refer to local ear and hearing care for testing and management. During this reporting period, the project activities were impacted due to delays and disruption owing to COVID-19 and much of the core activities including hearing screening stopped. DKI however were given permission from FCDO to adapt activities where possible. In response to COVID-19, we developed 4 parenting support videos in Pakistani Sign Language and Urdu reaching at least 1200 deaf children across Pakistan and their parents through a remote learning programme developed close by our main partner Deaf Reach to ensure deaf children remain in vital education and communication while schools were closed during the pandemic. These videos provided parents with information on healthy eating; staying active; hygiene; basic ear and hearing care and menstruation.

The photo below shows local female health workers delivering awareness sessions on ear and hearing care to local girls schools and communities in Mohlanwal as well as a screenshot of the parenting support videos in PSL:





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**COMPREHENSIVE AUDIOLOGY SERVICES, ZAMBIA**

Our 3.5-year EHC project, funded by Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA), is aimed at increasing the access and quality of ear and hearing health services for children and adults with hearing loss in Lusaka and Ndola. The project is doing this by:

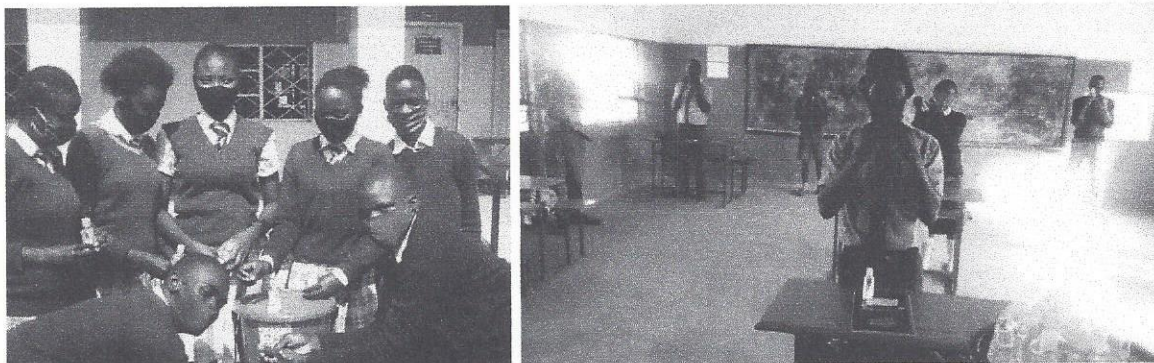
1. Establishing quality sustainable hearing health services (static and outreach) in University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Lusaka and Arthur Davison Children's Hospital (ADH) in Ndola.
2. Training three nurses/clinical officers - one from UTH and two from ADH - to be qualified in audiology provision ensuring the services established are sustainable.
3. Raising knowledge and awareness of local stakeholders including communities and local health centres on hearing loss awareness, identification and availability of services.

Although this project has been impacted by COVID-19, 306 deaf children and adults (120 Men; 135 women; 11 girls and 40 boys) received appropriate support through our ear and hearing care work this year. In total, 1969 adults and children were screened for hearing loss during this reporting period in Lusaka and in Ndola. Overall 19% (366 people out of the 1969 screened) were identified with hearing loss, 306 people (84%) were given appropriate management for their hearing problems. Appropriate management included fitting hearing aids, prescription of medications, referral for sign language training, referral to medical/surgical services, amongst others.

Remote training was provided at UTH and ADH by the DKI Technical Specialist (Audiology), who delivered regular training and audiology support for the local EHC teams at each clinic, including the newly returned Diploma in Audiology graduates who now lead the Audiology Clinic Services in both hospitals. Remote clinical training was delivered through live lectures and tutorials covering topics on otoscopic examination, tympanometry, otoacoustic emissions, pure tone audiometry, hearing aid fitting and counselling skills. Audiology software has been used to provide simulations of clinical activities and this has been a crucial element of the clinical training in the absence of face-to-face practicals. A survey of the audiology staff found that 100% of the staff members trained were very satisfied with the training and found that it has helped improve their clinical practice.

Remote training is beneficial, however it's not without its challenges and requires a lot of capacity to develop resources; teach live or record sessions and monitor individual progress. DKI will therefore develop an online ear and hearing care learning platform to help combat some of these challenges and enable local teams to access learning resources online. As this would contribute to the efficiency and sustainability of our EHC work, JOA kindly granted permission to utilise their funds for the development of the platform prototype and ear and hearing care module. Once the work is completed by the end of October 2021, this module can be used to help train current and new audiology teams we work with to further support their vital clinical work locally, not only in Zambia but also our other countries of intervention.

Photos below show community sensitisation sessions delivered in May and June 2020 across the Copperbelt Region and the deaf units in primary schools in Ndola, to raise awareness of how to protect against COVID-19 and provide materials such as hand sanitiser and masks to the deaf community:



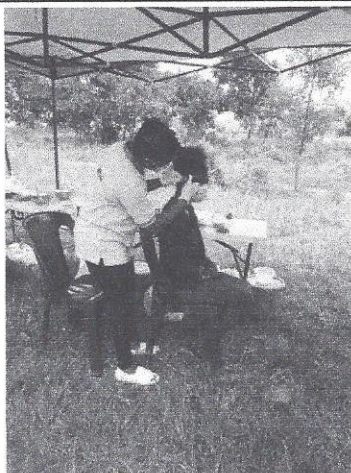
Photos below show the audiology team at Arthur Davison's Hospital delivering outreach screening on 3rd March, World Hearing Day 2021:



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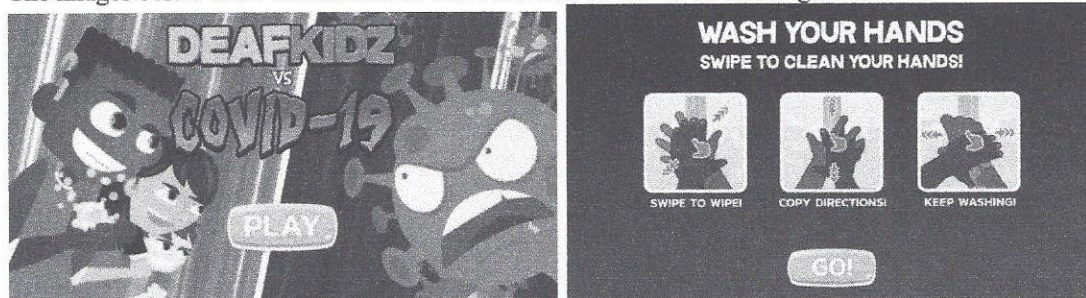
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#### **DEAFKIDZ VS COVID-19**

This was an emergency, 2-month fast track project funded by Oak Foundation through their US partner Tides, to educate deaf children globally on how to keep themselves and others as safe as possible from COVID-19. Seeing the lack of accessible information for young deaf children on COVID-19 and how to stay safe, we rapidly mobilised and developed 3 digital mini games (on the topics of social distancing; hand washing; touching face) - first of its kind - all hosted on the website [www.deafkidzvs covid19.com](http://www.deafkidzvs covid19.com). The supporting information was available in both International Sign and British Sign Language. Over 5,000 deaf children engaged with these games globally with positive feedback received from parents and teachers.

The images below show screenshots of the DeafKidz Vs Covid-19 online games:



#### **ACTION DEAFKIDZ!**

In partnership with Action Deafness, this was a 6-week online activity project for deaf children in the UK delivered to improve their well-being during the Covid lockdown, funded by Comic Relief's Covid Recovery Fund. A pool of deaf tutors were recruited with a wide range of expertise, to deliver a variety of online sessions to deaf children in their first language, British Sign Language (BSL). 32 deaf children registered for the online activities delivered through 105 sessions. Activities included BSL storytelling, creative art, keep fit and drama.

#### **EAR AND HEARING CARE SERVICES, MALAWI**

This one year project, funded by Latter Day Saints (LDS) Charitable Trust, aims to establish ear and hearing care (audiology) services in Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH) in Lilongwe, Malawi, and equip and train the local audiology clinic staff and 3 local health surveillance assistants (HSAs) in a health centre in Lilongwe District to conduct community-based awareness raising and hearing screening, thus increasing access to services and support available for deaf people in the area. This project will strengthen and add value to KCH by enhancing awareness, identification and management of hearing loss in and around Lilongwe and by the end of this one-year project, 500 children and adults will be screened for hearing loss. Whilst a lot of activity has occurred in this reporting period, screening and clinical activities have been limited as much of the focus has been on equipment procurement and training. However, at a meeting organised by Save the Children, our partner team provided basic hearing loss awareness to 211 teachers in Ngwenya and Chioko primary schools, who were also screened for hearing loss. 102 teachers were found to have common ear issues such as wax, infection (including discharge and fungus), pain and tinnitus and were referred to KHC for further assessment.



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The photos below show DKI's Technical Specialist/Audiology Clinical Lead delivering the HSA training via Zoom as well as the audiology clinic room set up at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi:



**AUDIOLOGY OUTREACH, GAMBIA**

This project is funded by Specsavers and has supported the development and improvement of audiology outreach services at Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital (EFSTH) in Banjul, the capital of Gambia. An audiology trailer and vehicle was purchased and this is now being used for audiology outreach services around Banjul. Also, through this project, one audiology technician has successfully completed an online course in specialised paediatric audiology. The project is also being provided remote clinical support by DKI Technical Specialist and being supplied with the necessary equipment and consumables to continue hearing screening, hearing aid fitting and ear mould provision. Within this reporting period, 214 people (58 girls, 46 boys, 59 women and 41 men) have been screened for hearing loss, and 112 (31 girls, 20 boys, 35 women and 26 men) of these were found to have some form of hearing loss. All those diagnosed with hearing loss received appropriate management.

**4. Enhancing deaf led representation and advocacy  
CHANGING THE DEAF STORY, SOUTH AFRICA**

This is a one-year research project, funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), led by University of Leeds with DeafKidz International (DKI) as principal partners along with University of Pretoria, Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) and Bishop Simeon Trust (BST). The project also involves a South Africa-based deaf-led organisation, 8 local community based organisations (CBOs) along with HHC's South Africa partner, One Child One Family (OCOF). The project aims to apply research findings from University of Leeds's previous research project, Changing the Story: building civil society with and for young people in post-conflict settings, in a new context, namely to work with deaf children. This will allow the collaborating partners to generate significant new, and previously unanticipated, impact at three levels: within communities of vulnerable deaf children across Ekurhuleni, South Africa; within the agencies that support these young people; and at child-welfare and protection policy- level, working nationally in South Africa with the Department of Social Development and internationally with the UN, the EU and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The project aims to:

- a) Support and enhance the current work of BST/OCOF by fostering integration of deaf children and developing their self-advocacy skills. Specifically, at community level, the project will develop an arts-based leadership programme that will be used to train approximately 240 deaf and hearing young people across 8 CBOs, aged 12 - 18, supported by BST to become 'youth leaders'. In the process, it will provide important psycho-social, educational and careers support to the young people involved, helping them to become active participants in civil society and to advocate for better and more inclusive services. The 'youth leaders' group will then work with up to 150 further children and young people to use film and other arts-based methods to develop advocacy campaigns that will raise awareness of a series of issues that directly affect them and their communities.
- b) Build organisational capacity of partner organisations by supporting relevant agencies to develop more inclusive practices. Working in partnership with DKI and SA-based deaf-led organisation, the project will help BST and HHC to build organisational capacity. The project will provide them with new skills, helping them to integrate and support deaf children more effectively across their programmes.
- c) Support International Advocacy for youth accountability and support for more deaf-inclusive practice by supporting youth-led South-South knowledge exchange to inform child-welfare and protection policy. Beyond South Africa, we will work to inform current live policy debates across the Global South on child protection and disability rights, particularly for young deaf people. Specifically, we will actively engage with the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), the UN's Day of General Discussion on its most recent Resolution on The Rights of the Child, CHOGM in Rwanda and the EU's current 'Multiannual Financial Framework'. Our emphasis here will be how our work can support deaf young people to self-advocate and self-represent.

Due to Covid and local unrest, the project has been paused for 6 months and will re-commence late 2021.



## **5. Building a robust and sustainable organisation**

We have put in place a clear strategic plan for the merged DeafKidz International with realistic and achievable targets, identifying key areas of opportunity and growth, and highlighting areas in need of critical attention. The strategic plan is underpinned by a three year fundraising strategy which sets out our fundraising targets and charts a plan for identifying new funders, diversifying funding base and generating income from new income streams such as corporates. A key aspect of our fundraising strategy is working to increase our visibility and profile. We have a good support network of consultants including on Organisational Development, Fundraising and Public Relations & External Communications working closely with the core staff team. We have instituted a Senior Management Team which meets on a monthly basis to review and discuss critical organisational domains of Programmes & Programme Development, Fundraising and Finance. We would like to particularly thank the Oak Foundation for contributing to core support and organisational development.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our work in most countries though projects have resumed in all our geographies. Where possible, activities have adopted remote approaches of delivery. Our Board meetings are now taking place remotely on Zoom. The Chair, Steve Crump, is closely involved and supports the CEO in monitoring the finances and cash flow along with the Treasurer and the Senior Finance Manager.

Overall, DKI as a small organisation has taken the necessary steps to ensure that we not only survive COVID-19 but also thrive and flourish in the medium to longer term to ensure we continue our critical work. COVID-19 has only further highlighted the critical gaps in programmes and services for deaf people and further reinforced the need for DKI to continue to support deaf communities in low-middle income countries. While the pandemic has no doubt tested us, we have proven to be an agile and flexible organisation able to adapt quickly and effectively while adhering to our core objectives and values. We are going to continue to find new and innovative ways to deliver our work and continue to respond to the protection, health, well-being and access to education needs of deaf children, young people and adults

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial review**

#### **Financial position**

Total income for 2020 - 2021 was £694,184. We have a surplus for the period on our unrestricted fund of £16,738, and on our Restricted funds of £156,218, after transfers. Our Unrestricted fund balance carried forward at year end is £59,655 and total Restricted Fund balances carried forward are £419,496.

This strong financial result for the period is reflected in a continuing strong liquidity position shown on our Balance Sheet at year end, with Cash balances held of £335,239, and cash representing 70% of our net assets.

#### **Reserves policy**

DeafKidz International has a reserves policy which aims to hold a minimum of £60,000, or 3 months running costs whichever is the greater, in unrestricted reserves. The charity will continue work to grow its income base and build up its unrestricted reserve. In particular, to secure further restricted grants and contracts, which cover core costs through cost recovery, and valuable unrestricted funds with which to fund both core costs and organisational development.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

All significant activities undertaken are subject to a risk assessment as part of the initial programme and project design. Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on:

- Operational performance, including risks to our personnel, volunteers and beneficiaries
- Achievement of our aims and objectives
- Meeting the expectations of our beneficiaries or supporters

The Trustees review these risks through regular Board consultation and an annual review exercise. Within this they assess whether adequate systems and procedures are in place to manage the risks identified, recognising that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance. The Trustees consider the principal risk to be:

- Lack of unrestricted funds with which to fund core costs

This risk is managed in the following way:

- Investment in fundraising for unrestricted funds

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

### **Charity constitution**

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00. The Board of Trustees agrees that the Chief Executive and appointed staff and consultants are authorised to represent the Trust and act on its behalf on all matters of day-to-day management of programme implementation, business development, monitoring & evaluation and financial management, in line with its Delegation of Authority policy. Control over these powers is exercised by the Board of Trustees through its regular oversight of the work of the charity including through regular processes of reporting at Board meetings, agreement of the organisational strategy, budget, and appropriate consultation.

DeafKidz International has a number of Ambassadors:

- Honorary President The Lord Bruce of Bennachie KT PC
- Global Ambassador Claudia Gordon
- Global Ambassador Colin Allen AM
- Global Ambassador Rachel Shenton
- Global Ambassador Kevin Walker

**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

07922360 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1151219

**Registered office**

Chestnut Field House

Chestnut Field

Rugby

Warwickshire

CV21 2PD

**Trustees**

S J Crump

C McPherson

A Joshi

E J Avital

D P Weeds

E J Crossley

D Greenberg

R Wilkin

E Gilbert

M Grazia Zedda (appointed 24/6/2020)

R Barpaga (appointed 24/6/2020)

**Company Secretary**

S Crump

**Auditors**

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## **DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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#### **THANK YOU**

In 2020 - 2021 we continued to build and realise the DeafKidz International mission. We continue to reach children and young people who by virtue of their deafness are at risk and vulnerable. But we couldn't have done it without the backing, commitment and generosity of everyone who has donated, fundraised or offered their support and collaboration in many ways during the year. We will continue to build this organisation, deaf led and authentic, so that no deaf child, young person or vulnerable adult has to ensure the agony of abuse.

#### **Funding partners**

Comic Relief  
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)  
Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children  
Latter-day Saints Charities  
Laureus Sport for Good Foundation  
Jersey Overseas Aid  
Michael Hall Consultants Ltd  
Oak Foundation  
Peacock Charitable Trust  
People for People Worldwide  
Phat Pasty  
Prince Andrew Charitable Trust  
Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation  
Specsavers  
St. James's Place Charitable Foundation  
Tides Foundation  
UNICEF  
The W. L Pratt Charitable Trust  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges (London) LLP

#### **Implementing partners and collaborators**

Action Deafness, UK  
Arthur Davison Children's Hospital, Ndola, Zambia  
Beit Cure Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia  
Bishop Simeon Trust, UK  
Boldspace, UK  
Child Helpline International  
Chilengwa Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Coalition for Global Hearing Health  
Deaf Federation of South Africa (DeafSA), South Africa  
Deaf Reach, Pakistan  
Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital, Banjul, The Gambia  
Every1Mobile, UK  
Hope and Homes for Children, UK  
Islamic Relief Worldwide  
Jamaica Association for the Deaf, Jamaica  
Kamba Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Kamuzu Central Hospital, Lilongwe, Malawi  
Kansenshi Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Keeping Children Safe, UK  
Kwa-Zulu Natal Deaf Association, South Africa  
Litmus Games, UK  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (International Centre for Evidence in Disability), UK  
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Zambia  
Ministry of Health, Malawi  
Ministry of Health, Zambia  
Ndola District Education Board, Zambia  
nWise, Sweden

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One Child One Family, South Africa  
Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi  
Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute of the Deaf (RIT/NTID), USA  
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK  
Royal School for the Deaf, Derby  
Slum Soccer, Nagpur, India  
St. John's School for the Deaf, Serrakunda, The Gambia  
Tackle Africa  
UK Police Link Officer for the Deaf Programme  
University of Leeds, UK  
University of Pretoria, South Africa  
University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia  
WePROTECT Global Alliance  
World Childhood Foundation, USA  
World Health Organisation (Ear & Hearing Care Programme)  
World Federation of the Deaf  
Zambia Deaf Youth and Women, Ndola, Zambia

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Deafkidz International for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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 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.

### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Chariot House Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ..... 15/12/21 ..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....  
S J Crump - Trustee



## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Deafkidz International (the 'charitable company') for the period ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.



## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

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### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charitable company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We identified that the following laws and regulations are central to the charitable company:

- Companies Act 2006
- Charities Act 2011
- Charities SORP 2019
- Health & safety regulations

We did not find any instances of non-compliance or breaches of the legislation framework applicable to the charitable company.

We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We identified that the following areas were of high risk:

- Completeness of income. We performed various audit tests to ensure that income was not materially understated in the financial statements.
- Management override of controls. We performed various audit tests to ensure there was no material management override of controls

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006, UK tax legislation, Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP 2019. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, enquiries with management and enquiries of legal counsel when considered necessary. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of management bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Chariot House Limited*

Chariot House Limited

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Chartered Accountants

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Date: *17 December 2021*



**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**

				period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 Total funds £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £		
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	40,317	648,892	689,209	542,476
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable activities		-	-	-	28,891
Investment income	3	<u>4,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,975</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		45,292	648,892	694,184	571,367
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		33,195	514,343	547,538	317,047
Net gains on investments		<u>26,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,310</u>	<u>13,063</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		38,407	134,549	172,956	267,383
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	<u>(21,669)</u>	<u>21,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		16,738	156,218	172,956	267,383
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>42,917</u>	<u>263,278</u>	<u>306,195</u>	<u>38,812</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>59,655</u></u>	<u><u>419,496</u></u>	<u><u>479,151</u></u>	<u><u>306,195</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL****BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	-	14,533	14,533	21,799
Investments	13	-	160,028	160,028	133,718
		-	174,561	174,561	155,517
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	3,986	-	3,986	23,136
Cash at bank and in hand		86,166	249,073	335,239	236,298
		90,152	249,073	339,225	259,434
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(30,497)	(4,138)	(34,635)	(108,756)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		59,655	244,935	304,590	150,678
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		59,655	419,496	479,151	306,195
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		59,655	419,496	479,151	306,195
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				59,655	42,917
Restricted funds				419,496	263,278
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				479,151	306,195

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements



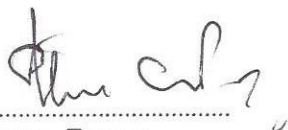
**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
**31 MARCH 2021**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....15/12/21..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
S J Crump - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL****CASH FLOW STATEMENT****FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>93,966</u>	<u>297,355</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>93,966</u>	<u>297,355</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(21,799)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(9,978)	(120,655)
Sale of fixed asset investments		9,978	-
Dividends received		<u>4,975</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>4,975</u>	<u>(142,454)</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		98,941	154,901
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>236,298</u>	<u>81,397</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>335,239</u></u>	<u><u>236,298</u></u>

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**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL****NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021****1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	172,956	267,383
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	7,266	73
Gain on investments	(26,310)	(13,063)
Dividends received	(4,975)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19,150	(14,996)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(74,121)</u>	<u>57,958</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>93,966</u>	<u>297,355</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/5/20 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>236,298</u>	<u>98,941</u>	<u>335,239</u>
	<u>236,298</u>	<u>98,941</u>	<u>335,239</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>236,298</u>	<u>98,941</u>	<u>335,239</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment        - 33% on cost

### **Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

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

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

### **Going concern**

The company has prepared these accounts on a going concern basis, however there are material uncertainties in respect of COVID-19 and management have taken into consideration the existing and potential effects of coronavirus on the activities of the business in the future.



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	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Donations	40,317	282,355
Grants	<u>648,892</u>	<u>260,121</u>
	<u>689,209</u>	<u>542,476</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
FCDO	39,589	66,850
Tech for Good	4,850	47,550
Laureus Sport for Good	2,640	22,113
Comic Relief	113,282	51,231
St James Place Charitable Foundation	-	4,725
Oak Foundation	80,340	67,652
Specsavers	15,000	-
Latter-day Saints Charities	76,484	-
Tides Foundation	79,360	-
End Violence against Children	<u>237,347</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>648,892</u>	<u>260,121</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Dividends	<u>4,975</u>	<u>-</u>

**DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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		period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Fee income	Activity Charitable activities	-	28,891

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	357,778	64,975	124,785	547,538

**6. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Charitable activities	64,975	66,657

The total grants paid to institutions during the period was as follows:

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Slum Soccer India	36,892	29,191
Bashir Hospital Pakistan	-	16,480
FESF Pakistan	21,333	12,486
Jamaice Associated for the Deaf Laureus	2,405	8,500
Zambia Deaf Youth and Women	1,912	-
Deaf SA	2,433	-
	64,975	66,657



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	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>111,444</u>	<u>13,341</u>	<u>124,785</u>

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Depreciation - owned assets	7,266	73
Independent Examination	-	2,400
Auditors Remuneration	<u>3,600</u>	<u>-</u>

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2021 nor for the period ended 30 April 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Trustees' expenses	<u>186</u>	<u>1,090</u>

**10. STAFF COSTS**

	period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21 £	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20 £
Wages and salaries	168,705	77,400
Social security costs	11,486	5,076
Other pension costs	<u>4,431</u>	<u>1,778</u>
	<u>184,622</u>	<u>84,254</u>

The amount paid to key management personnel totalled £50,692.

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

period 1/5/20 to 31/3/21	period 1/4/19 to 30/4/20
<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>

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

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	75,895	466,581	542,476
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	28,891	-	28,891
<b>Total</b>	104,786	466,581	571,367
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	38,798	278,249	317,047
Net gains on investments	13,063	-	13,063
<b>NET INCOME</b>	79,051	188,332	267,383
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(26,721)	26,721	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	52,330	215,053	267,383
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	(9,413)	48,225	38,812
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>42,917</u>	<u>263,278</u>	<u>306,195</u>



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	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 May 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>23,094</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 May 2020	1,295
Charge for year	<u>7,266</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>8,561</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2021	<u>14,533</u>
At 30 April 2020	<u>21,799</u>

**13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>			
At 1 May 2020	126,366	7,352	133,718
Additions	9,978	-	9,978
Disposals	(9,470)	(508)	(9,978)
Revaluations	<u>26,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,310</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>153,184</u>	<u>6,844</u>	<u>160,028</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>153,184</u>	<u>6,844</u>	<u>160,028</u>
At 30 April 2020	<u>126,366</u>	<u>7,352</u>	<u>133,718</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	1,834	1,834
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,152</u>	<u>21,302</u>
	<u>3,986</u>	<u>23,136</u>

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**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	773
Social security and other taxes	5,578	2,961
Other creditors	6,778	10,590
Owed to trustees	10,159	10,159
Accruals and deferred income	12,120	84,273
	<u>34,635</u>	<u>108,756</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/5/20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/3/21
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	42,917	38,407	(21,669)	59,655
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Oak Foundation	5,236	-	(5,236)	-
Laureus/St James's Place Jamaica GBV	29,080	(4,490)	-	24,590
DFID	5,473	(9,611)	-	(4,138)
Comic Relief India	25,484	10,388	-	35,872
Toolkit Development	(21,671)	-	21,671	-
Audiology Outreach Gambia	43,532	(8,727)	-	34,805
Tech For Good	16,450	(16,450)	-	-
Zambia Audiology Training	9,500	-	-	9,500
Zambia Consultant Audiologist	9,615	(579)	-	9,036
Zambia Hearing Aid Refurbishment	4,516	(4,514)	(2)	-
JOA Zambia Comprehensive Audiology Services	132,898	(86,339)	-	46,559
BFSS Zambia Ndola Teacher Training	3,165	(3,165)	-	-
LDS Malawi audiology services	-	55,104	-	55,104
End Violence SafeOnline digital games	-	146,581	-	146,581
Oak 2	-	56,351	5,236	61,587
	<u>263,278</u>	<u>134,549</u>	<u>21,669</u>	<u>419,496</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>306,195</u>	<u>172,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,151</u>



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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	45,292	(33,195)	26,310	38,407
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Laureus/St James's Place Jamaica GBV	2,640	(7,130)	-	(4,490)
DFID	39,589	(49,200)	-	(9,611)
Comic Relief India	74,382	(63,994)	-	10,388
Audiology Outreach Gambia	15,000	(23,727)	-	(8,727)
Tech For Good	4,850	(21,300)	-	(16,450)
Zambia Consultant Audiologist	-	(579)	-	(579)
Zambia Hearing Aid Refurbishment	-	(4,514)	-	(4,514)
JOA Zambia Comprehensive Audiology Services	-	(86,339)	-	(86,339)
BFSS Zambia Ndola Teacher Training	-	(3,165)	-	(3,165)
LDS Malawi audiology services	76,484	(21,380)	-	55,104
Tides	79,360	(79,360)	-	-
Comic Relief Covid Fund	38,900	(38,900)	-	-
End Violence SafeOnline digital games	237,347	(90,766)	-	146,581
Oak 2	80,340	(23,989)	-	56,351
	<u>648,892</u>	<u>(514,343)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,549</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>694,184</u>	<u>(547,538)</u>	<u>26,310</u>	<u>172,956</u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/4/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(9,413)	79,051	(26,721)	42,917
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Oak Foundation	12,340	(7,104)	-	5,236
Laureus/St James's Place Jamaica GBV	15,254	13,826	-	29,080
DFID	11,055	(5,582)	-	5,473
Comic Relief India	39,195	(13,711)	-	25,484
Comic Relief South Africa	(20,965)	-	20,965	-
Comic Relief Jamaica	(5,756)	-	5,756	-
Toolkit Development	(2,898)	(18,773)	-	(21,671)
Audiology Outreach Gambia	-	43,532	-	43,532
Tech For Good	-	16,450	-	16,450
Zambia Audiology Training	-	9,500	-	9,500
Zambia Consultant Audiologist	-	9,615	-	9,615
Zambia Hearing Aid Refurbishment	-	4,516	-	4,516
JOA Zambia Comprehensive Audiology Services	-	132,898	-	132,898
BFSS Zambia Ndola Teacher Training	-	3,165	-	3,165
	<u>48,225</u>	<u>188,332</u>	<u>26,721</u>	<u>263,278</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,812</u>	<u>267,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,195</u>



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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	104,786	(38,798)	13,063	79,051
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Oak Foundation	67,652	(74,756)	-	(7,104)
Laureus/St James's Place Jamaica GBV	26,838	(13,012)	-	13,826
DFID	66,850	(72,432)	-	(5,582)
Comic Relief India	51,231	(64,942)	-	(13,711)
Toolkit Development	-	(18,773)	-	(18,773)
Audiology Outreach Gambia	43,532	-	-	43,532
Tech For Good	47,550	(31,100)	-	16,450
Zambia Audiology Training	9,500	-	-	9,500
Zambia Consultant Audiologist	9,615	-	-	9,615
Zambia Hearing Aid Refurbishment	4,516	-	-	4,516
JOA Zambia Comprehensive Audiology Services	136,132	(3,234)	-	132,898
BFSS Zambia Ndola Teacher Training	3,165	-	-	3,165
	<u>466,581</u>	<u>(278,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,332</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>571,367</u>	<u>(317,047)</u>	<u>13,063</u>	<u>267,383</u>

The purpose of each restricted fund is as follows:

Oak Foundation -  
Capacity and organisational development costs

Laureus -  
Gender Based Violence (GBV) pilot in Jamaica

DFID -  
Safeguarding and Protection of deaf children through early identification and intervention

Comic Relief India -  
Safeguarding and protection of deaf street children

Comic Relief South Africa -  
Safeguarding and protection of deaf children through enhancing capacity of Child Helplines

Comic Relief Jamaica -  
Safeguarding and protection of deaf children through development of integrated child specific and bespoke parenting programmes

Toolkit Development -  
Development of digital safeguarding and child protection resources

Audiology Outreach Gambia -  
Audiology outreach services to remote/rural communities in the Gambia

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Tech for Good -

Prototype mini-game for educating deaf children on protection risks and issues.

Zambia Audiology Training -

Audiology training of one nurse/clinical officer from Zambia

Consultant Audiologist -

Audiologist support across all country programmes as needed

Zambia Hearing Aid Refurbishment

Refurbishment of UK donated hearing aids in Zambia, and distribution to all country programmes

Zambia JOA Comp Audiology Services -

Comprehensive audiology services - clinic and outreach - being established at University Teaching Hospital and Arthur Davison Children's Hospital in Zambia

Zambia Ndola Teacher Training -

Advanced sign language training of teachers of the deaf in the 3 deaf unit schools in Ndola Zambia; establishment of after-school clubs to facilitate interaction and integration of deaf and hearing children; and training of parents of deaf children on sign language.

DFID -

Safeguarding and Protection of deaf children through early identification and intervention

Comic Relief India -

Safeguarding and protection of deaf street children

Comic Relief South Africa -

Safeguarding and protection of deaf children through enhancing capacity of Child Helplines

Comic Relief Jamaica -

Safeguarding and protection of deaf children through development of integrated child specific and bespoke parenting programmes

Toolkit Development -

Development of digital safeguarding and child protection resources

End Violence - development of an educational, accessible digital games platform called DeafKidz Defenders to help young deaf children stay safe from online abuse, to be piloted in South Africa and Pakistan.

Latter Day Saints Malawi - Ear and hearing care (audiology) services being established in Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe, Malawi and training of local audiology team and health surveillance assistants.

Comic Relief Covid relief grant -delivery of online sessions for deaf children via Zoom, during lockdown, covering activities such as drama, storytelling, creative art, keep fit, delivered by deaf trainers in British Sign Language.

Tides Covid Relief grant -development of three animated educational mini-games for young deaf children on COVID-19 preventative measures.

Oak 2 - core support grant to further our work on child protection resources (children's and professionals' toolkits) and to develop and strengthen the organizational capacity of the merged DeafKidz International.



**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2021.

**18. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

**19. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The company is Limited by Guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of wind up is limited to £1.00.

**20. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Restricted funds have arisen from grants such as Comic Relief, Save the Children, etc less any expenditure during the period. The expenditure is restricted by the terms of the grant as set out by the grantor.