

BRIDGE OF HOPE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1152252

Details

Other names	BRIDGE OF HOPE, BOH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07900474
Registered	2013-06-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE.(2) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN ETHIOPIA, KENYA, GAMBIA AND INDIA AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE.(3)SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Providing grants and sponsorship to children and young adults in the developing world to go to school and university.To assist children to be able to spend time at school by providing access to clean water supplies.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- India
- Kenya
- Nepal
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe
- Ealing

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£44,706	£43,623	-	-
2024-01-31	£50,342	£32,398	-	-
2023-01-31	£46,357	£32,130	-	-
2022-01-31	£37,277	£32,453	-	-
2021-01-31	£38,132	£18,001	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROBERT NEWELL CVO	Chair	2013-02-02
LISA YACOUB		2013-02-02
MARTIN ANTHONY FLETCHER		2016-09-04

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 7900474

**BRIDGE OF HOPE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
1st February 2024 – 31st January 2025**

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Mr Martin Fletcher

Patrons:

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Ms Katie Campbell (London)
Ms Sharon Hendry (London)
Mr M A Khalid, FCCA (Nairobi)
Ms Selam Bekele (Addis Ababa)
Ms Ruth Isooba (Kampala)

There are no permanent paid members of staff.

Registered Office:

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Bankers:

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Playing a crucial role in bridging the gap in educational access, Bridge of Hope directly supports students who would otherwise be unable to afford schooling. By working closely with local partners, the charity ensures that financial aid reaches those most in need, empowering children and young adults with the education necessary to build better futures for themselves and their communities. This targeted approach not only provides individual students with opportunities but also strengthens educational infrastructure where it is needed. Through the sponsorship of teachers and the building of classrooms, our aim is to foster long-term positive change.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Bridge of Hope maintained its sponsorship programmes in Kenya, Uganda, Northern India, Nepal, Haiti, and Egypt. In the past year, the charity expanded its reach by supporting a school in the Chegutu region of Zimbabwe and is now sponsoring 23 children in Zimbabwe.

The charity also established a new partnership with the Australian charity – “A Future 4 Kids” to assist a rural school in Zambia.

Bridge of Hope continued its reach through a strong network of local partnerships and trusted advisors in each country where it works, ensuring the effective sponsorship of children and schools.

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FUNDRAISING

Bridge of Hope Foundation sustained its fundraising efforts through various channels, including:

- Online giving via the charity's website: www.bridge-hope.org
- Regular monthly donations
- Corporate sponsorship, including a renewed grant from the Aveva Foundation
- Annual sponsorships and matched giving
- Coffee mornings
- Sponsored walk
- Summer Garden party with raffle and auction
- Christmas Fair
- Sales of Christmas cards
- Musical reception

BRIDGE OF HOPE PROGRAMME ACTIVITY

KENYA

Secondary School Sponsorship

Bridge of Hope collaborates with the Ummah Foundation and the Rotary Club of Milimani to administer funding, monitor student progress, and provide annual reports. Currently, the charity sponsors:

- 10 secondary school students (3 through the Ummah Foundation and 7 with the Rotary Club of Milimani).
- Additional support is provided for uniforms and books as needed.

University Sponsorship

Bridge of Hope continues to sponsor a medical student at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. The sponsorship includes tuition fees, accommodation, and living expenses in Thika.

Bridge of Hope is sponsoring a mathematics student at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology in Nairobi.

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UGANDA

In Kampala, local representative Ruth Isooba oversees the distribution of funds to schools and provides yearly progress reports.

- A young student whom Bridge of Hope sponsored through primary school receives an annual contribution of £600 toward his secondary school education. The Finlay family provides additional support.
- Bridge of Hope continues to sponsor a young girl with special needs who is granted full sponsorship.
- Three secondary school students are sponsored at the Ekitangaala Transformational School in Nakasongola
- A young girl in Jinja was rescued from an early arranged marriage and is now continuing her education with Bridge of Hope's sponsorship.

THE GAMBIA

Bridge of Hope was approached for help regarding the support of a young boy who had developed a brain injury after a road accident. The child was no longer able to attend mainstream education and was in need of a special needs school which his family could not afford. Bridge of Hope stepped in to sponsor the child and are following up his progress through a known social worker in Banjul.

ETHIOPIA

Bridge of Hope, in collaboration with Snap Trading in Addis Ababa, has donated a laptop at a discounted rate to a special needs student studying IT in college. Having grown up in the Kidane Mehret orphanage in Addis Ababa without family support, this student now has the necessary resources to pursue his tertiary education. Through efforts like this, Bridge of Hope continues its mission of bridging the digital divide in Africa, ensuring that students in need have the technology required to succeed.

ZIMBABWE

Bridge of Hope joined forces with the Mike Campbell Foundation to sponsor a school in the Chegutu region of Zimbabwe. Bridge of Hope is sponsoring 27 children in the school and helping with the salaries of the teachers in this rural school.

ZAMBIA

Bridge of Hope is supporting A Future 4 Kids School in Ndola, Zambia. Located 200 miles north of Lusaka, Ndola is a community where access to education, healthcare, and basic resources are limited. Through our partnership, we aim to bring lasting change to the lives of the school's 215 students, many of whom are orphans or come from extremely impoverished backgrounds.

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HAITI

- Two students in Jacmel, have been sponsored since 2015, with a commitment to support them through secondary school. They are due to graduate next academic year.
- St Marc's Vocational School, Trouin receives an annual grant of £3000. The funds have contributed to constructing a new classroom and supporting vocational courses in computing, decorating, and motorcycle maintenance.
- The school also runs catering, flower arranging and solar power classes.

TIBETAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Secondary School Sponsorship:

- Bridge of Hope supports 20 students in Mussoorie, Northern India, and 3 students in Nepal via an annual grant to the Tibet Relief Fund.
- Children send greeting cards and letters to their sponsors during the Christmas season.
- The Aveva Foundation renewed its grant for the continued education of the 23 Tibetan refugee students.

University Sponsorship

- Bridge of Hope supports a student in Kathmandu, Nepal who receives sponsorship to study Tibetan medicine, with the charity's commitment to support her through to graduation.

EGYPT

A further grant of £5,000 was provided to the Banati Foundation in Cairo to support girls in need of educational support who lack family resources.

Abnaa El Ghad (Banati) Foundation was established in 2010 to promote and protect the lives of children at risk, children in street situations and children deprived of parental care. These children are vulnerable and live with dangers that expose them to different forms of exploitation as well as mental, physical and sexual abuse.

Through its mobile unit reception center and shelters, Banati provides all encompassing services with quality (psychosocial, legal, educational, medical and rehabilitative workshops) through continuous capacity building.

This Bridge of Hope grant contributes to teachers' salaries and supports the formal education of these students.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income and net expenditures for the financial year are detailed in full in the accounts. Total funds raised for the year ended 31/01/2025 were £45,253. Funds allocated to overseas projects: £39,748. Administrative and fundraising expenses: £3,875, representing only 8.6 % of income spent on administration and fund raising. The charity works hard to keep down the percentage spent on administration as a result of having no remunerated staff and keeping fund raising costs low.

FUTURE PLANNING

Bridge of Hope remains committed to supporting children through secondary education and, for outstanding students, providing access to tertiary education. The priority is to continue sponsorship for current students, ensuring their successful completion of secondary school and higher education where applicable.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOUNDATION
(REGISTERED CHARITY IN THE UK 1152252)**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended January 31st 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and Section 44(1) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act.)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records and in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, section 44 (1) (b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
 - Which are consistent with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - Have not been met or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Name: Dagmawit Shitaye _____ Date: 30/04/2025

Relevant professional qualification or body: AATS

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BRIDGE OF HOPE ACCOUNTS

	Year ended 31/01/25	Year ended 31/01/24
	£	£
Income		
UK Donations	13,715	23,767
Overseas Donations	15,000	
Christmas Card Sales	568	240
Charity Event Garden Party	7,330	8,248
Musical Reception	2,860	
Coffee Mornings	1,424	1,605
Just Giving Platform	1,289	1,291
Online Giving (Stripe)	2,022	4,166
Bank Interest	498	1,199
Gift Aid Claims		9,826
Total Income	44,706	50,342
 Distribution of Donations		
Ethiopia	1,605	
Kenya	11,476	12,874
Tibetan Refugee Project	6,900	6,900
Haiti	3,698	3,720
Uganda	2,779	3,855
Egypt	5,000	3,013
Zimbabwe	3,000	
The Gambia	290	
Zambia	5,000	
Total	39,748	30,362
 Expenses		
Honorarium	500	500
Christmas Cards	603	
Web Content Management	251	80
Web Hosting	216	216
Audit Fee	100	100
Anti-Virus Software	55	55
Charity Events	408	251
Promotion	97	210
Printing, Stationary & Post	827	230
NSPCC Training		75
Safeguarding Training	720	300
Bank Charges	98	19
Total	3,875	2,036
 Under/<over> distribution	 1,133	 17,944

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	Year ended 31/01/25	Year ended 31/01/24
Assets	£	£
Cash at bank	81,254	80,619
Savings Account	61,983	61,484
Fixed asset (Banners)	244	244
Stock (Christmas Cards)	94	
Total Assets	143,575	142,347
Liabilities		
Donations Retained	143,237	142,103
Charity's Equity	338	244
Total Liabilities	143,575	142,347
Bank Reconciliation		
Balance at 31/01/2024	£80,618.76	
+ Income	44,756.24	
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Total	£125,375.00	
- Outgoings	£43,623.00	
- Bank interest	£498.20	
Balance at 31/01/2025	£81,253.80	

For the year ended 31/1/2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed: _____ Director Date: 30/04/2025

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Bankers

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1 Balloon St.
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Structure, Governance and Management

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Objectives and Activities

The objectives of Bridge of Hope are to sponsor children in the developing world to attend school and in exceptional circumstances, grants are given for tertiary education for students across the developing world. Bridge of Hope provides sponsorship for vocational training and gives support to schools in Africa and Haiti.

Achievements and Performance

Bridge of Hope continued with its sponsorship activities in Kenya, Uganda, Northern India, Nepal, Haiti and Egypt.

Bridge of Hope continued to work through a network of local partnerships in the countries where the charity is sponsoring children and schools.

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and updated.

Fund raising:

Bridge of Hope Foundation was able to continue its fund-raising activities through the following methods:

- The online giving portal on the website -www.bridge-hope.org
- Regular monthly giving
- Corporate giving- with renewed grants from the Aveva Foundation
- Aveva staff members completing challenge events and the use of the Just Giving platform
- Annual sponsorship from key sponsors and matched giving
- Summer Garden Party and raffle
- Profits from sales of Bridge of Hope Christmas cards

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Bridge of Hope programme activity:

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Kenya

Secondary school sponsorship.

In Kenya, Bridge of Hope works through different organisations including the Ummah Foundation and the Rotary Club of Milimani both of which administer the funding on behalf of Bridge of Hope as well as monitor the students' progress and provide annual progress reports

In Kenya, Bridge of Hope is sponsoring 7 secondary school students.

3 students are sponsored through the Ummah Foundation and 4 children are sponsored in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Milimani. Uniforms and books where need arises, are also sponsored through Bridge of Hope Foundation.

University Sponsorship

Bridge of Hope continued to sponsor a university student, James who is at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, studying medicine. The charity additionally sponsors James' accommodation and living costs in Thika whilst he completes his studies. James will be the first student from his village to study medicine and intends to go back to Northern Kenya to serve his community where there are no doctors.

Uganda

In Kampala, Bridge is working with local representative, Ruth Isooba who administers the funding on behalf of the charity to the respective schools in Uganda.

- Esther and Ibrahim are two children in Uganda being sponsored by Bridge of Hope. The charity make an annual contribution towards Ibrahim's school of £600. Bridge of Hope have been sponsoring Ibrahim since primary school.
- Full sponsorship is granted to Esther due to her special needs. Both Ibrahim and Esther's education are being part-sponsored by the Royal Overseas League grant to the Bridge of Hope from 2020-2024. Next year will be the final year of the Royal Overseas Grant.

Bridge of Hope is sponsoring three secondary school students at the Ekitangaala Transformational School in Uganda. Progress reports are provided on a yearly basis by Ruth Isooba, the Bridge of Hope Uganda representative.

Haiti

In this financial year, Bridge of Hope continued to sponsor David and Kiki in Jacmel, Haiti to enable them to continue with their secondary school education. Bridge of Hope have been sponsoring the two boys since 2015 and are committed to seeing them through to high school graduation. David and Kiki are due to graduate In 2024.

St Marc's Vocational School, Trouin, Haiti

Bridge of Hope gives an annual grant to St Marc's Trade school in Trouin, Haiti, to help enable students have a vocational education. Trouin is a village in the mountains of South West Haiti. The £3000 annual grant from Bridge of Hope has contributed to the construction of a new classroom and has helped sponsor classes in computing, decorating and an annual motorcycle maintenance internship.

Tibetan refugee sponsorship programme

Secondary school sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope has an ongoing commitment to 20 children's secondary school sponsorship in Mussoorie, Northern India and 3 students in Nepal through an annual grant sent to the Tibet Relief Fund.

Bridge of Hope receive greeting cards and letters from the children each Christmas time which are distributed to the different Bridge of Hope sponsors. In the last financial year, Aveva Foundation renewed their annual grant to the Bridge of Hope Foundation for the sponsorship of the 23 Tibetan refugee children to continue their education.

University sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope continues to sponsor Tsewang to study Tibetan medicine in Kathmandu, Nepal. Bridge of Hope has made a commitment to see her through to graduation.

Egypt

Bridge of Hope began a new collaboration with a grant given to the Banati Foundation in Cairo.

This grant contributes to the sponsorship of girls who do not have family support to enable their formal education. The grant from Bridge of Hope to Banati also is supporting the salary of a teacher at the after school club.

Financial Review

The income and net outgoings of resources have been reflected in the accounts of the year. During this financial year, Bridge of Hope Foundation raised £50,342

Funds distributed to the overseas projects amounted to £30,362. Funds spent on administration and fund raising came to £2,036 reflecting a 4 % percentage of income spent on administration fees.

Future Planning

The primary objective of Bridge of Hope is to enable children to complete their secondary school education and for outstanding students to go on to have the means to attend college or university. Priority is given to the students whom the charity has sponsored through secondary school. The commitment remains to support the current students through to graduation from secondary school, and for the sponsored students in tertiary education to graduate from college and university.

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The charity has a reserves policy to keep two years funding in the Bridge of Hope savings account in order to safeguard the current students and projects.

As well as sponsoring individual students, Bridge of Hope plans to continue in the direction of giving financial grants to schools with a particular focus on enabling marginalised and disabled children to receive an education as well as increasing access to education for girl students.

SMALL COMPANIES PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Registered office:
4 Brunner Rd
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Signed by order of the Trustees

Ms L Yacoub
Company Secretary

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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the Bridge of Hope Foundation. (Registered charity in the UK 1152252)

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- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Relevant professional qualification or body: AATS
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Bridge of Hope Annual Accounts

<u>Income</u>	<u>Year ended 31/01/23</u>	<u>Year ended 31/01/24</u>
Donations	34,151	23,767
Christmas card sales	576	240
Charity Events	3,674	8,248
Raffles	1,000	1,605
Just Giving Platform	1,275	1,291
Online Giving (Stripe)	5,674	4,166
Bank interest	7	1,199
Gift Aid Claims		9,826
Total Income	46,357	50,342

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

Ethiopia	2,286	
Kenya	11,728	12,874
Tibetan Refugee Project	6,900	6,900
Haiti	3,775	3,720
Morocco	2,000	
Uganda	2,429	3,855
Egypt		
3,013		
Total	29,118	30,362

EXPENSES

Honorarium	400	500
Christmas cards 2021	487	
Christmas Cards 2022	473	
Website maintenance	247	216
Web content Management	266	80

Audit fee	100	100
Anti-virus software	53	55
Charity Events	343	251
Promotion	226	210
Printing & Stationary	397	230
Misc.	20	
NSPCC Training		75
Safeguarding Consultancy		300
Bank charges		19
Total	3,012	2,036
Under/<over> distribution	14,227	17,944
Depreciation (non-cash exp)	400	

Balance Sheet as at 31/1/2023

as at 31/1/2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Cash at bank	63,874	80,619
Savings Account	60,285	61,484
Fixed asset (Banners)	244	244
Stock (Christmas cards)	327	
Total Assets	124,730	143,347
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Donations retained	124,159	143,103
Charity's equity	571	244
Total Liabilities	124,730	143,347

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Signed  Director Date November 28th 2024

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report

For period from 1st February 2022 to January 31st 2023

Charity name: Bridge of Hope Foundation

Charity registration number: 1152252

Objectives and Activities

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The primary objective of Bridge of Hope is to enable children to complete their secondary school education and for outstanding students to have the means to go to college or university. Priority is given to the students whom we have sponsored through secondary school. Our commitment remains to support our current students through to graduation.

As well as sponsoring individual students, Bridge of Hope continues in the direction of giving financial grants to schools across the developing world, with a particular focus on enabling marginalised children or those with a disability to receive an education who otherwise would be denied one.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

- In this financial year being reported on, Bridge of Hope continued to realise its objectives of sponsoring secondary and tertiary education. Bridge of Hope is sponsoring the secondary school education of students in Haiti, Kenya, Uganda and as well as supporting the secondary education of Tibetan refugee children in India and Nepal.
- Bridge of Hope is sponsoring two university students: James is studying medicine in Kenya and Tsewang is studying Tibetan medicine in Nepal.
- Bridge of Hope gave a grant to the St Marc's Trouin Trade school in Haiti and to the Centre Amane Street children project in Morocco.
- Bridge of Hope sponsored 5 laptops for the Medhan Alem School in Mathara, Ethiopia.

Organisational Structure

Bridge of Hope implements its objectives by collaborating with charitable foundations and educational institutions overseas, which help to administer the funding for the sponsored students. The charity also has volunteer representatives overseas who act on behalf of Bridge of Hope to monitor the Bridge of Hope students.

Guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

The trustees of Bridge of Hope Foundation have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have taken account of this guidance when making decisions relating to the charity's work.

Grant making policy

Bridge of Hope have a grant making policy to which the trustees refer.

Contribution made by volunteers

Bridge of Hope operates through a network of volunteers in the UK, in particular through the active advisory board. The charity also works with volunteer representatives in the countries where the charity has its projects overseas. There are currently no paid staff.

Achievements and Performance

Bridge of Hope programme activity:

Kenya

Secondary school sponsorship.

Bridge of Hope continued with its collaboration with Ummah Foundation and the Rotary club of Milimani, organisations in Nairobi which assist with the implementation of the Bridge of Hope sponsorship of children and young adults in Kenya. The foundations we work with, administer the funding to the schools, colleges and universities. They also monitor the progress of the students and where necessary pay the stipend and accommodation fees.

4 children are sponsored through the partnership with the Rotary Club of Milimani and 3 children through the Ummah Foundation.

University sponsorship.

Bridge of Hope supports the ongoing college fees of James, a medical student in Kenya. Bridge of Hope also sponsored James' accommodation and monthly stipend whilst he lives at university away from his village in Turkana. James has committed to returning to his village on graduation to put to use his medical skills.

Uganda

Bridge of Hope works with a local representative in Kampala, Ms Ruth Isooba who implements the sponsorship programme in Uganda on behalf of the charity.

- Esther and Ibrahim in Uganda are being sponsored by Bridge of Hope. Their school fees are being part-sponsored by an educational grant from the Royal Overseas League.
- Three students at the Ekitangaala Transformational School in Nakasongola, Uganda are sponsored through Bridge of Hope grants, administered by Ruth Isooba to the school.
- Daniel is a university student sponsored since secondary school and for the duration of his university degree by Bridge of Hope at Kyambogo University. In December 2022, Daniel graduated and gained a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

Haiti

Bridge of Hope continues to sponsor two children in Jacmel whose family were badly affected by the 2010 earthquake. David and Kiki are monitored by the Bridge of Hope representative in Haiti, Mr Kettiny.

Bridge of Hope gives an annual grant to St Marc's Trade School in Trouin, Haiti, to help enable secondary school children to have a vocational education including motorbike maintenance, flower arranging and cookery classes. Each year, Bridge of Hope donates £3000 which has enabled the building of a new classroom.

Tibetan refugee sponsorship programme

Secondary school sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope increased their sponsorship to 23 children from Tibetan refugee communities in Mussoorie, Northern India. 20 children are at the Tibetan Homes School in Mussoorie and 3 new students were sponsored in Nepal.

The sponsored children are monitored by the Tibet Relief Fund who provide feedback reports, photos and letters from the children on an annual basis.

University sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope is studying a university student - Tsewang who is studying Tibetan medicine in Nepal at the Rigpa College of Tibetan Medicine, Kathmandu.

Morocco

Bridge of Hope continued its annual grant of £2000 to sponsor a teacher at a drop in centre for street children in Taroudant, South Western Morocco. This was implemented through a grant sent to the Moroccan Children's Trust.

Financial Review

The trustee board review the charity's financial position at the trustee board meetings which meet quarterly.

The income and net outgoings of resources have been reflected in the accounts of the year. During this financial year, Bridge of Hope Foundation raised a total income of £46,357. Total Funds distributed to our overseas projects for this financial year were £29,118 with £3012 spent on administration and fund raising. This reflects a percentage of 6.5% being spent on administration.

The charity adheres to the guidance on internal financial controls issued by the Charity Commission and reviews the financial controls check lists on a yearly basis.

Reserves Policy

Bridge of Hope Foundation holds a 2 years reserve policy to ensure that the current students being sponsored remain in school till graduation and holds £60,000 in a savings account under its reserves policy.

Sources of Funding

Principal sources of funding this year were through:

- Individual philanthropy and matched giving
- Dinner and Talk in Toronto by the Chairman of the Bridge of Hope
- Easter Fair in London
- The annual Summer Garden Party, auction and raffle
- Sale of Bridge of Hope Christmas cards
- Corporate sponsorship
- Online giving through the website – www.bridge-hope.org
- Gift Aid Claims

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Bridge of Hope Foundation.
(Registered charity in the UK 1152252)

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended January 31st 2023

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner.

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and Section 44(1) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act.)

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records and in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, section 44 (1) (b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
 - Which are consistent with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - Have not been met or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Name: Dagmawit Shitaye Date – 1st May 2023

Relevant professional qualification or body: AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Annual Accounts

<u>Income</u>	Year ended 31/01/23	Year ended 31/01/22
Donations	34,151	33,963
Christmas card sales	576	914
Charity Events	3,674	1,675
Raffles	1000	712
Just Giving	1,275	
Online Giving (Stripe)	5,674	
Bank interest	7	13
Total Income	46,357	37,277
Funds returned		<u>2,454</u>
Total		39,731

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

Ethiopia	2,286	
Kenya	11,728	13,310
Tibetan Refugee Project	6,900	6,000
Haiti	3,775	6,010
Morocco	2,000	2,000
Uganda	2,429	2865
Total	29,118	30,185

EXPENSES

Honorarium	400	500
Christmas cards 2021	487	
Christmas Cards 2022	473	
Web content management	366	311
Website maintenance	247	231
Audit fee	100	100
Anti-virus software	53	50
Facebook ads		74

Charity Events	343	82
Promotion/ PR	226	
Printing & Stationary	397	916
Bank Charges	20	4
Total	3,012	2,268

Under/<over> distribution	14,227	7,278
Depreciation	400	

Balance Sheet as at 31/1/2023 **as at 31/1/2022**

<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Cash at bank	63,874	70,225
Savings Account	60,285	40,211
Fixed asset (Banners)	244	400
Stock (Christmas cards)	327	
Total Assets	124,730	110,836
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Donations retained	124,159	110,436
Charity's equity	571	400
Total Liabilities	124,730	110,836

For the year ended 31/1/2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed:

Lia Yacoub

Director

Date - September 21st 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of Bridge of Hope is its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 6th January 2012 as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 27th March 2013.

The Charity is a Registered Company number 7900474

Election of Trustees

Election of trustees is based on a recommendation by a current trustee serving on the Bridge of Hope Trustee Board. The recommendation is then put to the Board for a vote by all current serving trustees for acceptance.

All Bridge of Hope Foundation trustees undergo DBS checks and have signed the declaration of good character form required by the Charity Commission.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bridge of Hope Foundation
Other name the charity uses	Bridge of Hope
Registered charity number	1152252
Charity's principal address	4 Brunner Rd. Ealing London W5 1BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Newell CVO	Trustee and Director		
2	Martin Fletcher	Trustee and Director		
3	Lisa Yacoub	Trustee and Director And Company Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisors

Name	Address
Katie Campbell	London
Claire Finlay	London
Sharon Hendry	London
Selam Bekele	Addis Ababa

Ayub Khalid	Nairobi
Ruth Isooba	Kampala

Name of Patrons

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub - London

Nadia Lady Plumbly- London

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Lisa Yacoub</i>	
Full name(s)	Lisa Yacoub	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Company Secretary and Trustee	
Date	1.11.23	

BRIDGE OF HOPE FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1152252

Accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report

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As well as sponsoring individual students, Bridge of Hope continues in the direction of giving financial grants to schools across the developing world, with a particular focus on enabling marginalised children or those with a disability to receive an education who otherwise would be denied one.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

- In this financial year being reported on, Bridge of Hope continued to realise its objectives of sponsoring secondary and tertiary education. Bridge of Hope is sponsoring the secondary school education of students in Haiti, Kenya, Uganda and as well as supporting the secondary education of Tibetan refugee children in India.
- Bridge of Hope continued to sponsor three university students: James is studying medicine in Kenya, Daniel is studying engineering in Uganda, and Tsewang is studying Tibetan medicine in Nepal.

Due to the ongoing school closures, no school fees were sent to the Zimbabwe and Ethiopia programmes. This is reflected in the accounts.

- Bridge of Hope gave grants to the St Marc's Trouin Trade school in Haiti and to the Centre Amane Street children project in Morocco.

Organisational Structure

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Achievements and Performance

Bridge of Hope programme activity:

Kenya

Secondary school sponsorship.

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University sponsorship.

Bridge of Hope supports the ongoing college fees of James, a medical student in Kenya. James continued with his studies and is making great progress. Bridge of Hope also sponsored James' accommodation and monthly stipend whilst he lives at university away from his village.

Uganda

The schools in Uganda remained closed due to the pandemic for most of the financial year being reported on and only opened in January 2022. Bridge of Hope works with a local representative in Kampala, Ms Ruth Isooba who implements the sponsorship programme in Uganda on behalf of the charity.

- Esther and Ibrahim are two children in Uganda being sponsored by Bridge of Hope. Their respective schools were closed until January 2022. Their school fees are being part-sponsored by an educational grant from the Royal Overseas League.
- Daniel is a final year university student whom Bridge of Hope sponsored through Secondary school and is now studying engineering at Kyambogo University. His university fees had been covered by the Bridge of Hope Foundation until graduation. This has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Haiti

Bridge of Hope continues to sponsor two children in Jacmel whose family were badly affected by the 2010 earthquake. David and Kiki are monitored by the Bridge of Hope representative in Haiti, Mr Barbe Kettiny.

Bridge of Hope have made a commitment to St Marc's trade school in Trouin, Haiti, to help enable secondary school children to have a vocational education. Each year, Bridge of Hope donates £3000 which is being put towards building a new classroom at St Marc's.

The grant from the year before was returned due to a banking error, which is why in this financial year a double grant was made of £6000 covering two years' donation from Bridge of Hope to St Marc's school as reflected in the accounts.

Tibetan refugee sponsorship programme

Secondary school sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope have a commitment to 20 children's sponsorship in Mussoorie, Northern India.

The children are monitored by the Tibet Relief Fund who provide feedback reports, photos and letters from the children. Due to the pandemic, the school was closed for part of the year, with the children learning online and from home. This was hampered due to poor internet access and lack of laptops.

University sponsorship:

The University student – Tsewang studying Tibetan medicine in Nepal, resumed her studies half way through the year after lock down was lifted. Bridge of Hope have made a commitment to see her through to graduation.

Morocco

Bridge of Hope started supporting a new project to enable the education of children living on the street in Taroudant, South Western Morocco. This was implemented through a grant sent to the Moroccan Children's Trust.

Financial Review

The trustee board review the charity's financial position at the trustee board meetings which meet quarterly.

The income and net outgoings of resources have been reflected in the accounts of the year. During this financial year, Bridge of Hope Foundation raised a total income of £ 37, 277

Total Funds distributed to our overseas projects for this financial year were £30,185 with £2268 spent on administration and fund raising. This reflects a percentage of 6% being spent on administration.

The charity adheres to the guidance on internal financial controls issued by the Charity Commission and reviews the financial controls check lists on a yearly basis.

Reserves Policy

Bridge of Hope Foundation holds a 2 years reserve policy to ensure that the current students being sponsored remain in school till graduation and holds £40,000 in a savings account under its reserves policy.

Sources of Funding

- Principal sources of funding this year were through:
- individual philanthropy and monthly giving
- The annual Summer Garden Party and raffle
- Harvest Festival and Spice Fair
- St Andrew's School Woking - Cake Sale
- Sale of Bridge of Hope Christmas cards
- Corporate sponsorship
- Online giving through the website – www.bridge-hope.org

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Name: Dagmawit Shitaye Date May 2021

Relevant professional qualification or body: AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Annual Accounts

<u>Income £</u>	Year ended 31/01/22	Year ended 31/01/21
Donations	33,963	25,063
Gift Aid		12,128
Christmas card sales	914	743
Charity Events	1,675	
Raffles	712	
Bank interest	13	198
Total	37,277	38,132

Funds returned 2454

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

Ethiopia		2,000
Kenya	13,310	7,320
Tibetan Refugee Project	6,000	6,000
Haiti	6,010	305
Egypt		450
Morocco	2,000	
Uganda	2,865	
Total	30,185	16,075

EXPENSES

Online fund raising		4
Honorarium	500	(2020/2021) 1,000
Christmas cards		288
Bank charges		20
Web content management	311	286
Web hosting	231	115
Postage		70
Audit fee	100	100
DBS/Criminal record check		10

Volunteer retention		33
Anti-virus software	50	
Facebook Ads	74	
Charity Events expenditure	82	
Printing and literature costs	916	
Misc.	4	
Total	2268	1,926
Under/<over> distribution	6498	20,131

Balance Sheet as at 31/1/2022

as at 31/1/2021

<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Cash at bank	70,225	63,571
Savings Account	40,211	40,198
Fixed asset	400	400
Accounts receivable		407
Total Assets	110,836	104,576
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Donations retained	110,436	103,888
Charity's equity	400	400
Accounts payable		288
Total Liabilities	110,836	104,576

For the year ended 31/1/2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed

Lina Yacoub

Director and Company Secretary

Date: Sept 28th 2022

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3	Lisa Yacoub	Trustee and Director And Company Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisers

Name	Address
Katie Campbell	London
Claire Finlay	London
Sharon Hendry	London
Selam Bekele	Addis Ababa

Ayub Khalid	Nairobi
Ruth Isooba	Kampala

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Lisa Yacoub</i>	
Full name(s)	Lisa Yacoub	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Company Secretary and Trustee	
Date	29.11.22	

BRIDGE OF HOPE FOUNDATION

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As well as sponsoring individual students, Bridge of Hope continues in the direction of giving financial grants to schools with a particular focus on enabling marginalised children or those with a disability to receive an education who otherwise would be denied one.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

- In this financial year being reported on, despite the pandemic, Bridge of Hope continued to realise its objectives of sponsoring secondary and tertiary education. In particular, Bridge of Hope is sponsoring the education of students in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia as well as supporting the secondary education of Tibetan refugee children in India. Due to the pandemic and school closures, the children we have been sponsoring in Zimbabwe were out of school hence there was no expenditure in Zimbabwe this year as well as reduced expenditure in Kenya and Uganda.
- Additionally, Bridge of Hope gave grants to the Asra Hawariat School in Ethiopia, Kenya Kesho School for Girls, Kenya and St Marc's Trouin Trade school in Haiti

Organisational Structure

Bridge of Hope implements its objectives by collaborating with charitable foundations and educational institutions overseas, which help to administer the funding for the students overseas. The charity also has volunteer representatives in Haiti and Uganda who act on behalf of Bridge of Hope to monitor the sponsored students.

Guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

The trustees of Bridge of Hope Foundation have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have taken account of this guidance when making decisions relating to the charity's work.

Grant making policy

Bridge of Hope has a grant making policy to which the trustees refer.

Contribution made by volunteers

Bridge of Hope operates through a network of volunteers in the UK as well as in the countries where the charity has active projects. Bridge of Hope has a volunteer policy which is distributed to new volunteers for agreement and signature. There are currently no paid staff.

Achievements and Performance

In 2020, due to the global pandemic, the activities of the Bridge of Hope's sponsorship programme were disrupted in several countries. No secondary school fees were sent to Kenya, Zimbabwe or Uganda due to the lock down. As a result of the pandemic, Bridge of Hope collaborated with its local partners on the ground in Kenya to sponsor food aid to the communities in East Pokot, Turkana and Mombassa through some of our alumni students and through our new collaboration with Kenya Kesho School for Girls.

Bridge of Hope programme activity:

Zimbabwe

In 2020 due to the school closures across Zimbabwe, after consultation with our partner organisation, the Mike Campbell Foundation in Harare, it was advised to freeze the school fee sponsorship for the 20 children under the Bridge of Hope programme till the schools re-open. This is reflected in the accounts with no expenditure in Zimbabwe in this financial year.

Ethiopia

In 2020, Bridge of Hope sent £2000 to the Asra Hawariat School in Addis Ababa for the destitute child school fund to continue supporting the school's overheads, teachers' salaries and fund for destitute children despite the school closure.

Kenya

Secondary school sponsorship.

The secondary school sponsorship was suspended in Kenya during the last financial year due to the lock down, reflected in the accounts of less expenditure in Kenya in the last financial year.

Bridge of Hope sent a grant to the Rotary club of Milimani to assist with their school sponsorship programme.

Bridge of Hope sent £2000 to the Kenya Kesho School for Girls for their efforts in distributing food to the local community in Mombassa due to the lock down. Bridge of Hope also sent £2000 to the Ummah Foundation to distribute to East Pokot and Turkana for food distribution during the pandemic in collaboration with Hifadhi Africa.

University sponsorship.

Bridge of Hope was able to continue supporting the college fees of James, a medical student in Kenya. James continued with his studies through online learning facilitated by the university. Bridge of Hope also sponsored James' accommodation and monthly stipend whilst he lived in Nairobi away from his village.

Bridge of Hope continues to work in collaboration with the Ummah Foundation in Nairobi who administer the funding sent from the Bridge of Hope to the schools, colleges and universities whilst monitoring the progress of the students and where necessary paying their stipends and college accommodation fees. At this time, they also updated the Bridge of Hope on the different school closures in 2020.

Uganda

The schools in Uganda have been closed for most of the last financial year.

- Daniel is a final year university student whom Bridge of Hope sponsored through Secondary school and now studying engineering at Kyambogo University. Daniel's college fees had been paid for the year. With the closure of the universities across Uganda, Daniel will resume his studies when lock down ends. His university fees have now been covered by the Bridge of Hope foundation until graduation.
- Esther and Ibrahim are two children in Uganda being sponsored by Bridge of Hope. Their respective schools were closed during the last financial year due to the Pandemic. Their school fees will be sponsored by a new grant from the Royal Overseas League post Pandemic going forward in the next financial year.

Haiti

The school fees for the children in Haiti were paid at the beginning of January 2020 before the lock down. The two children in Jacmel being sponsored by Bridge of Hope have been out of school due to the Pandemic for most of the last financial year. They are due to resume their studies in January 2021 and are being monitored by the Bridge of Hope representative in Haiti.

Bridge of Hope have made a commitment to St Marc's trade school in Trouin, Haiti, to help enable secondary school children to have a vocational education. The school has been open for partial periods of the last financial year, closing due to the lock down and due to civil unrest. The grant sent from Bridge of Hope in November 2020 was returned to the Bridge of Hope due to a banking error and will be re-sent at the beginning of the next financial year.

Tibetan refugee sponsorship programme

Secondary school sponsorship:

Bridge of Hope have a commitment to 20 children's sponsorship in Mussoorie, Northern India.

The children are monitored by the Tibet Relief Fund. Due to the Pandemic the school has been closed and the children have been learning from home and where possible through online lessons. These have been hampered due to poor internet network and lack of laptops. Bridge of Hope was asked by our partner organisation to increase our contribution to the cost of each child's schooling from £200 to £300 per child in the last financial year. Bridge of Hope continued with the commitment to this project during the pandemic in order to pay the teacher's salaries, books and exercise books during the lock down.

University sponsorship:

The University student studying Tibetan medicine, Tsewang will resume her studies post-pandemic with no college fees transferred in 2020.

Egypt

In 2020, Bridge of Hope was asked by the St Kyrel Trust to assist with students in Egypt who were struggling to pay their school and college fees. The charity sent a grant of £450 to the St Kyrel Trust.

Bridge of Hope continued to support children in hospital in need of educational support through the provision of ipads to enable learning in hospital. The latest ipad was kindly donated by our patron, Professor Yacoub to a young girl in hospital for over a year and out of school as a result of heart failure in need of an artificial heart at the Aswan Heart Centre.

Financial Review

The trustee board reviewed the charity's financial position at the trustee board meetings which meet quarterly.

The income and net outgoings of resources have been reflected in the accounts of the year. During this financial year, Bridge of Hope Foundation raised a total income of £ 38,132 which includes a Gift Aid claim on donations over two and a half years. Total Expenditure was £18,001. Total Funds distributed to our overseas projects for this financial year were £16,075. This reflects a reduced expenditure due to the school closures resulting from the global pandemic. £1,926 was spent on administration and fund raising, reflecting 5% of funds spent on administration.

The charity adheres to the guidance on internal financial controls issued by the Charity Commission and reviews the financial controls check lists on a yearly basis.

Reserves Policy

Bridge of Hope Foundation holds a 2 years reserve policy to ensure that the current students being sponsored remain in school till graduation and holds £40,000 in a savings account under its reserves policy.

Sources of Funding

Principal sources of funding this year were through individual philanthropy together with a grant from the Royal Overseas League Trust. An article on the charity's work in Haiti by the Sun newspaper resulted in a donation from News International. The annual Summer Garden party was postponed due to the pandemic. The charity submitted a claim for 2.5 years of Gift Aid and the sale of Christmas cards also raised money at the end of the year.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Bridge of Hope Foundation. (Registered charity in the UK 1152252)

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended January 31st 2021

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner.

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and Section 44(1) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act.)

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records and in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, section 44 (1) (b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
 - Which are consistent with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - Have not been met or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Name: Dagmawit Shitaye Date 15th May 2021

Relevant professional qualification or body: AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

Annual Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities

<u>Income</u>	Year ended 31/01/21	Year ended 31/01/20
Donations	25,063	26,325
Gift Aid	12,128	
Christmas card sales	743	126
Bank interest	198	12
Total	38,132	26,463

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

Ethiopia	2,000	1,198
Kenya	7,320	12,938
Tibetan Refugee Project	6,000	4,100
Zimbabwe		3,000
Haiti	305	4,261
Egypt	450	
Uganda		3,019
Total	16,075	28,516

EXPENSES

Honorarium (2020/21)	1,000	
Christmas cards	288	49
Bank charges	20	
Website content	286	
Web hosting	115	252
Postage	70	
Just Giving		18
Companies House		48
Audit fee	100	200
DBS/Criminal record check	10	75

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of Bridge of Hope is its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 6th January 2012 as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 27th March 2013.

The Charity is a Registered Company number 7900474

Election of Trustees

Election of trustees is based on a recommendation by a current trustee serving on the Bridge of Hope Trustee board. The recommendation is then put to the board for a vote by all current serving trustees for acceptance.

All Bridge of Hope Foundation trustees undergo DBS checks and have signed the declaration of good character form required by the Charity Commission.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bridge of Hope Foundation
Other name the charity uses	Bridge of Hope
Registered charity number	1152252
Charity's principal address	4 Brunner Rd. Ealing London W5 1BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Newell CVO	Trustee and Director		
2	Martin Fletcher	Trustee and Director		
3	Lisa Yacoub	Trustee and Director And Company Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisers

Name	Address
Katie Campbell	London
Claire Finlay	London
Sharon Hendry	London
Selam Bekele	Addis Ababa
Ayub Khalid	Nairobi

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Lisa Yacoub</i>	
Full name(s)	Lisa Yacoub	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Company Secretary and Trustee	
Date	29.11.21	