

HAMLIN FISTULA UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1153053

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08457433
Registered	2013-07-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS AND ADVANCE THE HEALTH OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED CHILDBIRTH INJURIES IN ETHIOPIA;(2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ETHIOPIA AS THE BOARD SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE; AND (3) IF THE CONTINUANCE OF SUCH CHARITABLE WORK IN ETHIOPIA BECOMES IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD IMPRACTICABLE, SUCH GENERAL PURPOSES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS THE BOARD SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: We support the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia, together with its outreach centres and the Hamlin Midwifery College. In particular we fund the running costs of the Yirgalem outreach centre. We contribute to the cost of medical and other requirements ordered directly by the hospital staff.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Ethiopia
- Dudley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£1,166,315	£1,098,421	£1,488,186	4
2024-06-30	£558,772	£1,087,297	£1,398,240	2
2023-06-30	£782,431	£1,185,426	£1,852,490	1
2022-03-31	£412,276	£754,969	-	-
2021-03-31	£416,475	£582,470	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Greg Morris	Chair	2016-07-15
Alison Louise Murray		2019-06-16
Hewete Haileselassie		2022-07-15
Lisbeth Gail Grundy MBE		2020-07-31
Marchu Belete		2025-04-30
Mark John Greaves		2025-08-04
Sarah Louise Hewitt-Clarkson		2019-02-28

Linked charities

- HAMLIN FISTULA UK (1153053-1)

Accounts



Ending avoidable childbirth injuries and changing lives in Ethiopia



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HAMLIN FISTULA UK
(a company limited by guarantee)
REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees

Greg Morris, Chair - appointed 15 July 2016
Marchu Belete - appointed 30 April 2025
Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson - appointed 28 February 2019
Mark Greaves - appointed 4 August 2025
Libby Grundy MBE - appointed 31 July 2020
Hewete Haileselassie - appointed 15 July 2022
Alison Murray - appointed 16 June 2019
Emnet Tadesse Yadeta - resigned 6 March 2025

Life President

Malcolm Hewitt OBE

Chief Executive Officer

Helen Marriott

Company Secretary

Helen Marriott

Registered Office

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and audited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 30 June 2025.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the audited financial statements were:

Greg Morris - Chair, Marchu Belete, Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson, Mark Greaves, Libby Grundy MBE, Hewete Haileselassie, Alison Murray and Emnet Tadesse Yadeta.

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are the directors of the charitable company which is governed by the Articles of Association as amended by a Special Resolution dated 5 July 2013 and by Special Resolution dated 6 March 2025. The company is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liabilities of the members, who are also the directors and trustees, together with details of their guarantees, are shown in the notes to the accounts. The company was registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 24 July 2013.

The Board of Trustees meets six times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A staffing structure with clear line management is in place and the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity rests with the Chief Executive Officer.

The charity has a formal recruitment and induction process for new trustees. Regular financial reviews and reports are prepared for the trustees by the charity's administrative staff and presented at trustees' meetings.

Details of the directors who served during the year are shown in the Legal and Administrative details on page 3.

The pay and remuneration package for key management personnel is decided by the Pay Review Committee made up of three trustees. They review the package on an annual basis taking into account sector bench marking and the consumer prices index.

Objectives

The objects of the charity, as set out in the Articles are:

1. To relieve the needs and advance the health of patients who have suffered from childbirth injuries in Ethiopia;
2. Such other charitable purposes in Ethiopia as the Board shall from time to time decide; and
3. If the continuance of such charitable work in Ethiopia becomes in the opinion of the Board impracticable, such general charitable purposes in any part of the world as the Board shall from time to time decide.

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Activities

Hamlin Fistula UK is a charity registered in England and Wales dedicated to treating and preventing childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

Founded in 1968, we are part of the Hamlin family of international charities, which was established by pioneering surgeons Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin. Catherine and Reg were in Ethiopia to train midwives when they discovered the overwhelming numbers of women suffering from obstetric fistula and realised that little was being done to help them. They established the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula Hospital, to provide the country's first fistula treatment services.

Today, the Ethiopian organisation Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia operates six fistula hospitals - a headquarters hospital in Addis Ababa and five regional hospitals in Yirgalem, Bahir Dar, Harar, Metu and Mekele. The organisation founded and runs the Hamlin College of Midwives, located in Addis Ababa, to train and deploy midwives to rural health centres. It also operates a residential rehabilitation and training centre, Desta Mender. To date, Hamlin has treated over 70,000 women.

Hamlin Fistula UK supports Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia with cash grants, medical consumables or other requirements funded by means of donations often made in tax-efficient ways by donors, and income from investments held for the longer term.

As well as providing unrestricted and restricted funds used across all Hamlin hospitals and centres, Hamlin Fistula UK has undertaken to fully cover the operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. A combination of restricted and unrestricted funds is used to meet this commitment.

Hamlin Fistula UK additionally coordinates the production of colourful knitted blankets by volunteers, which are sent to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia and given to each patient on their arrival at a Hamlin hospital.

Notes 7 and 8 show that we contributed £644,509 to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia in grants payable during the period and £177,025 in equipment, supplies and services.

Principal sources of funds

Our income is derived in the main from individual donors, trusts and foundations and legacies. In addition, we received approximately £55,900 (2024: £56,000) from investment income.

We would like to thank all our donors over the past year, who have included, among others: The Band Aid Charitable Trust, Ericson Trust, Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission, Hodge Foundation and the Oakdale Trust.

We would also like to thank all our generous individual donors, as well as all friends, volunteers and donors who wish to remain anonymous. We would like to extend particular thanks to our Patron, Baroness Tessa Blackstone.

Every Woman Matters

Our vision is for every Ethiopian woman to be free of devastating preventable childbirth injuries and have access to quality maternal healthcare throughout her pregnancy. Our mission is to support the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

The need

In Ethiopia, many mothers and newborns still face serious risks due to inadequate maternal health services, especially in rural areas. Health centres often lack essential equipment and trained staff, forcing expectant mothers to travel long distances for care that may come too late.

With only about 700 obstetricians and 23,000 midwives for a population of 135 million, many women have to rely on untrained traditional birth attendants, making childbirth potentially life-threatening for both mothers and babies.



Photo credit: Maheder Haileselassie

Women who survive may incur lasting injuries such as obstetric fistula, pelvic organ prolapse or perineal trauma. As well as suffering pain, they can find themselves divorced by their husbands, abandoned by their families and cast out by their communities due to stigma and symptoms such as incontinence.

Our exclusive partner Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia is working to tackle these issues. Hamlin is a national healthcare network and registered Ethiopian non-profit organisation powered by over 600 Ethiopian professionals. Together, they are dedicated to transforming women's lives.

Where we work

Hamlin's Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital headquarters is a 120-bed facility that includes an operating theatre, physiotherapy department, urodynamic and stoma clinics, and comprehensive pharmacy and pathology services.



Regional fistula hospitals extend Hamlin's reach. These are located in Mekele and Bahir Dar in the north, Yirgalem in the south, Harar in the east, and Metu in the southwest.

The Hamlin College of Midwives trains and places newly qualified midwives in more than 80 rural health centres across the country. For patients needing post-surgery support, Desta Mender is our rehabilitation and training centre, where women are supported to learn new skills, develop income-generating activities and return to their communities.

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The Impact of our Support in 2024 - 25

During the period, we contributed to the overall programme and operating costs across all Hamlin centres and initiatives, including the full operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Our funding also supported medical supplies at all six hospitals.

As a result of our contribution, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia was able to achieve:



4,119 life-changing surgeries for women



111 students studying at the Hamlin College of Midwifery



2,156 patients trained in literacy and numeracy



40,292 women supported to have a safe birth



272 former patients trained and supported to return to their communities

Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital exceeded its surgical target by 12% during the period - performing more procedures (918) than any other hospital.

Wubit's story of hope following fistula



"I never attended school; instead, I helped my family on the farm, tending cattle in the fields. I married young, not truly understanding what marriage meant. At eighteen, I became pregnant. My labour lasted three days. People insisted it wasn't the right time for delivery and used traditional methods, promising the baby would come with the sunrise. But nothing happened. By the third day, I was too weak to bear the pain.

I live in a very rural area and we had to walk over three hours to find transportation. I was carried on a stretcher, tied down so I wouldn't fall. By the time we reached a health centre, it was too late. I lost the baby. Later, I learned I had developed a fistula.

Living with fistula brought pain, shame and loneliness. My husband left me, saying I was no longer useful. My mother told me not to cry but I cried every night, waking with swollen eyes. I stopped eating, afraid food or drink would worsen my condition. I was left with nothing but pain, stress and isolation, though my father stood by me and promised to support me as best he could.

When I heard treatment was available, my family took me to Bahir Dar Fistula Hospital. After surgery, they referred me to Addis Ababa for further treatment as my case was complicated. That journey changed my life. The treatment and love I received gave me a second chance. I remarried.

I never imagined being pregnant again. The nine months were filled with anxiety. I returned to the Hamlin hospital and, during delivery, heard my baby cry. The staff brought him to me - I couldn't believe my eyes. I wept with joy. I cannot express how grateful I am for the care I received from the staff. They treated me like family, providing me with meals, love and support."

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Treatment: life-changing surgeries

Obstetric fistula and other childbirth injuries can mostly be repaired with a single life-changing surgery. For some, this takes less than two and a half hours. In the last year, our surgical teams provided **free surgery for 4,119 women** with a range of debilitating childbirth injuries:



An **obstetric fistula** is a hole between the birth canal and the bladder or rectum. It leaves survivors incontinent of urine or faeces – and sometimes both – through their vagina.

Surgeons carried out **879 fistula or fistula-related surgeries**.



A **pelvic organ prolapse** occurs when one or more of the pelvic organs, such as the womb, bowel or bladder, slip down into the vagina. Symptoms include urinary incontinence, pain and discomfort. Services for prolapse in public health facilities are hard to access and costly. As a result, patients often present to us with advanced stage prolapse and complications e.g. infection or ulceration.

Surgeons conducted **2,790 surgeries to repair pelvic organ prolapse**.



60 Caesarean sections were also performed, ensuring a safe birth for former patients.



Patient identification

There are estimated to be tens of thousands of women living with childbirth injuries in Ethiopia - injuries which leave them trapped in a life of pain, shame and isolation. Hamlin's Patient Identification Officers, based at our regional fistula hospitals, provide the link between such women and the life-restoring care provided by Hamlin hospitals. Their work in remote communities is crucial in finding "hidden" patients (such as Tesfanesh, below) and restoring dignity, health and hope.

Campaigns and outreach efforts were pivotal in locating **more than 800 obstetric fistula patients** this year.

Tesfanesh's Story



Tesfanesh, 25, grew up in a remote district in Ethiopia. After marrying her husband, they were thrilled to be expecting their first child. However, joy turned to heartbreak when Tesfanesh endured a two-day labour at home. She was eventually taken to hospital, where she sadly delivered a stillborn baby:

"After the stillbirth, I started to experience uncontrollable urine flow. I hoped it would stop, but it didn't. The odour was strong. I washed my clothes three times a day, hid from people, and was afraid to meet neighbours. I couldn't have a child. After six years, I was still suffering."

Tesfanesh's hope was rekindled when Tolera, a Hamlin Patient Identification Officer, visited her village and told her about the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital. After successful surgery, Tesfanesh's life was transformed:

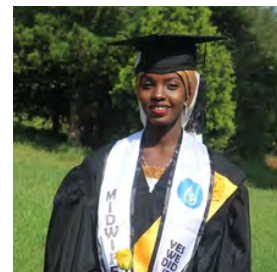
"Being back home feels like a dream come true after all the pain and isolation. When I returned, my husband was so emotional. Visiting the market and church again brings me joy. I can laugh and talk with friends without fear or shame. Every day, I cherish this freedom to live fully. It is a gift I'm thankful for."

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Preventing childbirth injuries: Hamlin midwives

Hamlin College of Midwives

The root cause of childbirth injuries is a lack of access to quality maternity care. The Hamlin College of Midwives opened in 2007 to train women from remote rural areas in life-saving midwifery skills. Hamlin midwives play an essential role in preventing birth injuries and saving the lives of hundreds of mothers and babies every year. The impact is remarkable – when a Hamlin midwife arrives at a clinic, new cases of obstetric fistula drop to almost zero in nearby villages.



Hamlin is growing the number of highly skilled midwives in Ethiopia through training students in BSc and MSc degrees in Midwifery. Over the past year, 42 students were enrolled at the Hamlin College of Midwives, **26 for undergraduate studies** and **16 to complete a Masters degree**. We were delighted to see the graduation of 11 BSc students and our first cohort of 22 Masters students.

Since opening, the College has trained and deployed **a total of 271 BSc graduate midwives**.

Practising Hamlin midwives

Our skilled midwives bring essential antenatal, delivery and postnatal care to rural areas, helping to end preventable childbirth injuries and deaths. We deploy newly qualified Hamlin midwives to rural government health centres across Ethiopia. Last year, Hamlin midwives at **80 rural health centres**, including some in conflict-prone areas such as the Amhara and Oromia regions:

- Ensured that **38,918** pregnant women received at least four antenatal care visits.
- Identified and managed **1,684** labour complications - and referred a further **1,920** to hospital.
- Supported **40,292** women to have a safe delivery.

Hamlin midwife Blen - saving lives with vital skills and equipment



“My name is Blen Abraham and I am a graduate of the Hamlin College of Midwives. Currently, I work at Boko Health Centre in Fedis Woreda (district), in the east of Ethiopia. I am a midwife and team leader. I am responsible for caring for mothers from conception to 41 days after delivery.

In this profession, we encounter many challenges. For example, when I was less than three months into my career and working the night shift, I arrived to find a woman in labour on the delivery couch. I quickly changed and prepared the necessary equipment. After a long labour, she was able to deliver but the baby was in distress. I was alone and had to manage the situation by myself.

I provided the mother with oxygen and began to resuscitate the baby. I attempted for a long time but he wasn't breathing. I refused to give up hope and finally he took a breath! I was filled with hope and excitement when he began to cry properly. I placed him with his mother and helped initiate breastfeeding. I cannot express the joy I felt at that moment. I proudly said, 'I am very lucky to be a midwife.'”

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Rehabilitation: empowering women with fistula to lead independent lives



One operation can repair a fistula. But that's not the end of the story.

Women with fistula are often divorced by their husbands and ostracised by their communities because of symptoms like incontinence and the stigma associated with the condition.

We provide rehabilitation programmes that help patients reintegrate back into their community. For women who have been shunned by society, such care is a critical aspect of rebuilding self-belief and moving on to independence with dignity and choices.

Across all six hospitals, **2,156 women completed classes in numeracy and literacy**. Participants were taught to identify letters and numbers so they could read and write their name, count numbers and carry out simple additions and subtractions. Physiotherapy and counselling were also provided, as required.

However, some women required a lot more support.

Desta Mender is our farm and training facility where former patients receive counselling and training, individually tailored to each woman. There are market gardens, an orchard and dairy farm, as well as a café. Training ranges from farming and pottery to catering and business skills. We also provide small grants to enable women to establish their own business, to generate an income and rebuild their livelihoods.

Last year, **272 women completed residential training and were provided with seed funding** to return home and start a business. An additional 122 women who had previously completed the programme were provided with seed money; this had been delayed due to various challenges, including local bureaucracy.

Abebech's story

Abebech grew up in a remote village, helping her family farm. After marrying young and becoming pregnant, she planned to give birth at home. But, after three days in labour, Abebech sadly gave birth to a stillborn baby and sustained an obstetric fistula which left her incontinent. Abebech's husband deserted her and unable to work to support herself, she lived a life of isolation:

"Because of the fistula, people commented on the very bad smell. I didn't visit my neighbours for coffee and I never went to church or the market. I cried all day and night."



After a year of suffering, a local organisation told Abebech about Hamlin Fistula and she was taken to Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Following successful surgery, she was invited to attend Desta Mender. Abebech approached her training with great enthusiasm. After completing literacy and numeracy training, she was so eager to continue learning that she went on to study cooking, sewing, embroidery and poultry farming. She graduated in August 2024 with high hopes.

In January 2025, Hamlin Fistula staff went to visit Abebech in her community - and found her thriving. Twice a week she sells kocho, a traditional bread, in her local market. Each time, she earns an average of 500 Ethiopian birr (£2.60) - a significant contribution to her household. In addition, she has taken up knitting at home and hopes to expand to poultry farming in time. She shares her home with her new husband, who is delighted to see her thriving and running her own business.

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The impact of our volunteer-made blankets

Every woman with childbirth injuries that we treat at our hospitals receives a Comfort Pack, which includes soap, a clean new nightgown, slippers and a colourful hand-knitted blanket.

For women who have been stigmatised and isolated due to distressing symptoms such as incontinence, the blankets are a powerful demonstration of the acceptance and compassion that they will receive throughout their stay.



Photo credit: Maheder Haileselassie



Culm Valley Knitting Group

Our blankets are all knitted by volunteers across the UK, some who knit as individuals and others as part of groups.

Last year, volunteers provided a remarkable:

- 2,200 adult blankets
- 224 baby blankets
- 1,770 items of baby clothing

Likelesh, a former fistula patient herself, now manages our blanket store in Addis Ababa. She understands the deep significance they hold for every woman that receives one:

"Many patients dislike seeing their clothes soiled with urine, so these blankets are incredibly important to them. They love the warmth and comfort these blankets provide. They are not just items; they embody their recovery, bringing them joy and a sense of comfort. This strong emotional bond makes the blankets truly special for each patient."



News from across the organisation: Project Zero progress



Hamlin Fistula's Project Zero is an initiative aimed at ending obstetric fistula in Ethiopia. Project teams target a particular woreda (district) to locate and treat women living with fistula and other childbirth injuries, as well as reduce new cases to zero through prevention and education.

Following two successful pilots in 2023/24, new pilots were launched in Saharti and Fedis woredas. Teams carried out house-to-house surveys to identify women with childbirth injuries and transport them to a Hamlin hospital for life-changing treatment and rehabilitation. To date, **382 women with untreated childbirth injuries** have been found.

This year, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia plans to target six new woredas.

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News from across the organisation: responding to the impact of USAID cuts



In January 2025, within six weeks of taking office, President Trump cut 83% of USAID's programmes. This was devastating for Ethiopia, USAID's largest recipient in sub-Saharan Africa. Funding had supported vital maternal health initiatives, including food for pregnant women in rural areas.

At health centres, women are traditionally served a nutritious porridge during their stay, funded by USAID. With the cuts, women must now rely on family to bring food. As a result, fewer women are attending centres to give birth - raising the risk of obstetric fistula.

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia is working to bridge the gap. Following a visit to southern Ethiopia, our CEO Helen Marriott launched an urgent appeal. Over 150 donors gave more than £15,000 in response. The Band Aid Charitable Trust also stepped in, funding a pilot project to provide nutritious meals for expectant mothers. The project aims to combat maternal malnutrition and encourage safer births at health centres.



Photo credit: Maheder Haileselassie

Fundraising performance

The Board of Trustees have approved investment in fundraising activity to help recruit and retain more individual donors. In FY2024-25 we increased income from individual giving by 27% compared with the previous year, with total income of £155,000 from individuals (not including major gifts over £1,000). Key successes included an emergency appeal responding to the cuts in USAID funding for Ethiopia which raised over £15,000 of unplanned income; and running our first in-house matched giving campaign which raised over £20,000 from individuals. Across the year, our fundraising appeals had an average return on investment of £4.62 per £1 spent. We also started testing digital acquisition with Meta ads which resulted in 157 new one-off donors and 16 new monthly donors. We will continue building on these successes in future years and aim to grow income from regular donors by 29%.

Our public fundraising approach

Hamlin Fistula UK is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and the Information Commissioners' Office. We ensure that our fundraising activities adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice and display the Fundraising Regulator logo on all printed and online fundraising materials.

We aim to be transparent and trustworthy at all times and outline our approach to respecting donor privacy on our website: <https://hamlinfistulauk.org/privacy-policy/>. We updated the privacy policy in August 2024, which was approved by Trustees in September. We then undertook a legitimate interest assessment before sending a change of address communication to all supporters in October 2024. We record all communication preferences and opt-out requests on our CRM.

In 2024-25, Hamlin Fistula UK did not contract any professional fundraiser or commercial participators to carry out any fundraising activities. Our in-house fundraising team occasionally engages professional services such as graphic designers, digital agencies and mailing fulfilment houses to help us deliver fundraising campaigns. We conduct due diligence before selecting an individual or company to support us in this way and monitor all work they create to ensure it meets our high standards and adheres to the Code of Fundraising Practice.

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Our fundraising staff regularly attend training courses to keep up-to-date on best-practice, changes to fundraising regulation and trends in fundraising. When individuals are fundraising on behalf of Hamlin Fistula UK, for example by running the London Marathon or holding a community event, we provide them with information about our work and monitor their publicly available fundraising materials to ensure they are representing the charity appropriately and fundraising in accordance with best practice and Fundraising Regulator guidance.

We deal with complaints made directly to us and via the Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) promptly. In 2024-25, we did not receive any complaints about our fundraising activity. We did not receive any suppression requests via the FPS.

Hamlin Fistula UK did not receive any data subject access requests during the year, and there were no data breaches to report.

We follow the Chartered Institute of Fundraising Guidance on Treating Donors Fairly to ensure we are protecting vulnerable members of the public from undue pressure or persistence whilst adhering to the Code of Fundraising Practice to treat donors fairly.

Future plans

Hamlin Fistula UK aims to continue supporting Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to work towards our shared goal of treating and preventing childbirth injuries in Ethiopia. Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia plans to expand its activities and reach more women in the coming year and beyond. We will work closely with colleagues in Ethiopia to understand the needs of the organisation and meet their funding requirements.

We will continue to provide both restricted and unrestricted funds to support treatment, prevention and rehabilitation activity across Hamlin hospitals, centres and in the community. We will purchase medical consumables on behalf of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia as required.

We will continue to fully fund Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital and work with Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to understand the future needs of the facility. This may include renovation and expansion of the hospital and we will be considering making a capital investment if necessary.

In order to meet the funding requirements in Ethiopia and ensure sustainability for the future we will continue to invest in and strengthen our fundraising activity in the UK. We will focus in particular on recruiting and retaining new supporters. We will continue to offer high quality supporter care and communications to ensure our existing supporters feel informed and valued.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****Reserves policy****Unrestricted funds**

It is the policy of the trustees to hold significant funds in the form of listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers. At 30 June 2025, the charity held investments with a market value of £940,405 (2024: £1,331,568) and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes of £98,832 (2024: £40,844). This level of investment fund is considered necessary in order to generate investment income to contribute to the ongoing operations of the charity. Trustees have made the decision to realise some of the investment funds in order to further support the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia.

Within these funds, the charity has determined it appropriate to keep reserves equivalent to 12 months' operating costs of both HFUK and Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. This is in line with the Reserves Policy of the trustees, to enable the charity to operate in the event of a decrease in incoming resources whilst consideration is given to replacing income or changing activities.

At 30 June 2025, general undesignated unrestricted funds were £1,368,186 (2024: £1,393,240). Excluding those held in listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes, this amounted to £328,949 (2024: £20,828).

Investment policies and objectives

The overall objectives are to create sufficient income and capital growth to enable the charity to carry out its purposes consistently year by year with due and proper consideration for future needs and the maintenance of, and if possible, enhancement of the value of the invested funds while they are retained. Performance has been satisfactory over the last 12 months, driven by firm equity markets and the start of interest rate reductions. Due to the uncertainty in the world, we remain cautiously positioned with a diversified, balanced portfolio that is producing income of just under 5%. The Trustees have agreed to realise some of the investment portfolio over the next three years in line with the Reserves Policy.

The charity has an Investment Policy which includes ethical considerations which trustees have instructed our investment management company to follow. The charity's investment powers are prescribed by The Trustee Act 2000. The trustees confirm that the investments, the majority of which are held in the UK, are held in accordance with their powers.

Public benefit

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have taken regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Key features of public benefit included an identifiable benefit, to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit.

The charity supports the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia which provides free treatment to women suffering from childbirth injuries, irrespective of race, background or religion. The trustees have therefore concluded that Hamlin Fistula UK meets the key principles as described above.

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Risk management

The CEO and Trustees use a Risk Register to manage risks to which the charity may be exposed. The register is reviewed at each board meeting so key risks can be identified. Current controls are detailed and any required actions are documented.

Other measures in place to manage risk include regular reporting on performance of planned activities, monthly reporting on financial performance and quarterly meetings of the Finance Committee, maintenance of policies covering specific areas of risk and risk assessments for overseas trips.

The main risks facing the organisation and our action to mitigate them are:

- International instability or events that cause attention and funding to be diverted from our cause. To mitigate this we hold reserves to cover for unexpected events.
- Inability to recruit sufficient numbers of new donors and funders to meet funding need. To mitigate this we are investing in our fundraising activity, as detailed in our Future Plans.
- Reduction in the value of our investment portfolio. To mitigate this our investments are cautiously positioned with a diversified, balanced portfolio. We receive monthly performance reports from our Investment Managers and meet with them regularly.

Donated services

In addition to financial donations, we receive contributions from supporters in the form of knitted blankets and baby clothes which are sent to Ethiopia for distribution to patients across Hamlin hospitals. These gifts are donated freely. We have not put a financial value to these gifts in these financial accounts.

Results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" which was published in 2019 ("SORP 2019") and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Approval

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

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

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Hamlin Fistula UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hamlin Fistula UK (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 9 to the financial statements 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

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

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Hamlin Fistula UK

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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of the trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Hamlin Fistula UK

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Independent auditors' report

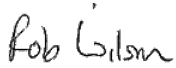
To the members of

Hamlin Fistula UK

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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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



Date: 22 January 2026

Robert Wilson FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

GODFREY WILSON LIMITED

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
5th Floor Mariner House
62 Prince Street
Bristol
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	157,939	776,968	934,907	325,346
Charitable activities	4	175,454	36	175,490	177,118
Investments	5	-	55,918	55,918	56,308
Total income		333,393	832,922	1,166,315	558,772
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	259,178	259,178	202,195
Charitable activities		218,393	620,850	839,243	885,102
Total expenditure	7	218,393	880,028	1,098,421	1,087,297
Net gains on investments	12	-	22,052	22,052	74,275
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		115,000	(25,054)	89,946	(454,250)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		5,000	1,393,240	1,398,240	1,852,490
Total funds carried forward		120,000	1,368,186	1,488,186	1,398,240

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets				
Investments	12		<u>940,405</u>	<u>1,331,568</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	13	236,037		3,388
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>324,021</u>		<u>75,018</u>
		560,058		78,406
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	<u>(12,277)</u>		<u>(11,734)</u>
Net current assets			<u>547,781</u>	<u>66,672</u>
Net assets	15		<u>1,488,186</u>	<u>1,398,240</u>
Funds	16			
Restricted funds			120,000	5,000
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>1,368,186</u>	<u>1,393,240</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,488,186</u>	<u>1,398,240</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Hamlin Fistula UK

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	89,946	(454,250)
Adjustments for:		
Gains on investments	(22,052)	(74,275)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(55,918)	(56,308)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(232,649)	4,666
Increase in creditors	543	5,704
Net cash used in operating activities	(220,130)	(574,463)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	55,918	56,308
Proceeds from the sale of investments	759,096	576,450
Purchase of investments	(345,881)	(449,444)
Net cash provided by investing activities	469,133	183,314
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	249,003	(391,149)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	75,018	466,167
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	324,021	75,018

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

Hamlin Fistula UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is TouchBase Pears, 750 Bristol Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B29 6NA.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Hamlin Fistula UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Notes to the financial statements

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

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

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

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

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

h) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time occupied by each activity as follows:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	92.0%	81.7%
Charitable activities	8.0%	18.3%

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For the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

j) Debtors

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

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Listed investments

Listed investments traded on a recognised stock exchange are stated at fair value at the reporting date, which is deemed to be their market value. Any gain or loss, whether realised or unrealised, is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

n) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

p) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

q) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

r) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	28,807	296,539	325,346
Charitable activities	177,118	-	177,118
Investments	-	56,308	56,308
Total income	205,925	352,847	558,772
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	202,195	202,195
Charitable activities	200,925	684,177	885,102
Total expenditure	200,925	886,372	1,087,297
Net gains on investments	-	74,275	74,275
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	5,000	(459,250)	(454,250)

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Donations	37,939	256,173	294,112
Legacies	120,000	487,360	607,360
Grants	-	33,435	33,435
Total income from donations and legacies	157,939	776,968	934,907

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Donations	28,807	170,608	199,415
Gifts in kind*	-	10,000	10,000
Legacies	-	41,431	41,431
The Tory Family Foundation	-	50,000	50,000
Grants	-	24,500	24,500
Total income from donations and legacies	28,807	296,539	325,346

*Gifts in kind relate to donated project services received in the prior year (2025: £Nil).

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Band Aid Charitable Trust	121,187	-	121,187
Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission	42,267	-	42,267
Grants < £20k	12,000	-	12,000
Book sales	-	36	36
	175,454	36	175,490

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued) Prior period comparative

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Band Aid Charitable Trust	96,359	-	96,359
Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission	21,759	-	21,759
Grants < £20k	59,000	-	59,000
Total income from charitable activities	177,118	-	177,118

5. Income from investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Income from listed investments	48,360	48,624
Bank and other interest	7,558	7,684
Total income from investments	55,918	56,308

All income from investments was unrestricted in the current period and prior period.

6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 30 June 2025 was £42,267 (2024: £21,759). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in 2024/25.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	644,509	-	644,509
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	177,025	-	177,025
Staff costs (note 10)	131,433	11,467	11,467	154,367
Fundraising and marketing costs	56,202	-	-	56,202
Travel expenses	-	-	13,001	13,001
General office	-	-	21,073	21,073
Legal and professional fees	-	-	7,173	7,173
Accountancy	-	-	15,892	15,892
Occupation costs	-	-	3,348	3,348
Other staff costs	-	-	4,756	4,756
Insurance	-	-	1,075	1,075
Sub-total	187,635	833,001	77,785	1,098,421
Allocation of support and governance costs	71,543	6,242	(77,785)	-
Total expenditure	259,178	839,243	-	1,098,421

Total governance costs were £7,391 (2024: £4,313).

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7. Total expenditure (continued)

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	622,651	-	622,651
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	231,507	-	231,507
Staff costs (note 10)	64,971	14,547	13,970	93,488
Fundraising and marketing costs	63,991	-	-	63,991
Travel expenses	-	-	24,601	24,601
General office	-	-	15,667	15,667
Legal and professional fees	-	-	12,045	12,045
Accountancy	-	-	12,019	12,019
Occupation costs	-	-	6,088	6,088
Other staff costs	-	-	4,042	4,042
Insurance	-	-	1,198	1,198
Sub-total	128,962	868,705	89,630	1,087,297
Allocation of support and governance costs	73,233	16,397	(89,630)	-
Total expenditure	202,195	885,102	-	1,087,297

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8. Grants payable

During the year, 29 (2024: 27) new grants were awarded to 1 institution (2024: 1) for hospital and clinic support.

Total grants committed to during the year were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Total grants payable to institutions		
<u>Hospital and clinic support grants</u>		
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	644,509	622,651
 Total grants payable to institutions	644,509	622,651

For the current and prior period, all grants committed were paid within the period.

Allocation of support costs to grant making activities is given in note 7.

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating lease payments	-	6,727
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	124	272
Trustees' indemnity insurance	891	893
Auditor's remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Audit fee	6,500	-
▪ Independent examination fee	-	2,850
▪ Other services	10,092	7,166

Trustee's reimbursed expenses relate to domestic travel and medical supplies for the hospitals from 2 trustees (2024: 2).

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our auditors have also provided bookkeeping and payroll services to the charity during the year.

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10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	134,922	84,626
Social security costs	8,549	1,907
Pension costs	10,896	6,955
	<u>154,367</u>	<u>93,488</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior period.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees and Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £44,819 (2024: £37,235).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>4.2</u>	<u>2.4</u>

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 1 July	1,331,568	1,384,299
Additions	345,881	449,444
Disposals proceeds	(759,096)	(576,450)
Net gains	<u>22,052</u>	<u>74,275</u>
Market value at 30 June	<u>940,405</u>	<u>1,331,568</u>

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13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	231,737	1,479
Other debtors	4,300	1,909
	<u>236,037</u>	<u>3,388</u>

There were £228,553 of accrued legacies in the current year (2024: £nil).

14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,472	6,085
Accruals	7,500	3,920
Other taxation and social security	3,305	1,729
	<u>12,277</u>	<u>11,734</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Investments	-	940,405	940,405
Current assets	120,000	440,058	560,058
Current liabilities	-	(12,277)	(12,277)
Net assets at 30 June 2025	<u>120,000</u>	<u>1,368,186</u>	<u>1,488,186</u>

Prior period comparative

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Investments	-	1,331,568	1,331,568
Current assets	5,000	73,406	78,406
Current liabilities	-	(11,734)	(11,734)
Net assets at 30 June 2024	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,393,240</u>	<u>1,398,240</u>

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16. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 30 June 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Health Centre Support	-	42,267	(42,267)	-	-
Project Zero	-	-	-	-	-
Rehabilitation project	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Tigray	-	50,020	(50,020)	-	-
Yirgalem Hospital	-	99,919	(99,919)	-	-
Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	-	120,000	-	-	120,000
Nutrition for Expectant Mothers Project	-	21,187	(21,187)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>5,000</u>	<u>333,393</u>	<u>(218,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>1,393,240</u>	<u>832,922</u>	<u>(880,028)</u>	<u>22,052</u>	<u>1,368,186</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,393,240</u>	<u>832,922</u>	<u>(880,028)</u>	<u>22,052</u>	<u>1,368,186</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,398,240</u></u>	<u><u>1,166,315</u></u>	<u><u>(1,098,421)</u></u>	<u><u>22,052</u></u>	<u><u>1,488,186</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Health Centre Support	Funding for midwives and medical supplies at rural health centres across Ethiopia.
Project Zero	Funding for a project to identify fistula cases in Ethiopian districts by going door-to-door.
Rehabilitation project	Funding for Hamlin patient rehabilitation services at Hamlin hospitals and Desta Mender Rehabilitation Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Tigray	Emergency funding for Mekele regional fistula hospital and midwifery services across the Tigray region where civil war has recently taken place.
Yirgalem Hospital	Funding for Hamlin regional fistula hospital in southern Ethiopia.
Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	Funding for Hamlin main fistula hospital in Addis Ababa.
Nutrition for Expectant Mothers Project	Pilot project to provide food for expectant mothers at rural health centres in Southern Ethiopia.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Health Centre Support	-	37,759	(37,759)	-	-
Project Zero	-	44,525	(44,525)	-	-
Rehabilitation project	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Tigray	-	50,641	(50,641)	-	-
Yirgalem Hospital	-	68,000	(68,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	205,925	(200,925)	-	5,000
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	1,852,490	352,847	(886,372)	74,275	1,393,240
Total unrestricted funds	1,852,490	352,847	(886,372)	74,275	1,393,240
Total funds	1,852,490	558,772	(1,087,297)	74,275	1,398,240

17. Financial instruments at fair value

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets measured at fair value	940,405	1,331,568

Financial assets measured at fair value comprise listed investments.

18. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	-	1,125
Within 1 - 5 years	-	-
	-	1,125

19. Related party transactions

During the period 3 trustees donated £429 (2024: 4 trustees, £765). There were no restrictions on these donations.

Accounts



Ending avoidable childbirth injuries and changing lives in Ethiopia



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(a company limited by guarantee)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the unaudited financial statements were:

Greg Morris - Chair, Libby Grundy MBE, Hewete Haileselassie, Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson, Alison Murray, Emnet Tadesse Yadeta.

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are the directors of the charitable company which is governed by the Articles of Association as amended by a Special Resolution dated 5 July 2013. The company is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liabilities of the members, who are also the directors and trustees, together with details of their guarantees, are shown in the notes to the accounts. The company was registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 24 July 2013.

The charity has a formal introduction process for new trustees. Regular financial reviews and reports are prepared for the trustees by the charity's administrative staff and presented at trustees' meetings.

Details of the directors who served during the year are shown in the Legal and Administrative details on page 3.

The pay and remuneration package for key management personnel is decided by the Pay Review Committee made up of three trustees. They review the package on an annual basis taking into account sector bench marking and the consumer prices index.

The Board of Trustees meets bi-monthly and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A staffing structure with clear line management is in place and the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity rests with the CEO, along with the Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships.

Objects

The objects of the charity, as set out in the amended Articles are:

1. To relieve the needs and advance the health of patients who have suffered from childbirth injuries in Ethiopia;
2. Such other charitable purposes in Ethiopia as the Board shall from time to time decide; and
3. If the continuance of such charitable work in Ethiopia becomes in the opinion of the Board impracticable, such general charitable purposes in any part of the world as the Board shall from time to time decide.

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Activities

Hamlin Fistula UK is a charity registered in England and Wales dedicated to treating and preventing childbirth injuries in Ethiopia. It was founded in 1968 to support the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia as part of Hamlin's global family of charities. Today, the Ethiopian organisation Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has expanded to include six regional hospitals across Ethiopia, the Hamlin College of Midwives, and Desta Mender, a rehabilitation centre for patients.

This charity supports Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia with cash, medical consumables or other requirements funded by means of donations made in tax-efficient ways by donors and income from investments held for the longer term.

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia operates six fistula hospitals across Ethiopia - a headquarters hospital in Addis Ababa and five regional fistula hospitals in Yirgalem, Bahir Dar, Harar, Metu and Mekele. The organisation founded and operates the Hamlin College of Midwifery, located in Addis Ababa, to train and deploy midwives to rural health centres across Ethiopia in liaison with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health. Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia also operates a residential rehabilitation and training centre - Desta Mender (meaning "Joy Village") – for patients with longer term recovery trajectories.

As well as providing unrestricted and restricted funds used across all Hamlin hospitals and centres, this charity has undertaken to cover the operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. A combination of restricted and unrestricted funds is used to meet our commitment to fully fund Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Hamlin Fistula UK additionally coordinates the production of colourful knitted blankets by volunteers, which are sent to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to be given to each patient on their arrival at a Hamlin hospital.

Principal sources of funds

Our income is derived in the main from individual donors, trusts and foundations and legacies. In addition, we received approximately £56,000 (2023: £101,000) from investment income.

We would like to thank all our donors over the past year, who have included, among others: The Band Aid Charitable Trust, Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust, Coles-Medlock Foundation, Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, Ericson Trust, Evan Cornish Foundation, Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission, Hodge Foundation, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Roughley Charitable Trust, The Big Give, Stanley Grundy Foundation, and the Sulney Fields Charitable Trust.

We would also like to thank all our generous individual donors, including Helene and Martin Hayman, Susan Roberts, Manuela Stanga, as well as all friends, volunteers and donors who wish to remain anonymous. We would like to extend particular thanks to our Patron Baroness Tessa Blackstone.

Background

Founded in 1968, we are part of the Hamlin family of international charities, which was established by pioneering Australian surgeons Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin. Catherine and Reg were in Ethiopia to train midwives when they first discovered the overwhelming numbers of women suffering the plight of obstetric fistula and realised that little was being done to help them. They established the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula hospital, to provide the country's first fistula treatment services. To date, Hamlin has treated over 70,000 women.

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Every Woman Matters

Strategic report

When you live a three-hour walk away from the nearest town, in a village with no electricity, accessing health services is tough. Yet this is the reality pregnant women face in rural Ethiopia. Whilst progress has been made in recent years, 70 per cent of women in Ethiopia still give birth without a doctor or nurse present.



This can result in devastating childbirth injuries including obstetric fistula, an internal injury caused by a prolonged, unrelieved obstructed labour. Obstetric fistula leaves women incontinent, humiliated and cut off from their communities. Tragically, 93% of women with a fistula have also lost their babies.

Our exclusive partner Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia is working to tackle this. Hamlin is a national healthcare network and registered Ethiopian non-profit organisation powered by over 550 Ethiopian professionals. Together, they are dedicated to transforming women's lives.

The team operates six specialised fistula hospitals, a rehabilitation and training centre, the Hamlin College of Midwives, and supports more than 80 rural midwifery clinics.

Our vision is for every Ethiopian woman to be free of devastating preventable childbirth injuries and have access to quality maternal healthcare throughout her pregnancy. Our mission is to support the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

Where we work

Hamlin's Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital headquarters is a 120-bed facility that includes an operating theatre, physiotherapy department, urodynamic and stoma clinics, and comprehensive pharmacy and pathology services.



Five regional fistula hospitals extend Hamlin's reach. These are located in Mekele and Bahir Dar in the north, Yirgalem in the south, Harar in the east, and Metu in the southwest.

The Hamlin College of Midwives in Addis Ababa trains and places newly qualified midwives in rural health centres across the country. For patients with longer term recovery trajectories, Desta Mender is our rehabilitation and training centre, where patients gain skills and independence as they prepare to return home.

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Our supporters' impact in 2023 - 24

The statement of financial activities shows that we contributed £622,651 to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia during the period.

This supported medical expenses at Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, and five regional hospitals including the full operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Funds also contributed to overall programme and operating costs across all Hamlin centres and initiatives.



4,272 life changing surgeries for women



123 students studying at the Hamlin College of Midwifery



Fistula surgery is described as a cost-effective intervention by The Life You Can Save

Kelemi's rainbow baby



We met Kelemi*, 30, during a happy time in her life. She had returned to Yirgalem Fistula Hospital to have a caesarean section for the safe delivery of her second child, thanks to UK supporters.

During her first pregnancy, Kelemi had limited access to health care. When she went into labour in her remote village, she endured three days of obstructed labour without support from a midwife. Eventually, her family carried her to the nearest hospital, but sadly it was too late. Her baby was stillborn, and Kelemi was left incontinent from a severe obstetric fistula.

For years, she lived with this devastating condition until she heard about treatment available at Yirgalem.

"Before I came here, I was sleeping in a bed with no blankets and no linen because of the incontinence," she told us.

After her successful surgery, Kelemi returned to her family to move on with her life. The Hamlin team counselled her if she ever became pregnant again, that she should return for a safe caesarean section delivery. We were overjoyed to receive a photo of Kelemi with her newborn a few days after our visit. Wrapped in a colourful blanket knitted by a Hamlin supporter, her smile said it all.

You might have heard the term 'rainbow baby' to refer to a baby born after a miscarriage or stillbirth. For Kelemi, with her baby wrapped in a beautiful coloured blanket knitted by a UK supporter, she is truly a rainbow of hope after despair.

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Treatment: life changing surgeries



Obstetric fistula and advanced pelvic organ prolapse, two devastating childbirth injuries, can both mostly be repaired with a single life-changing surgery. For some, these can take no more than two and a half hours.

Over the past year, our specialist surgical teams at our six hospitals have delivered 4,272 restorative operations for women. This included surgery for obstetric fistula (972), advanced pelvic organ prolapse (2,838), other gynaecological conditions (400) and caesarean sections for past fistula patients having new babies (62), like Kelemi.

These figures meet our overall target for the period. The number of advanced pelvic organ prolapse surgeries delivered represents strong growth in the number of women reached on the previous year.

Post-conflict recovery and hope in Tigray

Following the signing of the peace agreement in the northern region of Tigray in November 2022, Hamlin's Mekele Fistula Hospital reopened its doors. As a result of the past conflict, there is a significant backlog of women urgently needing surgery. Supported by surgeons from other Hamlin hospitals, the team performed over 800 surgeries during the year. They also received new equipment, including a new operating table, to further support their life-changing work thanks to generous donors including the Band Aid Charitable Trust.

Video – Genet's story

With the war raging around her, when she went into labour, Genet had no option but to try and deliver her baby at home in Tigray without a midwife. Her nearest government maternal health centre was closed because of the danger.



[Click here to watch Genet tell her story in this short 2 minute video](#)



Community outreach

Our Patient Identification Officers based at each of our hospitals coordinated community outreach efforts throughout the year to ensure women in need of treatment were identified and received referrals. They worked closely with local health officials to hold regular market-day events to raise awareness of avoidable childbirth injuries through live and recorded messages. They maintained phone contact with trained Health Extension Workers and volunteers and enabled women who were recovered fistula survivors to act as safe motherhood ambassadors. Thanks to these combined efforts, a significant proportion of the surgeries performed over the year were due to community outreach referrals.

Holistic support

Patients also received additional services including physiotherapy, stoma care, urodynamics and psychiatric counselling. The purchase of new equipment has also made a difference to Hamlin's services including new operating tables and autoclave machines for operating theatres, radiant warmers for midwifery centres and much more.

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Rehabilitation: empowering women post-treatment



The impact of childbirth injuries can be devastating and our help doesn't stop at surgery. Our rehabilitation and empowerment programme enables hundreds of fistula survivors each year to gain independence, learn new skills and develop income generating activities for their return home.

At each of the six Hamlin hospitals, we offer literacy and numeracy classes and at our residential rehabilitation centre, Desta Mender, we offer two-month training in livelihoods and business skills.

Over the past year, 2,237 women completed literacy and numeracy training and 265 women completed residential training and were provided with seed funding to return home and start a business.

At each hospital, Hamlin provided physiotherapy to patients experiencing foot drop and pelvic floor weakness as a result of their childbirth injuries. Our psychologists offered pre- and post-operative counselling as well as group counselling sessions. Our adult education teachers provided women with regular health education, literacy and numeracy classes, as well as handicraft training. Participants were taught to identify letters and numbers so they can read and write their name, count numbers and carry out simple additions and subtractions.

At Desta Mender, women with longer term recoveries completed residential training in a range of livelihoods skills from farming and pottery, to beekeeping, catering and business skills. They were then re-integrated to their communities with seed funding to start their own businesses.

Research and training

Hamlin surgeons are continually refining the techniques they use to treat more complex fistulas and academic research projects are an important contribution towards achieving this. In 2023-24, Hamlin's medical specialists from across the organisation participated in the development of 37 research protocols. The first Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia research conference took place, aiding researchers in advancing their efforts and expanding the body of knowledge, ultimately helping professionals improve the quality of health services.



The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital remains a world recognised training facility for fistula surgeons. Hospital teams regularly train visiting doctors and nurses and empower surgeons with advanced skills as part of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Fistula Training Initiative.

This year training for international health professionals reached four surgeons from Somalia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Bangladesh. A FIGO-Hamlin expert surgical workshop also took place with 16 global experts and other experienced practitioners to demonstrate new innovative surgical techniques.

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Preventing childbirth injuries: Hamlin midwives

Hamlin College of Midwives

Hamlin is growing the number of highly skilled midwives in Ethiopia through training students in BSc and MSc degrees in Midwifery at The Hamlin College of Midwives. The college is known for its high quality training making it a centre of excellence for Ethiopia. Over the past year, 123 students were enrolled at the Hamlin College of Midwives, including 52 MSc and 71 BSc students.



We were delighted to be able to congratulate the Hamlin College of Midwives 2023 graduating BSc class. Twenty three fourth year students worked hard to complete their final modules and graduate, with a 100% pass rate.

Graduates were deployed into rural government health centres across the country, close to their home villages, and will provide thousands of rural women with family planning services and skilled healthcare during pregnancy and labour.

Practising Hamlin midwives

Our skilled Hamlin midwives bring essential antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services to rural areas, helping to end preventable childbirth injuries. We deploy newly qualified Hamlin midwives to rural government health centres across Ethiopia. In partnership with the Ministry of Health, we're making an impact on improving maternal health services nationwide.

Hamlin midwives at 74 rural health centres supported 34,679 women to have a safe delivery, including Siya, pictured below, who was overjoyed with the arrival of her twins. They provided quality family planning services and skilled healthcare during pregnancy and labour.

Siya's precious delivery of twins at Jarso maternal health centre



Siya*, a 30-year-old mother arrived at Jarso health centre late one night in labour, determined to avoid the heartbreak of losing another child after her first baby was born prematurely at home.

Under the care of Sister Dingete, a Hamlin midwife, Siya's twin pregnancy had been identified early, and Siya was educated about the risks of postpartum haemorrhage to ensure a safe delivery.

At 1am, Siya delivered a healthy 2.5 kg baby boy, followed 40 minutes later by his 2.3 kg twin sister. Sister Dingete provided immediate care, including "Kangaroo Mother Care" for the smaller twin and lifesaving interventions to prevent postpartum complications.

After 24 hours of monitoring, Siya and her healthy babies were discharged, with Siya overwhelmed by relief and joy, crediting skilled midwifery and essential medical support for her safe delivery.

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Q&A with Bella, a Senior Hamlin Midwife Mentor in Tigray

Bella Tutakay is a Senior Hamlin Midwife Mentor based at Mekele Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region. She is an experienced midwife and has worked with Hamlin for seven years.

Why is your work important?

My work is mentoring Hamlin midwives and ultrasound scanning pregnant mothers at Hamlin midwifery centres in Tigray region.

I join the midwives during community mobilisation, educating women to attend midwifery services, or to deliver at midwifery centres. This is necessary to prevent obstetric fistula and to prevent maternal death. It is very fundamental work in maternal and child health services.

How did the conflict in Tigray affect you?

The conflict was difficult. Many Hamlin midwifery centres were disturbed and disrupted. We lost many essential drugs and medications, as well as midwives.

Many mothers experienced obstetric fistulas because midwifery centres were not actively providing maternal healthcare. There was no birthing service, no health service. Almost all services were disrupted at that time.

The midwife mentorship programme was stopped because of the conflict. There were no medical supplies and no health providers at the health centres. Most centres closed their activities. It was difficult for me. I couldn't travel to the midwifery centres to mentor the midwives because of the conflict.



What did it mean for women in your area when there were no health clinics open?

When the midwifery centres were closed, there were no skilled birth attendants to support pregnant mothers.

So more women were affected by obstetric fistula and other maternal complications – and death. Obstetric fistula was increasing at the time because of the closed clinics. So, it was difficult.

How do you mentor with all these challenges?

I mentor with a friendly approach to transfer my skill and knowledge. I support Hamlin midwives and we go together to mobilise communities. Along with the health extension workers, we discuss and arrange programmes and we travel to villages.

There we give health education about the maternal health service and about obstetric fistula, about pelvic organ prolapse, and other preventable disease. We work together with the midwives, the health centre staff, and other partners like tribal leaders and churches to improve maternal health and child health and to prevent obstetric fistula.

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Amleset Muchie appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador



Famous Ethiopian actor, film director and writer Amleset Muchie was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia. Her appointment was announced at the 100th birthday celebrations for Dr Catherine Hamlin in Addis Ababa. Amleset describes herself as a humanitarian and eco-activist and wrote and produced the documentary Green Ethiopia.

She told us: ***"I am happy to be chosen as a servant of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia charity organisation. We will work together to save our sisters and mothers who suffer from fistula."***

Project Zero pilot completes initial phase



The pilot of Project Zero – Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's impactful new programme to accelerate the end of obstetric fistula in Ethiopia – completed its initial phase of work with great success and new learning generated.

Using learnings from the initial pilot and with significant support from local and regional health bureaux, the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the next phase of Project Zero activity began in Didessa Woreda, with rollouts planned for further woredas.

Exciting expansion of the College of Midwives



The Hamlin College of Midwives is undergoing a major expansion to include a new lecture hall, laboratory, classrooms, library, cafe and dormitory.

Phase 1 of the expansion began, focused on new teaching facilities for 250 students, accommodation for 172 residential students and the new library and cafe. This is being generously funded by Hamlin Fistula Australia.

Future plans

The charitable company will continue to support Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia and carry on the legacy of Dr Catherine Hamlin. The level of support will depend upon the organisation's requirements which are set out in their annual budget and strategic plan and presented to partners at a face to face meeting annually in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In the coming year we plan to expand our fundraising activity through investing in fundraising and marketing in order to raise our profile and reach more supporters in order to raise additional funds for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia. Alongside this, trustees have agreed to realise some of the investment portfolio over the next three years in line with the reserves policy.

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Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds

It is the policy of the trustees to hold significant funds in the form of listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers. At 30 June 2024, the charity held investments with a market value of £1,331,568 (2023: £1,384,299) and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes of £40,844 (2023: £120,720). This level of investment fund is considered necessary in order to generate investment income to contribute to the ongoing operations of the charity. In the past 12 months Trustees made the decision to realise some of the investment funds in order to further support the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia.

Within these funds, operating costs equivalent to approximately twelve months expenditure of both HFUK and Yirgalem Hospital Regional Fistula Hospital are held. This is in line with the Reserves Policy of the trustees, to enable the charity to operate in the event of a decrease in incoming resources whilst consideration is given to replacing income or changing activities.

At 30 June 2024, general undesignated unrestricted funds were £1,393,240 (2023: £1,852,490). Excluding those held in listed investments, this amounted to £61,672 (2023: £468,191).

Investment policies and objectives

The overall objectives are to create sufficient income and capital growth to enable the charity to carry out its purposes consistently year by year with due and proper consideration for future needs and the maintenance of, and if possible, enhancement of the value of the invested funds while they are retained.

The charity has an ethical investment policy that sets out the Environmental, Social and Governance considerations which trustees have instructed our investment management company to follow. The charity's investment powers are prescribed by The Trustee Act 2000. The trustees confirm that the investments, the majority of which are held in the UK, are held in accordance with their powers.

Public benefit

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have taken regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Key features of public benefit included an identifiable benefit, to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit.

The charity supports the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia which provides free treatment to women suffering from childbirth injuries, irrespective of race, background or religion. The trustees have therefore concluded that Hamlin Fistula UK meets the key principles as described above.

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Risk management

The trustees use a Risk Register to regularly review and manage risks to which the charity may be exposed. Throughout the year the world has seen the ongoing impact of high inflation and economic instability. This has led to fluctuations in the value of our investment portfolio. Trustees and staff closely monitor the portfolio, receiving monthly reports from our investment management company with whom the charity works closely to manage risk.

To maintain and continue to grow our funding of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia in the future, we have taken a range of measures including continuing to seek grants from charitable trusts and foundations and institutions, carrying out regular appeals to existing donors and taking steps to recruit additional regular donors. As planned, we recruited two new members of staff to support fundraising and operations and support future growth.

Donated services

In addition to financial donations, we receive contributions from supporters in the form of knitted blankets and baby clothes which are sent to Ethiopia for distribution to patients across Hamlin hospitals. These gifts are donated freely. We have not put a financial value to these gifts in these financial accounts.

Results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" which was published in 2019 ("SORP 2019") and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

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Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Approval

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 20 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Hamlin Fistula UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hamlin Fistula UK (the charitable company) for the period ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 18 to 34.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the charitable company. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Hamlin Fistula UK

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dougal Howard

Date: 20 January 2025

Dougal Howard ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

5th Floor Mariner House

62 Prince Street

Bristol

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

			12 months 2024 Total £	15 months 2023 Total £
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	28,807	296,539	325,346
Charitable activities	4	177,118	-	177,118
Investments	5	-	56,308	56,308
Total income		205,925	352,847	558,772
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		-	202,195	202,195
Charitable activities		200,925	684,177	885,102
Total expenditure	7	200,925	886,372	1,087,297
Net gains / (losses) on investments	12	-	74,275	74,275
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		5,000	(459,250)	(454,250)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	1,852,490	1,852,490
Total funds carried forward		5,000	1,393,240	1,398,240

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Fixed assets				
Investments	12		<u>1,331,568</u>	<u>1,384,299</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	13	3,388		8,054
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>75,018</u>		<u>466,167</u>
		78,406		474,221
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	<u>(11,734)</u>		<u>(6,030)</u>
Net current assets			<u>66,672</u>	<u>468,191</u>
Net assets	15		<u><u>1,398,240</u></u>	<u><u>1,852,490</u></u>
Funds	16			
Restricted funds			5,000	-
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>1,393,240</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>1,398,240</u></u>	<u><u>1,852,490</u></u>

Cash held by investment managers in the prior period has been reclassified as cash at bank and in hand to provide a more accurate reflection of the use of assets by the charity and to be comparable with the current year. The restatements are purely reclassifications and do not affect the net assets of the charity.

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Hamlin Fistula UK

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2024

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 20 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Hamlin Fistula UK

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	(454,250)	(990,011)
Adjustments for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(74,275)	587,016
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(56,308)	(100,831)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	4,666	(2,320)
Increase in creditors	5,704	63
Net cash used in operating activities	(574,463)	(506,083)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	56,308	100,831
Proceeds from the sale of investments	576,450	2,204,812
Purchase of investments	(449,444)	(1,516,751)
Net cash provided by investing activities	183,314	788,892
(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(391,149)	282,809
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	466,167	183,358
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	75,018	466,167

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

Cash held by investment managers in the prior period has been reclassified as cash at bank and in hand to provide a more accurate reflection of the use of assets by the charity and to be comparable with the current year. The restatements are purely reclassifications and do not affect the net assets of the charity.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

Hamlin Fistula UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is 6 West Furlong, Padbury, Buckingham, England, MK18 2BP.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Hamlin Fistula UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

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

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

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

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

h) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time occupied by each activity as follows:

	2024	2023
Raising funds	81.7%	83.5%
Charitable activities	18.3%	16.5%

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

j) Debtors

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

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Listed investments

Listed investments traded on a recognised stock exchange are stated at fair value at the reporting date, which is deemed to be their market value. Any gain or loss, whether realised or unrealised, is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

n) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

p) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

q) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

r) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

			15 months 2023 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	26,504	548,682	575,186
Charitable activities	106,382	32	106,414
Investments	-	100,831	100,831
Total income	132,886	649,545	782,431
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	171,190	171,190
Charitable activities	172,847	841,389	1,014,236
Total expenditure	172,847	1,012,579	1,185,426
Net losses on investments	-	(587,016)	(587,016)
Net expenditure and net movement in funds	(39,961)	(950,050)	(990,011)

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3. Income from donations and legacies

			12 months 2024 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Donations	28,807	170,608	199,415
Gifts in kind*	-	10,000	10,000
Legacies	-	41,431	41,431
The Tory Family Foundation	-	50,000	50,000
Grants < £20k	-	24,500	24,500
Total income from donations and legacies	28,807	296,539	325,346

*Gifts in kind relate to donated project services received in the year.

Prior period comparative:

			15 months 2023 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Donations	26,504	240,577	267,081
Legacies	-	286,105	286,105
Grants < £20k	-	22,000	22,000
Total income from donations and legacies	26,504	548,682	575,186

4. Income from charitable activities

			12 months 2024 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Band Aid Charitable Trust	96,359		96,359
Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission	21,759		21,759
Grants < £20k	59,000	-	59,000
	177,118	-	177,118

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued) Prior period comparative

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	15 months 2023 Total £
Band Aid Charitable Trust	50,000	-	50,000
The Kirby Laing Foundation	20,000	-	20,000
Grants < £20k	36,382	-	36,382
Book sales	-	32	32
Total income from charitable activities	106,382	32	106,414

5. Income from investments

	12 months 2024 £	15 months 2023 £
Income from listed investments	48,624	95,924
Bank and other interest	7,684	4,907
Total income from investments	56,308	100,831

All income from investments was unrestricted in the current period and prior period.

6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 30 June 2024 was £21,759 (2023: £Nil). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in 2023/24.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	12 months 2024 Total £
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	622,651	-	622,651
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	231,507	-	231,507
Staff costs (note 10)	64,971	14,547	13,970	93,488
Fundraising and marketing costs	63,991	-	-	63,991
Travel expenses	-	-	24,601	24,601
General office	-	-	15,667	15,667
Legal and professional fees	-	-	12,045	12,045
Accountancy	-	-	12,019	12,019
Occupation costs	-	-	6,088	6,088
Other staff costs	-	-	4,042	4,042
Insurance	-	-	1,198	1,198
Sub-total	128,962	868,705	89,630	1,087,297
Allocation of support and governance costs	73,233	16,397	(89,630)	-
Total expenditure	202,195	885,102	-	1,087,297

Total governance costs were £4,313 (2023: £4,289).

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7. Total expenditure (continued)

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	15 months 2023 Total £
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	693,594	-	693,594
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	296,356	-	296,356
Staff costs (note 10)	64,867	12,794	10,821	88,482
Fundraising and marketing costs	48,054	-	-	48,054
General office	-	-	17,865	17,865
Legal and professional fees	-	-	14,502	14,502
Travel expenses	-	-	8,539	8,539
Accountancy	-	-	6,782	6,782
Occupation costs	-	-	6,599	6,599
Other staff costs	-	-	3,326	3,326
Insurance	-	-	1,327	1,327
Sub-total	112,921	1,002,744	69,761	1,185,426
Allocation of support and governance costs	58,269	11,492	(69,761)	-
Total expenditure	171,190	1,014,236	-	1,185,426

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8. Grants payable

During the year, 27 (2023: 17) new grants were awarded to 1 institution (2023: 1) for hospital and clinic support.

Total grants committed to during the year were as follows:

	12 months 2024 £	15 months 2023 £
Total grants payable to institutions		
<u>Hospital and clinic support grants</u>		
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	622,651	693,594
Total grants payable to institutions	622,651	693,594

For the current and prior period, all grants committed were paid within the period.

Allocation of support costs to grant making activities is given in note 7.

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	12 months 2024 £	15 months 2023 £
Operating lease payments	6,727	8,369
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	272	1,372
Trustees' indemnity insurance	893	989
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Independent examination	2,850	2,750
▪ Other services	7,166	2,089

Trustee's reimbursed expenses relate to travel costs and medical supplies for 2 trustees (2023: 2).

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our Independent Examiners to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our Independent Examiners have also provided bookkeeping and payroll services to the charity during the year.

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10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	12 months 2024 £	15 months 2023 £
Salaries and wages	84,626	80,754
Social security costs	1,907	1,423
Pension costs	6,955	6,305
	<u>93,488</u>	<u>88,482</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior period.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees and Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £37,235 for the 12 month period (2023: £48,240 for the 15 month period).

	12 months 2024 No.	15 months 2023 No.
Average head count	<u>2.4</u>	<u>2.0</u>

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Investments

	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Market value at 1 July	1,384,299	2,659,376
Additions	449,444	1,516,751
Disposals proceeds	(576,450)	(2,204,812)
Gains / (losses)	<u>74,275</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>
Market value at 30 June	<u>1,331,568</u>	<u>1,384,299</u>

The prior period restatement of investments reflects the reclassification of cash held within investments as cash at the bank and in hand. The reclassification has occurred to more fairly reflect the liquidity and operational use of the cash funds.

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13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,479	5,218
Other debtors	1,909	2,836
	<u>3,388</u>	<u>8,054</u>

14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	6,085	1,419
Accruals	3,920	3,800
Other taxation and social security	1,729	811
	<u>11,734</u>	<u>6,030</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Investments	-	1,331,568	1,331,568
Current assets	5,000	73,406	78,406
Current liabilities	-	(11,734)	(11,734)
Net assets at 30 June 2024	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,393,240</u>	<u>1,398,240</u>

Prior period comparative	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Restated Total funds £
Investments	-	1,384,299	1,384,299
Current assets	-	474,221	474,221
Current liabilities	-	(6,030)	(6,030)
Net assets at 30 June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>

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16. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Health Centre Support	-	37,759	(37,759)	-	-
Project Zero	-	44,525	(44,525)	-	-
Rehabilitation project	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Tigray	-	50,641	(50,641)	-	-
Yirgalem Hospital	-	68,000	(68,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	205,925	(200,925)	-	5,000
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>352,847</u>	<u>(886,372)</u>	<u>74,275</u>	<u>1,393,240</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>352,847</u>	<u>(886,372)</u>	<u>74,275</u>	<u>1,393,240</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,852,490</u></u>	<u><u>558,772</u></u>	<u><u>(1,087,297)</u></u>	<u><u>74,275</u></u>	<u><u>1,398,240</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Health Centre Support	Funding for midwives and medical supplies at rural health centres across Ethiopia.
Project Zero	Funding for a project to identify fistula cases in Ethiopian districts by going door-to-door.
Rehabilitation project	Funding for Hamlin patient rehabilitation services at Hamlin hospitals and Desta Mender Rehabilitation Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Tigray	Emergency funding for Mekele regional fistula hospital and midwifery services across the Tigray region where civil war has recently taken place.
Yirgalem Hospital	Funding for Hamlin regional fistula hospital in southern Ethiopia.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Rehabilitation project	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Prevention project	39,961	-	(39,961)	-	-
Yirgalem Hospital	-	122,886	(122,886)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>39,961</u>	<u>132,886</u>	<u>(172,847)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>649,545</u>	<u>(1,012,579)</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>649,545</u>	<u>(1,012,579)</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>
Total funds	<u><u>2,842,501</u></u>	<u><u>782,431</u></u>	<u><u>(1,185,426)</u></u>	<u><u>(587,016)</u></u>	<u><u>1,852,490</u></u>

17. Financial instruments at fair value

	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Financial assets measured at fair value	<u><u>1,331,568</u></u>	<u><u>1,384,299</u></u>

Financial assets measured at fair value comprise listed investments.

18. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	<u>1,125</u>	<u>6,552</u>
Within 1 - 5 years	<u>-</u>	<u>1,125</u>
	<u><u>1,125</u></u>	<u><u>7,677</u></u>

19. Related party transactions

During the period 4 trustees donated £765 (2023: 3 trustees, £595). There were no restrictions on these donations.

20. Contingent asset

There are 2 legacies notified to the charity whereby probate has been granted by 30 June 2024 for which the amount receivable cannot be reliably measured. An estimation of the total value of these legacies is thought to be between £250,000 and £300,000 (2023: £nil).

Accounts



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HAMLIN FISTULA UK
(a company limited by guarantee)
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Libby Grundy MBE

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Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the 15 month period ending 30 June 2023. The financial year has been extended by three months to bring it in line with the financial year of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, our Ethiopian partner charity, which runs 1 July to 30 June.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the unaudited financial statements were:

Greg Morris - Chair, Libby Grundy MBE, Hewete Haileselassie, Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson, Alison Murray, Emnet Tadesse Yadeta.

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are the directors of the charitable company which is governed by the Articles of Association as amended by a Special Resolution dated 5 July 2013. The company is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liabilities of the members, who are also the directors and trustees, together with details of their guarantees, are shown in the notes to the accounts. The company was registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 24 July 2013.

The charity has a formal introduction process for new trustees. Regular financial reviews and reports are prepared for the trustees by the charity's administrative staff and presented at trustees' meetings.

Details of the directors who served during the year are shown in the Reference and Administrative details on page 3.

The pay and remuneration package for key management personnel is decided by the Pay Review Committee made up of three trustees. They review the package on an annual basis taking into account sector bench marking and the consumer prices index.

The Board of Trustees meets bi-monthly and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A staffing structure with clear line management is in place and the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity rests with the CEO, along with the Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships.

Objects

The objects of the charity, as set out in the amended Articles are:

1. To relieve the needs and advance the health of patients who have suffered from childbirth injuries in Ethiopia;
2. Such other charitable purposes in Ethiopia as the Board shall from time to time decide; and
3. If the continuance of such charitable work in Ethiopia becomes in the opinion of the Board impracticable, such general charitable purposes in any part of the world as the Board shall from time to time decide.

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Activities

The charitable company supports Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia with cash, medical consumables or other requirements funded by means of regular donations made in tax-efficient ways by donors and income from investments held for the longer term.

In addition to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's headquarters hospital in Addis Ababa, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia operates five regional fistula hospitals in Yirgalem, Bahir Dar, Harar, Metu and Mekele. The organisation also founded and operates the Hamlin College of Midwifery to train and deploy midwives across Ethiopia, and Desta Mender – a rehabilitation centre for longer term patients.

As well as providing general funds used across these hospitals and centres, this charity has undertaken to cover the operating costs of the Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. A combination of restricted and unrestricted funds are used to meet our commitment to fully fund Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Hamlin Fistula UK additionally coordinates the production of colourful knitted blankets by volunteers, which are sent to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to be given to each patient on their arrival at a Hamlin hospital.

Principal sources of funds

Our income is derived in the main from individual donors, trusts and foundations and legacies. In addition, we received approximately £101,000 (2022: £88,000) from investment income. We would like to thank all our donors over the past year, who have included, among others: The Band Aid Charitable Trust, Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust, Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, Ericson Trust, Evan Cornish Foundation, Hodge Foundation, Kirby Laing Foundation, Oakdale Trust, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Roughley Charitable Trust, The Big Give and Reed Foundation, Stanley Grundy Foundation, and the Sulney Fields Charitable Trust. We would also like to thank all our generous individual donors, friends and volunteers and donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Strategic report

Background

Hamlin Fistula UK, a registered UK charity, is dedicated to restoring the health and dignity of women in Ethiopia who have survived avoidable childbirth injuries, including the devastating injury obstetric fistula. Obstetric fistula can be repaired with a single life changing surgery. We exist to raise funds and awareness for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, to support the development and delivery of their services in Ethiopia.



Founded in 1968, we are part of the Hamlin family of international charities, which was established by pioneering Australian surgeons Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin. Catherine and Reg were in Ethiopia to train midwives when they first discovered the overwhelming numbers of women suffering the plight of obstetric fistula and realised that little was being done to help them. They established the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula hospital, to provide the country's first fistula services.

Today, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has expanded to include five regional hospitals, the Hamlin College of Midwives and Desta Mender, a rehabilitation centre. We also support a network of over 60 government rural midwifery clinics. To date, Hamlin has treated over 60,000 women.

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PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Every Woman Matters

For a population of 123 million, Ethiopia faces a dire shortage of healthcare professionals, with only 700 obstetricians / gynaecologists and fewer than 23,000 midwives. In this challenging landscape, countless women lack access to essential maternal healthcare, and can be in agonising labour for days if their birth is obstructed.

With an obstructed labour, women almost always lose their baby and suffer severe internal damage resulting in urinary and faecal incontinence. If that wasn't traumatic enough, these women are then cast out and pushed to the edge of their society – becoming forgotten and invisible.

Hamlin Fistula UK is on a mission to address these issues by preventing avoidable childbirth injuries and providing healing for affected women. Through advocacy and awareness raising, surgery, rehabilitation, and counselling, we strive to restore women to wholeness and support them to reclaim their lives.

Our vision is to realise Dr Catherine Hamlin's dream for every Ethiopian woman to be free from devastating childbirth injuries and to gain access to quality maternal healthcare. Our mission is to support the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

Our supporters' impact



64+ years of
continuous service



234 Hamlin Midwives
graduated since 2007



60,000+ women
treated



Fistula surgery is described as a cost-effective
intervention by The Life You Can Save



From heartbreak to hope: Rahmete's story

Rahmete was 20 years old, happily pregnant with her first child and filled with excitement. When it was time for her baby to come, she realised something was very wrong. She laboured for three agonising days at home in her rural village until she was too exhausted to go on. Rahmete was supported by her husband to make the long journey to the nearest medical clinic where she finally delivered her baby – but tragically it was too late. Devastatingly, Rahmete also suffered an obstetric fistula injury that left her incontinent and in agony.

Ashamed of his wife's condition, Rahmete's husband left her. For years, she lived in isolation, until the day she heard about Hamlin's Metu Fistula Hospital on a local radio station. At the Hospital, surgeon Dr Zehara and her team welcomed Rahmete with kindness, love, compassion and care – things she hadn't experienced in a long time. Her surgery was successful and Rahmete now lives in Metu town, supporting herself by selling homemade injera (traditional Ethiopian flatbread).

She told us "Now I am leading a happy life free from suffering. I've started living like a woman again". Rahmete.

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Taking action: 2022-23 achievements and results

15 month period 2022-23

Where we supported services



The statement of financial activities shows that we contributed £989,950 to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia during the period.

This supported medical expenses at Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and other regional hospitals, the full operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital in Sidama Region and contributed to overall programme and operating costs across all Hamlin centres and initiatives.

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia programme results

Prevention: Midwives saving lives

Hamlin College of Midwives

Hamlin is growing the number of highly skilled midwives in Ethiopia through training students in BSc degrees in Midwifery at The Hamlin College of Midwives. The college is known for its exemplary quality training and in 2022 it also launched Ethiopia's first ever Masters in Clinical Midwifery, making it a centre of excellence for Ethiopia. The Masters class are progressing well and the second year's intake in 2023 welcomed more students to the course.

We were delighted to be able to congratulate the Hamlin College of Midwives graduating BSc class in November 2022. Twenty-two fourth year students worked hard to complete their final modules and graduate, with a 100% pass rate. The graduates have been deployed into rural government health centres across the country, close to their home villages, and will provide thousands of rural women with family planning services and skilled healthcare during pregnancy and labour.



The class of 2022 enjoyed a joyful ceremony attended by their family and friends, as well as representatives from Hamlin charity partners across the world. The commencement address was read by College Dean Sister Konjit, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia CEO Tesfaye Mamo, and Chair Dr Mengistu Asnake. Julie White, Chair of the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation in Australia delivered an inspiring and encouraging message to the graduating class and conferred degrees to the new graduates.

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Practising Hamlin midwives



Practising Hamlin midwives provided vital continuing antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services to women in rural communities across Ethiopia during the pandemic. Hamlin supported 64 health centres where midwives are based with provision of essential drugs and equipment.

Across the health centres, midwives provided short term family planning to thousands of women, the recommended four antenatal appointments to 31,173 pregnant women and attended 32,153 deliveries – all fistula free.

During the period, due to civil unrest in Ethiopia's north, supported health centres in the Tigray region have not reported activity. However, following the peace agreement signed at the end of 2022, Hamlin will be supporting rural health centres as services gradually resume.

Treatment: life changing surgeries

Obstetric fistula and Advanced Pelvic Organ Prolapse can both mostly be repaired with a single life-changing fistula surgery. For some, this can take no more than two and a half hours. Over the past year, surgical teams at our six hospitals across Ethiopia have delivered 4,309 restorative operations for women with childbirth injuries. This included surgery for obstetric fistula (1,055), advanced pelvic organ prolapse (2,730), other gynaecological conditions (431) and caesarean sections for past fistula patients having new babies (93).



Surgeons operating at Hamlin's Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital
Photo (c) Erico Hiller

This figure exceeds our overall target for the period by 8%, as well as being a significant increase on the previous year's results and is testament to the hard work and dedication of our team in Ethiopia. In addition to an expansion of our surgical team staff and re-opening Mekele Hospital (see pages 9 - 10), our community outreach efforts to identify fistula sufferers in remote, rural areas has played a significant role in this success. Our Patient Identification Officers who are stationed at each hospital lead these efforts, in partnership with trained health extension workers.

They conducted community outreach activities in marketplaces, churches, and schools, as well as local media campaigns. This year, we additionally began house-to-house campaigns through our new Project Zero initiative (see page 10). Thanks to these combined efforts, a strong percentage of the total surgeries performed at hospitals over the year were due to community outreach referrals.

The purchase of new equipment has also made a difference to our services including new autoclave machines for operating theatres, laundry machines and much more.

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Patients also received additional services including physiotherapy, stoma care, urodynamics and psychiatric counselling.

Rehabilitation: empowering women with life skills



Hamlin's commitment to empowering women doesn't stop at providing physical therapy following surgery; we also offer livelihoods training to help them regain their self-esteem and financial independence upon returning to their communities. We provide numeracy and literacy training at all our hospitals. For women who require additional support, our residential rehabilitation centre, Desta Mender in Addis Ababa, offers a comprehensive rehabilitation and training programme.

Over the past year, our team provided physiotherapy to patients experiencing foot drop and pelvic floor weakness. Our psychologists offered pre- and post-operative counselling as well as group counselling sessions. Alongside this, our adult education teachers provided 2,038 women with health education, literacy and numeracy classes. Patients participating were taught to identify letters and numbers so they can read and write their name, count numbers and make simple additions and subtraction.

297 women with longer-term recovery journeys completed residential training at Desta Mender in a range of livelihoods skills from farming and pottery, to beekeeping, catering and business skills before being re-integrated to their communities with seed funding to start their own businesses.

Research and training

Hamlin surgeons are continually refining the techniques they use to treat more complex fistulas and academic research projects are an important contribution towards achieving this. In 2022, Hamlin's medical specialists participated in the development of two research project proposals.

The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital remains a world recognised training facility for fistula surgeons. Hospital teams regularly train visiting doctors and nurses and empower surgeons with advanced skills as part of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Fistula Training Initiative. This year training for international health professionals reached nine surgeons from Zambia, Somalia, Benin and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Rebuilding hope

Following regional conflict, Mekele Fistula Hospital in Tigray reopens its doors

Following the end of a civil war in Tigray in northern Ethiopia at the end of 2022, over recent months we have been able to support our team at Mekele Fistula Hospital to gradually resume services. The hospital is bringing hope and healing to the heart of northern Ethiopia.

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The recent conflict in northern Ethiopia left a trail of destruction and despair. Families were displaced, communities fractured, and access to essential healthcare disrupted. Among the most affected were the women in the region, whose access to maternal health services became increasingly limited. Pregnant women gave birth without medical assistance, and many suffered devastating childbirth injuries including obstetric fistula, while some women endured violent attacks.

At Hamlin, our commitment to women's health is unwavering. In recent months our headquarters in Addis Ababa has been able to send much needed medical supplies, funds and support for our team of staff, led by Doctor Melaku Abriha, Senior Obstetrician-Gynaecologist and Urogynaecologist at Mekele Fistula Hospital. Services are now being delivered; however the hospital faces an enormous backlog of patients who are in desperate need of treatment. During the year ahead, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia will focus on supporting resumption of services at Mekele.

Project Zero: the road map for a fistula-free Ethiopia



We are pleased to let partners know that during the past year Hamlin has begun the pilot for a brand new, ground-breaking initiative - Project Zero. Project Zero is an ambitious yet achievable programme that will use a woreda-by-woreda (district by district) approach to end fistula in Ethiopia. Hamlin-trained teams will work with local health bureaus and other stakeholders to visit every household in targeted rural and urban areas, to find women living with obstetric fistula and advanced pelvic organ prolapse injuries and organise care and treatment.

This will be alongside strengthening maternal healthcare services within Ethiopia, to reduce the incidence of birth injuries, and a national education campaign will give women the tools and knowledge they need to give birth safely. Looking ahead, Hamlin will build on this, through further pilot activity in new woredas to test and refine the programme.

Future plans

The charitable company will continue to support Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia and carry on the legacy of Dr Catherine Hamlin. The level of support will depend upon the organisation's requirements which are set out in their annual budget and strategic plan and presented to partners at a face to face meeting annually in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In the coming year we plan to expand our fundraising activity in order to raise additional funds for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia. We will be recruiting two new members of staff and investing in fundraising and marketing in order to raise our profile and reach more supporters. If considered necessary, we may decide to realise some of the investment portfolio.

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Q & A with Behailu – Yirgalem Fistula Hospital's Patient Identification Officer

Our Patient Identification programme across all our regional hospitals does vital work searching communities in rural areas to find women with untreated childbirth injuries to get them the treatment they need. This work is led by experienced Patient Identification Officers, including Behailu, who has led this work at Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital since 2017. In 2022 alone, around 60 per cent of patient referrals at Yirgalem were as a result of community outreach work.

Behailu, how important is the patient identification programme?

It is an essential programme. Over the last two years, we have identified many women with fistulas in the community, many of whom live in remote areas.

What is your role as a patient identification officer?

My primary responsibilities are finding patients in the community and screening them. I also provide patients and their children with education on maternity issues. If people find women with suspected fistula in their community, they call us, and we help bring them to treatment centres. We also do community awareness campaigns at the markets and partner with the government and some local non-government organisations.

How far do you travel?

Very far! Sometimes we travel around 600 to 700kms in one trip. For example, if we travel to South Omeo or other regions from here, it is about 600kms. Our catchment area is vast, and we are trying to ensure we reach communities in all the areas.



What tools do you use?

We use megaphones in the community, and sometimes we use an ambulance with loudspeakers, allowing us to do a large community outreach.

Are houses in villages you visit accessible by road or do you have to walk to reach communities?

Some areas are challenging to travel by car, in those cases we try to travel some distance by motorbike and sometimes by walking.

Do you have a message for our supporters?

I want to thank our donors. All this is made possible by our donors. Please keep it up.

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Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds

It is the policy of the trustees to hold significant funds in the form of listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers. At 30 June 2023, the charity held investments with a market value of £1,384,299 (2022: £2,659,376) and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes of £120,720 (2022: £49,025). This level of investment fund is considered necessary in order to generate investment income to contribute to the ongoing operations of the charity. In the past 15 months Trustees made the decision to realise some of the investment funds in order to further support the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia.

Within these funds, operating costs equivalent to approximately three months expenditure are held, in line with the policy of the trustees, to enable the charity to operate in the event of a decrease in incoming resources whilst consideration was given to replacing income or changing activities.

At 30 June 2023, general undesignated unrestricted funds were £1,852,490 (2022: £2,802,540). Excluding those held in listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes, this amounted to £347,471 (2022: £134,100).

Investment policies and objectives

The overall objectives are to create sufficient income and capital growth to enable the Charity to carry out its purposes consistently year by year with due and proper consideration for future needs and the maintenance of, and if possible, enhancement of the value of the invested funds while they are retained.

The charity has an ethical investment policy that sets out the Environmental, Social and Governance considerations which trustees have instructed our investment management company to follow. The charity's investment powers are prescribed by The Trustee Act 2000. The trustees confirm that the investments, the majority of which are held in the UK, are held in accordance with their powers.

Public benefit

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have taken regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Key features of public benefit included an identifiable benefit, to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit.

The charity supports the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia which provides free treatment to women suffering from childbirth injuries, irrespective of race, background or religion. The trustees have therefore concluded that Hamlin Fistula UK meets the key principles as described above.

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Risk management

The trustees use a Risk Register to regularly review and manage risks to which the charity may be exposed. Throughout the year the world has seen the ongoing impact of high inflation and economic instability. This has led to fluctuations in the value of our investment portfolio. Trustees and staff closely monitor the portfolio, receiving monthly reports from our investment management company and holding quarterly review meetings with our investment manager.

To maintain and continue to grow our funding of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia in the future, we have taken a range of measures including continuing to seek grants from charitable trusts and foundations, carrying out regular appeals to existing donors and taking steps to recruit additional regular donors via digital channels. We also plan to recruit two new members of staff to support fundraising and operations within the coming year.

Trustees and staff continue to monitor investment portfolio valuations regularly and work closely with the charity's investment management company to manage risk.

Donated services

In addition to financial donations, we receive contributions from supporters in the form of knitted blankets and baby clothes which are sent to Ethiopia for distribution to patients across Hamlin hospitals. These gifts are donated freely. We have not put a financial value to these gifts in these financial accounts.

Results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" which was published in 2019 ("SORP 2019") and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

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Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Approval

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as independent examiners to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 8 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Hamlin Fistula UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hamlin Fistula UK (the charitable company) for the period ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 17 to 31.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the charitable company. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

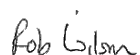
- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Hamlin Fistula UK

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 8 December 2023

Rob Wilson FCA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Hamlin Fistula UK

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the period ended 30 June 2023

				15 months 2023 Total £	Restated 2022 Total £
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £		
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	26,504	548,682	575,186	247,412
Charitable activities	4	106,382	32	106,414	76,548
Investments		-	100,831	100,831	88,316
Total income		132,886	649,545	782,431	412,276
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	171,190	171,190	87,968
Charitable activities		172,847	841,389	1,014,236	667,001
Total expenditure	7	172,847	1,012,579	1,185,426	754,969
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	(587,016)	(587,016)	143,894
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(39,961)	(950,050)	(990,011)	(198,799)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		39,961	2,802,540	2,842,501	3,041,300
Total funds carried forward		-	1,852,490	1,852,490	2,842,501

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

Prior period income and expenditure have been reclassified to reflect the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and to be comparable with the current year. The restatements are purely reclassifications of income and expenditure and do not affect net income.

Hamlin Fistula UK

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	£	30 June 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Fixed assets				
Investments	12		<u>1,505,019</u>	<u>2,708,401</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	13	8,054		5,734
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>345,447</u>		<u>134,333</u>
		353,501		140,067
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	<u>(6,030)</u>		<u>(5,967)</u>
Net current assets			<u>347,471</u>	<u>134,100</u>
Net assets			<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>2,842,501</u>
Funds	16			
Restricted funds			-	39,961
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>2,802,540</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,852,490</u>	<u>2,842,501</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 8 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Greg Morris

Greg Morris - Chair

Hamlin Fistula UK

Statement of cash flows

For the period ended 30 June 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	(990,011)	(198,799)
Adjustments for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	587,016	(143,894)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(100,831)	(88,316)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(2,320)	9,594
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	63	(3,949)
Net cash used in operating activities	(506,083)	(425,364)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	100,831	88,316
Proceeds from the sale of investments	2,204,812	1,305,369
Purchase of investments	(1,516,751)	(986,342)
Increase in cash held within investment portfolio	(71,695)	(8,655)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	717,197	398,688
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	211,114	(26,676)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	134,333	161,009
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	345,447	134,333

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Hamlin Fistula UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

e) Funds accounting

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

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f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

g) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time occupied by each activity as follows:

	2023	2022
Raising funds	83.5%	62.5%
Charitable activities	16.5%	37.5%

i) Debtors

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

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l) Listed investments

Listed investments traded on a recognised stock exchange are stated at fair value at the reporting date, which is deemed to be their market value. Any gain or loss, whether realised or unrealised, is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

m) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

n) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

o) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

p) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 12 months to 2022 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	28,326	219,086	247,412
Charitable activities	76,500	48	76,548
Investments	-	88,316	88,316
Total income	104,826	307,450	412,276
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	87,968	87,968
Charitable activities	64,865	602,136	667,001
Total expenditure	64,865	690,104	754,969
Net gains on investments	-	143,894	143,894
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	39,961	(238,760)	(198,799)

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	15 months to 2023 Total £
Donations	26,504	240,577	267,081
Legacies	-	286,105	286,105
Gift aid	-	22,000	22,000
Total income from donations and legacies	26,504	548,682	575,186
Prior period comparative:			Restated 12 months to 2022 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Donations	24,961	159,494	184,455
Legacies	3,365	43,092	46,457
Grants	-	16,500	16,500
Total income from donations and legacies	28,326	219,086	247,412

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4. Income from charitable activities			15 months to 2023
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Grants	106,382	-	106,382
Book sales	-	32	32
Total income from charitable activities	106,382	32	106,414

			Restated 12 months to 2022
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Grants	76,500	-	76,500
Book sales	-	48	48
Total income from charitable activities	76,500	48	76,548

5. Income from investments	15 months to 2023 £	12 months to 2022 £
Income from listed investments	95,924	87,639
Bank and other interest	4,907	677
Total income from investments	100,831	88,316

All income from investments was unrestricted in the current period and prior period.

6. Government grants

No government grants were received in the current period or prior period.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	15 months to 2023 £
Staff costs (note 10)	64,867	12,794	10,821	88,482
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	693,594	-	693,594
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	296,356	-	296,356
Fundraising and marketing costs	48,054	-	-	48,054
Occupation costs	-	-	6,599	6,599
General office	-	-	17,865	17,865
Other staff costs	-	-	3,326	3,326
Travel expenses	-	-	8,539	8,539
Accountancy	-	-	6,782	6,782
Legal and professional fees	-	-	14,502	14,502
Insurance	-	-	1,327	1,327
Sub-total	112,921	1,002,744	69,761	1,185,426
Allocation of support and governance costs	58,269	11,492	(69,761)	-
Total expenditure	171,190	1,014,236	-	1,185,426

Total governance costs were £4,289 (2022: £3,231).

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7. Total expenditure

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	Restated 12 months to 2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	16,188	9,713	6,475	32,376
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia grants payable (note 8)	-	555,206	-	555,206
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia equipment, supplies & services	-	89,637	-	89,637
Fundraising and marketing costs	51,038	-	-	51,038
Occupation costs	-	-	4,901	4,901
General office	-	-	13,731	13,731
Other staff costs	-	-	675	675
Travel expenses	-	-	221	221
Accountancy	-	-	2,730	2,730
Legal and professional fees	-	-	3,503	3,503
Insurance	-	-	951	951
Sub-total	67,226	654,556	33,187	754,969
Allocation of support and governance costs	20,742	12,445	(33,187)	-
Total expenditure	87,968	667,001	-	754,969

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8. Grants payable

During the year, 17 (2022: 12) new grants were awarded to 1 institutions (2022: 1) for hospital and clinic support.

Total grants committed to during the year were as follows:

	15 months to 2023 £	12 months to 2022 £
Total grants payable to institutions		
<u>Hospital and clinic support grants</u>		
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	693,594	555,206
Total grants payable to institutions	693,594	555,206

Allocation of support costs to grant making activities is given in note 7.

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	15 months to 2023 £	12 months to 2022 £
Operating lease payments	8,369	6,608
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	1,372	-
Trustees' indemnity insurance	989	951
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Independent examination	2,750	1,900
▪ Other services	2,089	-

Trustee's reimbursed expenses relate to travel costs for 2 trustees (2022: nil).

10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	15 months to 2023 £	12 months to 2022 £
Salaries and wages	80,754	30,000
Social security costs	1,423	-
Pension costs	6,305	2,376
	88,482	32,376

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the period.

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10. Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees and Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £48,240 (2022: £32,376).

	15 months to 2023 No.	12 months to 2022 No.
Average head count	<u><u>2.00</u></u>	<u><u>1.00</u></u>

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Investments

	15 months to 2023 £	12 months to 2022 £
Market value at 31 March 2022	2,708,401	2,874,879
Additions	1,516,751	986,342
Disposals proceeds	(2,204,812)	(1,305,369)
Increase in investment bank balances	71,695	8,655
Gains / (losses)	<u><u>(587,016)</u></u>	<u><u>143,894</u></u>
Market value at 30 June 2023	<u><u>1,505,019</u></u>	<u><u>2,708,401</u></u>
Investments comprised:		
Listed investments	1,384,299	2,659,376
Cash held by investment manager pending reinvestment	<u><u>120,720</u></u>	<u><u>49,025</u></u>
Total	<u><u>1,505,019</u></u>	<u><u>2,708,401</u></u>

13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	5,218	1,548
Other debtors	<u><u>2,836</u></u>	<u><u>4,186</u></u>
	<u><u>8,054</u></u>	<u><u>5,734</u></u>

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14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,419	-
Accruals	3,800	2,280
Other taxation and social security	811	1,484
Other creditors	-	2,203
	6,030	5,967

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Investments	-	1,505,019	1,505,019
Current assets	-	353,501	353,501
Current liabilities	-	(6,030)	(6,030)
Net assets at 30 June 2023	-	1,852,490	1,852,490
Prior period comparative			
	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Investments	-	2,708,401	2,708,401
Current assets	39,961	100,106	140,067
Current liabilities	-	(5,967)	(5,967)
Net assets at 31 March 2022	39,961	2,802,540	2,842,501

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16. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Yirgalem Hospital	-	122,886	(122,886)	-	-
Prevention project	39,961	-	(39,961)	-	-
Rehabilitation project	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>39,961</u>	<u>132,886</u>	<u>(172,847)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>649,545</u>	<u>(1,012,579)</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>649,545</u>	<u>(1,012,579)</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>
Total funds	<u>2,842,501</u>	<u>782,431</u>	<u>(1,185,426)</u>	<u>(587,016)</u>	<u>1,852,490</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Yirgalem Hospital	Funding for Hamlin regional fistula hospital in southern Ethiopia.
Prevention project	Funding for community prevention activities including patient identification and midwifery services across Ethiopia.
Rehabilitation project	Funding for Hamlin patient rehabilitation services at Hamlin hospitals and Desta Mender Rehabilitation Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / (losses) £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Yirgalem Hospital	-	61,500	(61,500)	-	-
Prevention project	-	39,961	-	-	39,961
Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	-	3,365	(3,365)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	104,826	(64,865)	-	39,961
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	3,041,300	307,450	(690,104)	143,894	2,802,540
Total unrestricted funds	3,041,300	307,450	(690,104)	143,894	2,802,540
Total funds	3,041,300	412,276	(754,969)	143,894	2,842,501

17. Financial instruments at fair value

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets measured at fair value	1,505,019	2,708,401

Financial assets measured at fair value comprise listed investments.

18. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	6,552	6,608
Within 1 - 5 years	1,125	13,358
	7,677	19,966

19. Related party transactions

During the period 3 trustees donated £595 (2022: 3 trustees, £515).

Accounts



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Fistula UK

Ending Fistula and changing lives in Ethiopia



Charity Registration Number: 1153053
Company Registration Number: 08457433 (England and Wales)

HAMLIN FISTULA UK
(a company limited by guarantee)
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Alison Murray
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2022.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the unaudited financial statements were:

Greg Morris - Chair

Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson

Alison Murray

Libby Grundy MBE

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are the directors of the charitable company which is governed by the Articles of Association as amended by a Special Resolution dated 5 July 2013. The company is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liabilities of the members, who are also the directors and trustees, together with details of their guarantees, are shown in the notes to the accounts. The company was registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 24 July 2013.

The charity has a formal introduction process for new trustees. Regular financial reviews and reports are prepared for the trustees by the charity's administrative staff and presented at trustees' meetings.

Details of the directors who served during the year are shown in the Reference and Administrative details on page 3.

Objects

The objects of the charity, as set out in the amended Articles are:

1. To relieve the needs and advance the health of patients who have suffered from childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.
2. Such other charitable purposes in Ethiopia as the Board shall from time to time decide.
3. If the continuance of such charitable work in Ethiopia becomes in the opinion of the Board impracticable, such general charitable purposes in any part of the world as the Board shall from time to time decide.

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Activities

The charitable company supports Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia with cash, medical consumables or other requirements funded by means of regular donations made in tax-efficient ways by donors and income from investments held for the longer term.

In addition to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's headquarters hospital in Addis Ababa, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia operates five regional fistula hospitals in Yirgalem, Bahir Dar, Harar, Metu and Mekelle. The organisation also founded and operates the Hamlin College of Midwifery to train and deploy midwives across Ethiopia, and Desta Mender – a rehabilitation centre for longer term patients.

As well as providing general funds used across these hospitals and centres, this charity has undertaken to cover the operating costs of the Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. A combination of restricted and unrestricted funds are used to meet our commitment to fully fund Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. Hamlin Fistula UK additionally coordinates the production of colourful knitted blankets by volunteers, which are sent to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to be given to each patient on their arrival at a Hamlin hospital.

Principal sources of funds

Our income is derived in the main from individual donors, trusts and foundations and legacies. In addition, we received approximately £88,316 (2021 £109,883) from investment income. We would like to thank all our donors over the past year, who have included, among others, The Band Aid Charitable Trust, Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, Ericson Trust, Hodge Foundation, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Roughley Charitable Trust, The Big Give and EthiopiAid, the Sulney Fields Charitable Trust, Mark B and Helene and Martin Hayman. We would also like to thank all our generous individual donors, friends and volunteers and donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Strategic report

Background

Hamlin Fistula UK, a registered UK charity, is dedicated to restoring the health and dignity of women in Ethiopia who have survived the horrendous – and preventable – childbirth injury: obstetric fistula. Obstetric fistula can be repaired with a single life changing surgery. We exist to raise funds and awareness for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, to support the development and delivery of their services in Ethiopia.



Founded in 1968, we are part of the Hamlin family of international charities, which was established by pioneering Australian surgeons Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin. Catherine and Reg were in Ethiopia to train midwives when they first discovered the overwhelming numbers of women suffering the plight of obstetric fistula and realised that little was being done to help them. They established the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula hospital, to provide the country's first fistula services.

Today, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has expanded to include five regional hospitals, the Hamlin College of Midwives and Desta Mender, a rehabilitation centre for long-term patients. We also support a network of over 50 government rural midwifery clinics. To date, Hamlin has directly treated over 60,000 women.

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Every Woman Matters

Our work reflects a lifetime quest to provide world-leading treatment to some of the most marginalised women in the world.

In 2022, no woman should suffer the indignity of an obstetric fistula, however in Ethiopia, sadly, this devastating childbirth injury affects an estimated 1,500 women each year. Survivors, often voiceless and marginalised, tend to live in impoverished rural communities, suffering in isolation. Additionally, whilst huge progress has been made in recent years, for a population of over 112 million, Ethiopia has fewer than 626 obstetricians / gynaecologists and just 17,000 trained midwives.

The burden of living with obstetric fistula was reported by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in 2017 as comparable to living with terminal cancer and double the burden of blindness.

However, fistula can be repaired with a single life changing surgery.

Our vision is to realise Dr Catherine Hamlin's dream for every Ethiopian woman to be free from devastating childbirth injuries and to gain access to quality maternal healthcare. Our mission is to support the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

Our supporters' impact



63+ years of continuous service



195 Hamlin Midwives graduated since 2007



60,000+ women treated



Fistula surgery is described as a cost-effective intervention by The Life You Can Save



Aster's Story

After four agonising days in labour in her remote village with no skilled birth attendant, Aster suffered a stillbirth and a double fistula. Fistula had never been seen in her village before and her family thought it was incurable – so she lived with the condition for two years. Eventually Aster's father realised she couldn't continue living that way and sold the family's cow to buy food to help Aster regain her strength.

When she was ready, Aster made the two-day trek to the nearest health centre, where she was immediately transferred to Yirgalem Regional Fistula hospital and had a successful fistula surgery. **"The villagers were surprised when I returned back looking so well and recovered, above all my father cried in happiness. God helped me to get to Hamlin and receive such unconditional love and care for free."** Aster

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

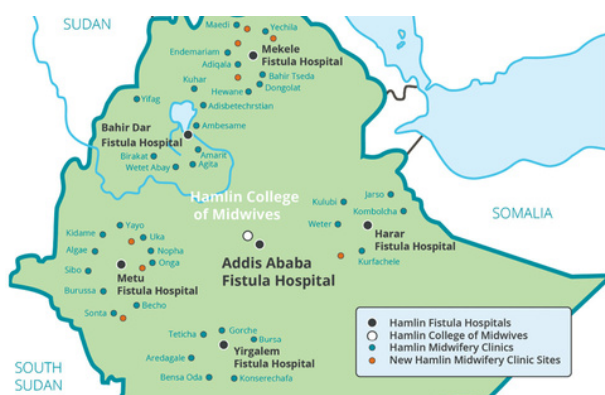
How we are helping: achievements and results

UK Financial Year 2021-22

"Despite the odds, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has...navigated the difficult conditions posed by the pandemic through the extraordinary efforts of the clinicians and staff, the commitment of the senior management team, and the unwavering support of international partners"

Tesfaye Mamo, CEO, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, October 2021

Where we supported services



The statement of financial activities shows that we contributed £645,607 to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia during the period.

This supported medical expenses at Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and other regional hospitals, the full operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital in Sidama Region and contributed to overall programme and operating costs across all Hamlin centres and initiatives.

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia programme results

Prevention

Hamlin College of Midwives

Hamlin is growing the number of trained midwives in Ethiopia through training students in a BSc degree in Midwifery at The Hamlin College of Midwives. We were delighted to be able to congratulate the Hamlin College of Midwives graduating class in November 2021.

Twenty three fourth year students worked hard to complete their final modules and graduate, with a 100% pass rate. The new graduates have been deployed into rural government health centres across the country, close to their home villages, and will provide thousands of rural women with family planning services and skilled healthcare during pregnancy and labour.



The graduating class of 2021

In his keynote speech at the ceremony, CEO Tesfaye Mamo congratulated the graduates and their families; ***"I want to appreciate the strength of all the graduates today in successfully completing all the requirements to reach to your graduation day regardless of all the challenges you faced that were imposed by the pandemic. I am also confident that you will pass any challenge you may face in your future professional career. I promise you that we will always be on your side to support the quality service you provide to the community."***

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This year, following consultation with government health bodies at the Federal level, for the first time the Hamlin College of Midwives focused new student recruitment entirely on students from the remote Gambela and Benishangul regions of western Ethiopia. Training students from these remote areas will have a significant impact on improving maternal healthcare services in both regions in the future.

In January 2022 the Hamlin College of Midwives also launched Ethiopia's first ever Master's in Clinical Midwifery with the first class seeing 31 practising midwives take their skills to the next level. Lasting two and a half years, the Masters course will train midwives in advanced clinical practice, including the skills to perform emergency caesarean deliveries for complicated cases. This will be hugely impactful, saving the lives of women and their babies.

Practising Hamlin midwives

Practising Hamlin midwives provided vital continuing antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services to women in rural communities across Ethiopia during the pandemic. Hamlin supported 41 health centres where midwives are based with provision of essential drugs and equipment.

Across the health centres, midwives provided short term family planning to thousands of women, the recommended four ante natal appointments to 18,047 pregnant women and attended 18,874 deliveries – **all fistula free**.

During the period, due to civil unrest in Ethiopia's north, supported health centres in the Tigray region have not reported activity.

Treatment

Obstetric fistula can mostly be repaired with a single life-changing fistula treatment surgery. For some, this can take no more than two hours.

Hamlin's health professionals welcomed women to 6,424 outpatient appointments to ensure they get the help they need across five Hamlin fistula hospitals in Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar, Harar, Metu and Yirgalem*.



Women requiring surgery for childbirth injuries were admitted and despite the challenges of Covid-19, our surgical teams delivered 2,338 operations for women with childbirth injuries including obstetric fistula, prolapsed uterus and other obstetric and gynaecological conditions.

This figure is on target for the period and is testament to the hard work and dedication of our team in Ethiopia.

* Mekelle Regional Fistula Hospital in Tigray region was not active during the year due to civil unrest in northern Ethiopia.

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Patients also received additional services including physiotherapy, stoma care, urodynamics and psychiatric counselling.

Hamlin's surgical work also took a big step forward this year with the engagement of an Ethiopian specialist diversion surgeon, Dr Wondwossen. Diversion surgery can offer a lifeline for women with severe fistula injuries. For some women, fistula can result in extensive damage to their bladder or lower urinary tract which sadly is not always possible to cure. For these women, the offer of diversion surgery – to provide them with a urostomy (stoma) bag – can enable them to begin the journey to getting their lives back.

In the past Hamlin was reliant upon support from European surgeons for diversion surgery, which often led to long waiting times for patients. Dr Wondwossen's engagement is already making a significant difference to Hamlin's work for women.

Community outreach

Community outreach remains a key part of our programme. Outreach activity to raise awareness of fistula and identify women in need of support had to stop for a period of time due to Covid-19, however these activities resumed in areas where it was safe to do so this year.

Each Hamlin hospital has a resident patient identification officer who is dedicated to undertaking regular outreach activities including one on one and group education sessions, door to door outreach, as well as leading mass and local media campaigns, to dispel misconceptions about fistula and empower women to reach out for support.



Patient identification officers have worked to:

- Identify patients who have not presented because of fears around Covid-19 and/or travel and security restrictions;
- Identify women who have been living with fistula for many years, who are often harder to find, as they are more likely to be in remote rural communities;
- Ensure that new patients are still coming forward and not being affected by ongoing fears or concerns.

We are already seeing the impact of this work, and have been able to make a direct association this year between delivering higher activity at Hamlin's Harar Fistula Hospital and local FM radio advertising.

Research and training

Hamlin surgeons are continually refining the techniques they use to treat more complex fistulas and academic research projects are an important contribution towards achieving this. In 2021, Hamlin's medical specialists participated in the development of six research project proposals, which it is hoped will begin activity in 2022/23.

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The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital remains a world recognised training facility for fistula surgeons. Hospital teams regularly train visiting doctors and nurses and empower surgeons with advanced skills as part of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Fistula Training Initiative. This year training for international health professionals reached two surgeons from Afghanistan and Nepal.

Rehabilitation

Fistula can have a devastating impact on a woman's life. Not only have patients suffered the devastation of having had a stillbirth and a traumatic injury, in many cases women are then divorced by their husbands, abandoned by their families and even cast out by their communities.

Hamlin provides physical therapy and livelihoods training to women following surgery, restoring their self-esteem and capacity to generate their own income after returning home to their communities.

This year our specialist staff across all Hamlin hospitals provided 1,227 women with literacy and numeracy training.



For women that need more support, our specialist rehabilitation centre Desta Mender offers three-month residential rehabilitation and training.

226 women completed training at Desta Mender in a range of livelihoods skills from farming and pottery, to catering and business skills and 100 women were re-integrated to their communities with seed funding support to start a business.

"Great work #HamlinFistulaEthiopia"

- Lia Tadesse, Minister, Ministry of Health Ethiopia, Twitter, August 2021

Future plans

The charitable company will continue to support Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia and carry on the legacy of Dr Catherine Hamlin. The level of support will depend upon the hospital's requirements which are set out in their annual budget.

If considered necessary, we may decide to realise some of the investment portfolio.

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From fistula to freedom: Asmira's story



Asmira, 40, pictured, lives in a remote village in Ethiopia's North together with her husband Lemma. They have been happily married for 25 years and have two daughters. But unfortunately Asmira's third pregnancy ended in tragedy when she suffered a stillbirth and fistula.

Asmira lived with her fistula for a long time, and from her remote community did not know where to access help. She told us:

"Before my fistula surgery and rehabilitation I had nothing to eat or wear. We used to live by luck. We spent all the money we had searching for a cure for my fistula".

Eventually the family heard about Hamlin's treatment programme at Bahir Dar Fistula Hospital, and after saving up and making the long trip to the hospital, Asmira was able to have her first surgery.

Unfortunately, her condition was complex, and as is with a small percentage of women each year, Asmira's fistula and incontinence could not be completely cured. However, the nurses and doctor at Bahir Dar counselled Asmira to provide her with the option of having diversion surgery to provide her with a stoma which would cure her incontinence.

Five years ago, she took the decision to have diversion surgery at Hamlin's Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and was provided with extra support for her recovery at Desta Mender rehabilitation centre. After her training, she received a supported return home with seed funding (c.£300) to invest in a business.

We recently went to visit Asmira and see how she is doing at her home farm in the North. Asmira and her family showed us around their new home and she explained:



Asmira with one of her cows

"Since my surgery and rehabilitation training my life has changed. The education I received equipped me with confidence to fight for my rights and resulted in the legal return of farmland that had been taken from me after my fistula. Now together with my husband I harvest enough food to feed my family. With careful management the seed funding I received from Hamlin five years ago has now grown and I have constructed a new and better home."

Her husband Lemma, who has stood by her side throughout added: ***"Because of her devastating fistula, for so long my wife was restricted to the home, unable to support herself let alone the family. Now after her surgery and support from Hamlin she can visit markets with friends, go to church, eat and drink whatever she wants and protect her health. The seed money you gave her changed our life. We have been working hard to raise our income. I work on the farm and she handles the market each week. Currently we have enough food to feed our family for over a year, we have a new house, two cows and planted cash crops on our farm. The seed money was the start of all of this. You brought happiness back to our home and I can't thank you enough for your supporters' generosity."***

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Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds

It is the policy of the trustees to hold significant funds in the form of listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers. At 31 March 2022, the charity held investments with a market value of £2,659,376 (2021: £2,834,519) and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes of £49,025 (2021: £40,360). This level of investment fund is considered necessary in order to generate investment income to contribute to the ongoing operations of the charity. Within these funds, operating costs equivalent to approximately three months expenditure are held, in line with the policy of the trustees, to enable the charity to operate in the event of a decrease in incoming resources whilst consideration was given to replacing income or changing activities.

At 31 March 2022, general undesignated unrestricted funds, excluding those held in listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers, for re-investment purposes amounted to £134,100 (2021: £166,421).

Revaluation Reserve

The difference between the historic cost of investments and their revalued amount, if positive, is included in the balance sheet as a Revaluation Reserve.

Investment policies and objectives

Investments are held with a view to producing income and as a protection against inflation in view of the long-term commitment of support for Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital and other projects. The charity's investment powers are prescribed by The Trustee Act 2000. The trustees confirm that the investments, the majority of which are held in the UK, are held in accordance with their powers.

Public benefit

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have taken regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Key features of public benefit included an identifiable benefit, to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit.

The charity supports the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia which provides free treatment to women suffering from childbirth injuries, irrespective of race, background or religion. The trustees have therefore concluded that Hamlin Fistula UK meets the key principles as described above.

Risk management

The trustees use a Risk Register to regularly review and manage risks to which the charity may be exposed. Throughout the year, the world has seen the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic impacts of conflict in Ukraine. This has led to a decrease in donations from individuals and fluctuations in the value of the investment portfolio.

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To address the decrease in donations from individuals, and to maintain and continue to grow our funding of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia in the future, we have taken a range of measures including continuing to seek grants from charitable trusts and foundations, carrying out regular appeals to existing donors and taking steps to recruit additional regular donors via digital channels.

Trustees and staff continue to monitor investment portfolio valuations regularly and work closely with the charity's investment management company to manage risk.

Donated services

In addition to financial donations, we receive contributions from supporters in the form of knitted blankets and baby clothes which are sent to Ethiopia for distribution to patients across Hamlin hospitals. These gifts are donated freely. We have not put a financial value to these gifts in these financial accounts.

Results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" which was published in 2015 ("SORP 2015") and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors 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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

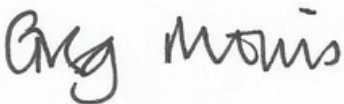
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

Approval

The Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 

Dated: 21 September 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAMLIN FISTULA UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hamlin Fistula UK for the year ending 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

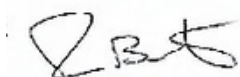
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for an independent examination. I report in respect of the examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income from;</u>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	219,086	104,826	323,912	306,377
Charitable activities	4	48	-	48	215
Investments	5	<u>88,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,316</u>	<u>109,883</u>
Total income		<u>307,450</u>	<u>104,826</u>	<u>412,276</u>	<u>416,475</u>
<u>Expenditure on;</u>					
Charitable activities	6	639,066	64,865	703,931	543,373
Raising funds	7	<u>51,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,038</u>	<u>39,097</u>
Total resources expended		<u>690,104</u>	<u>64,865</u>	<u>754,969</u>	<u>582,470</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>143,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,894</u>	<u>588,679</u>
Net expenditure for the year/Net movement in funds		(238,760)	39,961	(198,799)	422,684
Opening fund balances		3,041,300	-	3,041,300	2,618,616
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing fund balances		<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>39,961</u>	<u>2,842,501</u>	<u>3,041,300</u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

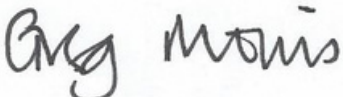
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	<u>2,708,401</u>	<u>2,874,879</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	5,734	15,328
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>134,333</u>	<u>161,009</u>
		140,067	176,337
Creditors: amounts falling due with one year	13	(5,967)	(9,916)
Net current assets		<u>134,100</u>	<u>166,421</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,842,501</u>	<u>3,041,300</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	14	39,961	-
Unrestricted funds		2,802,540	3,041,300
		<u>2,842,501</u>	<u>3,041,300</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2022 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 September 2022, and signed on behalf of the board by:

Trustee 

HAMLIN FISTULA UK

CASH FLOW STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1	(425,364)	(253,947)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments		88,316	109,883
Purchase of investments		(994,997)	(1,177,107)
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,305,369	1,168,175
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>398,688</u>	<u>100,951</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year		(26,676)	(152,996)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	2	161,009	314,005
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	<u>134,333</u>	<u>161,009</u>

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(198,799)	422,684
Adjustments for:		
(Gains)/losses on investments	(143,894)	(588,679)
Dividends and interest on investments	(88,316)	(109,883)
Decrease in debtors	9,594	19,554
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(3,949)</u>	<u>2,377</u>
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(425,364)</u>	<u>(253,947)</u>

2. Analysis of cash and cash equivalent

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	134,333	161,009
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>134,333</u>	<u>161,009</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a “Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- The charity becomes legally entitled to the resources after any performance conditions have been met;
- The trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from donations and legacies is included when receivable, except as follows:

- Where donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
- Where donors specify that donations are for particular restricted periods, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources when receivable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

Charitable activities includes all costs relating to general administration which support the charitable purpose.

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.

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

Incoming resources with related expenditure

When incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) both are reported gross in the SOFA.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value measured by reference to closing market prices. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bankers, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities. Cash held by the investment Mangers for re-investment purposes are included in long term investments.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Issues" of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market value of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

De-recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund for the year.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating income are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purpose.

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax. Expenditure therefore includes non-recoverable VAT where applicable.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>				
Donations	136,788	24,961	161,749	223,186
Legacies	43,092	3,365	46,457	33,070
Community fund raising	22,706	-	22,706	121
Grants	16,500	76,500	93,000	50,000
Total for the year	<u>219,086</u>	<u>104,826</u>	<u>323,912</u>	<u>306,377</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	219,086	221,877
Restricted funds	104,826	84,500
	<u>323,912</u>	<u>306,377</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Book sales	<u>48</u>	<u>215</u>
Total for the year	<u>48</u>	<u>215</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	48	215
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>48</u>	<u>215</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2022	2021
5. Investment income	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	85,459	106,202
Income from overseas investments	2,180	3,125
Bank and other interest	<u>677</u>	<u>556</u>
Total for the year	<u>88,316</u>	<u>109,883</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	88,316	109,883
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>88,316</u>	<u>109,883</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	580,742	54,643	3,681	639,066	458,873
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia - Restricted	64,865	-	-	64,865	84,500
	<u>645,607</u>	<u>54,643</u>	<u>3,681</u>	<u>703,931</u>	<u>543,373</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

6. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Support costs		
Occupation costs	4,901	5,192
General office	16,470	11,170
Staff costs	32,376	31,289
Staff training and recruitment	521	1,084
Staff welfare	154	-
Travel expenses	<u>221</u>	<u>59</u>
	<u>54,643</u>	<u>48,794</u>
Governance costs		
Independent examination	2,730	2,730
Trustee indemnity insurance	<u>951</u>	<u>767</u>
	<u>3,681</u>	<u>3,497</u>

7. Expenditure on raising funds

	2022	2021
	£	
Fund raising costs	10,029	4,711
Fundraising consultant	<u>41,009</u>	<u>34,386</u>
	<u>51,038</u>	<u>39,097</u>

8. Trustees

Remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2021 - £nil).

Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any expenses from the charity during the year (2021 - £nil).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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9. Employees	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,000	27,898
Social security costs	-	-
Other pensions costs	<u>2,376</u>	<u>3,391</u>
	<u>32,376</u>	<u>31,298</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2021 – 1). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. There is a volume of willing volunteers, throughout the UK, who raise funds for the charity by organising various events, such as coffee mornings. It is not possible to estimate their total numbers.

10. Investments	2022	2021
At fair market value	£	£
UK listed investments	2,303,709	2,226,076
Overseas investments	<u>355,667</u>	<u>608,443</u>
	<u>2,659,376</u>	<u>2,834,519</u>
Cash held by Investment Managers	49,025	40,360
Total	<u>2,708,401</u>	<u>2,874,879</u>

	2022	2021
	£	£
Movement in the fair value of investments		
Fair value at 1 April	2,874,879	2,277,268
Proceeds of disposal	(1,305,369)	(1,168,175)
Acquisitions	986,342	1,278,457
Increase/(decrease) in investment bank balances	8,655	(101,350)
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation at 31 March	143,894	588,679
Fair value at 31 March	<u>2,708,401</u>	<u>2,874,879</u>

	2022	2021
Realised/unrealised gains/(losses)	£	£
Realised	197,535	98,445
Unrealised	<u>(53,641)</u>	<u>490,234</u>
	<u>143,894</u>	<u>588,679</u>

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10. Investments (continued)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Historical cost at 31 March	<u>2,423,853</u>	<u>2,423,853</u>

**Investments representing 5% or more of the
total value**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Taylor Maritime Investments Limited	272,500	-
BB Healthcare	228,500	236,875
Greencoat Wind PLC	152,400	-
Seraphim Space Investment Trust	157,500	-
Primary Health Properties	259,525	266,760
Tritax Big Box REIT	181,350	269,250
Tritax Eurobox PLC	211,200	-
SDCL Energy Efficiency Inc Trust	-	168,000
BBGI Global Infrastructure SA	174,200	171,400
GCP Infrastructure Inv Ltd	220,800	205,800
RTW Joint Venture Fund	-	212,568
Augmentum Fintech PLC	133,000	159,000
Ruffer Inv Co Ltd	-	289,000

11. Financial instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£

Carrying amount of financial assets

Financial — assets at fair value through net income
and expenditure

-Fixed asset investments	<u>2,659,376</u>	<u>2,834,519</u>
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Carrying value of financial liabilities

Measured on amortised costs

-Accruals	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,520</u>
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12. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid	4,186	13,151
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,548</u>	<u>2,177</u>
	<u>5,734</u>	<u>15,328</u>

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	2022	2021
13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Trade creditors	-	3,705
Social security and other taxes	1,484	1,489
Pensions	198	198
Other creditors	2,005	2,004
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,520</u>
	<u>5,967</u>	<u>9,916</u>

14. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Current year	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer to general funds	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants received re Yirgalem Hospital	-	61,500	(61,500)	-	-
Grants received re Prevention Project	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Donations re Prevention Project	-	24,961	-	-	24,961
Legacies re Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	-	<u>3,365</u>	<u>(3,365)</u>	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>104,826</u>	<u>(64,865)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,961</u>

Previous year	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer to general funds	Balance at 31 March 2021
Grants received re Yirgalem Hospital	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Donations received re Yirgalem Hospital	-	16,000	(16,000)	-	-
Legacies re Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	-	<u>18,500</u>	<u>(18,500)</u>	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>(84,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Investments	2,708,401	-	2,708,401
Current assets	100,106	39,961	140,067
Current liabilities	(5,967)	-	(5,967)
	<u>2,802,540</u>	<u>39,961</u>	<u>2,842,251</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Investments	2,950,370	-	2,950,370
Current assets	100,846	-	100,846
Current liabilities	(9,916)	-	(9,916)
	<u>3,034,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,034,300</u>

16. Related party transactions

Malcolm Hewitt our Life President and a former Chairman of Trustees, is a director of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia (Australia) Limited, operating as Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation a charitable company registered in Australia. There were no transactions with this charity during the year (2021 – None).

Donations from 3 Trustees or related parties during amounted to £515 (2021 – Nil).

The Trustees are not aware of any material transactions, contract or other arrangement with any connected person other than that disclosed above.

17. Operating lease commitments

Payments due	Land and Buildings 2022 £	Other 2022 £	Land and Buildings 2021 £	Other 2021 £
Within one year	4,500	2,108	4,500	2,108
Between one and five years	11,250	2,108	15,750	4,216
Total amounts due to break point	<u>15,750</u>	<u>4,216</u>	<u>20,250</u>	<u>6,324</u>

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18. Company status and controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee. As such there is no share capital. Under the terms of the Articles of Association, each Trustee who is also a Director, is a member of the company.

Every company member has promised, that if the company is wound up whilst they are a company member or within one year of ceasing to be a Director, to contribute a maximum of £1 towards winding up the company.

At the balance sheet date there were six company members so the amount subject to guarantee was £6.

Each member's vote ranks pari- passu and there is no controlling party or person of significant interest.

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1153053

Company Registration Number: 08457433 (England and Wales)



**HAMLIN FISTULA UK
(a company limited by guarantee)**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees

Greg Morris - Chairman
Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson
Alison Murray
Libby Grundy MBE – Appointed 31 July 2020
Beverley Cooper – Resigned 7 July 2020
Ross Spencer – Resigned 22 June 2020
Jean Hadley – Resigned 29 September 2020

Life President

Malcolm Hewitt OBE

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Charity number: 1153053

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the unaudited financial statements were:

Greg Morris - Chairman
Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson
Alison Murray
Libby Grundy MBE – Appointed 31 July 2020
Beverley Cooper – Resigned 7 July 2020
Ross Spencer – Resigned 22 June 2020
Jean Hadley – Resigned 29 September 2020

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are the directors of the charitable company which is governed by the Articles of Association as amended by a Special Resolution dated 5 July 2013. The company is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liabilities of the members, who are also the directors and trustees, together with details of their guarantees, are shown in the notes to the accounts. The company was registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 24 July 2013.

The charity has a formal introduction process for new trustees. Regular financial reviews and reports are prepared for the trustees by the charity's administrative staff and presented at trustees' meetings.

Details of the directors who served during the year are shown in the Reference and Administrative details on page 1.

Objects

The objects of the charity, as set out in the amended Articles are:

1. To relieve the needs and advance the health of patients who have suffered from childbirth injuries in Ethiopia
2. Such other charitable purposes in Ethiopia as the Board shall from time to time decide
3. If the continuance of such charitable work in Ethiopia becomes in the opinion of the Board impracticable, such general charitable purposes in any part of the world as the Board shall from time to time decide

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Activities

The charitable company supports Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia with cash, medical consumables or other requirements funded by means of regular donations made in tax-efficient ways by donors and income from investments held for the longer term.

In addition to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's headquarters hospital in Addis Ababa, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia operates five regional fistula hospitals in Yirgalem, Bahir Dar, Mekelle, Harar and Metu. The organisation also founded and operates the Hamlin College of Midwifery to train and deploy midwives across Ethiopia, and Desta Mender – a rehabilitation centre for longer term fistula patients. As well as providing general funds used across these hospitals and centres, this charity has undertaken to cover the operating costs of the Yirgalem Regional Hospital. A combination of restricted and unrestricted funds are used to meet our commitment to fully fund Yirgalem Regional Hospital.

Hamlin Fistula UK additionally coordinates the production of colourful knitted blankets by volunteers, which are sent to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to be given to each patient on their arrival at a Hamlin hospital.

Principal sources of funds

Our income is derived in the main from individual donors, trusts and foundations and legacies. In addition, we received approximately £110,000 (2020 £131,000) from investment income.

We would like to thank all our donors over the past year, who have included, among others, The Band Aid Charitable Trust, Kirby Laing Foundation, The Hodge Foundation, The Big Give, EthiopiAid, Ericson Trust and the Oakdale Trust. We would also like to thank all donors who wish to remain anonymous and our generous individual donors, friends and volunteers.

Strategic report

Background

Hamlin Fistula UK, a registered UK charity, is dedicated to restoring the health and dignity of women in Ethiopia who have survived the horrendous – and preventable – childbirth injury: obstetric fistula. Obstetric fistula can be repaired with a single life changing surgery.

We exist to raise funds and awareness for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, to support the development and delivery of their services in Ethiopia.

Founded in 1968, we are part of the Hamlin family of international charities, which was established by pioneering Australian surgeons Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin. Catherine and Reg were in Ethiopia to train midwives when they first discovered the overwhelming numbers of women suffering the plight of obstetric fistula and realised that little was being done to help them. They established the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula hospital, to provide the country's first fistula services.

Today, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has expanded to include five regional hospitals, the Hamlin College of Midwives and Desta Mender, a rehabilitation centre for long-term patients. To date, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia has treated over 60,000 women.

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Vision and mission

Our vision is to realise Dr Catherine Hamlin's dream for every Ethiopian woman to be free from devastating childbirth injuries and to gain access to quality maternal healthcare. Our mission is to support the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries in Ethiopia.

Achievements and Performance during the year

Where we supported services



The statement of financial activities shows that we contributed £543,373 to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia during the period. This supported medical expenses at Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and other regional centres and the full operating costs of Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital in Sidama Region.

Hamlin centres are located across Ethiopia.

Taking action: UK FY 2020-21 Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia programme results.

Prevention



Hamlin is growing the number of trained midwives in Ethiopia through training students in a BSc degree in Midwifery at The Hamlin College of Midwives. In what was a challenging year, Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia was delighted to be able to congratulate the 2020 Hamlin College of Midwives graduating class of 25 newly qualified Hamlin Midwives.

Whilst there was no official graduation ceremony for students this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a socially distanced photo session took place to mark the moment, and the 25 new graduates returned to their home communities to begin new deployments as midwives, providing thousands of rural women with family planning services and skilled healthcare during pregnancy.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the initial classes of the 2020-21 school year were conducted virtually, and tutors supported students with online learning resources and telephone support. The College re-opened in line with Government of Ethiopia guidelines in November 2020.

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Treatment

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's vital work is continuing at this challenging time of pandemic. Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia is taking all necessary measures at its hospitals and centres to protect staff, patients and students using WHO guidelines. Across the year all public visits to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia were suspended and access to Hamlin facilities was limited to essential Hamlin staff, patients and Hamlin College of Midwifery students.



Six Hamlin hospitals treated women across Ethiopia with childbirth injuries including obstetric fistula, prolapsed uterus and other obstetric and gynaecological conditions. Over the UK financial year 3,486 women were examined at hospital outpatient departments. Of these, 1,134 women underwent surgery and also received additional services including physiotherapy, stoma care, urodynamics and psychiatric counselling.

Hamlin surgeons are also refining the techniques they use to treat more complex fistulas and academic research projects are an important contribution towards achieving this. In 2020, Hamlin's medical specialists participated in three research projects.

The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital remains a world recognised training facility for fistula surgeons. Hospital teams regularly train visiting doctors and nurses and empower surgeons with advanced skills as part of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Fistula Training Initiative. In the UK financial year 2020-21, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, no in-person training for international health professionals took place, however some training is now taking place virtually.

Rehabilitation



Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia provides physical therapy and livelihoods training to women following surgery, restoring their self-esteem and capacity to generate their own income after returning home to their communities. In UK financial year 2020-21, Hamlin provided short term rehabilitative education and training to 496 women and supported 41 women to return to their homes following specialised counselling. The rehabilitation centre at Desta Mender (meaning 'Joy Village') has continued to give women with more complex fistula injuries a place to heal with physiotherapy and counselling and to grow with education and training.

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Snapshot of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia's overall treatment programme results during UK financial year 2020-21

April 2020- March 2021 Programme Activities	Results
Prevention	
Newly qualified midwives deployed to rural health centres	25
Treatment	
Number of women examined	3,486
Fistula surgeries	375
Fistula-related surgeries	108
Minor surgical procedures – bilateral tubal ligation and cytoscopy	209
Pelvic Organ Prolapse surgery	421
Caesarean section surgeries for past fistula patients	21
Rehabilitation	
Women receiving short term rehabilitative education and training	496
Women re-integrated to communities after surgery	41

Other programme highlights

Coping with Covid-19



Like the rest of the world, Ethiopia is being impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and this affected activities across the year. From April to August, a five-month state of emergency and partial lockdown was declared. Immediately after the first confirmed case of Covid-19 in Ethiopia in March, the Government of Ethiopia took several public health measures to prevent increased levels of infection.

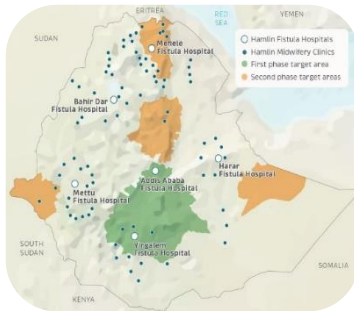
In order to protect both our patients and staff, robust infection, prevention and control procedures were put in place at all Hamlin Fistula Hospitals including Yirgalem, and these are under constant review in light of the latest national and international (WHO) guidelines.

A pause in Hamlin's outreach patient identification programme (detailed below), coupled with a reduction of availability of public transport and fears among patients about coming to hospital resulted in a reduced number of women coming forward for services at regional hospitals in the first three quarters of the year.

However, daily life has since begun to resume a "new normal". After a hibernation of services at regional hospitals from June – August (during which time the lower number of patients received at the hospitals were triaged and then either provided with outpatient services or transferred to Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital), their activities resumed fully from September 2020.

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Patient Identification programme



Patient Identification activity to date

In Spring 2020 Hamlin launched a new patient identification programme which has identified districts across Ethiopia where women are likely living with untreated fistula injuries – in remote areas where access to the health care is limited and roads are restricted. Hamlin-trained local health workers will travel to these areas to find vulnerable women in need of treatment through door-to-door outreach. The first phase of the programme in February and March 2020 identified 24 women who were subsequently brought to Hamlin for life changing surgery during Spring 2020.

Following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, outreach paused for some time in 2020 and patient numbers at centres decreased for a period over the spring and summer due to travel restrictions and community fears about attending hospital. This highlights more than ever the importance of the patient identification programme. Outreach activities resumed in early 2021 and we are working hard to encourage women to come forward for services through radio promotion.

Fistula surgery during times of pandemic: Jallene's story



Jallene is from a remote village in Western Ethiopia and supports her family of five children through subsistence farming. During her sixth pregnancy, Jallene sadly lost her baby; however her seventh pregnancy would result in even more tragedy. Unlike her previous pregnancies, Jallene experienced a prolonged and obstructed labour.

Jallene tried to deliver at home, but sadly after two days of pain, she was taken to a nearby government clinic where she eventually delivered a stillborn child. In addition to the anguish of losing a child, Jallene suffered a devastating fistula injury.

Jallene's social support systems crumbled in the wake of her fistula injury. "After this injury, my husband abandoned me and I struggled to feed my children by myself," she told us. For 10 years, Jallene needlessly endured the agony of obstetric fistula without any medical attention. However, in Spring 2020 Jallene was identified by an outreach worker as part of Hamlin's Patient Identification Programme and she was brought to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital for treatment. Jallene had fistula surgery in May 2020 and Hamlin's rehabilitation team believe there to be a good chance that she will be fully cured. ***"I have no words to explain my gratitude for everybody at the hospital. They have worked so hard with the current pandemic and gave me such motherly care"*** Jallene.

Future plans

The charitable company will continue to support Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia and carry on the legacy of Dr Catherine Hamlin. The level of support will depend upon the hospital's requirements which are set out in their annual budget.

If considered necessary, we may decide to realise some of the investment portfolio.

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Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds

It is the policy of the trustees to hold significant funds in the form of listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers. At 31 March 2021, the charity held investments with a market value of £2,834,519 (2020: £2,135,558) and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers for re-investment purposes of £40,360 (2020: £141,710). This level of investment fund is considered necessary in order to generate investment income to contribute to the ongoing operations of the charity.

In addition to general unrestricted funds held in the form of investments, it is the policy of the trustees to hold a buffer of funds to enable the charity to operate in the event of a decrease in incoming resources. A buffer of £110,000 which is equivalent to approximately three months expenditure would enable activities to continue whilst consideration was given to replacing income or changing activities. At 31 March 2021, general undesignated unrestricted funds, excluding those held in listed investments and bank deposits held by the Investment Managers, for re-investment purposes amounted to £166,421 (2020: £341,348). However, bank deposits for re-investment purposes by the Investment Managers of £40,360 were available on demand if necessary (2020: £141,360).

Designated Reserve

On 6 February 2019, the trustees agreed that two thirds of net assets, which at 31 March 2018 amounted to £2,000,000, should be designated solely for the use of the outreach hospital at Yirgalem. On 26 February 2021 trustees agreed that the designated fund was no longer required and agreed to undesignate it.

Revaluation Reserve

The difference between the historic cost of investments and their revalued amount, if positive, is included in the balance sheet as a Revaluation Reserve.

Investment policies and objectives

Investments are held with a view to producing income and as a protection against inflation in view of the long-term commitment of support for the Yirgalem outreach hospital and other projects.

The charity's investment powers are prescribed by The Trustee Act 2000. The trustees confirm that the investments, the majority of which are held in the UK, are held in accordance with their powers.

Public benefit

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have taken regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Key features of public benefit included an identifiable benefit, to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit.

The charity supports the work of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia which provides free treatment to women suffering from childbirth injuries, irrespective of race, background or religion. The trustees have therefore concluded that Hamlin Fistula UK meets the key principles as described above.

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Risk management

The trustees regularly review risks in order to mitigate any major risks to which the charity may be exposed and to design systems accordingly. Throughout the year, the world has been exposed to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The effects of this pandemic during this period have included, inter alia:

- Travel restrictions, affecting the ability to hold face to face meetings
- Temporary hospital ward closures at regional hospitals in the period June – August 2020
- Decrease in donations from individuals

After an initial sharp decline at the beginning of the year investment portfolio valuations have now recovered. Trustees and staff continue to monitor valuations regularly and work closely with the charity's investment management company to manage risk.

Trustee meetings have been held using Zoom or other electronic means.

During the brief period of hospital ward closures at regional hospitals in Summer 2020, patients were transferred to Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital for treatment.

To address the decrease in donations from individuals, and to maintain and continue to grow our funding of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia in the future, we have taken a range of measures including continuing to seek grants from charitable trusts and foundations, carrying out regular appeals to existing donors and takings steps to recruit additional regular donors via digital channels.

Donated services

In addition to financial donations we receive contributions from supporters in the form of knitted blankets and baby clothes which are sent to Ethiopia for distribution to patients across Hamlin hospitals. These gifts are donated freely. We have not put a financial value to these gifts in these financial accounts.

Results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" which was published in 2015 ("SORP 2015") and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors 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 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

Approval

The Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Dated:

2 July 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAMLIN FISTULA UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hamlin Fistula UK for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for an independent examination. I report in respect of the examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Paul Bowater ACA
Birmingham Voluntary Service Council
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Dated: 13 July 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	221,877	84,500	306,377	499,183
Charitable activities	4	215	-	215	428
Investments	5	109,883	-	109,883	131,198
Total income		<u>331,975</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>416,475</u>	<u>630,809</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	6	458,873	84,500	543,373	398,113
Raising funds	7	39,097	-	39,097	34,574
Total resources expended		<u>497,970</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>582,470</u>	<u>432,687</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>588,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>588,679</u>	<u>(554,509)</u>
Net expenditure for the year/Net movement in funds		422,684	-	422,684	(356,387)
Opening fund balances		2,618,616	-	2,618,616	2,975,003
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing fund balances		<u><u>3,041,300</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,041,300</u></u>	<u><u>2,618,616</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

HAMLIN FISTULA UK

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	<u>2,874,879</u>	<u>2,277,268</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	15,328	34,882
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>161,009</u>	<u>314,005</u>
		176,337	348,887
Creditors: amounts falling due with one year	13	(9,916)	(7,539)
Net current assets		<u>166,421</u>	<u>341,348</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,041,300</u>	<u>2,618,616</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Unrestricted funds		3,041,300	2,618,616
		<u>3,041,300</u>	<u>2,618,616</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2.7.21, and signed on behalf of the board by:


Trustee

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1	<u>(253,947)</u>	<u>(85,589)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments		109,883	131,198
Purchase of investments		(1,177,107)	(1,485,017)
Proceeds from sale of investments		<u>1,168,175</u>	<u>1,635,017</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>100,951</u>	<u>281,198</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year		(152,996)	195,609
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	2	314,005	118,396
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	<u><u>161,009</u></u>	<u><u>314,005</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	422,684	(356,387)
Adjustments for:		
(Gains)/losses on investments	(588,679)	554,509
Dividends and interest on investments	(109,883)	(131,198)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	19,554	(10,921)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>2,377</u>	<u>(141,592)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(253,947)</u>	<u>(85,589)</u>

2. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	161,009	314,005
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>161,009</u>	<u>314,005</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a “Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis if accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- The charity becomes legally entitled to the resources after any performance conditions have been met;
- The trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from donations and legacies is included when receivable, except as follows:

- Where donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
- Where donors specify that donations are for particular restricted periods, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources when receivable

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

Charitable activities includes all costs relating to the conference, newsletters and general administration, which support the charitable purpose.

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.

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

Incoming resources with related expenditure

When incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) both are reported gross in the SOFA.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value measured by reference to closing market prices. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities..

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bankers, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities. Cash held by the investment Mangers for re-investment purposes are included in long term investments.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Issues" of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market value of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

De-recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund for the year.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating income are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purpose.

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax. Expenditure therefore includes non-recoverable VAT where applicable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	207,307	66,000	273,307	442,798
Legacies	14,570	18,500	33,070	56,385
Total for the year	<u>221,877</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>306,377</u>	<u>499,183</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds			221,877	292,183
Restricted funds			84,500	157,000
			<u>306,377</u>	<u>499,183</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Book sales	215	428
Total for the year	<u>215</u>	<u>428</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	215	428
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>215</u>	<u>428</u>

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5. Investment income

	2021 £	2020 £
Income from UK listed investments	106,202	89,708
Income from overseas investments	3,125	37,127
Bank and other interest	556	4,363
Total for the year	<u>109,883</u>	<u>131,198</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	109,883	131,198
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>109,883</u>	<u>131,198</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 Total £	Total 2020 £
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	406,582	48,794	3,497	458,873	218,053
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia - Restricted	84,500	-	-	84,500	157,000
Other centres	-	-	-	-	23,060
	<u>491,082</u>	<u>48,794</u>	<u>3,497</u>	<u>543,373</u>	<u>398,113</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Support costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Occupation costs	5,192	4,695
General office	11,170	10,922
Staff costs	31,289	28,557
Staff training	60	-
Staff recruitment	1,024	-
Travel expenses	59	9,182
Capital expenditure written off	-	1,512
	<u>48,794</u>	<u>54,868</u>

Governance costs

Independent examination	2,730	3,750
Trustee indemnity insurance	767	767
AGM expenses	-	143
	<u>3,497</u>	<u>4,660</u>

7. Expenditure on raising funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fund raising costs	4,711	4,850
Fundraising consultant	34,386	29,724
	<u>39,097</u>	<u>34,574</u>

8. Trustees

Remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2020 - £nil).

Expenses

During the year the total expenses incurred by four trustees amounted to £Nil (2020: £4,407). This principally represents travel and subsistence costs incurred in the management of the charity's affairs, including travel to Ethiopia. Travel to Ethiopia and other face to face meetings could not take place this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9. Employees

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	27,898	26,057
Social security costs	-	-
Other pensions costs	3,391	2,500
	<u>31,289</u>	<u>28,557</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1. (2020 – 1). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. There is a volume of willing volunteers, throughout the UK, who raise funds for the charity by organising various events, such as coffee mornings. It is not possible to estimate their total numbers.

10. Investments

At fair value	2021 £	2020 £
UK listed investments	2,226,076	1,637,895
Overseas investments	608,443	497,633
	<u>2,834,519</u>	<u>2,135,558</u>
Cash held by Investment Managers	<u>40,360</u>	<u>141,710</u>
Total	<u>2,874,879</u>	<u>2,277,268</u>

Movement in the fair value of investments	2021 £	2020 £
Fair value at 1 April	2,277,268	2,981,778
Proceeds of disposal	(1,168,175)	(1,635,017)
Acquisitions	1,278,457	1,343,384
(Decrease)/increase in investment bank balances	(101,350)	141,632
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation at 31 March	588,679	(554,509)
Fair value at 31 March	<u>2,874,879</u>	<u>2,277,268</u>

Realised/unrealised gains/(losses)	2021 £	2020 £
Realised	98,445	(33,213)
Unrealised	490,234	(521,296)
	<u>588,679</u>	<u>(554,509)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

10. Investments (continued)

	2021 £	2020 £
Historical cost at 31 March	<u>2,537,292</u>	<u>2,909,510</u>
Investments representing 5% or more of the total value	2021 £	2020 £
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income	-	141,805
BB Healthcare	236,875	153,750
Primary Health Properties	266,760	128,480
Tritax Big Box REIT	269,250	129,030
SDCL Energy Efficiency Inc Trust	168,000	-
BBGI Global Infrastructure SA	171,400	-
GCP Infrastructure Inv Ltd	205,800	-
RTW Joint Venture Fund	212,568	-
Augmentum Fintech PLC	159,000	-
Ruffer Inv Co Ltd	289,000	-

11. Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Financial — assets at fair value through net income		
Investment expenditure		
- Fixed asset investments	<u>2,950,370</u>	<u>2,538,807</u>
Carrying value of financial liabilities		
Measured on amortised costs		
- Accruals	<u>2,520</u>	<u>6,911</u>

12. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	9,866
Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid	13,151	15,407
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,177</u>	<u>9,609</u>
	<u>15,328</u>	<u>34,882</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	3,705	-
Social security and other taxes	1,489	628
Pensions	198	-
Other creditors	2,004	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,520	6,911
	<u>9,916</u>	<u>7,539</u>

14. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer to general funds	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations re Yigalem Hospital	-	66,000	(66,000)	-	-
Legacies re Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital	-	18,500	(18,500)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>(84,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Previous year

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer to general funds	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Repatriation fund	29,080	-	-	(29,080)	-
Donations received re Yigalem Hospital	-	156,000	(156,000)	-	-
Donation received re Desta Menda Centre	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>29,080</u>	<u>157,000</u>	<u>(157,000)</u>	<u>(29,080)</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Investments	2,950,370	-	2,950,370
Current assets	100,846	-	100,846
Current liabilities	(9,916)	-	(9,916)
	<u>3,041,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,041,300</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Investments	2,838,807	-	2,838,807
Current assets	87,348	-	87,348
Current liabilities	(7,539)	-	(7,539)
	<u>2,618,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,618,616</u>

16. Related party transactions

Malcolm Hewitt OBE, our Life President and a former Chairman of Trustees, is a director of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia (Australia) Limited, operating as Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation a charitable company registered in Australia. Transactions with this charity during the year amounted to £227.36 (2020 – Nil).

There were donations from Trustees or related parties during the year amounted to £110 (2020 – Nil).

The Trustees are not aware of any material transaction, contract or other arrangement with any connected person other than that disclosed above.

17. Operating lease commitments

Payments due	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Within one year	4,500	1,856	4,500	1,856
Between one and five years	<u>15,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>1,856</u>
Total amounts due to break point	<u>20,250</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>20,250</u>	<u>3,712</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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18. Company status and controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee. As such there is no share capital. Under the terms of the Articles of Association, each Trustee who is also a Director, is a member of the company.

Every company member has promised, that if the company is wound up whilst they are a company member or within one year of ceasing to be a Director, to contribute a maximum of £1 towards winding up the company.

At the balance sheet date there were four company members so the amount subject to guarantee was £4.

Each member's vote ranks pari- passu and there is no controlling party or person of significant interest.