

# CAMEROON CATALYST

England & Wales · Charity number 1155758

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-02-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND GOOD HEALTH THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY LED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN CAMEROON (AND AFRICA)(2) THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OF CAMEROON (AND AFRICA), IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETY(3) THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CAMEROON (AND AFRICA) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:(A) THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES(B) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES(C) THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATIONSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS

**Activities:** THE OBJECT OF THE CAMEROON CATALYST IS TO EMPOWER VILLAGE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NORTHEAST OF CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA AND IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS AND WELLBEING, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF WATER, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, HOUSING, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND MICROBUSINESS.FROM 2014/15 ONWARD, CAMEROON

CATALYST IS FOCUSING ON THE PROVISION OF IMPROVED WATER SOURCES IN CAMEROON'S EASTERN REGION

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

## Geography

- Cameroon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£22,122	£38,000	-	-
2023-08-31	£22,320	£23,399	-	-
2022-08-31	£13,623	£12,548	-	-
2021-08-31	£18,874	£9,522	-	-
2020-08-31	£6,868	£8,688	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Thomas Henderson Edwards MEng	Chair	2020-08-31
Claire Watson MBE FICE		2013-11-12
James Cox		2023-10-03
PATRICK ARMAND MBALLA		2013-11-12
Sebastian Denner		2022-02-16

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# Trustees' Annual Report

*01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024*

**Thomas Edwards**

25 June 2025

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<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Dates Acted</b>
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<b>Thom Dutton</b>	Trustee (until 25 February 2024)
<b>Andy Hopkins</b>	Treasurer (until 31 August 2024)
<b>James Cox</b>	Trustee (from 03 October 2023)
<b>Martha Day</b>	Trustee (from 03 October 2023)

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### **4.3. *Public Benefit***

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit in accordance with the requirements set out in the Charity SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2015, paragraph 1.18. The trustees have ensured that the activities undertaken reflect the charity's aims and objectives, and provide identifiable public benefit by addressing fundamental needs in the communities we aim to benefit.

## 5. Achievements and Performance

### 5.1. Project Delivery

The most tangible impact we have is through the delivery of essential infrastructure projects. Project Delivery encompasses the full project lifecycle, from needs assessment to post-handover monitoring and evaluation. Our student volunteers respond to assessed needs with sustainable design proposals which are checked by our in-house chartered engineers and by external experts. We work closely with our advisors at Article 25 and WSP to ensure our project designs are technically excellent and best meet the needs of the community.

Construction in Cameroon is undertaken by appointed local contractors and completed projects are handed over to selected operational committees within the beneficiary community. The success of each project is not only defined by the handover of the project to the community, but by the continued performance of the facility following completion. We conduct monitoring and evaluation activities on an ongoing basis, ensuring our projects continue to meet target outcomes; this process also provides valuable lessons for future projects.

In 2023, Cameroon Catalyst trialled solar-powered water pumping in the village of Mbangué, building on a hand-dug well we had constructed in previous years. A solar pump was installed at an 18-metre depth, feeding a ferrocement attenuation tank that balanced supply and demand—enabling reliable, day-long access to water while allowing the well to naturally recharge. This pilot allowed us to test the reliability and viability of solar technology in a rural setting.



**Solar Pump Retrofit in Mbangué**

Building on that success, we launched our most ambitious project to date in 2024 in the village of Petit Ngaoundéré—an area facing acute water scarcity. The scheme included a 120-metre-deep borehole, solar-powered pump, elevated storage tower, and a gravity-fed distribution network supplying communal collection points. This marked our first full-scale borehole project and a major milestone in our mission to deliver lasting access to clean, safe water.

## 5.2. *Community Engagement*

Community engagement encompasses all of the charity's interactions with our beneficiary communities, local governance and representation in Cameroon. We involve these stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of each project; from thorough initial field visit surveys to ongoing monitoring and evaluation post-handover. Consistent and effective communication with the communities ensures that each project responds to the essential needs and aligns with community aspirations. As a result our projects are well received and maintained, and empower local communities to continue to achieve their own development sustainably.

Our community engagement efforts during the May and July 2024 volunteer trips were pivotal in the delivery of sustainable water solutions in Petit Ngaoundere. Through targeted strategies, including community interviews, stakeholder engagements with local water managers and leaders, and participatory workshops, we ensured that the voices of the community were central to decision-making processes. These interactions not only provided valuable insights into local water needs but also empowered community members to actively participate in shaping solutions. By mapping water sources and conducting village tours alongside local managers, we facilitated a comprehensive understanding of water access challenges, thereby laying a robust foundation for collaborative action during the project delivery phase.



### **Senior Committee Trip to Cameroon in May 2024**

*Pictured from left to right Patrick Mballa (Trustee), Clara Gimeno-Jesus (Head of Community Engagement), Village Chief, James Cox (Trustee), Sandrine (Cameroonian Volunteer), Martha Day (Trustee), 3 community beneficiaries*

### 5.3. *Student Development*

Student volunteers are the core drivers of our impact, responsible for the design of, and fundraising for, each project. This level of student involvement in an international development charity is unique to Cameroon Catalyst and is important because it provides those at the beginning of their careers with the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and experience across a range of technical and non-technical areas. Our student volunteers develop both passively through their direct experiences with project involvement and charity operations, and actively through opportunities tailored towards improving specific skills or knowledge sets. Cameroon Catalyst alumni represent a cohort of sustainability thinkers which contributes to preparing the next generation of civil society leaders.

In February 2024 the charity hosted the Annual Charity Workshop at the University of Southampton Boldrewood Campus. The workshop brought together Trustees, Senior Committee Members and Student Volunteers to share achievements and lessons learnt from the previous year and partake in design and fundraising workshops. This year the workshop focused on Community Engagement throughout the project delivery lifecycle and how best to engage with the beneficiary communities our projects are intended for.



***Annual Charity Workshop at the University of Southampton***

## ***5.4. Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing***

Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing includes all of our interactions with NGOs, companies, institutions and wider industry outside of our beneficiary communities. We aspire to partner with organisations to deliver the most effective projects and share our research findings, best practice and lessons learned. Through this we can significantly increase our influence in the international development sector rather than existing as an isolated entity.

Collaboration was at the heart of our approach to project delivery in 2024, exemplified by our partnership with UNICEF in Bertoua. In an initial in-person meeting in May 2024, we developed a strong working relationship with UNICEF's local technical team, who provided key advice and technical guidance for our project in Petit Ngaoundere. By leveraging UNICEF's expertise and insights, we enhanced our project delivery strategy, ensuring alignment with the local context and global best practices in water resource management. Through knowledge sharing sessions and strategic discussions, we exchanged critical information on effective community engagement, technology adoption and long-term water governance of our project. This collaboration enriches our technical capabilities, helps inform our approach of delivering solutions aimed at localised contexts and underscores our dedication to maximising impact and fostering resilience within the communities we serve.

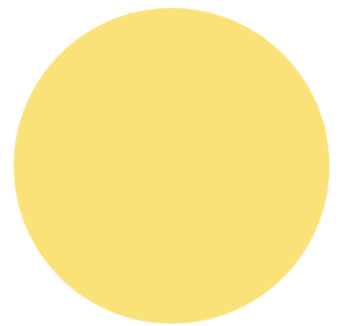
## 6. Financial Review

<b>Reserves Policy</b>	Cameroon Catalyst endeavours to hold reserves to help cover the next year of charitable activity and provide contingency. At the end of the 2023/24 financial year the reserve stood at £7,225 in the Main UK Bank Account and £10,622 including all Student Chapter accounts.
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## 7. Declarations

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cameroon Catalyst.

<b>Name</b>	Thomas Edwards	<b>Position</b>	Chairperson
<b>Date</b>	25/06/2025	<b>Signed</b>	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2023	To	31/8/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary - Corporate Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	7,500
Voluntary - Other Donations	780	-	-	780	780
Fundraising Activities	3,776	-	-	3,776	2,360
Grant Income (Main UK)	-	6,306	-	6,306	4,000
Trip Fundraising Activities	-	9,796	-	9,796	7,200
Grant Income (Southampton)	-	594	-	594	480
Grant Income (Imperial)	-	870	-	870	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,556</b>	<b>17,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,122</b>	<b>22,320</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,556</b>	<b>17,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,122</b>	<b>22,320</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Solar Pump Retrofit	610	-	-	610	8,176
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Borehole Well	7,405	6,900	-	14,305	2,310
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Road Safety Signage	-	385	-	385	2,310
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Rainwater Harvesting and Storage	-	1,500	-	1,500	2,310
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support (Main UK)	7,594	9,796	-	17,390	10,130
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support (Southampton)	-	360	-	360	-
Charitable Activities (UK): Travel Support to Annual Charity Workshop	-	205	-	205	-
Insurance	2,514	-	-	2,514	2,374
Website Hosting Fee	39	-	-	39	102
Cost of Fundraising (Main UK)	318	-	-	318	216
Cost of Fundraising (Southampton)	254	-	-	254	91
Cost of Fundraising (Imperial)	-	120	-	120	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,735</b>	<b>19,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>28,019</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,735</b>	<b>19,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>28,019</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 14,179</b>	<b>- 1,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 15,878</b>	<b>- 5,699</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,149</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,499</b>	<b>26,499</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,621</b>	<b>20,800</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Current Account: Main UK Account	7,225	-	-
	Current Account: Southampton	604	106	-
	Current Account: Birmingham	1,079	-	-
	Current Account: Imperial	-	1,545	-
	Cash held in hand	62	-	-

<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>8,970</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>-</b>
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))</small>		OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
<b>Details</b>		<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	


  

<b>Details</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-

<b>Details</b>		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	

<b>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>
		Thomas Henderson Edwards	25/06/2025

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Challenges and failures of the contractor meant the pilot ventilated pit latrine which was delivered in the spring of 2022 in the village of Petit Bello was inappropriate for use and required repair and reconstruction. In November 2022 the Birmingham Student Chapter delivered the design and specification for these works. The contractor who delivered all seven of the charity's existing hand-dug wells carried out the repair and reconstruction works and the latrine is now operational.



**Latrine in Petit Bello**

The Southampton Student Chapter designed and oversaw the retrofit of one of the charity's existing hand dug wells in Mbangue with a solar powered pump

system. The project acted as proof of concept in preparation for the delivery of a borehole well in 2023/24 which will rely on a solar powered pump to provide the required.



***Solar pump retrofit of Cameroon Catalyst well in Mbangue***

The Imperial Student Chapter continued with the development of their scalable rainwater harvesting and storage solutions at household and community level.

## 5.2. *Community Engagement*

Community engagement encompasses all of the charity's interactions with our beneficiary communities, local governance and representation in Cameroon. We involve these stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of each project; from thorough initial field visit surveys to ongoing monitoring and evaluation post-handover. Consistent and effective communication with the communities ensures that each project responds to the essential needs and aligns with community aspirations. As a result our projects are well received and maintained, and empower local communities to continue to achieve their own development sustainably.

In June 2023 a team of Trustees, Senior Committee Members and Student Volunteers travelled to Cameroon on the annual research trip. The team oversaw the solar pump retrofit of the existing well in Mbangue and observed maintenance work on the rainwater harvesting and storage system in Bambouti built in the spring of 2022.

Alongside the maintenance work the team delivered a workshop to community members in Bambouti to explain the engineering design of the JHC's rainwater harvesting system. The workshop was delivered by Martha Day (Trustee and R&D Manager), Clara Gimeno-Jesus (Head of Community Engagement) and a local contractor who translated into the local language. Workshop delivery was aided by an infographic designed by Amy McLoughlin (Imperial design team lead) which were laminated and passed round the workshop attendees prior to the discussion. The infographic was then explained in detail during the workshop, and the attendees were able to ask any questions. Verbal feedback from the session was very positive, especially towards the use of the infographic. Similar techniques will be used for our community engagement workshops on household rainwater harvesting this summer.



***Rainwater harvesting and storage workshop in Bambouti***

### **5.3. Student Development**

Student volunteers are the core drivers of our impact, responsible for the design of, and fundraising for, each project. This level of student involvement in an international development charity is unique to Cameroon Catalyst and is important because it provides those at the beginning of their careers with the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and experience across a range of technical and non-technical areas. Our student volunteers develop both passively through their direct experiences with project involvement and charity operations, and actively through opportunities tailored towards improving specific skills or knowledge sets. Cameroon Catalyst alumni represent a cohort of sustainability thinkers and the next generation of civil society leaders.

In March 2023 the charity hosted the Annual Charity Workshop at the University of Southampton. The workshop brings together Trustees, Senior Committee Members and Student Volunteers to share achievements and lessons learnt from the previous year and partake in design and fundraising workshops.



***Annual Charity Workshop at the University of Southampton***

## 5.4. Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing

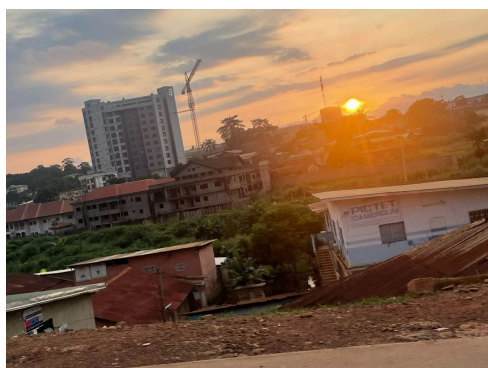
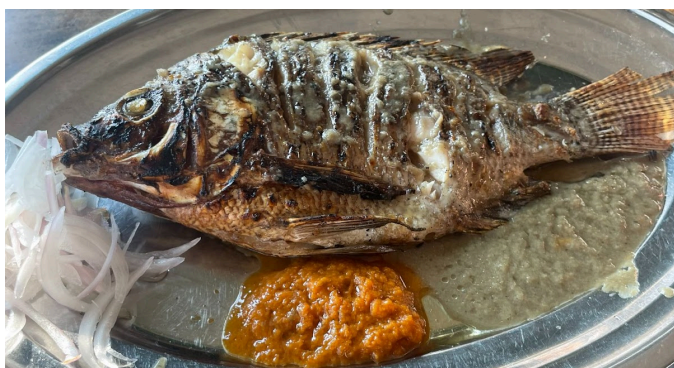
Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing includes all of our interactions with NGOs, companies, institutions and wider industry outside of our beneficiary communities. We aspire to partner with organisations to deliver the most effective projects and share our research findings, best practice and lessons learned. Through this we can significantly increase our influence in the international development sector rather than existing as an isolated entity.

Following the 2023 Summer Trip, Ben Hutton-Penman spent a week shadowing Government ministers in Bertoua. Ben made the below xx about his experience.

*“My time in the Cameroon Eastern City of Bertoua was one to remember, which allowed me to experience city life in Cameroon. The week began at the end of the annual Cameroon chapter trip which was a success in itself. The whole team met the Eastern Region Governor and had drinks in his house. Following the introductions the team left and I was shown around. I finally had access to luxuries which I had missed on the trip such as running water and a physical toilet which was a relief. Access to electricity in the city was still limited though as the city battled with frequent power cuts throughout the day and night which led to the fan at the end of my bed flicking on and off constantly.*”

*“The primary aim of the week was to build a relationship with the governor on behalf of Cameroon Catalyst, better understand why the Eastern region is less developed than the other parts of the country and experience the city culture. Throughout the week I also met with other government officials and local business owners and was given tours of construction projects in the local area.*”

*“Overall the week was a great success, I had many meals with the governor and other colleagues building relationships, and eating incredible freshwater fish from a local fish place most days! I learnt more about the country gaining insight into the current Anglophone crisis, China's influence and other economic and political components affecting the development of the eastern region and Cameroon as a whole.”*





***Photographs from Ben's week spent shadowing Government ministers in Bertoua.***

## 6. Financial Review

### *Reserves Policy*

Cameroon Catalyst endeavours to hold reserves to help cover the next year of charitable activity and provide contingency. At the end of the 2022/23 financial year the reserve stood at £23,420 in the Main UK Bank Account.

## 7. Declarations

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cameroon Catalyst.

<b>Name</b>	Thomas Edwards	<b>Position</b>	Chairperson
<b>Date</b>	22/06/2024	<b>Signed</b>	



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Registered Charity Number: 1155758



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2022	To	31/8/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary - Corporate Sponsorship	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500
Voluntary - Other Donations	780	-	-	780	1,280
Fundraising Activities	2,360	-	-	2,360	2,627
Grant Income (Main UK)	-	4,000	-	4,000	2,000
Trip Fundraising Activities	-	7,200	-	7,200	-
Grant Income (Southampton)	-	480	-	480	-
Cash Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>11,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,320</b>	<b>13,407</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>11,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,320</b>	<b>13,407</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Solar Pump Retrofit	4,176	4,000	-	8,176	6,415
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Latrine	2,310	-	-	2,310	-
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support	2,800	7,330	-	10,130	3,588
Insurance	2,374	-	-	2,374	2,241
Website Hosting Fee	102	-	-	102	-
Cost of Fundraising (Main UK)	216	-	-	216	304
Cost of Fundraising (Southampton)	91	-	-	91	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,069</b>	<b>11,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>12,548</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,069</b>	<b>11,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>12,548</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,428</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,078</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>24,578</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,578</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,149</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,499</b>	<b>859</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account: Main UK Account	21,420	2,000	-
	Current Account: Southampton	380	350	-
	Current Account: Birmingham	1,079	-	-
	Current Account: Imperial	-	1,000	-
	Cash held in hand	270	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>23,149</b>	<b>3,350</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>


<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Thomas Henderson Edwards	22/06/2024

**CAMEROON CATALYST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1155758

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

*01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022*



**Thomas Edwards**

27 June 2023

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## 1. Administrative Details

<b>Charity Name</b>	Cameroon Catalyst
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1155758
<b>Charity Principal Address</b>	27 Hawker Close Longbridge Birmingham B31 2GU

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Dates Acted</b>
<b>Laura McFadzean</b>	Chairperson (until 31 August 2022, Trustee thereafter)
<b>Thomas Edwards</b>	Trustee and Chairperson (from 01 September 2022)
<b>Andy Hopkins</b>	Treasurer
<b>Pat Mballa</b>	Trustee and Co-Founder
<b>Claire Gott</b>	Trustee and Co-Founder
<b>Sebastian Denner</b>	Trustee (from 15 February 2022)

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

<b>Governing Document</b>	Constitution, latest version enacted March 2016
<b>Charity Constitution</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
<b>Trustee Selection</b>	Elected by charity members at AGM

## 3. The Report

This Trustee's Annual Report accompanies the accounts submitted by Cameroon Catalyst to the Charity Commission, covering the 12-month accounting period from 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. It highlights the objectives of the charity, the activities undertaken and the achievements made in the period reported.

## 4. Objectives and Activities

### 4.1. Objectives

The object of Cameroon Catalyst is to empower village communities across east Cameroon, West Africa and improve living conditions and wellbeing, especially through the provision of water, education, health care, affordable housing, renewable energy, and microbusinesses.

Cameroon Catalyst is a student driven international development charity promoting sustainable development in rural Cameroon. We bring together students and specialists to deliver essential infrastructure projects in some of the least developed communities in the country. We were co-founded in 2009 by a team of civil engineering students at the University of Southampton in partnership with a native Cameroonian living in the UK.

Our vision is for rural communities in Cameroon to possess the autonomy and opportunity to achieve their own sustainable development towards a fulfilling, healthy and prosperous future. Our mission is to act as a catalyst for sustainable change in rural Cameroon by delivering needs-assessed infrastructure which remove development barriers and empowers local people to engage with their own sustainable development.

We are driven by teams of dedicated students at the University of Southampton, the University of Birmingham and Imperial College London. Our student volunteers hold a vital role in our work and are responsible for the design and fundraising for our projects. Our student teams combine a diverse range of technical and non-technical degree programmes, drawing from engineering, natural and social sciences and languages.

We are governed by a Board of Trustees who inform the charity's direction and managed day-to-day by a senior committee of industry professionals. We are supported by an advisory board of individuals and organisations who specialise in each of our focus areas and priorities. We are grateful to receive ongoing corporate patronage from engineering professional services firm WSP who contribute to our project funding. We are also proud of our long term technical advisory relationship with humanitarian architectural design charity Article 25 who play a vital role in the delivery of our projects.

Our work is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The goals and their targets help to define our priorities and provide us with the confidence that our solutions act towards the sustainable change we hope to catalyse.

## 4.2. *Activities*

To ensure we are most effective in achieving our purpose, we conduct our work through four focus areas. Within each focus area we define what we hope to achieve, what we do to achieve this, and the impact we have. Our focus areas were chosen to reflect what is most important to us as a charity and structure our approach irrespective of our current priority.

- **Project Delivery:** We deliver essential needs-assessed infrastructure projects to some of the least developed communities in Eastern Cameroon.
- **Community Engagement:** We involve local communities throughout the project delivery lifecycle to ensure our solutions consider the cultural, religious, economic and political setting.
- **Student Development:** We support our students to become future civil society leaders and sustainability thinkers.
- **Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:** We aspire to partner and share our best practice and lessons learned with the wider industry.

Our first programme of works between 2009 and 2014 prioritised the village of Bambouti. Over five years we delivered five independent projects addressing five interconnected development needs, including a Medical Centre, Mechanical Workshop, School Classrooms, a Solar Electrification Hub and Improved Housing.

In 2013, following the successful delivery of our programme of works in Bambouti, we conducted a full assessment of the development needs in the wider Eastern Region of Cameroon. Our assessment identified that a lack of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Infrastructure was the biggest barrier to sustainable development.

Since 2014 we have been developing our response to the presented WaSH needs across the Eastern Region. Our WaSH programme combines infrastructure for water provision and sanitation. To date we have delivered seven clean water wells, a ventilated improved pit latrine and a rainwater harvesting and storage system. The later two of which were delivered during the reporting period.

## 5. Achievements and Performance

### 5.1. *Access to Water*

The student team at Imperial College London worked hard to install their first pilot rainwater storage project in Bambouti, which utilises the roof of the January Hope Medical Centre, Cameroon Catalyst's first ever project. They are now developing strategies to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this project to improve future installations.

As a continuation of our water storage research, the team are also collaborating with the Southampton student chapter to explore water storage facilities that can increase the reliability of hand-dug wells.

### 5.2. *Improved Sanitation*

The Birmingham student chapter completed the design of their pilot latrine project which was constructed in the village of Petit Bello to include hygienic hand washing facilities.

The team have also started research for a larger septic tank project for the village of Tongo which aims to address the need for sanitation at the village market.

### 5.3. *Student Research Trip*

With a portfolio of ten Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) projects, ensuring good maintenance and continuing to evaluate their effectiveness is critical to ongoing success.

Earlier in 2022 we welcomed Sebastian Denner to the Trustee Board and the senior committee as our Maintenance & Evaluation Manager to coordinate our approach in design and delivery. Sebastian joined this year's students on their first field trip to Cameroon in three years, to catch up on our site investigation research. The team visited all WaSH projects completed to date and recommenced our site analysis of over ten villages across the Eastern region to better understand the WaSH needs and therefore identify where Cameroon Catalyst should focus its efforts as part of our new strategy.

### 5.4. *Incoming Strategy*

During 2021 a working group of Trustees wrote the charity's 2022-24 Strategy; agreeing the next steps for the charity following the successful completion of our 2017-21 Business Plan. Our new strategy seeks to reinvigorate our aims and set a

clear path forwards for Cameroon Catalyst. The overarching strategic objectives are contained within the table below.

<b><i>Project Delivery</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to deliver WaSH projects.</li> <li>• Develop a combined solution of WaSH facilities.</li> <li>• Update our approach to project delivery.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Community Engagement</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalise our approach to Community Engagement, identifying key pre and post handover engagement opportunities and structured data capture techniques.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Student Development</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a Student Development Framework inline with the current Student Chapter Guide.</li> <li>• Signpost external training opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and realise collaboration opportunities.</li> <li>• Establish an internal training and knowledge sharing platform.</li> <li>• Reestablish our network of collaboration partners.</li> <li>• Identify and attend knowledge sharing events.</li> </ul>

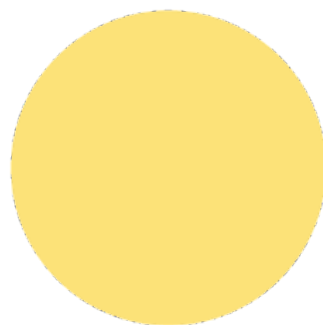
## 6. Financial Review

<b><i>Reserves Policy</i></b>	Cameroon Catalyst endeavours to hold reserves to help cover the next year of charitable activity and provide contingency. The current cash reserve is £27,794.
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## 7. Declarations

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cameroon Catalyst.

<b><i>Name</i></b>	Thomas Edwards	<b><i>Position</i></b>	Chairperson
<b><i>Date</i></b>	27/06/2023	<b><i>Signed</i></b>	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2021	To	31/08/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary - Sponsorship	7,500		-	7,500	-
Voluntary - Other Donations	1,280		-	1,280	15,926
Fundraising Activities	2,843		-	2,843	2,739
Grant Income		2,000	-	2,000	-
Gift Aid			-	-	209
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,623</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,623</b>	<b>18,874</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,623</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,623</b>	<b>18,874</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Well Construction	6,415	-	-	6,415	5,972

Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support	3,588	-	-	3,588	-
Charitable Activities (UK): Student support		-	-	-	-
Bank Fees		-	-	-	177
Insurance	2,241	-	-	2,241	3,092
Cost of Raising funds	304	-	-	304	280
Effect of currency change		-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>9,522</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>9,522</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 925</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>9,352</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>6,170</b>	<b>- 6,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>19,549</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,719</b>	<b>17,367</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,794</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,794</b>	<b>26,719</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account: Main UK account	22,582	2,000	-
	Bank Current Account: Uni. Southampton	863	-	-
	Bank Current Account: Uni. Birmingham	1,079		
	Bank Current Account: Uni. ICL	-	1,000	-

Cash held in Justgiving			
Cash Held in Hand	270		
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24,794</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**


Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hopkins Treasurer	27/06/2023

**CAMEROON CATALYST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1155758

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**Cameroon Catalyst**  
**Trustees' Annual Report 2020/21**



1a. Charity Details

Charity Name: Cameroon Catalyst

Registered Charity Number: 1155758

Charity Principal Address:  
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Longbridge  
Birmingham  
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Trustee Details

Trustees are elected for a term of three years by the Cameroon Catalyst constitution. The following trustees currently serve the charity:

- Laura Cannon - Chairperson (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Andy Hopkins - Treasurer (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Pat Mballa - Trustee and Co-Founder
- Thomas Edwards - Trustee (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Claire Gott - Trustee and Co-Founder
- Mikey Harper - Trustee (resigned September 2020)
- Charlie Steer - Trustee (resigned September 2020)
- Thomas Dutton - Trustee (from 19 January 2021)
- Sebastian Denner - Trustee (from 15 Feb 2022, after this FY)

2. Structure of the Charity

Governing Document: Constitution, latest version enacted March 2016

Charity Constitution: Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

Trustee Selection: Elected by charity members at AGM

3. The Report

This Trustee's Annual Report accompanies the accounts submitted by Cameroon Catalyst to the Charity Commission, covering the 12-month accounting period from 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021. It highlights the aims of the charity, the work we have undertaken in the period and summarises the outcomes of our efforts.

#### 4. The Charity

The object of Cameroon Catalyst is to empower village communities across east Cameroon, West Africa and improve living conditions and wellbeing, especially through the provision of water, education, health care, affordable housing, renewable energy, and microbusinesses.

Cameroon Catalyst is an international development charity, focused on promoting sustainable development in the Eastern region of Cameroon. The charity was founded in 2009 by University of Southampton students, with the aim of putting their knowledge and skills to use in improving infrastructure in the developing world. The charity brings together students, engineers and specialists to develop projects which are carefully researched, well designed and fulfil a real need.

From 2009 to 2014, Cameroon Catalyst worked in the rural village of Bambouti, in Eastern Cameroon. Careful consultation with the village was key to the development of a Medical Centre, a school, a carpentry and mechanical skills workshop and a solar-powered electrical hub, which provides sustainable electricity to the village primarily for the medical centre. A small business venture charging battery-powered lamps and mobile phones has also come about as a result.

Research conducted in 2013 showed that water and sanitation remained the major issues in the wider region around Bambouti. After careful consideration, and consultation with experts, the charity embarked in 2014 on a new five-year scheme of works, scheduled between 2017 and 2021, aimed at addressing WaSH with a range of measures, including the construction of new wells and latrines.

The Charity now operates out of three Chapters, the existing one in Southampton, and one at the University of Birmingham founded in 2016, and Imperial College London founded in 2019. Each Chapter is responsible for the research, design and delivery of a different project that falls within the current WaSH programme, detailed in the 2017-21 Business Plan. Ongoing restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic have slowed fundraising progress in the Student Teams, however the return to some on campus learning has enabled the student teams to continue elements of their design work face-to-face, the rest facilitated online.

#### 5. Charitable Activities in the period

##### Access to Water:

- In Spring 2021 the Southampton Team delivered their seventh clean water well to the village of Garoua Yaka, as selected on the 2019 Summer Trip. The Imperial Team continued the development of their rainwater capture and harvesting solution as an alternative source of clean water in the villages. They have developed a proposal for a trial scheme that will be delivered in 2022.

##### Improved Sanitation:

- The Birmingham team are reaching the end of the detailed design of their communal pit latrine which seeks to address the lack of sanitation and hygiene facilities in the region. They are also preparing to develop a trial project to be delivered in 2022.

#### Annual Student Research Trip:

- In light of the continuing COVID-19 travel restrictions and uncertainty in Africa, there was no Annual Student Research Trip in 2021. We continued to engage with our local volunteers in Cameroon to monitor the construction of the well and investigate site options for the two projects due in 2022.

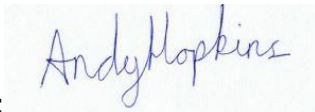
#### 6. Financial Review

Reserves Policy: Cameroon Catalyst endeavours to hold reserves to help cover the next year of charitable activity and provide contingency. The current cash reserve is £19,549.

#### 7. Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cameroon Catalyst

Signature:



Name: Andy Hopkins

Position: Treasurer

Date: 29/06/2022



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2020	To	31/08/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary - Sponsorship			-	-	-
Voluntary - Other Donations	15,926		-	15,926	4,402
Fundraising Activities	2,739		-	2,739	861
Grant Income			-	-	1,000
Gift Aid	209		-	209	605
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,874</b>	<b>6,868</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,874</b>	<b>6,868</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Well Construction	5,972	-	-	5,972	6,027

Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities (UK): Student support		-	-	-	2,121
Bank Fees	177	-	-	177	215
Insurance	3,092	-	-	3,092	-
Expenses for fundraising activities	280	-	-	280	325
Effect of currency change	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>8,688</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>8,688</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>- 1,820</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,367</b>	<b>19,187</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>19,549</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,719</b>	<b>17,367</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account: Main UK account	17,337	6,170	-
	Bank Current Account: Uni. Southampton	863	-	-
	Bank Current Account: Uni. Birmingham	1,079		
	Bank Current Account: Uni. ICL	-	1,000	-

Bank Current Account: Cameroon	-		
Cash Held in Hand	270		
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,549</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

**Unrestricted funds**      **Restricted funds**      **Endowment funds**  
to nearest £      to nearest £      to nearest £

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**


Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hopkins Treasurer	30/06/2022

**CAMEROON CATALYST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1155758

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# Accounts

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**Cameroon Catalyst**  
**Trustees' Annual Report 2019/20**



1a. Charity Details

Charity Name: Cameroon Catalyst

Registered Charity Number: 1155758

Charity Principal Address:

27 Hawker Close  
Longbridge  
Birmingham  
B31 2GU

Trustee Details

Trustees are elected for a term of three years by the Cameroon Catalyst constitution. The following trustees currently serve the charity:

- Laura Cannon – Chairperson (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Andy Hopkins – Treasurer (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Pat Mballa – Trustee and Co-Founder
- Thomas Edwards – Trustee (from 31 Aug 2020)
- Claire Gott – Trustee and Co-Founder
- Mikey Harper – Trustee (resigned September 2020)
- Charlie Steer – Trustee (resigned September 2020)

2. Structure of the Charity

Governing Document: Constitution, latest version enacted March 2016

Charity Constitution: Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

Trustee Selection: Elected by charity members at AGM

3. The Report

This Trustee's Annual Report accompanies the accounts submitted by Cameroon Catalyst to the Charity Commission, covering the 12-month accounting period from 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020. It highlights the aims of the charity, the work we have undertaken in the period and summarises the outcomes of our efforts.

#### 4. The Charity

The object of Cameroon Catalyst is to empower village communities across east Cameroon, West Africa and improve living conditions and wellbeing, especially through the provision of water, education, health care, affordable housing, renewable energy, and microbusinesses.

Cameroon Catalyst is an international development charity, focused on promoting sustainable development in the Eastern region of Cameroon. The charity was founded in 2009 by University of Southampton students, with the aim of putting their knowledge and skills to use in improving infrastructure in the developing world. The charity brings together students, engineers and specialists to develop projects which are carefully researched, well designed and fulfil a real need.

From 2009 to 2014, Cameroon Catalyst worked in the rural village of Bambouti, in Eastern Cameroon. Careful consultation with the village was key to the development of a Medical Centre, a school, a carpentry and mechanical skills workshop and a solar-powered electrical hub, which provides sustainable electricity to the village primarily for the medical centre. A small business venture charging battery-powered lamps and mobile phones has also come about as a result.

Research conducted in 2013 showed that water and sanitation remained the major issues in the wider region around Bambouti. After careful consideration, and consultation with experts, the charity embarked in 2014 on a new five-year scheme of works, scheduled between 2017 and 2021, aimed at addressing WaSH with a range of measures, including the construction of new wells and latrines.

The Charity now operates out of three Chapters, the existing one in Southampton, and one at the University of Birmingham founded in 2016, and Imperial College London founded in 2019. Each Chapter is responsible for the research, design and delivery of a different project that falls within the current WaSH programme, detailed in the 2017-21 Business Plan. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with Government guidance, in March of 2020 all three universities prematurely ended their face-to-face learning. This hugely impacted the Student teams, not least by cancelling all their in-person meetings, but also by limiting campus-based fundraising which is a big source of income for the chapters.

#### 5. Charitable Activities in the period

##### Access to Water:

- In April 2020 Southampton delivered their sixth clean water well to the village of Deoule, as selected on the 2019 Summer Trip. Imperial began researching opportunities for rainwater capture and harvesting as an alternative source of clean water in the villages.

##### Annual Student Research Trip:

- Unfortunately there was no Annual Student Research Trip in 2020, however we were successful in engaging with our local volunteers in Cameroon to collect data on project site locations and local villager opinions.

##### Improved Sanitation:

- Birmingham continued with the development of their communal pit latrine which seeks to address the lack of sanitation and hygiene facilities in the region.

## 6. Financial Review

Reserves Policy: Cameroon Catalyst endeavours to hold reserves to help cover the next year of charitable activity and provide contingency. The current cash reserve is £17,367.

## 7. Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Cameroon Catalyst

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Name: Andy Hopkins

Position: Treasurer

Date: 30/06/2021



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2019	To	31/08/2020
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary - Receipt of Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	7,500
Voluntary - Other Donations	4,402	-	-	4,402	6,475
Fundraising Activities	861	-	-	861	4,761
Grant Income	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Gift Aid	605	-	-	605	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>5,868</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,868</b>	<b>18,736</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,868</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,868</b>	<b>18,736</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Well Construction	6,027	-	-	6,027	9,080
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support	-	-	-	-	1,588
Charitable Activities (UK): Student support	2,121	-	-	2,121	-
Bank Fees	215	-	-	215	212
Insurance	-	-	-	-	3,876
Expenses for fundraising activities	325	-	-	325	222
Effect of currency change	0	-	-	0	3
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>14,981</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>14,981</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,820</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,820</b>	<b>3,755</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,017	6,170	-	19,187	15,431
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,367</b>	<b>19,186</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hopkins Treasurer	30/06/2021