

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:

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| • 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:



Name: Andy Hopkins

Position: Treasurer

Date: 30/06/2021



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cameroon Catalyst

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2019

To

31/08/2020

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,868	1,000	-	6,868	18,736
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,868	1,000	-	6,868	18,736
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Well Construction	6,027	-	-	6,027	9,080
Charitable Activities (Cameroon): Trip Support	-	-	-	-	1,588
Charitable Activities (UK): Student sup	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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,688	-	-	8,688	14,981
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,688	-	-	8,688	14,981
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,820	1,000	-	- 1,820	3,755
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,017	6,170	-	19,187	15,431
Cash funds this year end	10,197	7,170	-	17,367	19,186

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account: Main UK account	7,808	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	177		
	Cash Held in Hand	270		
	Total cash funds	10,197	7,170	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Andy Hopkins

Andy Hopkins
Treasurer

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