

Cameroon Catalyst
Trustees' Annual Report 2020/21



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) |
| ● 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and position.

Name: Andy Hopkins

Position: Treasurer

Date: 29/06/2022



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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

1/9/2020

To

31/08/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,874	-	-	18,874	6,868
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,874	-	-	18,874	6,868
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,522	-	-	9,522	8,688

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	9,522	-	-	9,522	8,688
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Net of receipts/(payments)	9,352	-	-	9,352	- 1,820
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,197	7,170	-	17,367	19,187
Cash funds this year end	19,549	7,170	-	26,719	17,367

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	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		
Total cash funds	19,549	7,170	-
(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			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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