



Trustees' Annual Report for the Period

From: 01 March 2023

To: 29 February 2024

Charity Name: Alliance for International Development (A-fID)

Charity Registration Number: 1161111

Objectives and Activities

Summary of Purposes

The Alliance for International Development (A-fID) is dedicated to fostering sustainable development through education, agriculture, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives, as well as youth-focused awareness programs. Our goal is to empower communities with the resources, knowledge, and opportunities necessary for long-term growth and resilience.

Main Activities

In 2023, our focus was on three key programs:

1. Education

- Provided private tutoring for 50 pupils, ensuring academic support over 12 months.
- Distributed conditional cash transfers to mothers, with stipulations that their children maintain 100% attendance at tutoring sessions, avoid street trading, and complete at least eight hours of home study weekly.

2. WASH Program

- Supplied water to two underserved communities, benefiting approximately 1,000 residents.

3. Youth Abusive Substance Awareness Program Pilot

- Conducted 25 visits across four provinces (North, North-West, South, and Eastern) to carry out perception surveys for our rural farmers' market access initiative.

Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees confirm compliance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in all activities.

Achievements and Performance

Key Achievements

- Enabled 50 children to access consistent private tutoring, positively impacting their academic performance and household stability.
- Improved health and quality of life for 1,000 community members through enhanced water access.
- Collected vital data through surveys, providing insights into market access challenges for rural farmers.



Challenges

2023 presented significant logistical challenges due to the election year, affecting program implementation timelines and increasing operational complexity.

Logistical Challenges

A-fID continues to face significant logistical challenges in transferring funds to Sierra Leone due to the predominantly cash-driven nature of Sierra Leone's economy. This has particularly affected the transfer of funds raised during charitable events in the UK. To manage these challenges, we have relied on friends, supporters, and trusted cash carriers to facilitate remittances and sometimes use the simplest and most reliable means for remittances. Also, remittance firms with better exchange rates like MoneyGram do not accept money transfers from business or charity accounts, leading charity to use personal accounts for transfers to Sierra Leone. For larger initiatives, such as the water well projects under our WASH program, the Founder and CEO personally oversees the delivery and disbursement of funds to ensure transparency and safety.

Recognising the need for greater efficiency and compliance, we are currently overhauling our cash handling and financial control systems. This effort is aimed at improving transparency, ensuring adherence to financial best practices, and strengthening trust with stakeholders and donors.

Personal and Organisational Challenges

In 2023, one of our trustees experienced a profound personal loss, losing both parents to cancer. This deeply impacted their ability to fully engage with the charity's activities, and we continue to offer our support during this period of mourning.

Political and Operational Challenges

The 2023 election year in Sierra Leone posed additional hurdles for our operations. Engaging with community stakeholders became increasingly challenging, as gatherings and initiatives were often politicised. This environment made it difficult to implement systemic projects effectively, leading to delays and requiring additional resources to maintain focus on our objectives.

Despite these challenges, A-fID remains committed to delivering impactful programs and has taken proactive steps to mitigate these obstacles for future projects.

Financial Review

Financial Position

The charity faced increased operational and overhead costs in 2023 due to expanded projects. As a result, no reserves were set aside for 2024. While this decision ensures the sustainability of ongoing projects, it underscores the need for improved financial planning to mitigate future risks.

Principal Sources of Funds

Funds were predominantly raised locally through successful community-driven fundraising events in Sierra Leone.

Reserves Policy

A-fID did not reserve any funds for 2024, as all resources were directed towards sustaining the charity's core activities and addressing the elevated costs of 2023.



Structure, Governance, and Management

Governing Document

A-fID operates under a constitution, registered in England and Wales and regulated by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

Constitution

The charity is structured as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Trustee Selection

Trustees are appointed based on their expertise and most importantly their commitment to advancing A-fID's mission.

Reference and Administrative Details

Principal Address**: 276 Missenden, Inville Road, London – SE17 2HY

Trustees:

1. Foday Kamara
2. Joyce Freeman
3. Fatoumata Keita

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed

Full Name: Foday Kamara

Position: Secretary

Date: 27 12 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/3/23

To

29/2/24

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					
	193,000	-	-	193,000	40,030
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	193,000	-	-	193,000	40,030
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	193,000	-	-	193,000	40,030
A3 Payments					
Water Well Construction	18,600	-	-	18,600	6,895
Youth Drugs Awareness Program	16,200	-	-	16,200	8,760
Grants for Medical Support	10,500	-	-	10,500	9,370
Conditional Cash Transfers (Pupils' Parents)	12,800	-	-	12,800	1,250
Back to School Support (50 Pupils)	15,000	-	-	15,000	4,800
Private Lessons, Education support grants for 50 pupils	27,500	-	-	27,500	7,800
Overheads (Office, Utilities, travel including purchase of vehicle)	64,000	-	-	64,000	600
Well Maintenance	3,700	-	-	3,700	-
Salaries, Expenses and Professional fees- Staff & Volunteers	23,870	-	-	23,870	-
Sub total	192,170	-	-	192,170	39,475
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	192,170	-	-	192,170	39,475
Net of receipts/(payments)	830	-	-	830	555
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	830	-	-	830	555

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	Cash at hand	950	-	-
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	-	-	-
Total cash funds	950	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Agreement Error

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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)
Vehicle	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities


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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	Foday Kamara	27-Dec-24



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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Alliance for International Development (A-IFD)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

29 February 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1161111

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Mr Idrissa Koroma

Date: 20 Dec. 2024

Name:

Mr Idrissa Koroma

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

37 Regent Road

Lumley

Freetown - Sierra Leone.

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A