



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



TANBOK Primary School,
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OUR MISSION

The Tanbok Project is a charitable organisation, based in London UK, fostering community-led sustainable development in Vanuatu.



COMMUNITY LED

We work directly with communities in Vanuatu on the development projects they choose



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We work in keeping with the UN Sustainable Development Goals



DISASTER RELIEF

We're on hand to assist with short and long-term relief when natural disasters strike

2021-22 IN REVIEW

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Tanbok Project, in which the global COVID-19 pandemic has once again delayed the progress of our next scheduled construction project at Tanbok Primary School. With Vanuatu's international borders remaining closed, and no long-term plans to re-open them published by the government, it was impossible to predict if or when the borders would reopen. Representatives from the community were presented with a number of options, ranging from postponing the project for another year to looking at an all-local construction based on our architectural partner, CAUKIN's, designs, but without in-person support from them. In the end, regrettably yet inevitably, postponement was the chosen course of action.

In the meantime, we have continued with fundraising activities and explored ideas for how to remotely work with communities - easier said than done in this part of the world and with our diametrically opposed time zones! Our other pipeline plans for construction projects - such as prototype cyclone-proof dwellings, have also been shelved, pending more certainty on the border situation.

As the current financial year draws to a close, it's a case of *deja vu*, as we once again try to evaluate prospects for the Tanbok school build going ahead in the summer 2022. Vanuatu's international borders remain closed, although the zero-Covid policy of the past two years is set to be scrapped following the first incidents of community transmission in February. What this means for the international borders remains to be seen, but prospects of resurrecting the project timeline to be on course for the July start date required by CAUKIN are rapidly diminishing. Hopefully, this time next year we can report on a brighter outlook!

OUTLOOK FOR NEXT YEAR

With prospects for the Tanbok school construction being able to take place in 2022 rapidly diminishing, and with two trustees welcoming new little ones into the world, the year is set to be a quieter one for the Tanbok Project. We will endeavour to -

- Maintain ongoing fundraising activities;
- Keep in touch with Tanbok Primary School, and develop a timeline for construction to begin in 2023;
- Consider feasibility of completing the prototype cyclone dwelling project also in 2023, including raising the necessary funds;
- Continue to be a voice for Vanuatu in the UK and a point of contact between the two nations.



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FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS

The period between 2021-22 saw many aspects of life in the UK gradually return to (a new) normal. Even so, as the threat of lockdowns diminished, COVID-19 transmission has continued, so large in-person events have remained inappropriate.

Nevertheless, we raised a respectable £5,000 to go towards next year's projects. Nearly £2k of this was raised by our fabulous Virtual London Marathon runners (pictured above) - huge thanks to Nicole, Tom and Emily for their heroic efforts in running the race and raising a fantastic amount. Our Chair Rachel and her sister Helen opted to cut off several feet of hair (donated to the Princess Trust) in return for sponsorship, raising nearly £1k in the process. The remainder came from donations received through an online campaign on the anniversary of Cyclone Harold, regular donations received directly from supporters, and running sessions as part of CAUKIN's virtual summer schools in return for donations.

Unfortunately, our main online fundraising platform, Virgin Money Giving, closed down in 2021, which is a great loss and will require us to seek an alternative over the following year. Please bear with us while we get this sorted.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated over the year. We look forward to sharing with you the impact these donations have made. Please get in contact if you too would like to set up a regular monthly or annual donation.

COVID-19 IMPACT

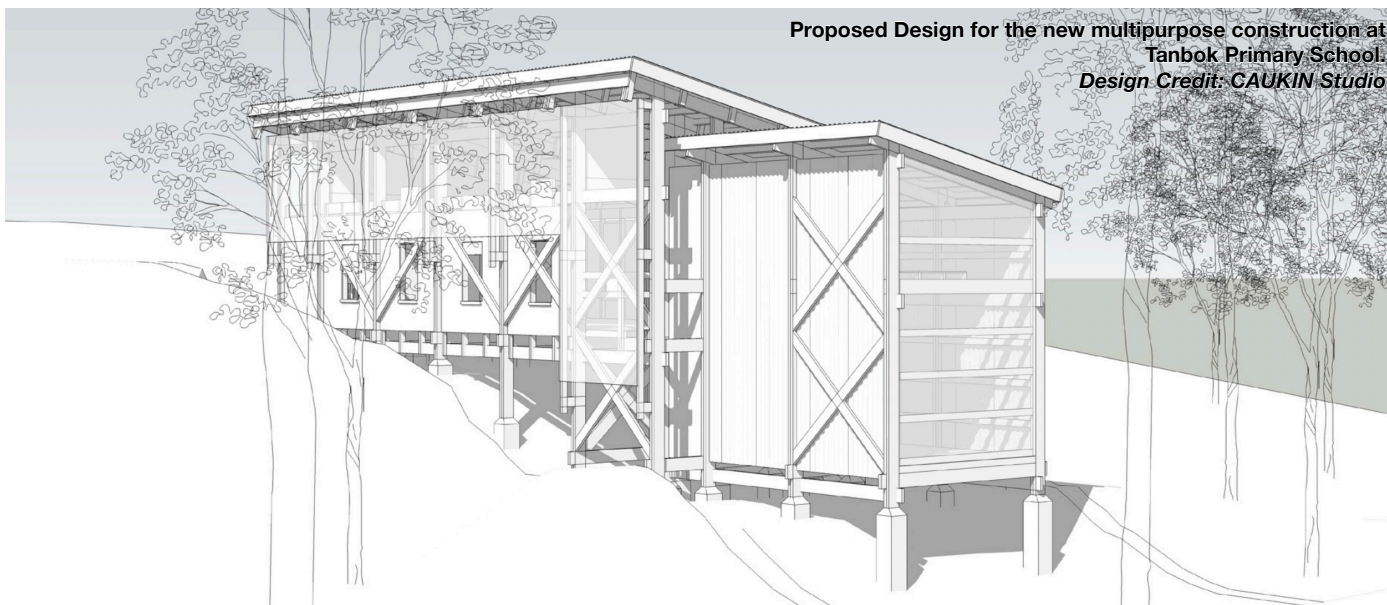
COVID19 continued to place limitations on our ability to fundraise: for example, our monthly pub quizzes are a thing of the past, and the pipe dream of a return of the Gala Dinner remains just that. But it has been COVID-19 international travel restrictions that truly grounded our ability to deliver our projects.

In March 2022, COVID19 finally escaped the quarantine system in Vanuatu and entered the community. Fatalities are on the rise as transmission enters a period of exponential growth. Thanks to a moderately successful vaccine roll out, there is some immunity in the population, but nevertheless our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected. As Vanuatu moves out of its zero-COVID phase, it is unclear if or when borders will reopen, but we will be ready to resume our plans once they do.



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Proposed Design for the new multipurpose construction at
Tanbok Primary School.
Design Credit: CAUKIN Studio



PIPELINE PROJECTS

Many of our followers will be aware that the proposed Tanbok School library build has been in development for many years and faced many challenges. First scheduled for 2015, it was initially postponed due to Cyclone Pam, with the school all but razed to the ground. Then were the years of trying to find design partners who could upgrade the plans in order to maximise the longevity of the construction, as well as meeting the ever greater needs of the school. Then, due to the complexity of the design, came the decision to pilot some ideas in Ranwas first - the less hostile climate equating to a simpler project. Then came the dual disasters of the COVID-19 pandemic and Cyclone Harold, resulting in further delays and even greater damage to the school. Tentatively earmarked for summer 2022, it looks as though the project might be destined for yet another year of delay. We hope to bring you more promising news on this

Other projects in the pipeline have also stalled due to the uncertainty regarding COVID-19 travel restrictions into Vanuatu. Stalled, but not forgotten, these include requests we have received for support with buildings repair at various schools on Pentecost and Santo, a return to Ranwas to evaluate the performance of the classroom and library from 2019, as well as the potential high-impact prototype cyclone housing project.

Cyclone-proof housing is a vital step on the road to Vanuatu becoming more resilient to the ever-growing threat of extreme weather events, brought about by the Climate Emergency. We believe we can design and build a prototype cyclone-proof dwelling for the same cost as the average 'permanent house' currently favoured by Vanuatu's self-builders (ie the entire non-urban population!). We would deliver the build as a training-program for local people, enabling them to emulate the design and techniques in the construction of their own homes.

It would be fantastic to be able to secure the funding over the next year to be able to deliver these projects in 2023.



WITH THANKS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all fundraisers and donors who have enabled us to continue with our mission in Vanuatu. We thank the communities in Vanuatu for their co-operation, dependability and inspiration. And we thank our board of trustees and affiliates for their energy, time, ideas and contributions that form the bedrock of our organisation.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/04/2021

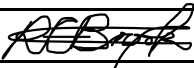

To

31/03/2022

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					
Donations	2,258	-	-	2,258	7,912
Pub Quiz events	-	-	-	-	273
Amazon Cashback	14	-	-	14	13
Gift Aid	203	-	-	203	612
Fundraising Events	2,376	-	-	2,376	394
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,851	-	-	4,851	9,205
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,851	-	-	4,851	9,205
A3 Payments					
London Marathon fee	84	-	-	84	-
Ranwas build expenses (petty cash loan repayment)	200	-	-	200	-
Website fees	160	-	-	160	362
Cyclone relief	-	-	-	-	3,890
Research and publicity (Cyclone Harold)	-	-	-	-	881
Bank account fees (international)	-	-	-	-	25
Architect and engineer design fees	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	444	-	-	444	5,659
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	444	-	-	444	5,659
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,407	-	-	4,407	3,546
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,919	-	-	24,919	21,373
Cash funds this year end	29,326	-	-	29,326	24,919

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 funds - banked	29,326	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,326	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Rachel Brooks	29/01/2023
			Sheila Norrie	29/01/2023