

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162815

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-07-23

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO BRING SUSTAINABLE IMPROVED DRINKING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN SUB-SAHARAN WEST AFRICA TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACCESS TO ONLY UNIMPROVED FACILITIES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO IMPROVED DRINKING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE THROUGH APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES AND EDUCATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR THE SAVING OF LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. DEFINITIONS:FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "UNIMPROVED SANITATION" MEANS OPEN DEFECACTION: WHEN HUMAN FAECES ARE DISPOSED OF IN FIELDS, FORESTS, BUSHES, OPEN BODIES OF WATER, BEACHES OR OTHER OPEN SPACES OR DISPOSED OF WITH SOLID WASTE.UNIMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES DO NOT ENSURE HYGIENIC SEPARATION OF HUMAN EXCRETA FROM HUMAN CONTACT. UNIMPROVED FACILITIES INCLUDE PIT LATRINES WITHOUT A SLAB OR PLATFORM, HANGING LATRINES AND BUCKET LATRINES.SHARED SANITATION FACILITIES: SANITATION FACILITIES OF AN OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE TYPE SHARED BETWEEN TWO OR MORE HOUSEHOLDS. ONLY FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT SHARED OR NOT PUBLIC ARE CONSIDERED IMPROVED.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "IMPROVED SANITATION" MEANSIMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES: ARE LIKELY TO ENSURE HYGIENIC SEPARATION OF HUMAN EXCRETA FROM HUMAN CONTACT. THEY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES: FLUSH/POUR FLUSH TO: PIPED SEWER SYSTEM, SEPTIC TANK, PIT LATRINE, VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT (VIP) LATRINE, PIT LATRINE WITH SLAB, COMPOSTING TOILET.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "UNIMPROVED DRINKING WATER" MEANSUNPROTECTED DUG WELL, UNPROTECTED SPRING, CART WITH SMALL TANK/DRUM, SURFACE WATER, BOTTLED WATER (BOTTLED WATER IS CONSIDERED TO BE IMPROVED ONLY WHEN THE HOUSEHOLD USES WATER FROM ANOTHER IMPROVED SOURCE FOR COOKING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE). SURFACE DRINKING-WATER SOURCES: RIVER, DAM, LAKE, POND, STREAM, CANAL, IRRIGATION CHANNELS.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "IMPROVED DRINKING WATER" MEANSPUBLIC TAPS OR STANDPIPES, TUBE WELLS OR BOREHOLES, PROTECTED DUG WELLS, PROTECTED SPRINGS, RAINWATER COLLECTION. PIPED HOUSEHOLD WATER CONNECTION LOCATED INSIDE THE USER'S DWELLING, PLOT OR YARD.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY (AT)" MEANSAT IS TECHNOLOGY THAT IS DESIGNED TO BE "APPROPRIATE" TO THE CONTEXT OF ITS USE. TYPICAL ATS MAY BE MORE LABOUR INTENSIVE BUT REQUIRE FEWER RESOURCES, AND USE LOW COST AND READILY AVAILABLE MATERIALS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Activities: Fountain of Life exists to bring sustainable safe drinking water, improved hygiene, and sanitation to those who have access to only unimproved facilities through appropriate technologies and education. Focusing mainly but not exclusively on Sub-Saharan West Africa.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Senegal

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,723	£20,453	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,137	£28,071	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,898	£16,448	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,423	£10,735	-	-
2021-03-31	£7,203	£6,923	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK PROVIS		2018-08-01
PETER WHITBY		2015-06-01
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Rachel Ann Lambert		2018-08-01

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Mark Provis	Chair		
Peter Whitby	Treasurer		
Rachel Lambert	Secretary		

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Definitions

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Team Visits

Due to financial restraints and work commitments no field visits were made during this period.

Ziguinchor Team/Boreholes

The team is still going strong with Balde & Jean-Claude leading things in Ziguinchor and Parfait overseeing and offering technical advice when needed remotely. Saloum continues to carry out water quality testing.

The Boring Project continues at an average rate of 10 new borehole installations each month. The total number of FoL boreholes is now 400 which equates to over 40,000 people being supplied with water!

Regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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The trustees have calculated the level of reserves to be 25% of the previous financial year operating costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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As we do not have any core costs (salaries, rent, utilities etc.) the vast majority of our expenditure during the period of 2024/2025, was on project costs that directly support the key objectives of FoL such as materials, monitoring and evaluation. The remainder was spent on marketing/publicity, subscriptions, training, and fundraising.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Provis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

03/11/2025

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Current Assets					
Cash at bank	£6,018	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544
General Fund					
Fund brought forward	£10,240	£5,845	£4,232	£6,544	£6,264
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£3,450	£10,240	£5,845	£-2,312	£280
Restricted Fund					
Fund brought forward	£58	£-2,395	£3,000	£0	£1,690
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£-7,730	£58	£-2,395	£3,000	£-1,690
Total	£6,018	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544

Signed



Peter Whitby (Treasurer)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2025 Total Funds	31st March 2024 Total Funds	31st March 2023 Total Funds	31st March 2022 Total Funds
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Legacies and similar resources						
Voluntary donations	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923
Legacies						
Grants receivable						
From other bodies						
Other grants receivable						
Total donations and legacies	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923
Operating Activities						
Activities for generating funds						
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives						
Total Operating Activities						
Investment income						
Other incoming resources						
Total Incoming resources	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)
General Fund												
Unrestricted giving	£6,534	£3,113	£3,421	£12,193	£8,626	£3,565	£7,796	£1,001	£6,795	£8,423	£9,742	-£1,319
Payments directly for Charitable purposes												
Tax refunds												
Bank charges												
Interest received												
Accountancy												
Travel expenses		£69			£557			£950			£993	
Total	£6,534	£3,182	£3,352	£12,193	£9,185	£3,008	£7,796	£1,951	£5,845	£8,423	£10,735	-£2,312
Restricted Fund										£3,000	£0	£3,000
Payments directly for Charitable purposes	£6,189	£17,271	-£11,082	£11,944	£18,886	£58	£12,102	£14,497	-£2,395			
Total for the year	£12,723	£20,453	-£7,730	£24,137	£28,071	£3,066	£19,898	£16,448	£3,450	£11,423	£10,735	£688
Fund balances brought forward			£6,748			£10,682			£7,232	£6,544		
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024			-£982			£13,748			£10,682	£7,232		

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Team visits

Mark travelled to Ziguinchor from the 21st of September to the 3rd of October 2023. The main purpose of this visit (other than encouraging the team) was to train Craig Timmerman to test the water quality of our boreholes. This would mean that a continuous programme of testing can take place rather than just twice a year when Mark visits. Unfortunately for us during this visit Parfait, the team leader, informed us that he would be moving to France (with his French wife) in the not-too-distant future. Much of the remainder of this visit was spent making plans for Parfait's departure and how this would impact the team.

Mark made a second trip to Ziguinchor from 12th to the 22nd March 2024. The water quality testing by Craig Timmerman didn't work out so three days were spent training Saloum Coly to replace him. Saloum has now become an important part of team ensuring water safety and advising when extra steps such as filtration need to be used before drinking. We also handed over leadership responsibilities from Parfait to Jean-Claude and Baldé.

Ziguinchor Team/Boreholes

The team, led by Parfait, are still going strong.

Project 100 came to an end. Aiming to install 100 new boreholes in a period of 12 months (September 2022 – August 2023) we smashed our target by constructing 111 boreholes providing an estimated 10,000 people with access to safely managed water. This also brought the total number of FoL boreholes to 300 which equates to over 30,000 people being supplied with water!

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Provis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

28/09/2024

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Current Assets					
Cash at bank	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544	£6,264
General Fund					
Fund brought forward	£5,845	£4,232	£6,544	£6,264	£5,151
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£10,240	£5,845	-£2,312	£280	-£577
Restricted Fund					
Fund brought forward	-£2,395	£3,000	£0	£1,690	£0
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£58	-£2,395	£3,000	-£1,690	£1,690
Total	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544	£6,245

Signed



Peter Whitby (Treasurer)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2024 Total Funds	31st March 2023 Total Funds	31st March 2022 Total Funds	31st March 2021 Total Funds
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Legacies and similar resources						
Voluntary donations	£12,193	£11,944	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923	£7,203
Legacies						
Grants receivable						
From other bodies						
Other grants receivable						
Total donations and legacies	£12,193	£11,944	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923	£7,203
Operating Activities						
Activities for generating funds						
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives						
Total Operating Activities						
Investment income						
Other incoming resources						
Total Incoming resources	£12,193	£11,944	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923	£7,203

Resources expended

Costs of generating funds

Costs of generating voluntary donations	£2,185		£2,185			
Charitable expenditure	£7,000	£11,886	£18,886	£16,448	£10,735	£280
Grants payable						
To other charities						
Other grants payable						

Activities in furtherance of charity/s objectives

Governance costs				£0	£0	£0
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Other resources expended

Total resources expended	£9,185	£11,886	£21,071	£16,448	£10,735	£280
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers

Gross transfer between funds	£3,008	£58	£3,066	£3,450	£-2,312	£250
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of own fixed assets

Gains/(losses) on revaluation and disposal of investment assets			£3,066		£-2,312	£280
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Net movement of funds

					£688	£280
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Fund balances brought forward

	£10,077	£605	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544	£6,264
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Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024

	£13,085	£663	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544
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Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2024

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General Fund												
Unrestricted giving	£12,193	£8,626	£3,565	£7,796	£1,001	£6,795	£8,423	£9,742	£-1,319	£6,216	£6,923	£-707
Payments directly for Charitable purposes												
Tax refunds										£987		
Bank charges												
Interest received												
Accountancy												
Travel expenses		£557			£950			£993				
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For the purpose of this clause 'Unimproved Drinking Water' includes: unprotected dug well; unprotected spring; cart with small tank/drum; surface water; bottled water (bottled water is considered to be improved only when the household uses water from another improved source for cooking and personal hygiene). Surface drinking-water sources include: river; dam; lake; pond; stream; canal; and irrigation channels.

For the purpose of this clause 'Improved Drinking Water' means public taps or standpipes; tube wells or boreholes; protected dug wells; protected springs; rainwater collection; piped household water connection located inside the user's dwelling, plot or yard.

For the purpose of this clause 'Appropriate Technology (AT)' means technology that is designed to be "appropriate" to the context of its use. Typical AT's may be more labour intensive but require fewer resources, and use low cost and readily available materials wherever possible.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Website / Social media

We have now switched to the new website. The transition was seamless, and we have received lots of positive feedback. We are still struggling to grow our social media, but we do have a presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

SWIDN (South West International Development Network)

The accelerator scheme has now come to an end, but we remain a member of SWIDN.

Team visits

Mark travelled to Ziguinchor from the 28th of April to the 12th of May. As well as spending time encouraging the team, we were able to continue testing the water quality of our boreholes. Results are very good!

Mark spent the 7th to the 24th of November in Ziguinchor. He was able to take a water level dip meter with him. The dip meter is used to measure the depth of the water table and should prove useful for monitoring how the depth of the water table varies around the area and how it fluctuates throughout the year. More water quality tests were carried out alongside the depth measurements.

Mark and Rachel (accompanied by Dave Lambert) travelled to Senegal from the 20th to the 30th of March. The trip served two purposes. The first was so that Rachel could visit Ziguinchor to meet the installation team and see the work that we do first hand. Rachel was able to meet all of the team (except Souleymane who was in Gambia) and be present for the installation of a borehole from start to finish. The second purpose of the trip was to help organise the filming of our promotional film. We met with Harrison Thane who spent two and a half days with us filming the installation team and some of our beneficiaries. We are particularly grateful to Help Film (RCN 1189012, <https://helpfilm.org/>) who funded this film project and found the filmmaker on our behalf.

Ziguinchor Team/Boreholes

The team, led by Parfait, are still going strong. As part of Project 100 we have now been able to purchase an off-road motorbike. This makes Parfaits job visiting beneficiaries and maintenance call-outs much easier and he is very happy.

In September we launched Project 100 aiming to install 100 new boreholes in a period of 12 months. By the end of March we had completed 67 of the 100 boreholes providing an estimated 6,700 people with access to safely managed water. This also brought the total number of FoL boreholes to 216 which equates to over 20,000 people being supplied with water! Funding for this project proves to be challenging still. At the end of March we had only raised £11,940 of the budgeted £35,000.

Regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In making decisions concerning the public benefit the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Ziguinchor team have demonstrated the capacity to install 10-15 new boreholes per month. Our challenge is to find the level of funding to match their capability (£1,800 - £2,700 per month).

If more funding can be found, we could easily expand the work from one team to two teams with Parfait taking on more of a manager role and doing less hands-on work.

We want to recognise the work of Susie Spencer. She continues to enthusiastically fundraise and spread the word about FoL on our behalf in some very creative ways. We also want to thank Alice Hall for serving as the Chair of Trustees until stepping down in November 2022.

Section D Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees' policy is not to hold capital reserves, although inevitably some balances may be held over the financial year end, where expenditure has been planned but not completed.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our funds come from a combination of individual donors (one-off and repeat donations) and small grants from trusts and foundations.

As we do not have any core costs (salaries, rent, utilities etc.) the vast majority of our expenditure (95.5%) during the period of 2022/2023, was on project costs that directly support the key objectives of FoL such as materials, vehicles, monitoring and evaluation. The remaining 4.5% was spent on marketing/publicity, subscriptions, training, and fundraising.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Provis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

24/07/2023

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544	£6,264
General Fund				
Fund brought forward	£4,232	£6,544	£6,264	£5,151
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£5,845	-£2,312	£280	-£577
Restricted Fund				
Fund brought forward	£3,000	£0	£1,690	£0
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-£2,395	£3,000	-£1,690	£1,690
Total	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544	£6,245

Signed



Peter Whitby (Treasurer)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2023 Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2022 Total Funds	31st March 2021 Total Funds
Incoming Resources							
Donations, Legacies and similar resources							
Voluntary donations	£7,796	£12,102	£19,898	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203
Legacies							
Grants receivable							
From other bodies							
Other grants receivable							
Total donations and legacies	£7,796	£12,102	£19,898	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203
Operating Activities							
Activities for generating funds							
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives							
Total Operating Activities							
Investment income							
Other incoming resources							
Total Incoming resources	£7,796	£12,102	£19,898	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203

Resources expended

Costs of generating funds

Costs of generating voluntary
donations

Charitable expenditure	£1,951	£14,497	£16,448	£10,735	£0	£10,735	£280
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Grants payable
To other charities

Other grants payable

Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
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Governance costs
Other resources expended

Total resources expended	£1,951	£14,497	£16,448	£10,735	£0	£10,735	£280
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	£5,845	-£2,395	£3,450	-£2,312	£0	-£2,312	£250
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Gross transfer between funds

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources				-£2,312	£0	-£2,312	£280
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of own
fixed assets
Gains/(losses) on revaluation and
disposal of

investment assets

Net movement of funds				£688	£0	£688	£280
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Fund balances brought forward	£3,732	£3,500	£7,232	£3,044	£3,500	£6,544	£6,264
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Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2023	£9,577	£1,105	£10,682	£3,732	£3,500	£7,232	£6,544
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Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)
General Fund												
Unrestricted giving	£7,796	£1,001	£6,795	£8,423	£9,742	£-1,319	£6,216	£6,923	£-707	£3,437	£3,577	£-140
Payments directly for Charitable purposes												
Tax refunds							£987					
Bank charges												
Interest received												
Accountancy												
Travel expenses		£950			£993						£437	
Total	£7,796	£1,951	£5,845	£8,423	£10,735	£-2,312	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£3,437	£4,014	£-577
Restricted Fund				£3,000	£0	£3,000	£0			£1,690		
Payments directly for Charitable purposes	£12,102	£14,497	£-2,395									
Total for the year	£19,898	£16,448	£3,450	£11,423	£10,735	£688	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£5,127	£4,014	£-577
Fund balances brought forward			£7,232	£6,544			£6,264			£5,151		
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2023			£10,682	£7,232			£6,544			£6,264		

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162815

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Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2022

Trustees Alice Hall Peter Whitby Rachael Lambert
Mark Provis

Administrators Peter Whitby Mark Provis

Objects For the public benefit, to bring sustainable improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in particular but not exclusively in Sub-Saharan West Africa to those who have access to only unimproved facilities, in particular but not exclusively by providing access to improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene through appropriate technologies and education for the advancement of health or the saving of lives in accordance with Christian principles.

Bankers Barclays Bank

The period of 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 saw a continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thankfully conditions did not restrict work of the team on the ground in Senegal too much. The Senegalese borders remained closed to non-residents but the team were able to continue working due to lockdown restrictions being eased. Despite the difficulties and inconveniences they faced, the team remained positive and motivated.

After restarting activities in November 2020, the team carried this momentum into 2021 and by December 2021 they had completed our 100th borehole. By March 31st 2022 the total number of boreholes had reached 128, a massive improvement on the 37 boreholes we had completed at the end of March 2021.

Autonomy / Materials

After operating independently of H2O International for longer than a year now and completing so many more boreholes the team are more than competent and confident in their abilities. We have a core team consisting of three Senegalese and two Gambians and few experienced 'nomads' that the team can call on if necessary. In recent months higher quality materials have become available in Ziguinchor. This means that we can now buy everything we need locally. However, the supply chain does occasionally let us down. When this occurs, we can still buy materials from H2O International and our relationship with them remains good.

Project 52

On the 1st of January 2021 we launched Project 52 with the ambitious goal of funding and installing 52 new boreholes in Senegal during the year 2021. By the end of the year, we had completed 67 boreholes and the project was fully funded.

SWIDN

In April 2021 Mark started the Accelerator programme offered by South West International Development Network (SWIDN). It runs over two years, and offers online training, working groups, resources etc. for charities based in

the Southwest (<https://www.swidn.org.uk/>). In the last year Mark has participated in online workshops/training on subjects including Action Learning Sets, building financial capacity, and monitoring and evaluation. They also matched Mark with a mentor (founder & director of Legs for Africa) for a period of six months. As well as being a great learning experience Mark has also made many new southwest based contacts.

Team visit

In November 2021 the Senegalese borders reopened to non-residents. Mark was able to travel to Senegal to visit the team in December 2021 (the last visit was pre-pandemic in February 2020). As well as spending time with the team he was finally able to deliver the water quality testing kit and run the first tests. As expected, initial tests indicated that our protected boreholes do indeed provide a safe source of water especially when compared to unprotected community wells.

Website

At the end of 2021 we were approached by a graphic designer, Andy Fox, through the website pimpmymycause.com. Andy offered his services to help redesign our website free of charge. We have been working together on the new design and hope to have it finished and make the switch when the current website subscription expires at the end of June 2022. There is a possibility that we may continue to partner with him to try and grow our online presence and build our newsletter mailing list.

Project 100

In February 2022 we sent out 100 letters to different trusts requesting funding for Project 100. Project 100 will officially launch in September 2022 and we aim to raise £35,000 to fund 100 boreholes. To date we have received a total of £3,500 in funding for the project from two different trusts.

The Trustees' policy is not to hold capital reserves, although inevitably some balances are held over the financial year end, where expenditure has been planned but not completed.

For the trustees



Mark Provis

24th June 2022

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Current Assets	£	£	£
Cash at bank	7232	6544	6264
Total			
General Fund			
Fund brought forward	6544	6264	5151
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-2312	280	-577
Restricted Fund			
Fund brought forward	0	1690	0
Surplus (deficit) for the year	3000	-1690	1690
Total	7232	6544	6245

Signed



Peter Whitby

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)
General Fund									
Unrestricted giving	8423	9742	-1319	£6,216	£6,923	-£707	£3,437	£3,577	-£140
Payments directly for Charitable purposes									
Tax refunds				£987					
Bank charges									
Interest received									
Accountancy									
Travel expenses		993						£437	
Total	8423	10735	-2312	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£3,437	£4,014	-£577
Restricted Fund	3000	0	3000	£0			£1,690		
Total for the year	11423	10735	688	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£5,127	£4,014	-£577
Fund balances brought forward	£6,544			£6,264			£5,151		
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2021	£7,232			£6,544			£6,264		

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ending 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2022 Total Funds	31st March 2021 Total Funds
Incoming Resources				
Donations, Legacies and similar resources				
Voluntary donations	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203
Legacies				
Grants receivable				
From other bodies				
Other grants receivable				
Total donations and legacies	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203
Operating Activities				
Activities for generating funds				
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives				
Total Operating Activities				
Investment income				
Other incoming resources				
Total Incoming resources	£8,423	£3,500	£11,923	£7,203
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary donations				
Charitable expenditure	£10,735	£0	£10,735	£280
Grants payable				
To other charities				
Other grants payable				
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives	£0	£0	£0	£0
Governance costs				
Other resources expended				
Total resources expended	£10,735	£0	£10,735	£280
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	-£2,312	£0	-£2,312	£250
Gross transfer between funds				
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	-£2,312	£0	-£2,312	£280
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of own fixed assets				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation and disposal of investment assets				
Net movement of funds	£688	£0	£688	£280
Fund balances brought forward	£6,544	£0	£6,544	£6,264
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2020	£7,232	£0	£7,232	£6,544

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

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Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

Trustees	Alice Hall Mark Provis	Peter Whitby	Rachael Lambert
Administrators	Peter Whitby	Mark Provis	
Objects	For the public benefit, to bring sustainable improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in particular but not exclusively in Sub-Saharan West Africa to those who have access to only unimproved facilities, in particular but not exclusively by providing access to improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene through appropriate technologies and education for the advancement of health or the saving of lives in accordance with Christian principles.		
Bankers	Barclays Bank		

The period of 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 has been difficult for Fountain of Life due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and as a result our activities have been greatly restricted. The Senegalese borders remain closed to non-residents so we haven't been able to visit the drilling team since the last visit in February 2020. However, despite these difficulties, the team remains positive and motivated. Mark is in contact with the team leader Parfait Tendeng several times a week.

After yet another very long pause in activity the drilling team were able to recommence work when restrictions on movement were relaxed in November 2020. Between November 2020 and the end of March 2021 another 15 boreholes had been installed bringing our total to 37.

These 15 new boreholes were a good test for the drilling team as in November 2020 we parted ways with H2O International (at their request) and have since been working independently. We still buy materials from H2O International and our relationship with them remains good.

In November 2020 we purchased a water testing kit (as discussed during the 2019/2020 AGM) so that we will be able to test and monitor the quality of the water provided by our boreholes. We will also be able to test other sources of water as a comparison.

On the 1st of January 2021 we launched Project 52 with the ambitious goal of funding and installing 52 new boreholes in Senegal during the year 2021.

We were able to buy the drilling team in Ziguinchor a much-needed TafTaf in January 2021. Having their own form of transport has made their job much easier being able to transport materials, and the team, where and when they need to without the hassle of having to hire a vehicle each time.



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In March 2021 we (Mark) signed up for a free capacity building programme being offered by South West International Development Network (SWIDN). It runs over two years, starting from the end of April, and offers online training, working groups, resources etc. for charities based in the Southwest (<https://www.swidn.org.uk/>).

Mark also had the opportunity to teach two sessions on the Discipleship Training School (DTS) at Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Bridges of Life, Saint Hippolyte du Fort, France. He taught on session about the water crisis and household water treatment and storage and a second session about hand washing and how to construct Tippy Taps. The DTS team then took what they had learnt on outreach to Guatemala where they shared with different groups of people.

During the last 12 months we have continued to try and grow our online presence to reach more people through the website and social media.

We have also continued to build and maintain links with people we have previously worked with in the field.

The Trustees' policy is not to hold capital reserves, although inevitably some balances are held over the financial year end, where expenditure has been planned but not completed.

For the trustees

Mark Provis

13th July 2021

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
Current Assets	£	£
Cash at bank	6544	6264
Total		
General Fund		
Fund brought forward	6264	5151
Surplus (deficit) for the year	280	-577
Restricted Fund		
Fund brought forward	1690	0
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-1690	1690
Total	6544	6245

Signed



Peter Whitby

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
			Surplus			Surplus
	Income	Expenditure	(Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	(Deficit)
General Fund						
Unrestricted giving	£6,216	£6,923	-£707	£3,437	£3,577	-£140
Payments directly for Charitable purposes						
Tax refunds	£987					
Bank charges						
Interest received						
Accountancy						
Travel expenses					£437	
Total	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£3,437	£4,014	-£577
Restricted Fund	£0			£1,690		
Total for the year	£7,203	£6,923	£280	£5,127	£4,014	-£577
Fund balances brought forward	£6,264			£5,151		
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2021	£6,544			£6,264		

Fountain of Life

Charity Number 1162815

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ending 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2021 Total Funds	31st March 2020 Total Funds
Incoming Resources				
Donations, Legacies and similar resources				
Voluntary donations	£7,203	£0	£7,203	£5,127
Legacies				
Grants receivable				
From other bodies				
Other grants receivable				
Total donations and legacies	£7,203	£0	£7,203	£5,127
Operating Activities				
Activities for generating funds				
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives				
Total Operating Activities				
Investment income				
Other incoming resources				
Total Incoming resources	£7,203	£0	£7,203	£5,127
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary donations				
Charitable expenditure	£5,233	£1,690	£280	£4,014
Grants payable				
To other charities				
Other grants payable				
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives	£0	£0	£0	£0
Governance costs				
Other resources expended				
Total resources expended	£5,233	£1,690	£280	£4,014
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	£1,970	£1,690	£280	£1,113
Gross transfer between funds				
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	£1,970	£1,690	£280	£1,113
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of own fixed assets				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation and disposal of investment assets				
Net movement of funds	£1,970	£1,690	£280	£1,113
Fund balances brought forward	£4,574	£1,690	£6,264	£5,151
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2020	£6,544	£0	£6,544	£6,246