

Annual Report

Blue Dragon UK

Support for children in crisis

January - December 2020



Introduction

Thanks to the donation of **29,713** GBP from Blue Dragon UK, Blue Dragon has been able to continue our mission to end human trafficking in Vietnam and provide exceptional care to street children and other children in crisis in Hanoi. This report summarises the highlights of the work Blue Dragon UK's contribution has made possible between January-December 2020.



The emotional reunion of a young trafficking survivor with her father

By the numbers

From January - December 2020, funds raised by Blue Dragon UK has enabled Blue Dragon Vietnam to:

- Approach 156 new children on the streets of Hanoi and reunite 57 children with their families.

- Assist 33 former street children to attend vocational training and help 11 of them to get a job.
- Rescue 77 survivors of human trafficking from China and assist another 215 people to return to Vietnam after their rescue by authorities.
- Represent 22 victims of trafficking in 12 court cases, resulting in gaol sentences for 18 traffickers.
- Provide long-term safe accommodation for 23 women and girl survivors of human trafficking or child sexual abuse in Hanoi.
- Assist 20 survivors of trafficking or child abuse to return to school and 13 survivors of trafficking to access vocational training.
- Assist 11 survivors of trafficking to get a job.

Anti-human trafficking

Despite crisis being at the heart of Blue Dragon's daily work, this year presented us with challenges we have never faced before: a global healthy pandemic right on Vietnam's doorstep.

The Vietnamese government responded quickly to the virus, closing schools and most businesses very early. This successfully controlled the spread of the virus, but has caused higher vulnerability for Vietnamese women and girls. Victims were trapped in China, in abusive and exploitative situations, for months due to COVID related travel restrictions. We continue to receive a higher number of calls for rescue, but rescue operations are still difficult because the border is still closed.

Despite this, over the main crisis period, Blue Dragon set free 77 women from their captors and assisted 215 more people who were found in China by authorities to safely return to Vietnam. All survivors rescued had to go to compulsory quarantine, meaning a delay before we could provide emergency care, counselling and legal advice. Blue Dragon psychologists and social workers kept contact with survivors during the quarantine period via phone, but there is no doubt this is not an ideal situation. In addition, due to COVID-19 control measures in China, Chinese authorities are finding a high number of trafficking victims and returning them to Vietnam. This has meant a much higher number of victims needing support with repatriation, putting a lot of strain on our services. In addition, many of these victims have been in highly exploitative and abusive situations for a very long time in China; up to 30 years! Thus, on their return, many have very complex trauma, no connection with their family or others in the community, and often serious health issues or disabilities as a result of their experiences. These women need very intensive assistance. Blue Dragon is committed to assisting all survivors who need our help and have recently

hired an additional staff member to ensure we can meet the increasing and increasingly complex demands.

Following rescue, Blue Dragon continues to provide comprehensive assistance for survivors to recover, and rebuild their lives. COVID-19 meant that many survivors lost their jobs or were unable to attend vocational training for months. However, thankfully the Vietnamese government was successful in controlling the virus, so the economy has now reopened to an extent. We are very proud that most of the young women who lost their jobs were able to find new ones, or return once the businesses reopened. In the second half of the year, we have again been able to assist young women into vocational training and jobs.

Support for Street Children and other Children in Crisis in Hanoi

COVID-19 has also increased the demand for our services for street children. Teenaged children, and in some cases whole families have come to Hanoi in search of income as many jobs in rural areas such as tourism, construction and manufacturing have disappeared due to the pandemic. Blue Dragon outreach workers have been meeting almost double the number of children on the streets, and here too the 'clients' have more complex issues. We are now meeting more younger children, children with intellectual disabilities or mental health problems, and children who have experienced very significant trauma.

The Blue Dragon Outreach team continued to go out on the streets looking for homeless children every night and, at the height of the pandemic, also in the daytime. This street outreach work allowed us to identify new 'hotspots' for homelessness in Hanoi. In light of this increased need, our outreach work has now expanded to these new areas, in addition to locations where children have traditionally sought shelter. One new hotspot is in the southern part of the city where the buses from poor, mountainous provinces arrive in the province. Criminal adults, including pedophiles, wait at the bus station and offer newly arrived children a job or a place to stay. In reality, these jobs don't exist or involve criminal activity and the place to stay involves sexual abuse. Our outreach team are working in this area to develop relationships with trusted adults, including police, and to try to meet the children before they end up in trouble. We have started a weekly football game in this area to connect in a non-threatening way with children, and build trust. Our work here will expand in coming months.

Story of transformation

Cam Tu was about to turn 16 when she was trafficked and forced to marry a stranger. The teenager comes from a little town in a northern Vietnamese province that borders China. One day, she went out with a friend, and they met four boys.

Coming from their same town, the boys seemed friendly and relatable, so Cam Tu and her friend exchanged phone numbers with them and, a few days later, accepted their invitation to spend some time together.

What seemed like an enjoyable afternoon at first quickly became the beginning of a terrifying two-year ordeal. The boys took Cam Tu and her friend across the border and sold them as brides. For over two years, Cam Tu was locked inside a house, unable to

escape. During that time, she gave birth to a baby girl, and shortly after became pregnant a second time.

At great risk, she contacted Blue Dragon, and she was rescued and reunited with her family in August 2019.

When she went into labor a few months later, sadly, her baby was stillborn. To recover from her loss, Cam Tu decided to start a new life in Hanoi, with support from Blue Dragon. Filled with enthusiasm, when she moved into one of Blue Dragon's homes for survivors in January 2020, she couldn't wait to start her vocational course to become a chef. But the coronavirus pandemic put her plans on hold...

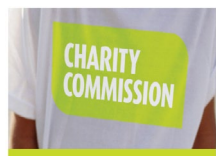
Cam Tu's course was postponed for several months, and then moved online until face-to-face lessons were safe again. Despite all these challenges, Cam Tu didn't give up. She studied hard every day to achieve her goal. And she did.



Cam Tu enjoying the vocational course

She graduated from her course and in a matter of weeks got a job at a pizza restaurant in Hanoi. After two months working full-time, she was able to move out of the shelter to live independently. Now, Cam Tu has a future to look forward to.

Note: This document was produced for the purpose of reporting to Blue Dragon UK. To help Blue Dragon ensure the protection of the children we work with, we ask that you contact us at info@bdcf.org in advance if you would like to use any information contained in this report. Names of all children have been changed for their protection.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anouk Lange	Chair	July 2017	
2	Isabelle Paresys	Treasurer	October 2017	
3	Sophia Cliff	Fundraising Director	March 2018	
4				
5				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information) Type

of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by existing directors

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects for which the CIO is established for the public benefit are the relief of those in need by reason of youth, financial hardship or other disadvantage in any part of the world but primarily in Vietnam and in South East Asia generally by:

(a) providing a safe environment, legal and other support, guidance, healthcare, food and any education or training, which may include vocational training, necessary to alleviate a vulnerable child's or young person's needs;

(b) providing children living on the street or out of their familial homes with suitable accommodation;

(c) providing financial and other assistance to the immediate families of children and young people who require assistance or have been assisted in accordance with paragraphs a and b above;

(d) supporting the work of Blue Dragon Children's Foundation International and cooperating and liaising with other entities with similar objectives to raise funds and/or promote awareness of the CIO and the objects of the CIO.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Over the course of 2020, Fundraising actions were minimal due to the pandemic. BDUK’s activity focussed on maintaining visibility of Blue Dragon in the UK via social media and receiving donations from regular donors via fundraising platforms or directly on the Charity’s bank account.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Blue Dragon UK holds a minimum account balance of £500.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

.. Blue Dragon UK relies on donations from the public, and from companies wishing to donate as part of their CSR.

Section F Other optional information

Please refer to Receipts and Payment accounts

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)	Isabelle Paresys	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BLUE DRAGON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UK

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

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					
AMAZON	49	-	-	49	25
FACEBOOK DONATIONS	3,656	-	-	3,656	2,250
KINDLINK DONATIONS	11,973	-	-	11,973	5,168
INDIVIDUAL DONOR	10,066	-	-	10,066	-
CORPORATE DONOR	9,693	-	-	9,693	-
Wimbledon	-	-	-	-	622
Briggs	-	-	-	-	100
C Fields	-	-	-	-	24
C Thamotheram	-	-	-	-	200
DAVIDSON RA	-	-	-	-	20
DIEDEREN	-	-	-	-	150
DURAN LOPEZ	-	-	-	-	25
FAY MULLINGER	-	-	-	-	15
FLETCHER KC	-	-	-	-	200
Gurton Consulting	-	-	-	-	110
HIEN TRAN	-	-	-	-	20
K Rushforth	-	-	-	-	895
LSE	-	-	-	-	35
My Donate	-	-	-	-	2,224
PAYPAL	-	-	-	-	182
PFXLABS LTD	-	-	-	-	1,020
RS CONSULTING LTD	-	-	-	-	600
SHPLAND S&E	-	-	-	-	1,850
SULLIVAN D	-	-	-	-	39
WILSON A+J	-	-	-	-	25
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,437	-	-	35,437	15,799
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,437	-	-	35,437	15,799
A3 Payments					
BDUK TO BDV	29,713	-	-	29,713	34,053
CHARGES Blue Dragon Chil * TFR	114	-	-	114	236
FACEBOOK CHARGES	50	-	-	50	115
GIVING.COM CHARGES	144	-	-	144	-
KINDLINK CHARGES	22	-	-	22	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,043	-	-	30,043	34,404
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,043	-	-	30,043	34,404
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,394	-	-	5,394	- 18,605
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,452	-	-	15,452	34,057
Cash funds this year end	20,846	-	-	20,846	15,452

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	BARCLAYS ACCOUNT	20,846	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,846	-	-
		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	
		Isabelle Paresys	25th October 2021	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1165180

Set out on pages

1 to 15

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2020**.

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.

Signed:

Date:

27 October 2021

Name:

Justin Fong

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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London

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.