

Impact report: Support from Blue Dragon UK

January – December 2021



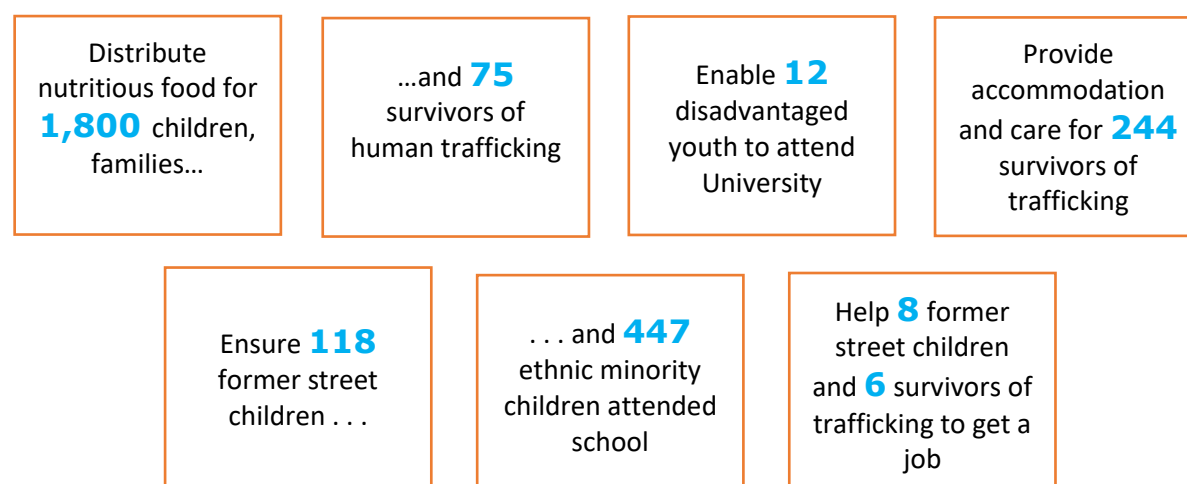
Background

Blue Dragon Vietnam caters to the needs of some of Vietnam's most vulnerable and underserved children and youth. Our work involves rescuing and assisting children and youth in critical situations, such as street children, runaway children, victims of human trafficking, children with disabilities, young rural-urban migrants, kids affected by drugs and HIV/AIDS, homeless families, child prisoners, and the rural poor.

Blue Dragon UK has raised donations to support Blue Dragon's work during 2021. This report provides an overview of the impact of the total donation of 42,667 GBP during 2021. The donation has assisted highly vulnerable street children in Hanoi as well as ensuring the recovery and successful reintegration for survivors of human trafficking. In addition, the donation has supported our comprehensive anti-trafficking programs in rural provinces, by ensuring children can stay in school, access quality careers education and have pathways into further education or careers that will lead their entire families out of poverty.

Your impact in numbers

In August and September 2021, Blue Dragon Germany and other generous donors have enabled Blue Dragon to:



Long term empowerment of street children

Education and learning

In the past two years, children around the world have had to pursue their education through online schooling. Blue Dragon wants to ensure these opportunities are also available to disadvantaged young people. For this reason, Blue Dragon has mobilised electronic devices for students and strengthened our services to keep young people in school and support their learning.

The Blue Dragon staff have taught children and their parents how to use electronic devices and supported the children to use the learning platforms safely and effectively. Younger children also have the option to come to Dragon House, so their studies can be supported by social workers. In addition to traditional forms of learning, we are also organising a variety of online extra-curricular activities to keep children, especially younger ones, engaged and enthusiastic during their studies.



Hoa is very happy to receive a tablet so she can learn online

We also learnt that many parents of street children cannot read or write and have never used online platforms before, so with your support, Blue Dragon started a YouTube channel that included friendly tutorials to help parents develop the IT skills they needed to help their children. Since June, your donation has meant that we have successfully facilitated 55 online and offline lessons each month.

In addition, we are supporting a group of 20 children under 10 years old from disadvantaged backgrounds to learn English, Vietnamese, and math through fun, online applications. They are also participating in social and emotional learning workshops facilitated by our Psychology Program Manager. All the children are making great progress in sharing, expressing their needs verbally, and building their self-confidence.

Ensuring support for survivors of human trafficking

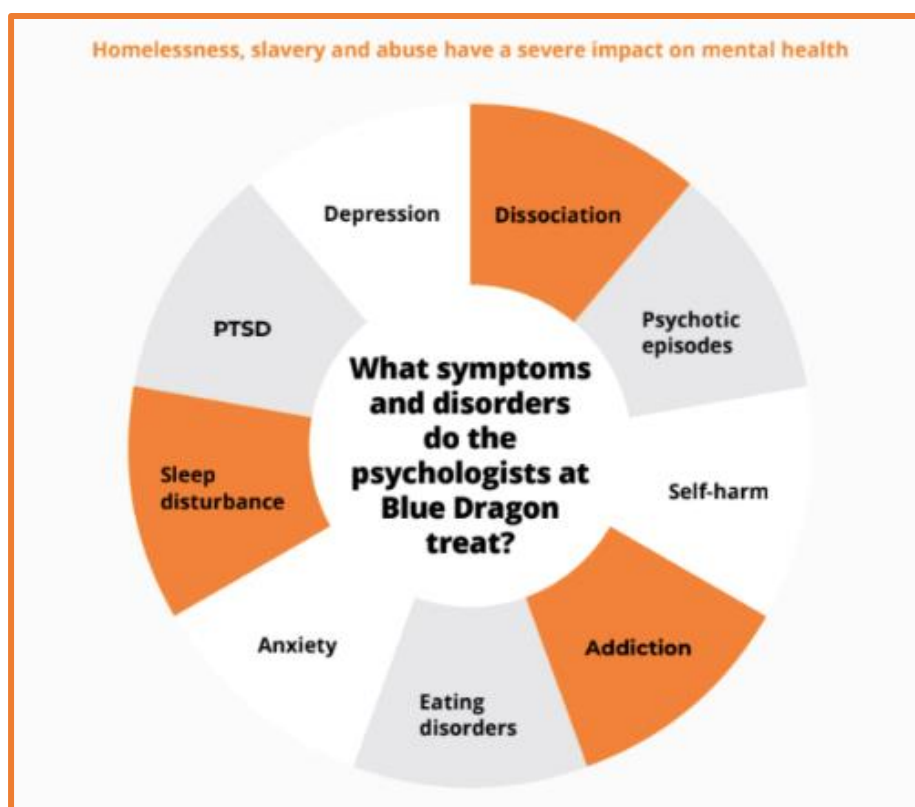
In the past year, Blue Dragon has witnessed new trends emerging in human trafficking. Both the routes of human trafficking and the forms and methods of traffickers are evolving.

Due to COVID-19, border closures and movement restrictions mean that traffickers are resorting to new tricks and routes. We are witnessing more women and girls from southern and central Vietnam being trafficked to China and Myanmar as well as an increase in domestic trafficking into the commercial sex industry.

Blue Dragon continues to pursue system changes at the highest level by taking part in policy and law reform projects. In 2022, the Law on Anti-Trafficking in Vietnam will mark its 10-year anniversary and is due for crucial reforms and updates. We are participating in the law reform process by informing national decision-makers with lessons learned from our work on the ground and ensuring that the voice of victims and those who care for them are heard during the revision process.

In addition, thanks to the generous donors to Blue Dragon UK, Blue Dragon Vietnam is expanding our holistic care for victims of human trafficking. The profiles of survivors are diversifying and so have their needs for support.

During the past year we have seen an increase in the need for emergency care and shelter for female survivors. Blue Dragon is developing a new emergency shelter as we expect this need to continue to increase in coming years. While some of this assistance may be material, a significant component of our work involves providing trauma-informed care to lead survivors



out of physical and psychological crises. Blue Dragon Vietnam has qualified social workers and psychologists who specialize in assisting female survivors of human trafficking.

We are also expanding our reintegration work to ensure the successful transition back to normal life for a higher number of survivors of human trafficking. We provide support for accommodation, living stipends, and reintegration through viable work opportunities. We are focusing on COVID-proof income opportunities by supporting survivors to establish sustainable livelihoods in their home communities and opening up opportunities in careers related to science and technology.

Preventing trafficking in the wake of COVID-19

In the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has vastly changed living conditions for households in rural provinces. After the recent outbreak and nationwide lockdown, many individuals who lost their jobs and livelihoods in cities have returned to their home provinces unemployed and with no source of income. We are thus seeing an increased need for living allowances and other forms of emergency assistance to sustain households without a stable income source. This situation has increased vulnerability to human trafficking, and thanks to Blue Dragon UK donors Blue Dragon Vietnam is responding.

In collaboration with local government agencies, we are expanding our community-based anti-trafficking models in rural areas. In Dien Bien and Ha Giang provinces, Blue Dragon is training more community-based social workers in trauma-informed care and victim assistance to ensure that all victims and those at risk of trafficking can receive necessary services. We also provided trafficking prevention educational workshops for over 6,000 ethnic minority people.



Schoolgirls in Dien Bien province are happy to receive schoolbooks for the new school year

For the long term, we are ensuring communities' resilience by providing scholarships and access to further education for impoverished and ethnic minority children. In 2021, we were able to support several 'Back to School' campaigns to ensure that all ethnic minority children had the best chance to return to school and complete their education. In Dien Bien and Ha Giang provinces, we assisted 986 children who initially didn't return to school, to go back. Some required assistance with school fees or equipment for school, and we also provided livestock for 19 families to raise and generate income through selling the offspring.

In addition to basic educational support, Blue Dragon also works with ethnic minority secondary and high schools to ensure that young boys and girls can receive careers education and have post-school pathways into quality livelihoods. We provide training for teachers so they can provide quality careers advice to students, and support Careers Clubs and life skills development activities for students. In 2021 workshops were held in 14 schools and reached over 4,000 students in Dien Bien, Ha Giang and Hue provinces. In schools in Dien Bien we support several 'girls groups' in boarding schools. These groups hold regular meetings to discuss issues such as child marriage, relationships, and other key life issues. We support teachers to provide training for the girls to understand the risks of child labour & early marriage, reproductive and sexual health, and other essential life skills such as communications, conflict management and leadership.



At the last meeting of the Embroidery Club, girls learnt not only traditional designs and crafts but also talked about the importance of friendship

Tertiary scholarships

Blue Dragon UK donors have sponsored 12 students during 2021 to undertake tertiary study. In total, Blue Dragon Vietnam is enabling 118 tertiary students. All are disadvantaged, ethnic minority or disabled youth who otherwise would not be able to afford university. During 2021, we piloted a program to increase the number of ethnic minority students who can continue

on to tertiary education. Blue Dragon Careers experts provided training for teachers and students on tertiary options, and how to apply and succeed in the entrance exam. Individual advice and counselling was provided for interested students at two ethnic minority schools. As a result, nine young women successfully got into university and commenced their studies in September 2021. This program will further expand to more schools in 2022.

Financial report

Impact area	Total spending (GBP)	No. of beneficiaries
Reintegration for survivors of trafficking	30,380	244
Psychosocial support, education for street children	2,104	118
Tertiary scholarships	5,061	12
Trafficking prevention in rural provinces	5,122	10,000
Total	42,667	10,374

Your impact beyond the numbers

When classes resumed at Tuoi's school after the Lunar New Year holiday, her desk was empty. If she had a choice, Tuoi would have been the first student back once classes resumed, but the reality of her family's dire financial situation got in the way.

Tuoi lives with her brother and elderly grandmother in northern Vietnam's Dien Bien province. Refusing to sit by and watch as her grandmother struggled to provide for her and her 10-year-old brother, Tuoi packed a small bag and left home to find work.

Village by village, construction site by construction site, Tuoi travelled through the countryside offering to lay bricks and mix concrete. The teenager was willing to take up any task that would help her earn money to send to her grandmother so her little brother could stay in school.

But Tuoi never found work. Everywhere she went, she was told she was too young. Eventually, she was left with no choice but to return home. Despite her failure, Tuoi refused to go back to school. She was still convinced it was her responsibility to find a job and support her family.

Tuoi's teachers contacted Blue Dragon and, together, they visited Tuoi and her grandmother at home. They explained the importance of staying in school and warned the family about the dangers of child labour and human trafficking.



Teachers discussing what support is needed for Tuoi and her brother to stay in school

With support from Blue Dragon UK donors, Blue Dragon Vietnam was able to award a scholarship to Tuoi so that she could return to school, safe from danger and ready to work towards a bright future.

Thank you to all the donors to Blue Dragon UK for giving Tuoi the opportunities she deserves.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **BLUE DRAGON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UK**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1165180**

Charity's principal address **28 ROWLLS ROAD**

KINGSTON UPON THAMES

Postcode: KT1 3ET

LONDON

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 17- May 22	
2	Isabelle Paresys	Treasurer	October 17- May 22	
3	Sophia Cliff	Fundraising Director		
4	Lesley Bleakley	Chair	From 16/05/2022	
5	Laurinda Da Silva	Treasurer	From 16/05/2022	
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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)

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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.

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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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Over the course of 2021, Fundraising actions were also minimal due to the pandemic. BDUK's activity focused 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

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Laurinda Da Silva		
Treasurer		

30/10/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BLUE DRAGON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UK

1165180

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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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	77	-	-	77	49
Facebook Donations	4,847	-	-	4,847	3,656
Kindlink Donations	7,693	-	-	7,693	11,973
Individual Donor	15,826	-	-	15,826	10,066
Corporate Donor	2,947	-	-	2,947	9,693
Stripe	29,981	-	-	29,981	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,371	-	-	61,371	35,437
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,371	-	-	61,371	35,437
A3 Payments					
BDUK TO BDV	42,667	-	-	42,667	29,713
Charges Blue Dragon Trsf	73	-	-	73	114
Facebook charges	40	-	-	40	50
Giving.com charges	54	-	-	54	144
Kindlink charges	250	-	-	250	22
HMRC	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	43,184	-	-	43,184	30,043
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,184	-	-	43,184	30,043
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,187	-	-	18,187	5,394
A5 Transfers between funds					
	20,846	-	-	20,846	15,452
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end	39,033	-	-	39,033	20,846

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	39,033	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	39,033	-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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	
		LAURINDA DA SILVA	30/10/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation UK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165180

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2021.

**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:

26 / 10 / 2022

Name:

Justin Fong

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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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.