



**Helping Hand  
Cambodia**

**Into a better, safer future.**

Registered charity nos: 1171400 SCO51387

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

**01/05/2024 to 30/04/2025**



## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information**

Charity name: HELPING HAND CAMBODIA

Registered Charity number: 1171400 & SCO51387

For the financial year beginning on: 01/05/2024  
and year ending on: 30/04/2025

Charity's principal address: Beechhurst, Hawick, Scottish Borders, TD9 8LG

How the charity is constituted: The charity was formed using trust deeds

Summary of the objects of the charity:

(1) The advancement of education of children who live in the slums of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, by the provision of sponsorship and grants to such children so that they can go to school, get education and qualifications to enable them to have more opportunities and a better future.'

(2) Such charitable purposes for the benefit of people living in the slums of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.'

### **Section 2: Trustees**

Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 are:

Mr Duncan Bell (Chairman)  
Mrs Rebecca Bell  
Mrs Catherine Burden



#### **Appointment of trustees**

- (1) There must be at least 2 trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of this deed.
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.
- (3) The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, re-appointment and retirement of each trustee.
- (4) The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment:
  - (a) a copy of this deed and any amendments made to it;
  - (b) a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

#### **Eligibility for trusteeship**

- (1) No one shall be appointed as a trustee:
  - (a) if he or she is under the age of 18 years;
  - or (b) if he or she would at once be disqualified from office under the provisions of clause 11 of the deed.
- (2) No one shall be entitled to act as a trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment as trustee until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of trustee of the charity.

#### **Report from Chairman:**

All our students have individual sponsors who pay for their school fees to attend Beltei International School which is close to the community (slum) where they live. As an organisation we offer additional support lessons of English and Homework Support in the afternoons as they attend Beltei during the mornings only from Monday to Friday. Chen Chanthy is employed as our Cambodian Coordinator, and Chhan Panha is our English teacher; both are well qualified. We also have employed Sokhim who teaches our younger students from Wednesday to Friday.

Here is a list of our activities for this period of time :-

After being forced to move out of our building which we had rented since 2017 and with nowhere to go we had few options of what to do or where to go, so we now have two new classrooms and an office which have been built onto the front of Chanthy's (our Cambodian Co-ordinator) house which is right next to the village where our children live. This is a much safer environment for all and closer for many of our children.

We were able to treat our children to a meal at Dominoe's Pizza thanks to a generous donation from a supporter.

Two of our students graduated from Beltei School and are now studying at university.



Another charity came to visit and provided fun, games and presents for a Christmas party. There were over 50 people involved including children, students and helpers. Donations were made so that we could provide food and drink as well.

Our son, Edward, and his girlfriend Natalie came to visit. Edward used to live in Cambodia when we were both working there as he had to go to school and was keen to visit again and see the work that we are doing.

Three of our students attended their Grade 9 ceremony; this is a big day for them as Grade 9 is an important benchmark in a student's education in Cambodia. Coming from challenging backgrounds this is a great achievement for them.

Our students receive a certificate each month for the most improved student in their class exams at Beltei School.

We were donated five screen monitors from EuroCham (European Chamber of Commerce) which are of great benefit to us as we could not afford to buy them.

In March I flew out to Phnom Penh to spend two months overseeing the work of the charity.

Two of our university students, Kanha and Sokmait, came to visit and give a talk to our students about working hard and following your dreams. They also explained what it was like to study and be at university.

Our older students went to visit CIA First International School. Over the years we have built up relationships with them and some of their students have come and visited us. CIA First is a very expensive fee-paying school and all of their students come from very well-off comfortable backgrounds. It is good that we have this connection as students from both kinds of backgrounds can see how the other lives.

One couple came to visit their sponsored child. James and Evie both used to live and work in Cambodia but have now returned to England. They are very supportive of their sponsored boy and bought him a laptop to aid his studies.

Due to a donation of \$500 we were able to provide 20Kg bags of rice for many families in the villages where we work.

Chanthy and I met with the Leader of Bethel Mission Organisation who work in one of the same villages that we work. They also run a Sunday School in the village and after some discussion it was agreed that we would amalgamate our Sunday School with theirs.

With more legislation being introduced for all charities in Cambodia there are now many more documents to fill in as we are now much more accountable to the Cambodian authorities. Chanthy



has been able to learn how to do this thanks to the help of a good friend who is an expert in such documents.

We were able to help the “poorest of the poor” with a donation of \$100 for rice for such families.

After being forced out of our old building, with nowhere to go, we had to re-register our new address. This took a lot of time and we were grateful when it was done and completed.

We visited CIA First International School to present them with a certificate of appreciation as they had recently raised money for us to use for school supplies.

One of our university students, Ra Kanha, started a job with another charity close to where she works. She is studying to be an English teacher, and her job involves teaching the younger ones at the school the charity run.

We took 12 of our older students on a Christian retreat to a centre called Shalom Valley on the west coast of Cambodia for a few days. This was a time of fun and games and good solid Biblical teaching.

All three of our staff, Chanthy, Panha and Sokhim attended a paedology course run by the government. They did this in their own time, and all were awarded a certificate of appreciation. It is so good to have staff that are so committed to their work.

Chanthy met with the Director General and founder of Beltei School, Ly Chheng. He discounts us 20% off the school and university fees as well as providing two free sets of uniforms for each student.

Three of our students were recognised as “Outstanding Students” by Beltei School at the end of the academic year. This is a great achievement for them.

We were asked by another charity to join them for a BBQ. The charity works in the same villages as we do and there were over 70 children in attendance. Good food and fun were had by all.

Chanthy and I went to visit two of our university students at their workplaces. Pisey works as a receptionist at a gym and Sokmait works in a shop selling travel luggage. They are both preparing for life in the real world once they qualify from university.

Sokhim joined us as a teacher for our youngest students. She is well qualified and has a passion for helping young children learn.

We were given many (hundreds) of tubes of toothpaste by a local hotel. Along with toothbrushes also donated we were able to distribute them to many families in the villages where we work.

We received another donation for rice which helped 10 of the children’s families that we work with.



CIA First International School donated stationary and other school supplies to us. There was so much donated that we were able to pass on some to other schools in the provinces who were asking for donations.

Two more supporters of the charity came to visit their sponsored children and treated all our students to another Pizza Party at Domino's Pizza.

*Duncan Bell*

**Signature and Declaration**

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of chairman of trustee, that:

- The trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Signed:

Full name: *MR Duncan BELL.*

Position: *Chairman.*

Date: *28.1.2026.*



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Statement of Receipts and payments to year ending 30.04.2025					to 30.04.24
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Further Notes	
	£	£	£		
<b>Income From</b>					
Donation & Interest	£11,555	£18,626	£30,181		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,555</b>	<b>£18,626</b>	<b>£30,181</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>£45,117</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable Activities	£18,380	<b>£18,626</b>	£37,006		£43,362
UK Expenditure	£73		£73		£50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,453</b>	<b>£18,626</b>	<b>£37,079</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>£43,412</b>
Net Movement of Funds	-£6,898	£0	-£6,898		£1,705
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	-£12,020	£0	-£12,020		
Total funds carried forward	<b>-£18,918</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£18,918</b>		-£12,020



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Statement of balances as at 30th April 2025

Current Year

**Fixed Assets**

No Non-Current Assets held by Entity

**Current Assets**

Bank and Cash in Hand £9,300

Total Assets **£9,300**

Loan £28,219

-£18,919

**The funds of the charity**

Unrestricted income funds -£18,919

Restricted income funds £0

**Total charity funds -£18,919**





NOTES		End of Year 30/04/25			
NOTE		General	Restricted	Total	2024
A	<b>Income</b>				
	Donations	£10,595	£16,897	£27,492	£33,940
	Bank Interest				£65
	Gift Aid Claim	£960	£1,729	£2,689	
		<b>£11,555</b>	<b>£18,626</b>	<b>£30,181</b>	£34,005
B	<b>Expenditure</b>				
	Schooling Fees	£1,696	£18,626	£20,322	£22,681
	General Cambodian Expenses	£16,684		£16,684	£19,444
	Exchange Rate			£0	£1,237
	<b>Expenditure in Cambodia</b>	<b>£18,380</b>	<b>£18,626</b>	<b>£37,006</b>	<b>£43,362</b>
	Printing In UK	£25			
	Finance Costs	£48			
	<b>Expenditure in UK</b>	<b>£73</b>			<b>£50</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£37,079</b>		
1	<b>Bank Accounts</b>				
	Kingdom Bank	£221			
	Paypal	£83			
	Cambodian Account	£8,996			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,300</b>			
	Loan brought forward	£20,963			
	Loan Received	£7,256			
	<b>Loan Total</b>	<b>£28,219</b>			



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the  
trustees/members of

Charity name

Helping Hand Cambodia

Registered charity  
number

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On the accounts of the  
charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

05

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

30

04

2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page  
numbers of additional sheets)Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's  
statement

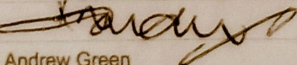
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [~~other than that disclosed on the attached page\*~~]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed\*\*:



Date:

18/12/2025

Name:

Andrew Green

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

Address:

The Firs West  
Sunnyhill Road  
Hawick TD9 7HT

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

\*\*OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures.