SWIMTAYKA

England & Wales · Charity number 1176079

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-12-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND THE SAVING OF LIVES BY THE PROVISION OF SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AND TEACHING AND TRAINING IN ALL ASPECTS OF WATER SAFETY.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF CLEAN WATER ESPECIALLY THROUGH WATER STEWARDSHIP LESSONS WITH CHILDREN WITH A VIEW TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: We provide free swimming lessons and drowning prevention education to underprivileged children who live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

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Geography

- Brazil
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Uganda
- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,383	£128,156	-	-
2023-12-31	£89,781	£105,749	-	-
2022-12-31	£111,755	£65,780	-	-
2021-12-31	£34,288	£51,303	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,549	£15,502	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Alice Mary Bunn	Chair	2021-05-14
BRYAN AVERY		2017-12-05
Mark Scott		2024-02-22
Neil Rushton		2023-08-01
Rachel Cobley		2026-05-05
Vicki Summersby		2026-02-02

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Accounts

SwimTayka Annual Report 2024

SWIM TAYKA

In 2024, SwimTayka...

Taught survival swimming to

9,700

children

Expanded into

2 new

countries

And engaged

85

volunteers

Across

8

programmes

Objectives & Activities

Purpose and ongoing mission

SwimTayka exists to provide free swimming lessons and drowning prevention education to children who live along the world's rivers, lakes and coastlines. In communities where children play in the sea and rivers but often never learn to swim, we work with local NGOs and charities to deliver programmes that teach survival swimming, first aid and drowning prevention education. We connect qualified instructors and volunteers with low-resource waterside communities so that children can learn vital lifesaving skills.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: SwimTayka

Registered charity number: 1176079

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Trustees during the year

The following individuals served as trustees of SwimTayka during the year ending 31 December 2024, as recorded on the Charity Commission register:

– Dr Alice Mary Bunn (Chair)
– Robert Hamilton (Vice Chair)
– Bryan Avery (Secretary)
– Mark Scott
– Carole Stevenson
– Neil Rushton
– Daisy Brooks

Chair's Statement

As SwimTayka marks its eighth year, I'm proud to reflect on a pivotal 2024—a year marked by focus on renewed purpose, and doubling down on our financial and governance frameworks.

We welcomed Daisy and Carole to the team, whose energy and insight have helped shape our evolving direction. Together, we formalised the Ambassador Empowerment Initiative (SAEI) to empower experienced swimming professionals—like Amy Holden—to mentor local instructors and uphold consistent standards across our programmes in Bali, Brazil, and Peru. It's a model rooted in sustainability and local leadership, and one we'll be looking to expand in 2025.

We also took a hard look at how we support our volunteers. Following field evaluations, we introduced clearer induction plans, safeguarding and safety training, and a comprehensive Volunteer Guide. These updates ensure that every volunteer arrives informed, supported, and ready to make a meaningful impact.

Another key development was our new Training and Certification Policy. By awarding internationally recognised teaching qualifications to local instructors, we're investing in long-term community capacity and ensuring our programmes leave lasting legacies.

Closer to home, we launched the "Swim Together" UK Policy Initiative—our first domestic programme. Piloted in Nottinghamshire, Leeds, and Blackpool, it offers free swimming and water safety lessons to refugee and disadvantaged children. With a buddy system and alignment to the RLSS (Royal LifeSaving Society) "Water Smart" curriculum, this initiative brings our mission full circle: water safety for all, everywhere.

On the fundraising front, the English Channel Relay remains our flagship effort. In 2024, we supported eight relay teams, and eleven boats are already booked for 2025. We also saw inspiring complementary efforts, including Poppy's Henley Swim and Cdr. Mark "Scotty" Scott's RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) Challenge. Our updated donor engagement policies—like the Experienced English Channel Relay (ECR) Swimmer Initiative and new JustGiving protocols—are helping us build a more predictable and transparent funding base.

Looking ahead, 2025 will see SwimTayka continuing to refine both our operating model and our core fundraising strategy. This shift will strengthen local training, and improve financial oversight and volunteer processes. Our goal remains clear: to maximise impact through sustainable, community-driven delivery of swim and water safety education.

Thank you to every volunteer, donor, partner, and ambassador who made 2024 possible. Our small but mighty charity continues to make a difference to lives worldwide.

Just keep swimming forward.

Dr Alice Bunn OBE CEng

Chair

CEO's Report

When I think back over 2024, what stays with me most vividly are the faces of the children at their graduations – children who, just weeks earlier, could not swim, now gliding across the water with pride and joy.

For them, learning to swim is more than just a skill: it is freedom, confidence, and a chance to dream of a future without fear of drowning. Watching them fall in love with swimming, cheering each other on as they achieved what once felt impossible, is the greatest reward for all of us at SwimTayka.

Equally inspiring has been the commitment of our volunteers. Time and again this year, I have seen individuals step into communities far from home, in conditions that were often remote and challenging. They gave their energy, their skills, and their hearts – and in doing so they changed lives. What moves me is not only the impact they had on the children, but also the impact the children had on them. Many volunteers told me they returned home with a renewed sense of purpose, having discovered the true meaning of resilience, community, and hope.

This was also the year when we saw the dream of expanding our work to new countries become a reality. In Uganda, we began the first steps of a five-year plan that will give over a thousand children the chance to learn water safety and swimming skills. In the Maldives, despite challenges, we laid the foundations for a new programme in an island nation where drowning remains a daily risk. These milestones remind us that SwimTayka's mission is not only possible, but urgently needed.

Of course, the journey has not been without challenges. The absence of a financial controller has tested our ability to forecast and plan with confidence.

Cultural and logistical barriers in some regions meant we had to adapt and rethink. But every obstacle reminded me of the strength of our community – trustees, ambassadors, partners, and volunteers – who stood shoulder to shoulder and kept our vision alive.

What inspires me most is the spirit of hope that underpins everything we do. Every child who learns to float, every parent who sees their child return home safe from the water, every community that gains instructors who can carry this work forward – these are victories that ripple far beyond the pool. They remind us that drowning is preventable, and that together we can change the statistics, one child at a time.

Looking ahead, I feel energised by the road before us. With your support, we will continue to scale our work, build sustainable local programmes, and reach new communities. I truly believe the best is yet to come.

"Watching children graduate with confidence and joy, knowing they can now be safe around water, is the greatest reward for all our efforts."

Bryan Avery,

Founder and CEO, SwimTayka

Brazil

Strategic Focus

The Board undertook a significant organisational restructuring in 2024 to improve internal communication, decision-making and reduce over-reliance on any single leader. This restructuring is intended to strengthen SwimTayka's operational stability and long-term sustainability while preserving our community-driven ethos.

New programme developments

Uganda programme

Building on informal work that began in 2014, SwimTayka launched its first structured programme in the Kabale district of Uganda. The five-year plan aims to teach lifesaving swimming and water-safety skills to more than 1,000 children. Training local instructors and partnering with community organisations will help to embed the programme and ensure it becomes self-sustaining.

Bali programme enhancement

SwimTayka continued its collaboration with **Swimdo** in Bali. The 2024 programme integrated structured volunteer rotations (typically 2–4 volunteers every two weeks) and placed equal emphasis on swimming instruction and environmental education. Community engagement events and clean-water lessons complemented the swimming lessons to help children become environmental stewards.

Partnership model and governance

Across all programmes, the charity continued to "teach the teacher". Volunteers worked alongside local swim assistants to train them in internationally recognised drowning-prevention techniques, thereby laying the foundation for self-sustaining programmes. The Board convened more strategic trustee meetings and actively sought feedback from ambassadors and volunteers to refine goals.

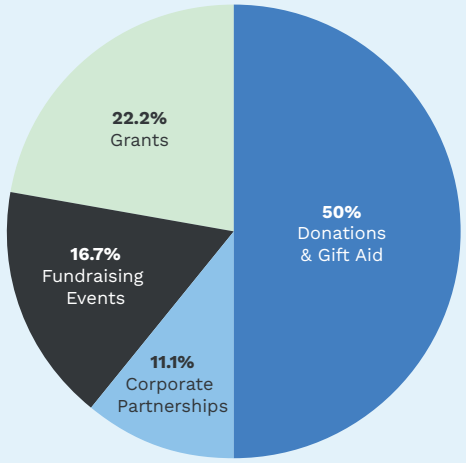
Two new trustees, **Mark Scott** and **Carole Stevenson**, joined the Board to strengthen governance and diversify expertise. Volunteers remained central to our delivery model; programmes typically run from one week up to two months and include instruction in basic water safety, swimming, first aid and environmental education.

Financials

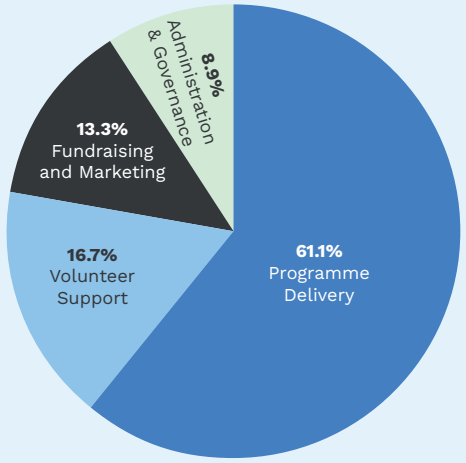
Building on Strong Foundations

Managing our resources wisely is as important as delivering our programmes. Every pound entrusted to SwimTayka represents someone's belief in our mission, and we take that responsibility seriously.

2024 Income Sources



2024 Expenditure Categories



Income and fundraising

In 2024, we sustained a steady flow of income through a mix of donations, grants, and sponsored fundraising events. Highlights included our English Channel relay teams, whose determination raised thousands to support our programmes, and individual fundraising heroes like Commander Mark "Scotty" Scott and young swimmers who dedicated their efforts to SwimTayka. These events not only brought in essential funds but also spread our message far and wide, inspiring others to join the cause.

Expenditure and priorities

As our programmes grew into new countries such as Uganda and the Maldives, expenditure naturally increased. We invested in volunteer support, training local instructors, and building community partnerships. We also dedicated funds to marketing and awareness, because every new supporter we reach helps us secure the future of our work. Throughout, we remained true to our principle of efficiency: keeping overheads low while ensuring that the majority of funds go directly to programme delivery.

Financial management capacity

One of the year's most significant challenges was the absence of a dedicated financial controller. This made forecasting and reporting more difficult, but it also brought out the resilience of our trustees, who shared oversight responsibilities with the support of external accountants. The search for a qualified financial controller remains a top priority, and filling this role will be key to strengthening our governance and giving us even greater confidence as we grow.

Reserves policy

The Board continues to apply a reserves policy designed to hold at least three months of operating costs. This ensures we can withstand unexpected challenges without compromising the delivery of our programmes. Based on provisional figures, reserves remain positive and stable, giving us the security to plan ahead while continuing to expand.

Outlook

Looking ahead, we are committed to diversifying our income further through new grants, corporate partnerships, and community fundraising. With a stronger financial foundation, we will be able to deepen our work in existing locations and respond to new opportunities in vulnerable communities worldwide.

"Every donation, whether it funds a swimming lesson, a local instructor, or a global programme, is an investment in saving children's lives. Our promise is to honour that trust with transparency, accountability, and impact."

Impact

Global Context

Turning the Tide on Drowning

Drowning is one of the world's silent killers. Every single year, an estimated **300,000 people lose their lives to drowning**. That's almost **30 people every hour,** day after day, most of them children and young people. Behind each number is a family shattered, a future stolen, a preventable tragedy.

And yet, there is hope. The **global drowning rate has fallen by 38% since 2000**, proving that change is possible. But the progress is uneven. In Europe, stronger water safety systems have saved thousands of lives. In Africa, where drowning risk is highest, the decline has been only 3% – leaving communities in crisis.

The injustice is clear: **92% of drowning deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries**, often in the very waters that children depend on for food, travel, and play. Nearly **one in four victims are under five years old**, and more than half are under 30. These are the children and young people we exist to serve.

The message from the World Health Organization is simple and powerful: **drowning is preventable**. Barriers, supervision, safe rescue skills, and above all, teaching children to swim and respect water, save lives.

This is where SwimTayka makes its stand. Our mission is to give children in waterside communities not just the ability to swim, but the freedom to live without fear. Every lesson we teach is another step toward a world where no child's life is cut short by drowning.

"Drowning is not fate, it is preventable. Together we can turn the tide."

Impact Story

From Global Crisis to Local Change

300,000
annual deaths

(38% drop since 2000)

92%
deaths in LMICs

25%
children under 5

30 drownings
every hour

50%
Youth 0-29

5.6 vs 1.8/100k
Africa vs Europe

- Every year, 300,000 people drown worldwide — that's almost 30 people every hour.
- 92% of drowning deaths happen in low- and middle-income countries, where children live and play beside rivers, lakes, and oceans with no safety nets.
- Nearly one in four victims are under 5 years old, and more than half are under 30. Entire futures are lost before they begin.
- While Europe has reduced drowning rates by 68% since 2000, in Africa progress has been only 3%. The highest burden remains where resources are scarcest.

"Drowning is not inevitable. It is preventable — and the solutions are within reach."

– World Health Organization

SwimTayka's Response in 2024

While the statistics are sobering, they are not the end of the story. SwimTayka is part of the global solution — proving that with the right skills, education, and partnerships, drowning can be stopped.

SwimTayka Impact - 2024 Highlights

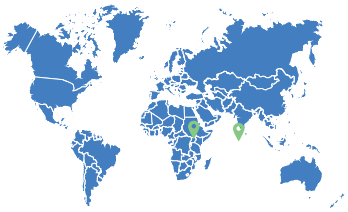
13,700
children reached

9,700
graduations (survival skills)

85
volunteers engaged

8
countries active

21 (Bali)
Local instructors Trained



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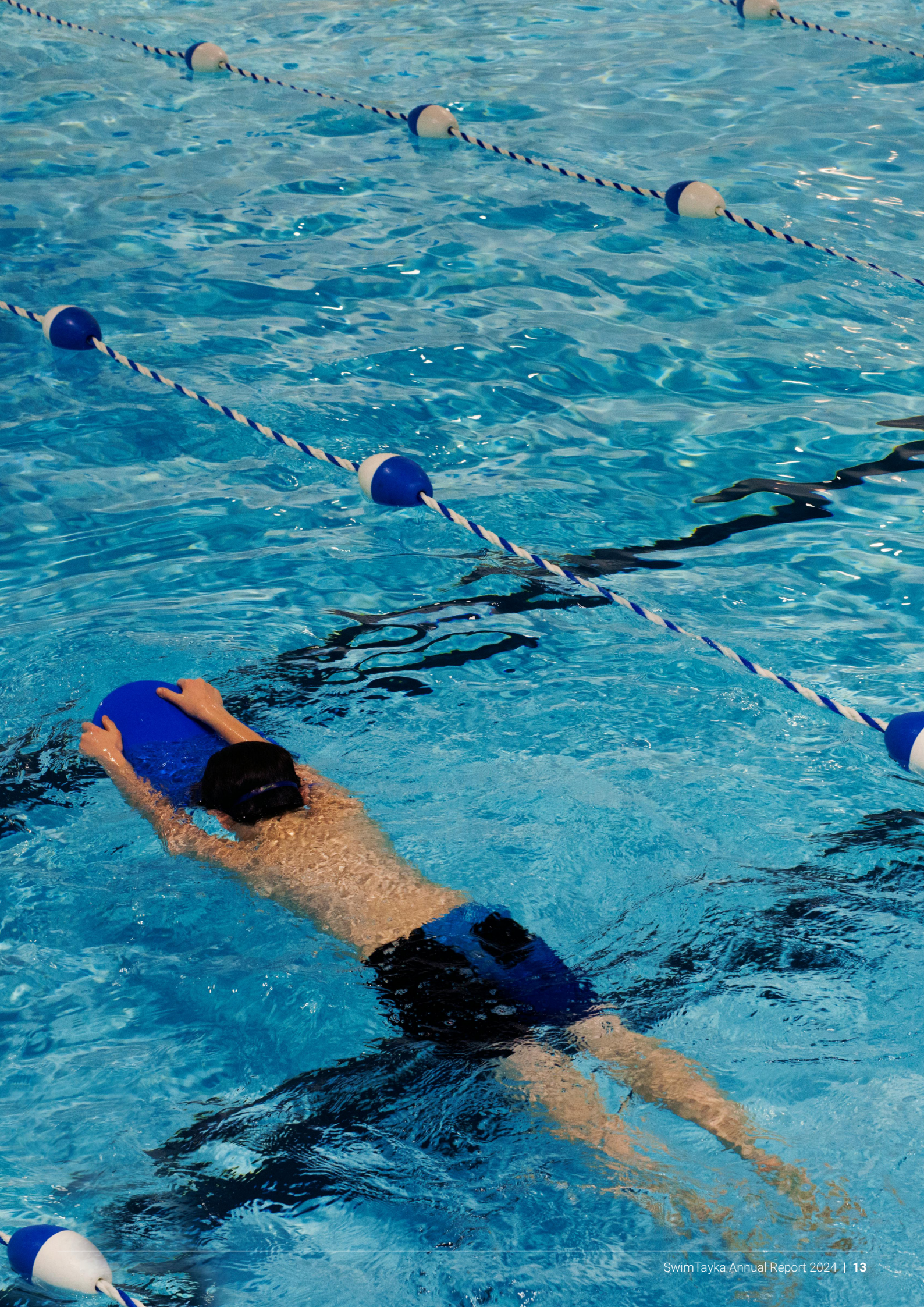
New countries launched (Uganda and Maldives)

100k+ est.
channel relay and fundraising events

- **13,700+ children reached** across Brazil, Peru, Bali, Jamaica, Uganda, the Maldives, and the UK.
- **9,700 children graduated** with survival swimming skills — able to float, tread water, and reach safety.
- **85 international volunteers** gave their time and energy, teaching in remote and challenging locations.
- **21 local instructors** in Bali gained internationally recognised qualifications, ensuring skills remain in the community.
- **Two new country programmes launched** — Uganda and the Maldives — extending SwimTayka's global reach to 8 countries.
- **Fundraising power** — Channel relays, community events, and extraordinary challenges like Commander Mark "Scotty" Scott's 200-day RNLI swim **raised over £100,000** for global programmes.

"Every child we teach represents not just a life saved, but a future unlocked. Together, we are turning the tide."

– Bryan Avery, Founder and CEO, SwimTayka



Advocacy and Awareness

Alongside delivering programmes in waterside communities, SwimTayka plays an active role in shaping the global conversation on drowning prevention.

By aligning our work with the World Health Organization (WHO) and international partners, we help ensure that children's safety around water is recognised as both a health and education priority.

World Drowning Prevention Day 2024

On 25 July, SwimTayka joined the global campaign led by the United Nations and WHO under the theme "Anyone can drown, no one should." We highlighted the need for vigilance during the UK summer holidays and called on families to choose safe, lifeguarded swimming locations. This day also gave us the chance to share SwimTayka's role in addressing the global challenge, reinforcing the urgency of teaching children vital survival skills.

WHO Global Drowning Report

In December 2024, WHO published its first Global Status Report on Drowning Prevention. The report revealed that while the global drowning rate has fallen by 38% since 2000, drowning still claims nearly 300,000 lives every year – disproportionately in Africa and low- and middle-income countries. SwimTayka actively used this data to raise awareness among supporters, trustees, and partners, emphasising that our programmes directly address the most urgent areas of need.

World Conference on Drowning Prevention, Perth

SwimTayka also contributed to international dialogue at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Perth, Australia. Our Uganda programme was highlighted as a model of long-term, sustainable intervention – embedding drowning prevention into schools and community life. Sharing this work on a global platform reinforced our credibility as both a practitioner and an advocate.

Through these efforts, SwimTayka continues to extend its impact beyond the poolside. By raising awareness, engaging with policy, and sharing our evidence of success, we are helping to build a world where drowning is no longer a hidden or neglected global issue.

Achievements & Performance – Programme Outcomes

This has been a year of remarkable progress for SwimTayka, marked not only by numbers and milestones, but by the countless stories of transformation behind them.

SwimTayka Impact – 2024 Highlights

85 volunteers

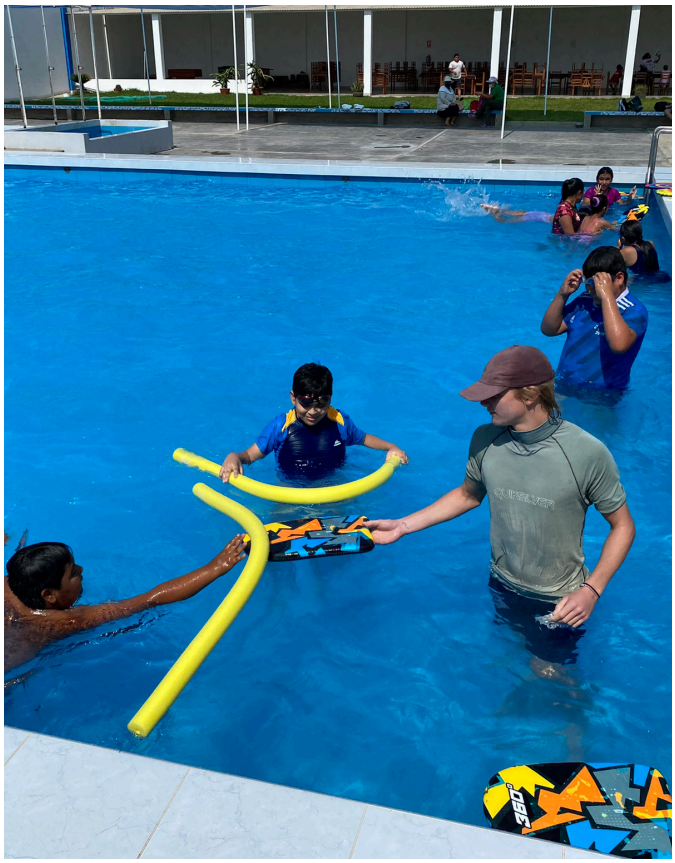
13,750 children reached

8 countries active

In **Bali,** our programme reached more than 13,000 children, with 9,700 completing the full course. Almost every child gained survival swimming skills, and all of them left with a stronger understanding of water safety. To see so many young people walk away with the skills to protect themselves and their friends is an achievement that goes far beyond the poolside – it is a safeguard for life.

In **Brazil,** we celebrated five years of partnership with ETIV do Brasil. Here, 150 children learned to swim, practised lifesaving skills, and received vital first aid training. The programme has become a source of pride in the community, with children not only learning to stay safe, but also becoming ambassadors for water safety among their peers. Plans are already in place to expand the programme further in 2025, with the addition of Portuguese lessons for international volunteers to strengthen cultural connections.

Our work in **Peru** showed how creativity and adaptability can overcome barriers. Faced with wide variations in children's ages and skill levels, our volunteers reshaped classes into smaller groups and developed innovative teaching methods. With support and mentorship, local instructors gained the confidence to lead lessons themselves, ensuring sustainability well beyond the presence of international volunteers.



This year also marked an important step forward for **Africa**. In Uganda, we began work on the Lake Bunyonyi Sustainable Drowning Prevention Initiative, a five-year plan to train local instructors and teach lifesaving skills to over a thousand children. Supported by our partner ADRREM, the project is already showing what can be achieved when local leadership and international expertise come together. At the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Perth, we proudly shared this vision as part of a broader call to embed drowning prevention into health and education systems across Africa.

Volunteers and ambassadors continued to be the heartbeat of SwimTayka. In Bali and Brazil, ambassadors like Amy Holden inspired both children and instructors, helping to raise teaching standards and secure internationally recognised qualifications for local teachers. These efforts ensure that our work is not a fleeting intervention, but a long-lasting legacy.

Fundraising also reached new heights in 2024. Our English Channel relay teams pushed themselves to the limit, raising significant funds for our global programmes. We celebrated the extraordinary commitment of Commander Mark “Scotty” Scott, who took on a 200-day challenge swimming between RNLI stations while raising awareness of drowning prevention and environmental protection. His dedication reminded us that when passion meets perseverance, the results can inspire communities far beyond our immediate reach.

These achievements were recognised in special ways. Scotty received our **Outstanding Achievement Award,** while **Volunteer of the Year** went to Amy Holden for her tireless work in Bali and Brazil. Yet, every volunteer, partner, and supporter deserves recognition – because together, they made these stories possible.

2024 was not without its hurdles. Funding constraints in Bali meant that environmental education had to be paused, and cultural barriers in Brazil occasionally challenged communication. But in every case, we found solutions, adapted, and grew stronger.

Above all, what this year has shown us is that SwimTayka is more than a charity – it is a community of people who believe in the simple but powerful idea that every child deserves to be safe in water. And when we work together, there is no challenge too great to overcome.

Challenges and How We Overcame Them

Every journey worth taking comes with obstacles, and 2024 was no exception. Yet, what defines SwimTayka is not the challenges themselves, but the determination, creativity, and teamwork that allowed us to rise above them.

One of our greatest hurdles was ensuring effective communication across cultures and continents. At times, language barriers and differing expectations caused delays in programme delivery. In Brazil, for example, volunteers sometimes struggled with cultural nuances. Instead of seeing this as a setback, we embraced it as an opportunity to grow – introducing plans for Portuguese lessons for volunteers and refining our cultural induction process so that every participant feels better prepared and connected from day one.

In Peru, the wide range of ages and skill levels among children initially made classes difficult to manage. Rather than scaling back, our volunteers and local instructors redesigned the way lessons were delivered, creating smaller groups and tailoring activities. This innovation not only solved the challenge but actually led to a richer, more engaging learning experience for the children.

In Bali, funding shortages meant we had to pause our environmental education programme – a painful decision, as environmental stewardship is central to our mission. But the setback sparked a renewed commitment among trustees, volunteers, and donors to bring the programme back stronger in 2025. Plans are already underway to secure new funding streams so that environmental education will once again run alongside swimming and water safety.

A persistent challenge across the organisation has been the absence of a financial controller, leaving trustees to shoulder the responsibility of financial oversight. While this has been demanding, it has also highlighted the resilience and resourcefulness of our team. Trustees, supported by external accountants, worked tirelessly to ensure financial integrity and continuity. The search for a dedicated financial controller continues – and we see this as not just filling a gap, but as a step towards even greater sustainability.

These challenges have been reminders that progress is rarely linear. But in each case, what could have slowed us down instead became a catalyst for improvement. By listening, adapting, and refusing to give up, we have not only kept our programmes alive but strengthened the very foundations on which they are built.

"Every obstacle is an opportunity in disguise. What matters is not avoiding challenges, but how we respond to them – together, with resilience and hope."

Case Studies

Case Study:

Swim Together Project – Supporting Refugee Children in the UK

Background

The Swim Together Project was developed to provide swimming lessons and water safety education to vulnerable children in the UK, particularly refugees. To encourage social integration, the programme uses a buddy system that pairs each vulnerable child with a local peer of similar ability.

Impact

Working with the RLSS and Swim England, the project is preparing pilots in Nottinghamshire, Leeds, and Blackpool for Easter 2025. The approach not only builds water confidence and lifesaving skills but also fosters community connection across cultural lines.

Looking Ahead

Following the pilots, the aim is to expand to other UK locations, supported by grants and local partnerships.

"Swimming is more than a skill – it's a bridge between children from different communities, helping them stay safe while building lasting friendships."

– Debbie Adams, Programme Manager

Case Study:

Brazil – Community Impact with ETIV do Brasil

Background

In Itacaré, Bahia, SwimTayka has partnered with ETIV do Brasil for more than five years to deliver free swimming lessons and drowning prevention training. The programme is highly respected in the community and gives children safe opportunities to learn and grow.

Impact

In 2024, SwimTayka ambassador Amy Holden identified opportunities to strengthen the programme, including improved lesson planning, more survival-skills content, and the provision of healthy snacks and safety equipment. The programme also engages children in environmental activities such as mangrove planting and beach clean-ups.

Looking Ahead

Plans include scaling the programme to other regions of Bahia and strengthening volunteer resources to ensure long-term sustainability.

> ***"At ETIV, children can simply be children again – swimming, laughing, and learning how to stay safe around water."***
>
> **– Jana,** ETIV

Young swimmers in Itacaré learning survival skills with SwimTayka volunteers.

Case Study:

Bali – Empowering Teachers Through Ambassadors

Background

SwimTayka's partnership with the local NGO Swimdo has been transforming drowning prevention education in Bali since 2020. In 2024, ambassador Amy Holden and a team of 11 volunteers worked alongside local instructors to improve the quality of teaching.

Impact

The volunteers helped train 21 instructors to internationally recognised qualifications. More than 600 children graduated, with 95% achieving survival swimming skills. This focus on "teaching the teachers" ensures that skills remain in the community long after volunteers leave.

Looking Ahead

Future plans include embedding the qualification system further and supporting newly trained instructors to run independent lessons.

"When we teach teachers, we multiply our impact – the knowledge stays in the community and reaches hundreds more children."

– Amy Holden, SwimTayka Ambassador

Swimdo instructors leading a survival swimming session with SwimTayka volunteers.

Case Study:

Advocacy Impact – Global Drowning Statistics

Background

In 2024, the World Health Organization published its first drowning prevention report, showing a 38% global reduction in drowning deaths since 2000. SwimTayka used this milestone to advocate for greater investment in water safety initiatives.

Impact

While the global reduction is encouraging, drowning still claims over 30 lives every hour, disproportionately in low- and middle-income countries. SwimTayka highlighted the urgency of tackling these inequalities and showcased its Uganda programme as a response to the high drowning rates in Africa.

Looking Ahead

The charity will continue to use its voice on global platforms to advocate for drowning prevention funding and to strengthen its programmes in high-risk regions.

> ***"Nobody should die from drowning – yet millions remain at risk. We are determined to change that."***

– Bryan Avery, Founder and CEO, SwimTayka

A SwimTayka instructor teaching safe entry techniques in Uganda.

Case Study:

Poppy the Swimming Labrador – A Furry Fundraiser

Background

Poppy, a seven-year-old Labrador Retriever, has become one of SwimTayka's most unusual ambassadors. She has swum a mile at the Henley Swim Festival for five consecutive years, cheered on by hundreds of spectators.

Impact

Swimming alongside Bryan Avery, Poppy's efforts raise both awareness and vital funds for SwimTayka. Her story has captured public imagination, helping to highlight that swimming is a lifesaving skill as well as a sport.

Looking Ahead

Poppy will continue her annual swims, drawing new supporters to SwimTayka's mission while promoting its work at home and abroad.

"Every wag of Poppy's tail and every stroke she takes brings us closer to a world where children everywhere can swim safely."

– Bryan Avery, Founder and CEO, SwimTayka

Poppy the Labrador swimming her mile at the Henley Swim Festival.

Case Study:

Scotty's 200-Day RNLI Challenge

Background

Commander Mark "Scotty" Scott, a Royal Navy officer and SwimTayka trustee, set himself the challenge of swimming between RNLI stations across the UK for 200 days, raising funds and awareness for both SwimTayka and the RNLI.

Impact

By October 2024, Scotty had completed 500km of open-water swimming, visited 40 lifeboat stations, and raised thousands of pounds. He also picked up litter along the way, using his swims to champion both water safety and environmental protection.

Looking Ahead

Scotty plans to continue his mission until he has swum at all 238 RNLI stations, inspiring communities and raising funds for SwimTayka's lifesaving programmes.

> ***"Swimming connects people, protects children, and even helps clean our seas – this challenge was about making every stroke count."***
>
> **– Mark "Scotty" Scott**

Scotty completing one of his swims near an RNLI lifeboat station.

Plans for the future

Strategic Initiatives

Building the Future Together

2024 showed us that SwimTayka is capable of turning big dreams into reality. As we look ahead, our strategic initiatives are not simply plans on paper – they are commitments to children, families, and communities who deserve a safer future around water.

Expanding Programmes

The Swim Together Project in the UK represents a bold step forward. By focusing on vulnerable children, including refugees, we are not only teaching lifesaving skills but also helping to build bridges between communities. The pilot projects in Nottinghamshire, Leeds, and Blackpool are just the beginning of what we believe can become a nationwide movement for inclusion, confidence, and water safety.

In Africa, our partnership at Lake Bunyonyi in Uganda is a symbol of hope. Working alongside ADRREM, we are creating a five-year plan that will train local instructors, embed water safety in schools, and protect more than 1,000 children. This is about building resilience from the ground up, leaving behind a model that communities can own and sustain.

Sustainability at the Core

We know that true change comes when local communities lead. That is why empowering local instructors remains at the heart of everything we do. By helping them gain internationally recognised certifications, we are ensuring that our impact lasts well beyond the presence of volunteers. Every certified instructor is a multiplier of hope, carrying the mission into their own communities with pride and confidence.

Strengthening Volunteer Engagement

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of SwimTayka. To honour their commitment, we are working to improve every step of the volunteer journey – from pre-arrival communication and safeguarding training to deeper opportunities for cultural exchange and community involvement. When volunteers feel supported, their impact is greater, and the children they teach benefit even more.

Looking Beyond the Pool

We are also determined to raise our voice on the global stage. Whether at international conferences, through partnerships with organisations like RLSS and Swim England, or by supporting the World Health Assembly's resolution on drowning prevention, SwimTayka will continue to be a passionate advocate for children's right to safety in and around water.

These initiatives are not just about expanding numbers or adding countries to a map. They are about changing lives, transforming communities, and creating a world where no child has to fear the water they live beside.

"Our vision is simple but powerful – a world where every child, no matter where they are born, has the chance to be safe in water and to discover the joy of swimming."

The future

Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, the Trustees are committed to building on this year's progress with clear, measurable goals that will take SwimTayka's impact even further.

Future Targets Dashboard - 2025

15,000
children reached

11,000
graduations (survival skills)

50
Local instructors Trained

100
international volunteers

3
Swim Together pilots (150 children)

£150,000
fundraising target

5
English Channel relay teams

1
Financial Controller recruited

Programme Growth

- Reach at least 15,000 children worldwide with swimming and water safety education.
- Achieve 11,000 graduations where children demonstrate survival skills (float, tread water, safe exit).
- Expand the Uganda programme into Year 2 of the five-year plan, training at least 20 local instructors and teaching 300 children.
- Strengthen the Maldives pilot into a full programme, reaching 150 children in its first full year.

Volunteer and Instructor Development

- Recruit and support 100 international volunteers, ensuring comprehensive safeguarding and induction.
- Provide training pathways for 50 new local instructors across all active programmes, building long-term sustainability.
- Expand cultural induction and language support for volunteers in Brazil and Peru.

UK Initiatives

- Launch the Swim Together Project pilots in Nottinghamshire, Leeds, and Blackpool, reaching 150 refugee and local children in the first year.
- Build a framework for a long-term UK drowning prevention programme linked with schools and youth organisations.

Fundraising and Partnerships

- Secure £150,000 in fundraising and grant income, including at least one new multi-year partnership with a corporate or charitable foundation.
- Grow the English Channel Relay fundraising model, engaging five teams for 2027–2028.
- Host the first Lake Geneva relay event in 2025, building it into a flagship SwimTayka fundraiser.

Governance and Capacity

- Recruit a dedicated Financial Controller to strengthen financial management and forecasting.
- Formalise a Safeguarding Sub-Committee to enhance oversight across all programmes.
- Develop a three-year strategic plan (2025–2028) with annual performance indicators to track progress.

"Our vision is bold, but it is achievable. By setting clear goals, we hold ourselves accountable — and together we will ensure more children are safe in water, today and tomorrow."

Governance

Structure, Governance and Management.

SwimTayka is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission (charity number 1176079). The charity is governed by its Constitution, which sets out its charitable objects and the powers of the trustees.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Board in accordance with the Constitution. Candidates are identified through professional networks, recommendations from existing trustees and volunteers, and open recruitment when specific skills are needed. All trustees must meet the statutory eligibility requirements set out in the Charities Act 2011.

Decision-making

The Board of Trustees is collectively responsible for governance, strategy and oversight of the charity's activities. The trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings convened as required. Decisions are made by majority vote, with the Chair holding a casting vote if needed. Day-to-day operations are delegated to the CEO, who is also a trustee, with oversight and reporting back to the Board.

Sub-committees and working groups

At present the Board does not operate formal standing sub-committees, but trustees establish temporary working groups to address specific areas of work, such as fundraising initiatives, programme development, safeguarding, or financial oversight. These groups report back to the full Board with recommendations for decision.

Induction and training

New trustees are provided with an induction pack that includes the Constitution, Charity Commission guidance on trustee duties, the latest annual report and accounts, and key policy documents. They are encouraged to attend external training provided by sector bodies such as the NCVO or the Charity Commission. Ongoing development is supported through regular briefings at trustee meetings, circulation of relevant guidance, and opportunities to participate in conferences or sector networks related to drowning prevention and child safeguarding.

Volunteer and staff oversight

Although SwimTayka is volunteer-driven, trustees maintain responsibility for safeguarding, financial oversight and risk management. Volunteers are recruited, trained and supported through structured programmes, with safeguarding checks carried out in line with policy.

Safeguarding Policy Overview

Safeguarding is at the heart of SwimTayka's mission. As a charity working with children worldwide, we recognise our duty of care to protect every child who participates in our programmes.

The Trustees are committed to maintaining the highest safeguarding standards in line with UK legislation, Charity Commission guidance, and international best practice.

Policy framework

SwimTayka has a formal Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees. The policy sets out clear procedures for identifying, reporting, and responding to safeguarding concerns. It applies to all trustees, staff, volunteers, and local partners.

Safeguarding officer

A designated trustee acts as Safeguarding Officer, providing oversight and ensuring compliance across all programmes. Local partners are required to nominate safeguarding leads who liaise directly with SwimTayka.

Volunteer recruitment and training

All international volunteers are subject to appropriate checks (including DBS or equivalent in their home country) before taking part in any programme. Volunteers receive safeguarding training as part of their induction, covering topics such as recognising signs of abuse, maintaining professional boundaries, and child protection reporting pathways.

Programme delivery

Safeguarding principles are embedded in lesson planning and supervision ratios. Local assistants and instructors are trained to uphold a safe learning environment and ensure that children are always treated with dignity and respect. Where necessary, risk assessments are carried out for specific locations and activities.

Reporting and accountability

All safeguarding concerns are taken seriously and dealt with promptly. Clear reporting procedures are in place, ensuring concerns are escalated to the Safeguarding Officer and, where appropriate, to external agencies in the UK or in-country. The Trustees review safeguarding reports regularly and monitor compliance as part of the risk management process.

Commitment to improvement

The Board is committed to continuous improvement in safeguarding. Lessons learned from each programme are incorporated into future planning, and trustees ensure that volunteers and partners are supported with ongoing training and resources.

Diversity and Inclusion

SwimTayka is committed to creating programmes that are inclusive, accessible, and welcoming to all. We believe that every child — regardless of background, ability, culture, or circumstance — deserves the chance to learn to swim and to be safe around water.

Our projects are designed to break down barriers. From teaching children in remote communities who have never had access to a pool, to supporting refugees and vulnerable young people through the Swim Together Project in the UK, inclusivity is built into our mission. By pairing children with local buddies, we create not only safe learning environments but also opportunities for friendship, cultural exchange, and social integration.

We also strive to ensure that our volunteers reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. This includes recruiting instructors and ambassadors from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, providing training to raise awareness of equality issues, and listening to feedback from participants and partners to continually improve our practice.

SwimTayka celebrates diversity as a strength. By bringing together people from different walks of life — children, parents, volunteers, and community partners — we build stronger, safer, and more resilient communities.

"Inclusivity is not an add-on to our mission — it is at the very heart of ensuring no child is left behind when it comes to water safety."

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks. A risk register is maintained and reviewed regularly at Board meetings.

The principal risks and mitigation measures during 2024 were:

Financial management

The absence of a dedicated financial controller was recognised as a significant risk, limiting the ability to produce timely forecasts and detailed financial monitoring. To mitigate this, trustees shared oversight responsibilities and engaged external accountancy support where required. Recruitment of a financial controller remains a priority for 2025.

Safeguarding and child protection

As SwimTayka works with children worldwide, safeguarding is a critical risk. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place, overseen by a designated trustee. All volunteers and local assistants undergo appropriate background checks and training before working with children. Safeguarding is reviewed at each trustee meeting and updated in line with statutory guidance and local partner requirements.

Volunteer recruitment and retention

SwimTayka relies on international volunteers to deliver programmes. The risks of inadequate recruitment or volunteer burnout are mitigated through structured rotations, clear role descriptions, induction and support. Feedback from volunteers is actively sought and acted upon to improve the volunteer experience.

Operational delivery overseas

Working in diverse international settings presents risks including logistical challenges, political instability, and reliance on local partners. These risks are managed through formal agreements with local NGOs, continuous monitoring of political and travel advice, and flexibility in programme delivery models.

Reputation and compliance

Reputational risk can arise from safeguarding incidents, financial mismanagement or programme failure. To mitigate this, trustees ensure compliance with Charity Commission requirements, maintain transparent reporting, and actively monitor communications and social media.

Health, safety and environmental risks

Given the nature of water-based activities, health and safety is paramount. All programmes are delivered by qualified instructors using recognised drowning prevention techniques. Environmental risks are also addressed by embedding clean-water education and environmental stewardship within programme delivery.

The Trustees are satisfied that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to manage these risks, and that ongoing monitoring will continue to strengthen the charity's resilience.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

SwimTayka's charitable purpose is to advance health and education by providing free swimming lessons, water-safety training, and drowning prevention education to children in waterside communities worldwide. In many of these communities, children grow up playing in rivers, lakes and seas but have little or no opportunity to learn to swim. Drowning is a leading cause of preventable child death globally, and SwimTayka exists to reduce this risk.

By connecting qualified instructors and trained volunteers with local partners, SwimTayka ensures that children receive lifesaving swimming and first-aid instruction, while also learning about drowning prevention protection. These programmes provide a direct and measurable public benefit by equipping children with skills that reduce the risk of drowning, improve health outcomes, and foster community resilience.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities are carried out exclusively in pursuit of these charitable purposes and provide public benefit both in the United Kingdom and internationally.

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity number: 1176079

Registered address:
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Bank: Metro Bank (Community Account)

Reporting period: 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Independent examiner: Chris Watchman Accounts

Objectives and activities

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Achievements and performance (highlights)

International delivery across the year (Peru, Uganda, Indonesia/Bali, Brazil), with partner-led programmes, instructor development, and child water-safety education.

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Financial Review

Receipts & Payments Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Overview

Section summarises the receipts and payments of SwimTayka for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

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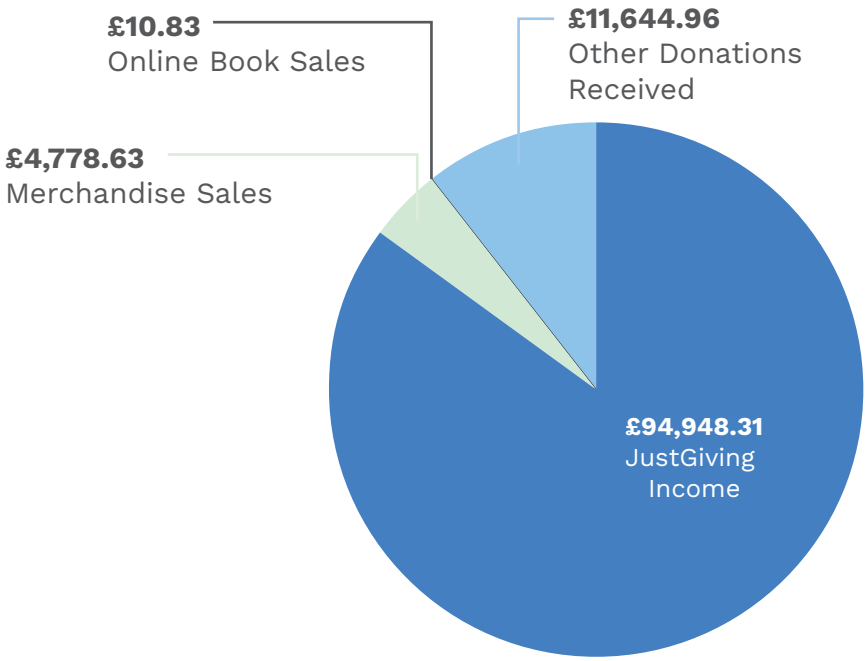

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Total Direct Costs	**83,849.34**

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Bank Fees	345.64
Conferences	840.00
General Expenses	400.04
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IT Software & Consumables	90.97
Pensions Costs	664.29
Printing & Stationery	4,524.77
Rent	496.00
Staff Training	761.00
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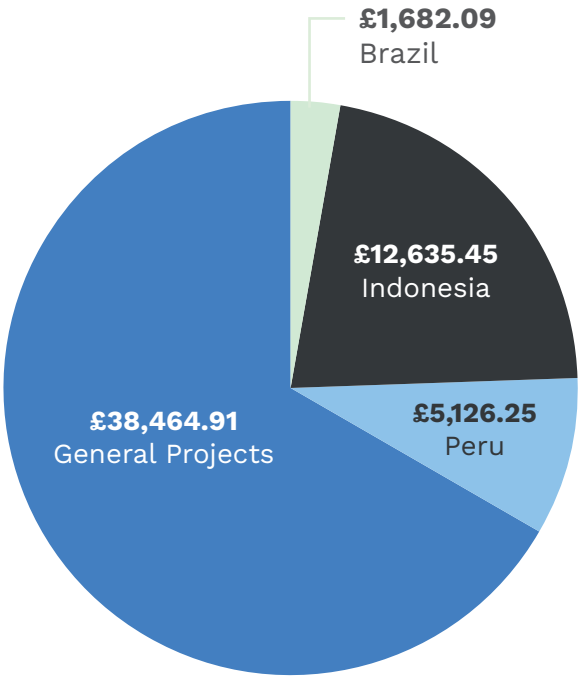

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Total payments were £128,157, comprising £83,849 on charitable activities and £44,307 on administrative support.

The result is a net operating deficit of £16,774.

These figures demonstrate the charity's continued investment in international drowning-prevention programmes across its partner countries.

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Volunteers

Our work simply would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. From those who travel overseas to teach swimming and water safety, to those who give their time in the UK to help with fundraising, administration, and advocacy, every contribution makes a real difference. Your passion and commitment continue to inspire us.

Programme partners

We are deeply grateful to our local partners in Brazil, Peru, Bali, Mozambique, Jamaica, Uganda, and the Maldives. Their expertise, trust, and collaboration allow us to deliver programmes that are rooted in local communities and shaped by their needs. Special thanks also go to Swimdo in Bali and ETIV do Brasil, whose long-term partnerships have helped us to build sustainable models of delivery.

Donors and fundraisers

To our donors – individuals, families, schools, and community groups – we thank you for your generosity. Every donation, whether large or small, helps us to teach children lifesaving skills. We also thank all those who organised fundraising events and challenges on our behalf, from English Channel relays to local swims and sponsored sporting events. A special mention goes to Poppy the Labrador and her Henley Swim Festival mile, and to Commander Mark “Scotty” Scott for his 200-day RNLI Challenge, both of which raised funds and awareness in creative and inspiring ways.

Corporate and organisational supporters

We acknowledge the valuable support of businesses and organisations who provided sponsorship, grant funding, and in-kind assistance during the year. Your contributions have enabled us to expand our reach, strengthen our governance, and invest in new programmes.

Trustees and ambassadors

Finally, we thank our trustees, ambassadors, and advisors who continue to guide the charity with wisdom, energy, and determination. Their leadership ensures that SwimTayka remains focused on its mission while preparing for sustainable growth in the years ahead.

Advisers: None

Bankers:
Metro Bank
Swindon Branch

Independent examiner / auditor:
Chris Watchman Accountants
Chippenham

Together, our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters form the SwimTayka community – united by the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn to swim, be safe around water, and enjoy the lifelong benefits that swimming brings.

Continue this journey – find out how to volunteer or donate at **https://SwimTayka.org**

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ANGRY BIRDS

Follow us on social media for regular updates from SwimTayka.

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4) Structure, governance and management

SwimTayka is a CIO governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for strategy, safeguarding, and finance. Day-to-day operations are delivered with partners and volunteers. Systems include cloud accounting and donor platforms.

Trustees during 2024: Alice Bunn(Chair), Bryan Avery, Mark Scott, Daisy Brook, Carole Stevenson, Neil Rushton, Robert Hamilton.

5) Plans for the future

- Continue English Channel fundraising and corporate partnerships.
- Strengthen reserves through multi-year sponsorships and grants.
- Expand UK water-safety initiatives for vulnerable children. Aim to deliver UK pilot programme reaching 100 children in 2025
- Review the instructor “academy” model with local partners.
- transition to accrual accounting planned for 2025

6) Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately three months of core running costs to ensure the charity’s continued operations and resilience against funding fluctuations.

At 31 December 2024, reserves stood below this target due to programme expansion and a shift in fundraising strategy.

The Trustees consider this position temporary and anticipate recovery through a renewed focus on English Channel fundraising, strengthened sponsorship pipelines, and planned 2025 campaign activity.

The current reserves remain sufficient to meet the charity’s immediate obligations, and no material uncertainties have been identified regarding the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern. A timeline for rebuilding reserves by mid-2026 through ongoing fundraising

7) Risk management

Principal risks: funding concentration, foreign-exchange and transfer costs, safeguarding across geographies. Mitigations: trustee oversight, partner due diligence, insurance, and documented safeguarding processes.

8) Public benefit statement

Trustees confirm all activities further SwimTayka’s charitable purposes and deliver public benefit by improving water safety and drowning prevention education for children.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

9) Independent examiner's statement

The accounts have been independently examined by Chris Watchman Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The examiner confirms that proper accounting records have been kept and the statements agree with those records.

10) Approval

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31st October 2025 and signed on its behalf:

Alice Bunn

Chair of Trustees, SwimTayka (1176079)

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: SWIMTAYTA

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1176079

Set out on pages: 182 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Watchman **Date:** 31/10/25

Name: CHRISTOPHER DAVID WATCHMAN

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

SWIMTAYKA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176079

Accounts

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SWIM TAYKA

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Overall Achievements

- **25** successful projects
- **11,034** children affected
- **£321,215** raised
- **86** current volunteers

Message from the chair

I'm delighted to introduce this report summarising the fantastic achievements of SwimTayka over 2023, a year in which we went from strength to strength expanding our global reach, our team and our efforts to advocate for drowning prevention. In total we touched the lives of 11,034 children in over 8 countries supported by a heroic team of 86 volunteers. All enabled by a record breaking year for fundraising through our channel swimming efforts.

Our Global partners

Peru: Our ongoing partnership with Otra Cosa Network in Peru has continued to see success. Through this collaboration, we have provided essential swimming lessons and environmental education, reaching a wider segment of the local community.

Mozambique: We have spear-headed efforts towards gender equality by training local women as swimming instructors. This initiative has empowered women in the community and helped break down gender barriers in swimming instruction and education. The local team will now pursuing their efforts independently, and we wish them every success.

Jamaica: Following a successful partnership in 2023, Jamaica will also move forward independently in swimming and water safety education.

We are delighted to have been able to help them develop their own programme, a key measure of success for the sustainable operations of SwimTayka globally. This underscores the value of empowering communities to sustain swimming and water safety education independently, a cornerstone of our mission.

South Korea: The creative fundraising initiative led by Leyna Biggs in South Korea exemplifies our global influence and the

innovative spirit of our supporters. This event raised substantial funds and demonstrated the potential of engaging young people in our cause through creative means.

Some of our major partners include Zoggs, Henley Swim, Outdoor Swimmer, and the Swimmers Teachers' Association.

Our team

We were delighted to welcome Dr Neil Rushton to our trustee board who brings a wealth of experience on the medical benefits of cold water swimming plus connections and enthusiasm worldwide. We were also very pleased to welcome Ash Cloninger as our new fundraiser bringing new energy and ideas and Adam Ball to the role of Volunteer Coordinator who has been instrumental already in ensuring our volunteers are supported and able to thrive.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Matthew Slater, a departing trustee, who has provided so many valuable contributions around the board table. We also said a fond farewell to Lauren Cambridge whose fundraising efforts have been pivotal to SwimTayka's success, and to Alex Ullmar who for personal reasons had to leave after a brief but impressively impactful time.

Awareness and Advocacy

Our World Drowning Prevention Day activities, particularly commissioning a mural in the Cotswolds, have significantly raised awareness about water safety. This visual campaign has effectively communicated the importance of drowning prevention to a broader audience.

Looking forwards

With a strengthened team and new ambitions for partners in Uganda and Jamaica as well as closer to home in the UK, SwimTayka is poised for continued success. The importance of drowning prevention is brought home to us every day so the mission of SwimTayka remains more important now than even before. We are excited to face the new challenges and opportunities as we continue our mission to empowering communities through swimming and drowning prevention education.

SWIM TAYKA

Mission

- It is our mission to prevent children from drowning.

Vision

Our vision is that no child be denied access to drowning prevention and swimming lessons because of their economic status.

We envisage a world where children grow up with:

- respect for water
- understand how their rivers, lakes and oceans are sources life
- a responsibility around or near water.

Values

Learning

Community Engagement & Learning

Involvement

Inclusive Engagement

Sustainability

Sustainable Impact

Innovation

Creative Innovation

Integrity

Integrity & Fairness

Efficiency

Efficient Resource Management

Key points

Following the United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, we are campaigning and driving programmes within countries that we are working within.

Common questions that came from the non-governmental organisations (NGO's) were "I don't have the resource to teach the children to swim".

We are providing free swimming lessons for school-aged children in low-resource environments.

Providing lessons in drowning prevention further to educate children in responsible behaviour around or near water

Objectives and how we achieve those objectives are financially or grant driven to deliver the training and message from the resources.

Context

United Nations General Assembly members have adopted an historic resolution, committing to greater efforts to prevent drowning.

An estimated 236,000 people drown every year, although this figure excludes drownings attributable to flood-related climatic events and water transport incidents, so the actual figure is much higher.

Drowning is among the ten leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

The United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, co- sponsored by Bangladesh and Ireland and adopted by consensus by the 193-member world body, is the first to focus on drowning, establishing July 25 as 'World Drowning Prevention Day'.

"In the Western world, we take learning to swim for granted, but this often isn't part of the culture or curriculum in poorer and lower- income communities in developing countries. That's why we need this focus and for governments to be proactive in promoting swimming programmes and drowning prevention."

SwimTayka promotes drowning prevention by teaching children to swim and to be safe in and around bodies of water and by starting and supporting local swimming programmes. This was born from the fact that many NGO's and charities that were near rivers, lakes and oceans that were supporting children did not have the ability or skills to run swimming lessons. We provide these NGO's with the resources they need to get started and keep running.

The assembly United Nations Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions are not legally binding, they do, however, reflect global opinion.

The assembly stressed that drowning "is preventable" using "low-cost interventions" and called on countries to consider introducing water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula. It is encouraging nations to appoint "a national focal point for drowning prevention", develop countrywide prevention programmes, and enact and enforce water safety laws.

We are following the guidelines of the World Health Organization and adhere to their recommended practice in our programmes as closely as possible.

Adaption

Following the World Health Organisations advice in the preventing drowning an implementation guide we are only implementing parts of the programme that are directly related to children and teaching swimming, we will be adopting the following interventions:

Safe Preschool Childcare Away from Water

Bystander Rescue and CPR Training

Swimming and Water Safety for Kids

Promote Water Access Barriers

Drowning Prevention Education for Teachers

Strategy

Raise Drowning Awareness

National Water Safety Plans

Collaborative Goal Achievement

Enhance Drowning Prevention with Data and Research

Five-year plan

As an organisation, the following plan is what we would want to achieve and work towards over the next five years

Within the next five years to be supporting ten programmes around the world.	Support international cooperation by sharing lessons learned, experiences and best practice within and among regions.
Identification around priority countries making sure we spread the risk there. We are diversifying funding sources.	For next two to three years, we will drive the name, the brand and the finance generation.
Follow the World Health Organisations guidance around drowning prevention and following the preventing drowning an implementation guide	Encourage integration of drowning prevention within existing disaster risk reduction programmes, especially in communities at risk of flooding and coastal inundation, including through international, regional and bilateral cooperation.
Developing a drowning prevention programming in line with World Health Organisation recommended interventions, namely, barriers, supervision, swim skills, rescue and resuscitation training.	Promote research and development of innovative drowning prevention tools and technology, and promote capacity-building through international cooperation, for developing countries.
Campaign for the introduction of water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula, consistent with the local government governance framework for education.	To observe 25th July as World Drowning Prevention Day annually in an appropriate manner through education, knowledge-sharing and other activities to raise awareness of the importance of drowning prevention and the need for urgent, coordinated multi-sectoral action to improve water safety, to reduce preventable deaths.
Promote and campaign to include drowning within civil registration and vital statistics registers and aggregate all drowning mortality data into national estimates.	Promote public awareness of drowning prevention and behaviour-change campaigns.
With the Drowning Prevention, we are to go broader and reach out to more and more NGOs in different countries, the reason why is that it will spread the risk and allow for sharing of information between programmes.	Each of the programmes with the NGO's we have a five-year strategy, with the intention that by the time we get to year five, the programme will be self-sustaining, supporting themselves and being run by local individuals and organisations. Including the local business and local government involved in the programmes going forwards.
Over the five years, the funding will be reduced for the programmes to encourage the NGOs to become more locally self-sustaining.	To engage with academics to provide research and provide evidence base information and impact assessments.

Measure the impact

Creating a self-sustaining programme with little or no dependence on external resources is measured by each year to reduce funding, where possible, by 20% for the programme.

We will record and monitor the skills and competencies taught and reached a level of maturity as defined in the World Health Organisation preventing drowning an implementation guide. These come under the following areas:

- Breathing skills in the water
- Swimming skills
- Survival competencies
- Elementary rescue techniques

We are reducing deaths by drowning in the locations we are working in by measuring the number of drownings year on year.

We will be providing a year-on-year increase to the number of Swimming courses taken by local students, these include but not limited to:

The STA (Swimming Teachers' Association) offers both regulated qualifications and unregulated courses, allowing learners across the globe to gain the necessary training within the leisure industry. They offer unregulated international training for swimming teaching, baby and pre-school teaching and pool lifeguarding job with confidence anywhere in the world.

- Unregulated Courses by the Swimming Teachers Association (STA)
- STA International Swimming Teacher
- STA International Baby and Pre-School Teacher
- STA International Pool Lifeguard
- STA International Lifesaving Course for Swimming Teachers
- STA International Open Water Coach
- STA International First Aid

Drowning Prevention: Key Facts

SWIM TAYKA

Teaching the life skills of swimming and water stewardship

What we do?

We provide free swimming lessons and environmental education about clean water stewardship to underprivileged children who live along earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans.

How does SwimTayka work?

SwimTayka connects organisations in low resource waterside communities with volunteer swimming instructors and environmental educators from around the world, in order to develop and promote free swimming sand environmental lessons for children. Volunteer programmes run from one week up to two months and include instruction in basic water safety, swimming, first aid and clean water education.

Mission

It is our mission to give disadvantaged children around the world access to swimming teachers who can not only provide life skills, but create a legacy for todays children, who will grow up and teach the next generation.

Combining swimming with clean water education we are nurturing a generation of world citizens who will act as environmental stewards who love, care for life-giving rivers, lakes and oceans along which they live.

Vision

Our vision is that no child will be denied access to swimming lessons due to their economic status.

We envisage a world where children grow up with a respect for their environment and understand and how rivers, lakes and oceans are sources of wholesome food, provide their livelihoods and play an important part of maintaining a healthy life free from waterborne illnesses.

SwimTayka wants to teach children worldwide how to swim and care for the water

Drowning is a silent epidemic that claims an estimated 360,000 lives every year, many of them children. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. These are wasted lives and preventable deaths.

There are approximately **42 DROWNING DEATHS EVERY HOUR**, everyday.

Did you know?*

- One person loses their lives by drowning every 90 seconds
- Children aged 1 to 4 are most at risk
- Over half the people who drown are under 25
- Most drownings occur in low- and middle-income countries
- These losses of life are largely preventable

*World Health Organization

Where we work

We work in counties that need teachers and education, working closely with NGO's and Charities that already have an established relationship with the community.

You may have been on holiday to beautiful beaches, swum in the clear turquoise waters, snorkelling or diving from boats but what you don't realise is that many of the local people cannot swim. They play in the waters every day, they have the confidence in the water, but they don't know how to swim or survive.

Working with communities that live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans no matter where they are, we provide the children with free swimming lessons, drowning prevention education and education in clean water stewardship.

Approach

- Connecting passionate people with existing NGO's and Charities
- Dealing with the issues at a local level
- Creating partnerships - which work
- Leaving a legacy of confident swimmers and clean water stewards
- Encouraging established teaching methods around drowning prevention and swimming teaching
- Teach the teacher and develop sustainability.

Other solutions

The practical solutions we have developed include:

- Connecting together qualified instructors to teach swimming
- A water education programme that is easy to follow and teach
- Free education lessons for children in low-income communities
- Connecting Swimming professional with existing NGO's and Charities
- Building safety values
- Developing a five-year plan

DROWNING PREVENTION

KEY FACTS

SWIM TAYKA

Drowning is one of the top 10 leading causes of death amongst 1-24 year olds

236,000 ANNUAL DEATHS occur due to **DROWNING.**

Over **50%** of this number consists of those **UNDER 25.**

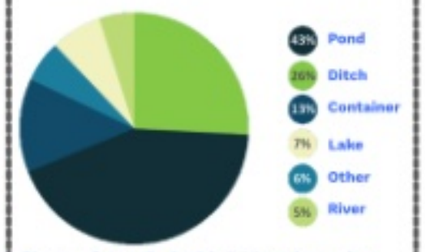
Drowning is the **5th LEADING** cause of death for **AGES 1-4**

MORTALITY RATE DUE due to **DROWNING** worldwide

Leading killers for children under 15 years of age

- **Tuberculosis** 69,684
- **Measles** 125,813
- **DROWNING** 140,219
- **HIV** 199,071
- **Meningitis** 217,580

Where there is **WATER THERE IS A THREAT** of drowning **(especially in children)**



Places of **Bangladeshi** children **drowning**

- Install **BARRIERS** controlling access to water
- Provide **SAFE PLACES** (for example, a crèche) away from water for pre-school children with capable childcare
- **IMPROVE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT** locally and nationally
- **TEACH** school-aged children **BASIC SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY, and SAFE RESCUE SKILLS**
- **TRAIN** bystanders in **SAFE RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION**
- Set and enforce safe **BOATING, SHIPPING, AND FERRYING REGULATIONS**

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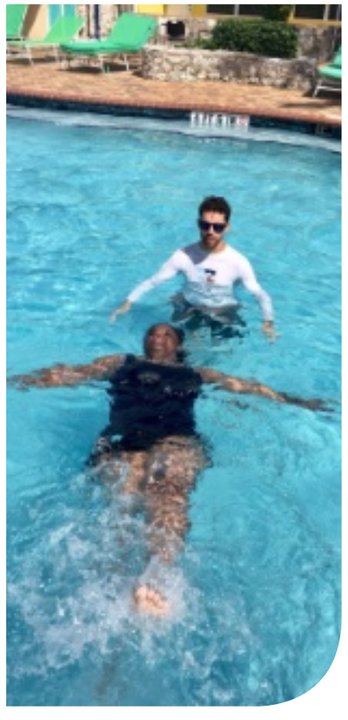

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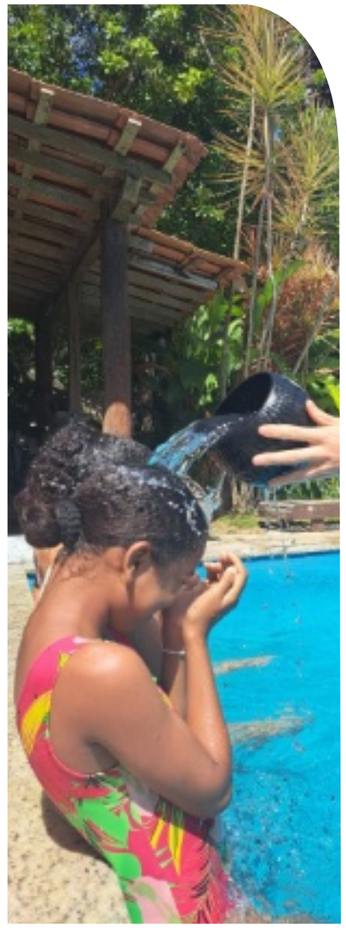


Programme Report

Peru

Transforming Lives Through Swimming and Environmental Education

Factual Information

In 2023, SwimTayka's programme in Peru achieved remarkable progress in transforming the lives of 60 local children—32 girls and 28 boys—through its focus on water safety, swimming, and environmental education. The majority of the children were aged between 5 and 6 years old, and their growth throughout the programme has been truly inspiring.

In the area of water safety and drowning prevention, the second survey revealed extraordinary improvements:

48 children now feel completely comfortable in the water, a huge increase from the previous survey, indicating a newfound confidence in their ability to float and swim.

Fear of swimming alone has decreased, with 37 children expressing that they would not swim more often even if they had company—an improvement, though still an area for growth.

Financial barriers to swimming have also eased, with only 27 children stating that swimming is expensive, down significantly from 40.

An astounding 37 children are now fully comfortable putting their faces underwater, a massive jump from just 6 in the first survey.

The fear of drowning has dramatically lessened: 43 children now say they are no longer afraid of drowning, compared to only 8 children at the start.

Every single child—100%—agreed that learning to swim means they will never drown, a reflection of their confidence in the life-saving skills they've gained.

Moreover, all 60 children now believe they can use these skills to earn money, whether as lifeguards or swim instructors, unlocking future opportunities for them.

Environmental education was equally impactful:

- 57 children expressed that protecting water and the environment is absolutely important to them, a significant rise from 30.
- 55 children are fully aware that water contamination is a major issue in their community.
- Every child—all 60—recognises that plastic pollution is a serious problem, a strong increase from the 50 who initially understood this.
- 52 children now say they know concrete actions they can take to make water cleaner, a leap from just 5 children previously.
- 51 children reported experiencing illnesses from swimming in or drinking contaminated water, up from 18, highlighting their increased awareness of the risks around them.
- 48 children expressed a strong desire to step up as leaders in their community, ready to take on roles that could create lasting change.

What We Did

In Peru, our volunteer Tom Wood attended the programme, helping the children gain confidence in the water. Tom shared his thoughts: "Volunteering in Peru was a rewarding experience, allowing me to directly impact the lives of local children by improving their water safety and helping them overcome their fears of water."

Throughout the programme, we offered comprehensive lessons focusing on water safety, swimming skills, and environmental stewardship. This included hands-on activities where children learned to float, swim, and take care of their water environments. These lessons were designed to build confidence, foster leadership, and impart essential skills for personal and community well-being.

How This Helped the Local People

The impact of the programme on the local community in Peru has been profound. The children now exhibit greater confidence in the water, with more participants overcoming their fear of drowning. The lessons have equipped them not only with swimming skills but also with an understanding of how to prevent drowning, ensuring their safety around water.

Furthermore, the focus on environmental education has empowered the children to become stewards of their local environment. They have a heightened awareness of water contamination and plastic pollution, which are pressing issues in their communities. This increased knowledge, coupled with their desire to become leaders, signals a shift toward proactive environmental protection and community involvement.

The programme has not only improved their personal safety and skills but also inspired a broader commitment to safeguarding their water resources, ensuring a more sustainable future for the entire community.

Brazil

Challenges and Optimism for the Future

Factual Information

In 2023, SwimTayka's programme in Brazil underwent significant changes and made a lasting impact on the local community. Shifting the programme's schedule to run from September through November, this adjustment helped overcome past recruitment challenges, attracting four volunteers right from the start. With the continued support from the Princess Charlene Foundation, which generously funded the programme last year, SwimTayka was able to continue its vital work in Brazil. This year's programme reached between 100-150 children from underprivileged areas in Itacaré, Bahia, providing free swimming lessons and crucial drowning prevention education.

Key Outcomes:

Drowning Prevention Education: A collaboration with a civilian firefighter and lifeguard provided hands-on demonstrations, including beach rescue techniques and first aid training. The children were taught how to recognise risks in both rivers and oceans, as well as how to seek help in emergencies.

Swimming Lessons: Around 150 children aged 7-15 received swimming lessons, building their water safety skills and confidence. Lessons were divided between morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate school schedules, with attendance ranging from 15-30 children per session. A smaller group of 15 children aged 3-7 was also taught water basics, breathing, and floating.

First Aid Training: As part of a comprehensive first aid curriculum, students learned CPR, how to handle jellyfish stings, and other water-related injuries.

Special Needs Inclusion: The programme welcomed children with special needs, including a boy with cerebral palsy and teenagers with anxiety, ensuring inclusivity and personalised support.

Environmental Education: In addition to swimming skills, children learned about the water cycle, climate change, and pollution. They also visited a waste treatment facility to better understand the dangers of microplastics.

What We Did

This year, SwimTayka's Brazil programme thrived by combining practical swimming lessons with an emphasis on water safety and environmental

stewardship. Our volunteers worked closely with the local team at ETIV-do-Brasil, offering morning and afternoon sessions tailored to the children's varying school schedules.

One of the programme's highlights was our Drowning Prevention Event held in commemoration of National Sea Day. The children, ranging from 8 to 18 years old, engaged in beach rescue demonstrations led by a lifeguard, learning critical lifesaving skills. The event, which drew over 30 canoeists, expanded beyond swimming to teach drowning prevention for water sports.

Additionally, children were encouraged to test their new skills in the open sea. After gaining confidence in the pool, they visited local beaches, navigating the ocean's currents and practicing swimming in natural water bodies. The focus on water safety extended to first aid training, where children learned how to perform CPR and manage injuries caused by marine life. This hands-on approach was designed to empower students with skills they could use both in and out of the water.

Volunteers, such as Brandon Carter, played an essential role in delivering lessons, working side by side with local instructors to manage class sizes and ensure each child received personalised attention. The volunteers also lived within the community, gaining valuable cultural insights while supporting the programme's day-to-day operations.

How This Helped the Local People

SwimTayka's programme in Brazil had a transformative impact on the community of Itacaré, offering more than just swimming lessons. By teaching essential water safety skills, we helped reduce the risk of drowning, a significant concern in this coastal region. The programme empowered children to navigate both pools and open waters safely, which will help save lives in the long run.

The environmental education component fostered a sense of responsibility among the children, encouraging them to become stewards of their local environment. Learning about pollution, climate change, and water conservation has inspired many of the participants to take action within

their communities. The knowledge they gained extends beyond personal safety, equipping them to advocate for cleaner and safer water sources.

Our inclusion of children with special needs and the additional first aid training ensured that every child, regardless of their background or abilities, could benefit from the programme. The training sessions on CPR and first aid have equipped participants with the tools they need to not only protect themselves but also assist others in emergencies, fostering a more resilient and safety-conscious community.

In summary, the 2023 Brazil programme has enriched the lives of children in Itacaré by teaching them crucial life skills that will keep them safe in and around water while also nurturing their sense of environmental responsibility. This comprehensive approach ensures the long-term well-being of both the children and their communities.

Bali

Reflecting on Challenges and Successes of the Swimdo Programme

Factual Information

For several years, the Swimdo programme in Bali has been one of the most popular opportunities for volunteers, consistently attracting applicants eager to make a difference. However, in 2023, we encountered an unexpected and concerning decline in interest. Despite our extensive efforts in promoting the programme through social media and other outreach platforms, there were very few volunteer applications, which was highly unusual given the historical demand.

For the first time in several years, there were no confirmed volunteers for the Swimdo project in Bali, a stark contrast to previous years when we struggled to accommodate all the eager applicants. This decline was a source of concern, especially given how essential the Swimdo programme is for teaching children vital swimming and water safety skills in a region where drowning rates are high.

However, amidst these challenges, we were fortunate to have the ongoing support of a philanthropic foundation that had long believed in the impact of the Bali project. This foundation generously stepped in to provide financial assistance, covering volunteer expenses and offering stipends or grants to attract more participants. While volunteer recruitment was lower than expected, this financial backing offered a way forward and hope for future projects.

What We Did

SwimTayka played a supportive role in assisting the local Swimdo team in Bali. Together, we worked tirelessly to continue providing essential swimming and water safety lessons for local children. In previous years, volunteers from around the world would come to Bali to participate in the programme, spending two weeks at a time teaching children aged 7-12. These lessons focused on survival swimming, floating, basic swimming strokes, and water safety techniques.

Despite the lower number of volunteers in 2023, the Swimdo team in Bali continued their mission to educate children about water safety. With our assistance, they were able to maintain the core elements of the programme, which not only focused on swimming skills but also environmental stewardship. Children learned about the importance of protecting their water sources, which is a critical issue in coastal communities like Bali.

Although there were no volunteers on the ground for a portion of the year, the financial support from our foundation partner allowed us to explore creative ways to keep the programme going. Discussions were held about how to utilise stipends to attract future volunteers, and we intensified our outreach efforts, leveraging community networks and social media to spread the word about the opportunity.

How This Helped the Local People

The Swimdo programme, with our assistance, continued to have a profound impact on the children and families of Bali. Over the years, the programme has saved lives by equipping local children with vital water safety skills. For many children, this programme was their first exposure to swimming, an essential skill in a country with one of the highest rates of drowning in the world. By learning to swim, the children gained confidence and safety in the water, significantly reducing their risk of drowning.

In addition to swimming lessons, the environmental education component of the programme instilled in the children a deep respect for their natural surroundings. They learned how to protect their water sources and take action against pollution, ensuring that future generations will benefit from a cleaner, safer environment. This education has empowered the children to become stewards of their community, contributing to its long-term sustainability.

Although 2023 presented recruitment challenges, the support from our foundation partner allowed us to ensure the continuation of the programme. Looking back, the Swimdo programme's ability to maintain its impact despite the volunteer shortfall is a testament to the dedication of the local team and the strength of our partnerships. With renewed outreach and financial backing, we believe that future years will see a resurgence in volunteer participation, allowing the programme to continue saving lives and transforming communities.

Jamaica

Overcoming Challenges to Deliver Life-Saving Education

Factual Information

In 2023, the Jamaica project encountered an unexpected challenge when several volunteers scheduled to provide swimming and water safety lessons withdrew from the programme. This left us with only one remaining volunteer to carry out the essential work. Historically, the Jamaica programme has been one of SwimTayka's key projects, providing life-saving education to children in coastal communities. Recognising the importance of ensuring the project could continue, SwimTayka responded quickly to this situation.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the support of SwimTayka Trustees, we were able to redirect funds to cover the critical costs required for the project to move forward. These funds were used for airfare, programme materials such as kickboards and floats, local transportation, and other essential expenses to support the lone volunteer. Despite the volunteer shortage, the Jamaica project proceeded as planned, allowing us to continue delivering essential swimming and water safety education to children in Treasure Beach, Jamaica.

What We Did

Faced with the challenge of a reduced volunteer team, SwimTayka acted swiftly to ensure that the Jamaica project was not derailed. The reallocation of funds ensured that the remaining volunteer had everything they needed to successfully carry out the programme. This included providing transportation, accommodation, and all necessary teaching materials.

The programme itself focused on delivering life-saving swimming lessons and water safety education to children in a rural coastal area of Jamaica. These children, many of whom had never learned to swim, were taught essential skills that will help protect them in a country where drowning is a leading cause of accidental death among young people.

In addition to the swimming lessons, the programme fostered strong connections within the local community, with local staff from Likkle Swimmers playing a vital role in supporting the volunteer. Despite the difficulties caused by the volunteer dropout, the programme was a success due to the collaborative effort between SwimTayka, our donors, and the local community.

How This Helped the Local People

The continuation of the Jamaica project in 2023 had a direct and meaningful impact on the children of Treasure Beach. The swimming and water safety lessons provided by the programme are critical in reducing the risk of drowning, especially in this vulnerable coastal community where many children lack access to formal swimming education.

By ensuring that the programme went ahead, SwimTayka helped equip local children with life-saving skills that will protect them in and around water. The strong sense of community and collaboration between SwimTayka, Likkle Swimmers, and local supporters allowed the project to thrive despite the reduced number of volunteers.

Additionally, this experience demonstrated the resilience of our organization and the importance of donor support in helping us adapt to unexpected challenges. The funds we reallocated enabled us to maintain the high standards of education and safety that are the hallmark of SwimTayka's programmes. This ensured that the Jamaica project could still make a lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve.

In summary, 2023 posed significant challenges for SwimTayka's Jamaica project, but through swift action and the generous support of our donors and trustees, we were able to ensure its success. The project continued to provide life-saving swimming and water safety lessons to children in a vulnerable community, demonstrating the adaptability and strength of SwimTayka's mission to use swimming education to save lives and create lasting change.

Mozambique

Overcoming Challenges and Achieving Milestones

Factual Information

In 2023, volunteer recruitment for the Mozambique project was lower than anticipated. Despite this, we were fortunate to have Robert Hamilton on board to lead the programme, with his participation generously sponsored by Love the Oceans, a local organization dedicated to ocean conservation. Although volunteer numbers were small, Robert's wealth of experience and passion for swimming instruction allowed the project to continue with significant impact.

Robert's leadership in the Mozambique Aquatic Training Programme was particularly notable for training four local women as certified swimming teachers—a first for the region. In addition, the programme trained six local men in lifesaving skills through the STA International Pool Lifeguard course. These courses were pivotal in establishing a sustainable infrastructure for swimming and lifesaving education in Mozambique, particularly in communities along the coast where drowning incidents are a significant concern.

Key Achievements:

Training of Four Local Women as Swimming Teachers: For the first time, four women from Mozambique were certified as swimming teachers, marking a significant milestone in the region's swimming education.

Lifeguard Training: Six local men participated in the STA Pool Lifeguard course, with three completing the training successfully. The course included first aid and CPR.

Community Involvement: The programme saw high engagement, with attendance reaching up to 189 children in a single day.

What We Did

Despite the challenges in recruiting volunteers, the Mozambique Aquatic Training Programme pressed ahead, with Robert Hamilton at the helm. His extensive experience in swimming instruction and water safety ensured the project's success. Working alongside Love the Oceans and local community officers, Robert conducted both the STA International Swimming Teacher and Pool Lifeguard courses.

The programme was designed to provide much-needed water safety skills to the local community, including both children and adults. The training of local women as certified swimming teachers was a landmark achievement for the region, promoting gender inclusivity and building local capacity for swimming education. Additionally, the lifeguard training focused on equipping local men with the skills needed for pool rescue and emergency response, with an emphasis on first aid and CPR.

Classes were conducted in both theoretical and practical sessions, with morning lectures covering key concepts and afternoon sessions focusing on hands-on training. Language barriers were overcome with the help of local translators, ensuring that participants fully understood the material. The children who participated in the programme also received swimming lessons, and community engagement was high, with some days seeing nearly 200 children in attendance.

How This Helped the Local People

The Mozambique programme made a significant impact on the local community, providing life-saving swimming and rescue skills to a region that has long struggled with drowning incidents. By certifying local women as swimming teachers, the programme not only empowered these individuals but also laid the groundwork for future generations to benefit from ongoing water safety education. This marks a critical step towards making swimming lessons accessible to all children in the region.

The lifeguard training programme added another layer of protection for the community. By equipping local men with rescue skills, including CPR and first aid, the programme helped create a safer environment for everyone who lives near or uses the coastal waters. The newly trained lifeguards will play an essential role in reducing the risk of drowning in a region where access to emergency services is limited.

In addition to these direct benefits, the programme's community involvement fostered a greater sense of ownership and responsibility among local leaders. The participation of community officers, such as Pasquale and Mario, ensured that the knowledge gained through the programme will continue to be passed on and implemented in future training efforts. The ripple effect of this training is already visible, with plans to collaborate with local schools to integrate swimming lessons into their curriculum.

In summary, while 2023 posed challenges in terms of volunteer recruitment, the Mozambique Aquatic Training Programme achieved remarkable milestones under Robert Hamilton's leadership. With the support of Love the Oceans, the programme was able to train local women and men in essential swimming and lifesaving skills, setting a strong foundation for future growth. The positive community impact and high levels of engagement demonstrate the importance of this work and its potential to save lives in Mozambique for years to come.

Maldives

Navigating Setbacks to Launch a Vital Drowning Prevention Programme

Factual Information

For six months, SwimTayka had been working diligently with partners in Fuvahmulah, Maldives, to prepare for the launch of a critical drowning prevention programme scheduled for November. Initial engagement was promising, with enthusiastic participation from local stakeholders. The Fuvahmulah Tiger Shark Residence offered their pool for lessons, and local officials expressed full support. Moreover, Mantra Trust secured instructors from Addu Atoll and began developing the curriculum, ensuring all preparations were on track for a successful launch.

However, as the programme's launch date approached, communication with both Fuvahmulah partners and Mantra Trust abruptly ceased in July. Despite repeated attempts by the SwimTayka team to reconnect through emails, phone calls, and video chats, no responses have been received, leaving the programme in limbo. This unexpected communication breakdown has placed the scheduled November launch in jeopardy, creating uncertainty about the future of the initiative.

What We Did

The SwimTayka team invested significant time and resources into coordinating with local partners in the Maldives to prepare for this vital drowning prevention programme. Collaboration with Fuvahmulah's Tiger Shark Residence and local authorities laid a strong foundation for providing swimming and water safety education to island children. The Mantra Trust's involvement, including the recruitment of qualified instructors from Addu Atoll, further ensured the programme's potential success.

The programme was designed to provide life-saving swimming lessons and water safety training to reduce the risk of drowning on Fuvahmulah, an island surrounded by water. However, the sudden halt in communication has left the SwimTayka team in a challenging position. Unable to finalise logistics or confirm details for the November launch, the team is currently in a holding pattern, waiting for contact to resume with their local partners.

SwimTayka remains committed to seeing this programme through. The team continues to reach out to Fuvahmulah and Mantra Trust, hoping that communication will soon be restored. Once re-established, the goal is to move forward quickly to ensure that the life-saving education the programme offers can begin as planned.

How This Helped the Local People

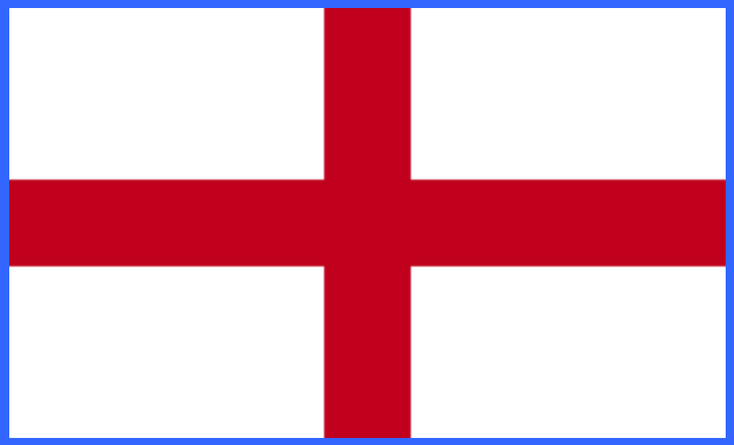
Although the programme has not yet been launched, the groundwork laid by SwimTayka and its partners has the potential to make a significant impact on the local community in Fuvahmulah. With drowning being a leading cause of accidental death in island nations like the Maldives, providing children with swimming and water safety skills is crucial for their protection.

The planned programme aimed to equip children with essential skills to safely navigate their water-rich environment, helping to reduce the risk of drowning and save lives. Additionally, the involvement of local instructors from Addu Atoll would create a sustainable framework for continued swimming education in the future.

While the current communication breakdown has delayed the programme's launch, the impact it could have on the Fuvahmulah community remains vital. SwimTayka's dedication to resuming discussions with local partners reflects the organisation's commitment to bringing this essential project to fruition, ensuring that the children of Fuvahmulah receive the swimming and safety training they need.

In summary, the 2023 Maldives programme faced unexpected challenges due to a sudden halt in communication with local partners. Despite these setbacks, SwimTayka remains committed to launching the drowning prevention initiative in Fuvahmulah. By continuing outreach efforts and maintaining a readiness to proceed, SwimTayka is focused on delivering life-saving education to the children of the Maldives, once the necessary connections are reestablished.

England



Building Foundations for the Swim Together Project

Factual Information

In 2023, SwimTayka began laying the groundwork for a new initiative called Swim Together, aimed at providing swimming and water safety lessons to vulnerable children, including refugees. The concept was developed in collaboration with Swim Nature and initially focused on a small pilot project in London. This pilot would serve as a testing ground for a future national expansion, offering life-saving swimming skills to children in need.

The pilot is set to begin during school holidays, using the pool facilities of Swim Nature's existing clients. The programme will target children aged 6-10, with lessons focusing on basic water acclimatisation and safety skills. An important aspect of the project will be carefully pairing refugee children with local children at similar skill levels to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

What We Did

SwimTayka and Swim Nature have been in close discussions to ensure the successful launch of the Swim Together pilot project. To build a strong foundation, SwimTayka has taken steps to engage with key organisations such as the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) and the Swimming Teachers' Association (STA) for feedback and potential collaboration. This approach ensures that the programme is built thoughtfully, with input from respected stakeholders in water safety education.

Before launching the pilot, SwimTayka focused on a few key areas:

Collaboration and Feedback: Engaging with RLSS and STA to gather insights, adapt existing programmes, and ensure that the pilot is compliant with safety standards.

Fundraising: Recognising the need for financial support, SwimTayka initiated fundraising efforts to cover the costs of materials, pool access, and instructor fees.

Research and Development: To avoid copyright issues, SwimTayka began researching existing water safety programmes that could be adapted for use in the Swim Together pilot.

A crucial planning meeting was scheduled for early August to finalise materials, align on next steps, and ensure that the project is ready to launch successfully. The intention is to start small but thoughtfully, with the aim of refining the programme before expanding it nationally.

How This Helped the Local People

Though still in its planning stages, the Swim Together project has the potential to make a significant impact on vulnerable children in the UK. By targeting refugee children and pairing them with local children in swimming lessons, the programme fosters not only life-saving swimming skills but also social inclusion and community building. Many refugee children come from regions where water safety education is lacking, making these lessons particularly important for their safety and confidence around water.

The collaboration with organisations like RLSS and STA ensures that the programme will be delivered to the highest standards, incorporating best practices from across the industry. This engagement also provides an opportunity to build long-lasting partnerships that could support the expansion of the project across the UK.

Moreover, the focus on water acclimatisation and safety for children aged 6-10 addresses a critical age group where swimming skills are essential for future safety. The project's thoughtful pairing of refugee and local children encourages integration and shared learning, helping to break down social barriers while providing essential education.

In summary, the Swim Together project is poised to provide a vital service to vulnerable children in the UK. By building the pilot project in collaboration with key stakeholders and gathering the necessary resources, SwimTayka is creating a strong foundation for the future. With careful planning, stakeholder input, and a focus on inclusivity, the Swim Together project has the potential to expand nationally and transform the lives of many children by providing them with critical swimming and water safety skills.

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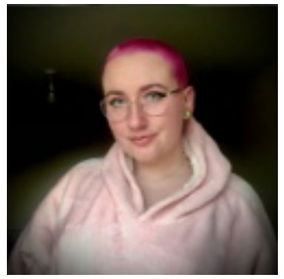

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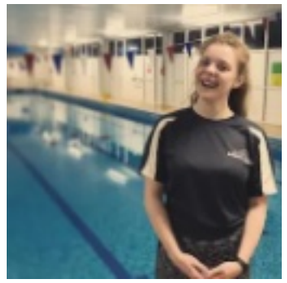

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Principles and Safeguarding

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

SwimTayka operates in low resource communities across the world, often in the face of difficult communications, security, logistics and financial challenges. In delivering all of our objectives we face significant challenges every day. We have robust procedures to evaluate, design and implement effective measures to reduce both the likelihood and the potential impact of these risks occurring.

Our volunteers undertake a risk assessment for each and every project every year, in order to mitigate for any risks anticipated at each location we operate.

Number of accidents/injuries reported to SwimTayka during 2023 was Zero

Safeguarding policy

We remain committed to safeguarding not only the children, but our volunteers too. We have a robust Safeguarding children policy which is reviewed each year. We also provide the following courses to our volunteers:

Introduction to Safeguarding Children Training Course (Level 1 Safeguarding)

This course aims to help learners understand their responsibilities for safeguarding children. It explains how to recognise and respond to abuse, how to respond to a disclosure, and how to report and record concerns.

Advanced Safeguarding Children (Level 2 Safeguarding)

This Advanced Safeguarding Children course aids those who work frequently with children and/or families to learn more about child protection procedures and responsibilities, including recognising and reporting abuse, the safeguarding structure and what happens after a referral to social care is made.

Designated Safeguarding Officer Training (Level 3 Safeguarding Children)

This Designated Safeguarding Person course helps those with a designated child protection role to learn more about their responsibilities in regards to promoting good safeguarding practices in the workplace, recognising and responding to abuse, working with other services and sharing information.

Number of safeguarding concerns raised during any our our programmes during 2023 was zero

Volunteer Selection

It is important that the volunteers who come to work with SwimTayka can be entrusted with the care of children as well as fully believing in our values and mission.

To achieve a good quality selection of volunteers we request the following for those who work on our programmes:

- A clear Criminal Background check
- Professional Qualifications verified
- Background references checked
- Criteria for recruiting volunteers:
  - Passion for water/water activities
  - Experiences on outdoor event swimming
  - Working as a teaching assistant in schools
  - knowledge of environmental issues
  - can-do attitude

Partnerships

As an independent organisation, SwimTayka is keen to collaborate with other charitable organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or other organisations in waterside communities where there exists a need for education in the skills and principles of drowning prevention, water safety, swimming, environmental education and water stewardship.

As our programmes evolve, we strive to follow certain criteria and guidelines for selecting the organisations with which we partner and the projects on which we engage.

As a general principle we approach partnering holistically, taking into consideration personal safety, community needs, project location, comparative costs, collaborative relationships among organisations, and a general subjective feel for things.

The background due-diligence we perform of potential partnerships covers:

- Location
- Safety of our volunteers
- Mandatory criteria
    - They must be a registered charity, NGO or non-profit organisation
    - They must be geographically located in a waterside community
    - They must have programmes in place that serves disadvantaged children
    - They must have a strong presence in the community they serve
    - Safety protocols in place for staff, volunteers and the individuals is crucial

Our Plans for 2024

With five successful years now behind us, we plan to expand in 2024 and reach out to more children around the world, and support more organisations to deliver swimming lessons and environmental water stewardship education. To do this, we recognise we need to bring more expertise into the organisation around:

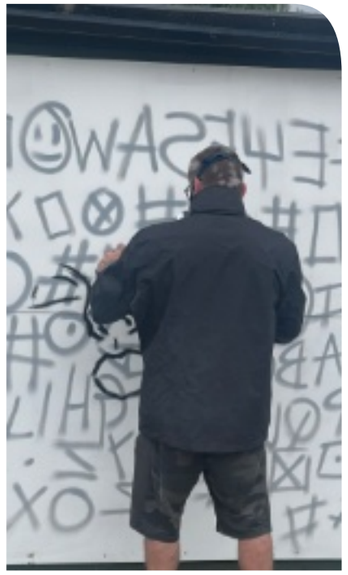
- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Events Management
- Campaign Management
- Legal
- Policymaking

Some of this recruitment is well under way already and plans for the remaining recruitment are afoot.

Other Activities

In addition to our core programmes, SwimTayka engaged in a variety of other activities throughout 2023.

Drowning message gets splash of colour thanks to street artist



London street artist EyeSaw – AKA Paul Cottie – has put drowning prevention in the picture by painting a 2m high mural in the Cotswolds.

Carrying the clear message 'Think before you sink', the artwork was created to mark World

Drowning Prevention Day and was commissioned by swimming charity SwimTayka.

Every year worldwide, around 236,000 people drown, and drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death, accounting for 7 per cent of all injury-related deaths.

"We really happy with Paul's artwork, which gives a clear message about water safety," said

SwimTayka founder Bryan Avery, a keen open water swimmer from Swindon. "It's an eye-catching way to remind people that, while the water is great to swim in, they need to respect it and to take care."

The artist Paul Cottie, whose tag is EyeSaw, is an occasional open water swimmer himself, but now says he's now been inspired to go more often.

SwimTayka runs free swimming programmes in countries include Brazil, Peru, Jamaica and

Mozambique, where learning to swim isn't part of the local culture, yet children are at risk because they are living alongside water. It recruits volunteer

swim instructors to visit the programmes, and run the swimming and drowning prevention courses.

By commissioning the mural, SwimTayka hopes to raise awareness of the importance of water safety. Next year, the charity also plans to launch free UK swimming courses.

Much of SwimTayka's funds come through organising yearly Channel relay swims, for those who want to take on the challenge of swimming the English Channel and raise money at the same time. It is now recruiting for its relay teams for 2024.

Channel swim moves 5,500 miles – to South Korea!

It may seem unlikely that a Channel swim can take place anywhere other than between England and France, but that is exactly what happened when students in South Korea got together to stage a fundraiser for SwimTayka.

American high school junior Leyna Biggs, aged 16, who goes to school in Seoul where she lives with her parents, masterminded the event, which took place in the pool where she's a club swimmer.

She and fellow students split into relay teams, and competed against each other to see who could be fastest to swim 33km – the equivalent distance between England and France, across the Channel.

They were sponsored for their efforts and managed to raise nearly £500 for SwimTayka. We are very grateful for the funds, which will go towards running our swimming programmes around the world.

So how did Leyna hear about SwimTayka?

"I had volunteered at a mobile health clinic in Peru, and when I was there I really fell in love with Peru and Peruvian culture. Also, I have been a competitive swimmer for a long time and so after my summer in Peru I was looking for something that would combine my interests.

"I did some internet research and came across SwimTayka and of course they run a swimming programme in Peru. I'm not sure I am old enough to volunteer there yet, but I would love to do this one year. It would be a great experience to continue on from what I have already done."

Leyna wanted to look at a creative way to fundraise and spotted the Channel relay swims we run. She couldn't bring the kids to England, so she brought England to Seoul instead!

"Our competitive swim season had just ended, so this was a great finale for the kids. We had a mix of people from the school swim team and some who are regular students."

Leyna hopes one day to take part in an actual Channel relay swim. "We don't have a culture of open water swimming here, but I'd love to test my swimming skills. I'm applying for university for next fall to study pre-med or global health, and if I happen to find myself in the UK I may get a chance."

We're so impressed with Leyna's efforts and a big thank you to her and her fellow students.

Diabetes proves no barrier for long distance swimmer

When Mark Holmes was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 2021, he thought his open water

swimming days were over, but he couldn't have been more wrong. Two years on, and with several

long-distance swims under his belt, he's as passionate now as ever and attributes his swimming to

helping maintain his health and mental wellbeing.

It was in 2021, that technology firm owner Mark Holmes, 44, from Buckinghamshire, found himself in intensive care for six days.

A keen open water swimmer – including being part of a Channel relay team in 2008 – he couldn't understand why he was so ill. He'd been feeling fatigued, constantly thirsty, and over just two weeks had lost 2.5 stone.

The diagnosis took everyone by surprise. Doctors believed the stress of running a business through Covid had switched on the gene that triggers type 1 diabetes. Unlike type 2, which is more dictated by personal and environmental factors, this is a solely genetic condition and it can't be reversed.

"I had started getting really thirsty, going to the bathroom a lot more and experienced rapid weight loss. This happens because the body is unable to utilise the sugar in the bloodstream, and therefore goes into starvation mode, converting fat and muscle into energy.

"I was still trying to exercise and swim but with the loss of muscle mass, and not being able to utilise the glucose, I was fatiguing really quickly and not swimming with the same power. This led to a lot of frustration, as I was unable to complete my swims and had no idea what was going on."

Mark had been a keen swimmer as a child, competing in breaststroke for his school and his then County Middlesex. But around A'levels he drifted away from swimming, and gravitated to rugby instead.

"It wasn't until 2005/06, when I was working in London that I decided to return to swimming. I wanted to do something different so relearnt freestyle, using the total immersion method, which focuses on efficiency of stroke. I was keen to get into long-distance swimming, and to try open water, which is the only place you can really do long-distance."

Mark's first event was the Bosphorus Cross-Continental Swim, of 6.5km (4miles). Coming eighth spurred him on. Next came the Channel relay swim, and he then developed an interest in prison swims, swimming from an island-based prison to shore. Among those he's completed are the three UK/Ireland prison swims – Drakes Island, Spitbank Fort and Spike Island.

But father-of-two Mark feared his 2021 diagnosis was going to put an end to all of this. It was a shock to know he now had to inject with insulin for the rest of his life. He was also pretty frail, due to the weight loss. It was a life-changing moment. He was, by his own admission, in a complete mental funk.

"I thought, how can I swim now? What if I am miles from the coast and I have an episode? Does this mean my open water swimming days are over? How can I compete if I don't have the same energy levels? I had just found something that I loved and felt it was about to be taken away from me."

But a solution was at hand, and one that should give hope to all type 1 diabetics, who have the same concerns that Mark faced.

Essential to ensuring his blood sugar level is correct is to measure via regular finger prick tests – something he clearly can't do mid-swim. Mark's diabetes specialist nurse helped him apply for funding for a continuous glucose monitor. At the time, Mark had to put a special case to the NHS but now, this technology is available to all type 1 diabetics.

A small monitor sits beneath the skin on Mark's arm, which measures his glucose levels, sending readings to an app on his phone. Whenever his levels are too low, he can take action, by taking a prescribed glucose liquid. If too high, he opts where possible to having a short burst of exercise which will bring it down. He can also inject with insulin.

So, how does he manage all this while swimming? Mark has a tow float, which carries his phone in a waterproof bag. The phone connects to his watch, which will beep if Mark's sugar levels are beginning to drop. He can then stop, take a glucose drink while treading water, and carry on. If he's swimming at an event with kayakers and support crew, he can ask one of them to carry his equipment.

The first swim Mark took part in, following his diagnosis, was the Jubilee 10km. He felt quite nervous. "But I had a lot of support with me. I was very diligent with what I ate and drank and checked myself at food stops. Having done that, I knew, with the right equipment and the right food strategy, and level of fitness, I would be OK."

Not only does he swim in the open water, Mark has now also returned to pool swimming and has competed for his local team.

He's passionate about educating people about diabetes and is an ambassador for Diabetes UK. He wants to encourage others to follow his lead; if they are keen on open water swimming, their condition needn't be a barrier, as long as they are careful and follow medical advice. And would he recommend a Channel relay swim?

"I'd recommend it 100 per cent. It's a gateway to doing it as a solo, but for me I loved the team element, being with a group of people and doing a unique event, is amazing. It is a great event and a great accomplishment. It definitely comes into the top three of all the events I have done."

SwimTayka's success at the Swimming Teachers Association Conference

Our Exhibition stand:

At the heart of our presence was our meticulously designed exhibit stand. Serving as a touchpoint for learning about SwimTayka's initiatives, the stand featured engaging fliers, eye-catching banners, and SwimTayka-branded merchandise, including swim towels and caps. The different fliers aimed to highlight our English Channel relay for 2024, introduce our newly launched Ambassador Programme, and disseminate general information about our mission at SwimTayka.

Getting to know you:

Our main focus was to engage with the many delegates present. We chatted to a wide range of people, including swimming instructors, swimming school owners, and representatives from aligned organisations such as RoSPA—The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Conversations also extended to professionals in marketing who expressed interest in offering pro bono services to SwimTayka, as well as people who are keen to volunteer.

Our stand was a focal point for attracting delegates and having some fantastic conversations with key players in the industry, including the STA itself and other organisations such as Level Water, which provides lessons for children with disabilities.

The out come that followed:

For SwimTayka, having a stand at the STA conference was a great success. We had several people signing up as interested in helping us; we launched our new SwimTayka Ambassador Programme; and we now have potential collaborations to look forward to. Plus, we've been promised equipment and funding from others present.

We were also very pleased to note a growing focus on supporting people with disabilities within the swimming community, part of a positive trend for inclusivity.

The STA Conference 2023 has undoubtedly strengthened SwimTayka's footing within the swimming community. The event not only allowed us to introduce and clarify our mission to a wider audience but also opened several avenues for fruitful collaborations and community engagement. The future looks bright, and we are incredibly excited about the opportunities that await us.

We'd like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the STA, all attendees, organisers, and our own team members for making this event a resounding success. We look forward to using future such events as a platform for impactful actions and collaborations in the near future.

Creating self-sustaining swim programmes around the world

There is a great proverb that goes, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime".And this is, in our own way, exactly what we aim to do with our SwimTayka programmes (and it's a bonus that the proverb is water-related!)

At SwimTayka, we don't want to come in, teach a few children to swim and then withdraw. Our aim is to create programmes that becoming self-sustaining within five years.Our mission is to give disadvantaged communities around the world access to swimming teachers who not only provide the life skills of swimming, but create a legacy for today's children, who will grow up to teach the next generation.

So, how does this work?

We partner with local NGOs or charities in the locations we pinpoint as needing our support. Currently, we have programmes operating in Peru, Brazil and Indonesia. For 2024, we have Uganda coming on board.

We work alongside our partners, helping to create a swimming and drowning prevention programme that will give children life-saving skills. At the same time, we will train local people to become swim instructors. As children move through the programme, they may themselves become swim teachers.

In this way, the programmes become self-sustaining as local people take ownership.

Our longest-running programme is in Peru, where we are approaching our fifth year. Here we partner with Otra Cosa Network. The swimming programmes, which runs for several weeks of the year, are now being delivered by a mix of volunteers from overseas and also local Peruvians who want to help their community.

Putting drowning prevention on the world stage

SwimTayka had the chance to spread the word about the work we do, at the recent World Conference on Drowning Prevention.

The event, held in Perth, Australia, aimed to focus world attention on drowning prevention, gathering together experts in drowning prevention, lifesaving and water safety. SwimTayka was lucky to be represented at the four-day event by Dr Neil Rushton and SwimTayka trustee Robert Hamilton.

Neil, a lifelong swimmer, is an expert in cold water immersion and a lecturer at the University of Exeter.

He said: “We really need a multiagency approach to drowning, because it affects so many different groups of people – refugees, people who’ve been drinking, those living and work alongside water, non-swimmers, those over-ambitious in how far they can swim. It is shocking that over a quarter of a million people die from drowning every year. The idea behind the conference is to get to zero drownings.”

Rob, a swimming coach, said: “I was impressed with how many different areas are coming together, including the drowning prevention side, the swimming side, coastal management and so on. There was a lot of knowledge gathering and knowledge sharing, based on research that has been done. There are things we can do to improve the solution we offer.” Neil added: “There were a lot of academics there, but interestingly, nobody seemed to be doing what SwimTayka does, so this was a great opportunity to spread the word about our drowning prevention programmes. We seem quite unique in our practical approach. Indeed, we offer a solution to many of the problems being identified.”

Both Rob and Neil made connections with other delegates and are exploring links with other countries, including Bangladesh, with a view to introducing a SwimTayka programme.

The World Conference on Drowning Prevention is held every two years, and adds to the momentum for drowning prevention strategies to be adopted.

This began building two years ago, when UN

General Assembly members adopted an historic resolution, committing to greater efforts to prevent drowning and introducing a World Drowning Prevention Day. This was followed in 2023 by the

World Health Organization’s drowning prevention resolution.

Everyone concluded that World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2023 was a success. It was attended by around 750 delegates representing 50 countries, all sharing a common goal, to eliminate drowning.

And one final message from Neil and Rob. Neil: “Drowning should be history”; Rob: “There’s no need for anybody to drown these days.”

Sometimes words just aren't enough!

There was a knock on the door and the delivery driver said he had a few parcels for SwimTayka. A few? He meant a lot!

You see those lovely people from @zoggsuk had kindly sent us some kit to support the projects we run abroad for children.

As he unloaded box after box, bag after bag we found it hard to contain our excitement. Swimsuits, trunks, floats, goggles, water toys and so much more.

These donations will make such a difference to the children in Brazil, Peru, Bali and Mozambique and really help us to help them learn vital drowning prevention skills and life saving water safety skills.

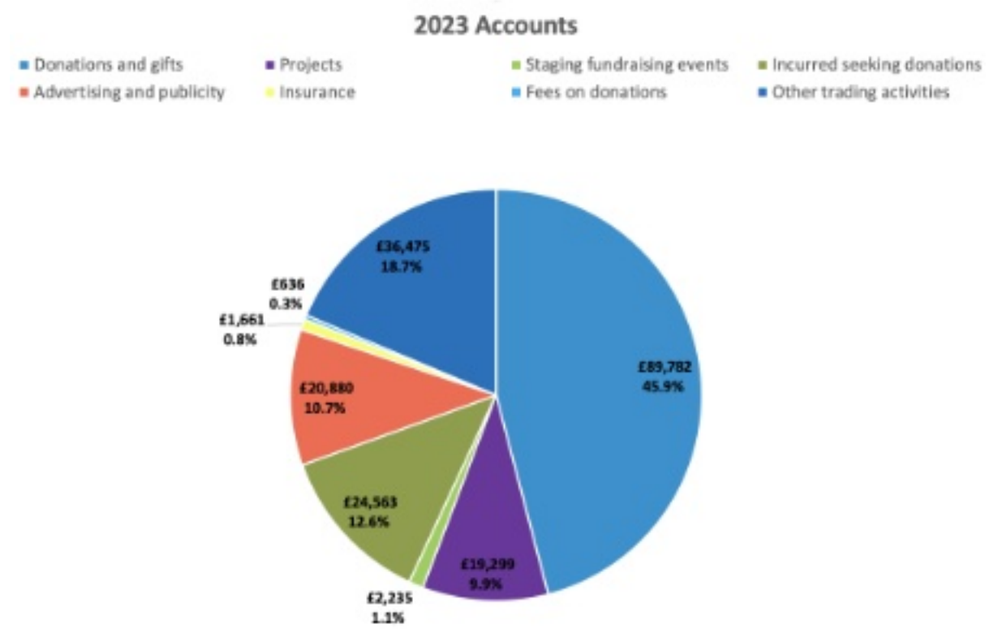
So a big thank you to @zoggsuk and why not check out their ranges of swim aids and swimwear they are fantastic.

Accounts

Financial Officer's Report

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

I am pleased to present the financial report for SwimTayka for the year ended 31st December 2023. This report summarises our financial activities, highlighting key figures and results, whilst maintaining our commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility.



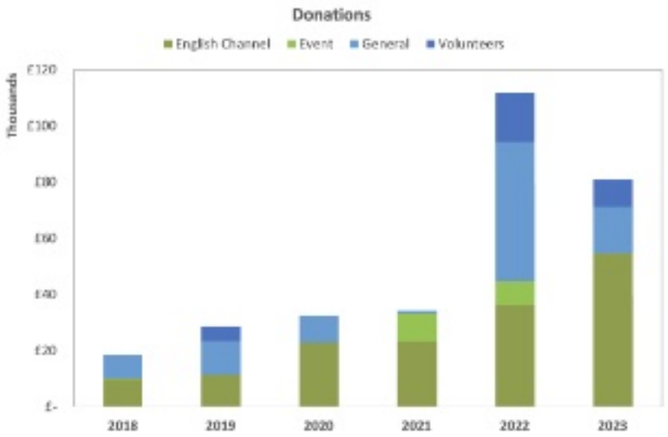
SwimTayka's financial position remained stable in 2023 despite the challenges facing many organisations. We continued to raise funds to support our drowning prevention and water stewardship programmes, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, fundraising efforts, and grants.

For the financial year, total receipts amounted to £89,781, which includes donations, grants, and fundraising income. Meanwhile, total payments amounted to £105,749, leaving a net deficit of £15,881. Despite this deficit, our year-end cash balance remained positive, closing the year at £46,883.

Receipts

- Donations and Gifts: £80,786
- Gift Aid: £8,995
- Total Receipts: £89,781

Our primary income sources were donations and Gift Aid, which made up the bulk of the funds raised in 2023. While this is a decrease compared to 2022's total receipts of £111,755, the support we received was still significant and allowed us to continue delivering our essential programmes.



Expenditure

- Advertising, Marketing, and Publicity: £20,880
- Charitable Activities: £19,299
- Expenditure on Seeking Donations: £24,563
- Other Trading Activities: £36,557
- Total Payments: £105,749

Total expenditure in 2023 rose to £105,749 from £65,780 in 2022. The increase was primarily due to more investment in marketing and other trading activities to support the charity's growth and visibility.

Net Position

At the close of the year, we recorded a net deficit of £15,968, which reflects our increased spending in comparison to our receipts. However, we are confident that our investment in fundraising and awareness will benefit our future financial stability. The cash reserves at year-end stood at £46,883, a decrease from £62,851 in 2022.

Future Outlook

Looking ahead to 2024, we aim to further diversify our funding sources to ensure the sustainability of our programmes. We are planning new fundraising initiatives and will continue to seek grants to support our mission. The organisation remains committed to minimising costs where possible whilst maximising the impact of our programmes.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all our supporters, donors, and volunteers who made 2023 a success despite the challenges. With your ongoing support, we are optimistic about our continued growth and success in the coming year.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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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 and gifts	80,786	-	-	80,786	98,903
Gift aid	8,995	-	-	8,995	12,852
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	-	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	**89,781**	**-**	**-**	**89,781**	**111,755**
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank balance		-	-	-	16,876
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**16,876**
Total receipts	**89,781**	**-**	**-**	**89,781**	**128,631**
A3 Payments					
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	20,880	-	-	20,880	13,678
Expenditure on charitable activities1	19,299	-	-	19,299	15,503
Incurred seeking donations	24,563	-	-	24,563	21,209
Operating charity shops	2,215	-	-	2,215	
Other - Other trading activities	36,557	-	-	36,557	15,390
Staging fundraising events	2,235	-	-	2,235	
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	**105,749**	**-**	**-**	**105,749**	**65,780**
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
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Sub total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total payments	**105,749**	**-**	**-**	**105,749**	**65,780**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**-15,968**	**-**	**-**	**-15,968**	**62,851**
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	**62,851**	-	-	**62,851**	-
Cash funds this year end	**46,883**	**-**	**-**	**46,883**	**62,851**

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B5 Liabilities			-	
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SwimTayka is immensely grateful to the individuals and donor partners who supported our work throughout the year. Their contributions have made a significant impact, enabling us to provide swimming and water safety programs to underserved communities and create positive change. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and generosity in helping us fulfil our mission of promoting water education and safety worldwide. With their continued support, we are confident in our ability to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a part of our journey towards a safer and more inclusive aquatic environment.

Our Project Partners

- Otra Cosa Network
- ETIV-do-Brasil
- Love the Oceans
- Swimdo
- Likkle Swimmers

Supporting organisations

- Zoggs
- STA
- Princess Charlene of Monaco
- Dover Channel Training

In our efforts to maintain our accountability to stakeholders, we continue to include statistical information throughout this report. Given the breadth and depth of our work, we acknowledge the difficulties in measuring this; we have used our own monitoring systems to compile the data, and figures have been rounded as appropriate. We have worked hard to avoid any double counting when identifying the numbers of people we reach, however, there is likely to be some overlap between specific activities, as some individuals will be supported in more than one area of our work.

We value your feedback on the information contained in this annual report. Please contact feedback@swimtayka.org with any comments or suggestions you may have.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: SWIMTAYNA

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2023 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1176079

Set out on pages: 1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: C Watchman **Date:** 25/7/24

Name: CHRISTOPHER DAVID WATCHMAN

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	

SWIMTAYKA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176079

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Reaching out to over 14,000 children

Programmes in Peru, Brazil, Jamaica, Indonesia, & Mozambique

Over 30 volunteers working towards the greater goal

SwimTayka Programme Locations

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Message from the Chair

What a year. Coming out of the pandemic, with our full complement of volunteers this year, it was challenging but very successful, as they all supported the programmes and our partnering organisations worldwide.

We got off to a flying start, with all our programmes running in 2022. We started with Peru, where we were initially uncertain of going ahead, being so close to coming out of the pandemic, but the team did us proud and managed to run ten weeks of swimming lessons in January, February and March. We invited our partner, Photographers Without Borders, to attend the programme and they took some fantastic photos for us.

The Brazil programme was not without problems. Our partner, ETIV-do-Brasil, has a severe issue with the exchange rates as the Brazilian Real dropped dramatically due to the pandemic striking them in the early part of 2022, with the threat of the programme not starting. We were enormously grateful to the Princess Charlene Foundation, which stepped in to provide the shortfall, and we were able to go ahead.

In another successful project in Mozambique, which also experienced a problem, the primary swimming instructor who was due to go out to teach the teachers, dropped out about a month before the programme was due to start. Thanks to a campaign to reach out to swimming instructors, we had several people willing to step up and take on the challenge of running the Mozambique project with our partner, Love The Oceans. After a successful interview, SwimTayka trustee Rob Hamilton flew out to spend four weeks at our project in Mozambique to teach the Love the Oceans swim teachers. Volunteering alongside Rob was Mya Clark, who was there for two weeks teaching the children to swim. Mya and Rob thoroughly enjoyed their experience and would recommend it to anyone considering volunteering. They hope to return in the future.

Our most successful project was Bali with our partner SwimDo, with ten volunteers attending during August. This was our first year working with SwimDo, and it was a great success, with all the children loving the new depth of teachers from SwimTayka.

Our newest partner, Likkle Swimmers, based in Jamaica, had an exciting project too, with volunteers going out to Treasure Beach and helping the local instructors to teach swimming. A beautiful location, with many children needing help with swimming and drowning prevention.

This year's fundraising events saw four teams successfully crossing the English Channel and two solo swimmers complete the epic journey, raising over £43,000 for SwimTayka. Thank you to all of them. We also had several swimmers taking part in the London Marathon River Thames swim, and they raised £17,000. All in all, a very successful year for fundraising, and we are looking forward to many more events in 2023.

We held our first annual gala dinner, which was a great way to celebrate our achievements and to look at future plans. We'll be holding our second this November.

Finally, I'd also like to welcome into this world Henry, Lauren's baby who was born in the summer.

Congratulations to Lauren, and we are looking forward to her returning to work in April.

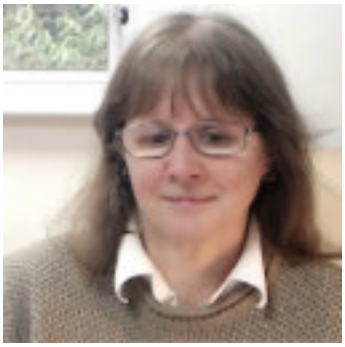
SwimTayka is now in a healthy state to grow and support more programmes going forwards, and 2024 will see new programmes coming on board, which we are excited about.

Bryan Avery
Chair and Founder
SwimTayka

SwimTayka Trustees

Ben Freeman
Finance Controller

Dale Roberts (Vice-Chair)



Julie Farmer (Secretary)

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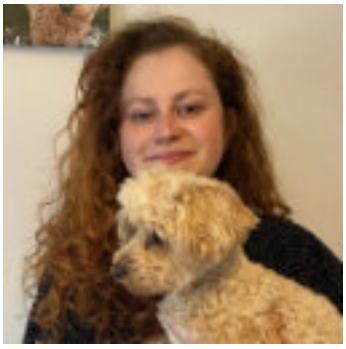

Lauren Cambridge

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Drowning the facts

SWIM TAYKA

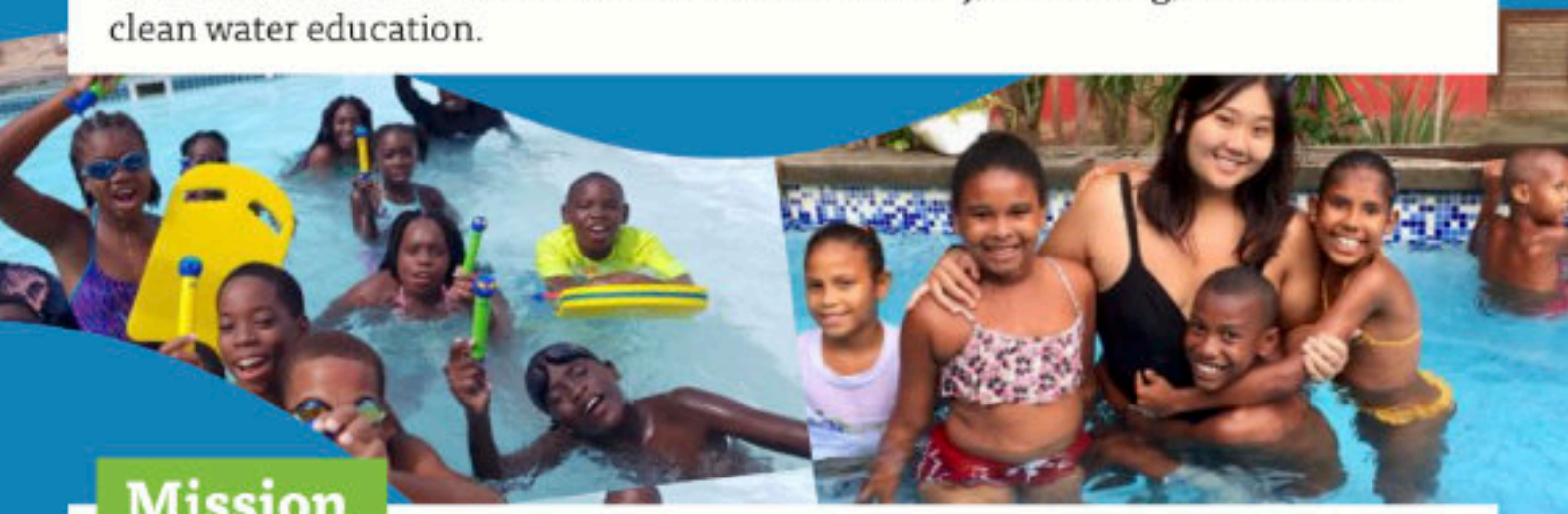
Teaching the life skills of swimming and water stewardship

What We Do

We provide free swimming lessons and environmental education about clean water stewardship to underprivileged children who live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans.

How Does SwimTayka Work?

SwimTayka connects organisations in low resource waterside communities with volunteer swimming instructors and environmental educators from around the world, in order to develop and promote free swimming and environmental lessons for children. Volunteer programmes run from one week up to two months and include instruction in basic water safety, swimming, first aid and clean water education.



Mission

It is our mission to give disadvantaged communities around the world access to swimming teachers who can not only provide the life skills of swimming, but create a legacy for today's children, who will grow up to teach the next generation.

Combining swimming with clean water education, we are nurturing a generation of world citizens who will act as environmental stewards who love, care for and respect the life-giving rivers, lakes and oceans along which they live.

Vision

Our vision is that no child be denied access to swimming lessons because of their economic status.

We envisage a world where children grow up with respect for their environment and understand how their rivers, lakes and oceans are sources of wholesome food, provide their livelihoods and play an important part in maintaining a healthy life free from waterborne illnesses.

SwimTayka Wants To Teach Children Worldwide How To Swim And Care For The Water

Drowning is a silent epidemic that claims an estimated 360,000 lives every year, many of them children. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. These are wasted lives and preventable deaths.

There are approximately **42 DROWNING DEATHS EVERY HOUR,** everyday

DID YOU KNOW?*

- Globally, drowning claims more than 360,000 lives every year
- One person loses their life by drowning every 90 seconds
- Children aged 1 to 4 are most at risk.
- Over half the people who drown are under 25
- Most drownings occur in low- and middle-income countries.
- These losses of life are largely preventable.

*World Health Organization

Where we work

We work in counties that need teachers and education, working closely with NGO's and Charities that already have an established relationship with the community.

You may have been on holiday to beautiful beaches, swum in the clear turquoise waters, snorkelling or diving from boats but what you don't realise is that many of the local people cannot swim. They play in the waters every day, they have the confidence in the water, but they don't know how to swim or survive.

Working with communities that live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans no matter where they are, we provide the children with free swimming lessons, drowning prevention education and education in clean water stewardship.

Our Approach

- Connecting passionate people with existing NGO's and Charities
- Dealing with the issues at a local level
- Creating partnerships - which work
- Leaving a legacy of confident swimmers and clean water stewards
- Encouraging established teaching methods around drowning prevention and swimming teaching
- Teach the teacher and develop sustainability.

Our Solutions

The practical solutions we have developed include:

- Connecting together qualified instructors to teach swimming
- A water education programme that is easy to follow and teach
- Free education lessons for children in low-income communities
- Connecting Swimming professional with existing NGO's and Charities
- Building safety values
- Developing a five-year plan

DROWNING PREVENTION

KEY FACTS

SWIM TAYKA

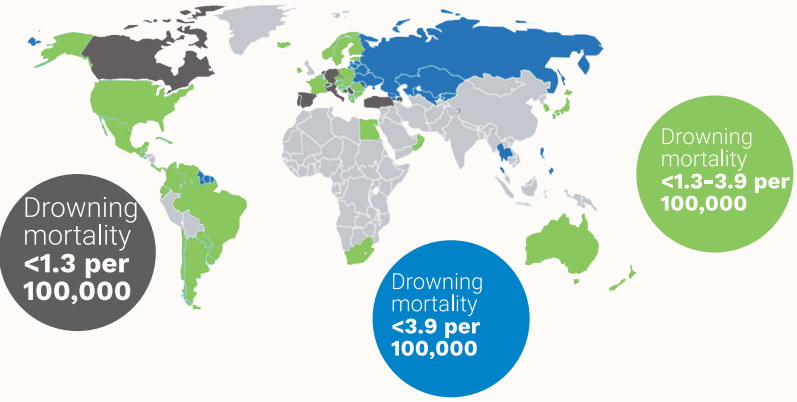
Drowning is one of the top 10 leading causes of death amongst 1-24 year olds

236,000 ANNUAL DEATHS occur due to **DROWNING.**

Over **50%** of this number consists of those **UNDER 25**.

Drowning is the **5th LEADING** cause of death for **AGES 1-4**

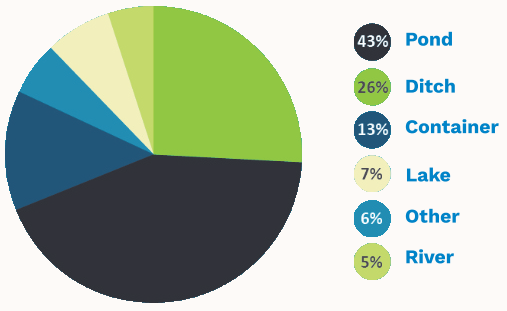
MORTALITY RATE DUE due to **DROWNING** worldwide



Leading killers for children under 15 years of age

- **Tuberculosis** 69,684
- **Measles** 125,813
- **DROWNING** 140,219
- **HIV** 199,071
- **Meningitis** 217,580

Where there is **WATER THERE IS A THREAT** of drowning **(especially in children)**



Places of **Bangladeshi** children **drowning**

Install **BARRIERS** controlling access to water

Provide **SAFE PLACES** (for example, a crèche) away from water for pre-school children with capable childcare

IMPROVE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT locally and nationally

TEACH school-aged children **BASIC SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY, and SAFE RESCUE SKILLS**

TRAIN bystanders in **SAFE RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION**

Set and enforce safe **BOATING, SHIPPING, AND FERRYING REGULATIONS**

Background

At SwimTayka, our mission is to make a significant impact in drowning prevention worldwide. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to be water-safe and enjoy the benefits of aquatic activities. Here are some key facts and insights that highlight the importance of our work:

Drowning Statistics

- **Drowning is the third leading cause** of unintentional injury death globally, accounting for 7% of all injury-related deaths.
- An estimated **236,000 people lose their lives** to drowning each year, making it a major public health concern.
- The burden of drowning is particularly high in low- and middle-income countries, which account for over 90% of unintentional drowning deaths.
- Drowning death rates are significantly higher in certain regions, such as the WHO Western Pacific Region, where rates are 27–32 times higher than in countries like the United Kingdom or Germany.

Risk Factors

- **Age plays a significant role** in drowning risk, with the highest rates among children aged 1–4 years. In some regions, children aged 5–14 years are more likely to die from drowning than any other cause.
- Gender disparities exist, with males having twice the mortality rate of females. Risky behaviours like swimming alone and alcohol consumption contribute to higher drowning rates among males.
- Increased access to water and certain occupations, such as fishing, elevate drowning risk. Children living near open water sources are also more vulnerable.

Background

- Flood disasters are responsible for 75% of drowning deaths, especially in flood-prone areas of low- and middle-income countries.
- Travel on overcrowded and unsafe vessels, often with untrained personnel or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, poses significant risks.

Prevention

- Drowning prevention measures include controlling access to water hazards, using barriers and playpens, and fencing swimming pools.
- Community-based childcare and teaching children essential swimming and water safety skills are effective prevention strategies.
- Effective policies and legislation, such as safe boating regulations and flood risk management, are crucial for safety.
- Investment in drowning prevention yields substantial returns, with each dollar invested potentially returning up to nine times its original value.
- Developing national water safety strategies and disaster preparedness plans is essential for a comprehensive approach to prevention.

At SwimTayka, we are committed to addressing these challenges and saving lives through our programmes and initiatives. Together, we can create a safer aquatic environment for children and communities worldwide. Thank you for your support in making a difference.

SWIM TAYKA

Strategy

provide a clear way forward for the charity.

Values

Learning

Community Engagement & Learning

Sustainability

Sustainable Impact

Involvement

Inclusive Engagement

Integrity

Integrity & Fairness

Innovation

Creative Innovation

Efficiency

Efficient Resource Management

Key Points

Following the United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, we are campaigning and driving programmes within countries that we are working within.

Common questions that came from the non-governmental organisations (NGO's) were "I don't have the resource to teach the children to swim".

We are providing free swimming lessons for school-aged children in low-resource environments.

Providing lessons in drowning prevention further to educate children in responsible behaviour around or near water

Objectives and how we achieve those objectives are financially or grant driven to deliver the training and message from the resources.

Context

United Nations General Assembly members have adopted an historic resolution, committing to greater efforts to prevent drowning.

An estimated 236,000 people drown every year, although this figure excludes drownings attributable to flood-related climatic events and water transport incidents, so the actual figure is much higher. Drowning is among the ten leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

The United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, co-sponsored by Bangladesh and Ireland and adopted by consensus by the 193-member world body, is the first to focus on drowning, establishing July 25 as 'World Drowning Prevention Day'.

"In the Western world, we take learning to swim for granted, but this often isn't part of the culture or curriculum in poorer and lower-income communities in developing countries. That's why we need this focus and for governments to be proactive in promoting swimming

programmes and drowning prevention."

SwimTayka promotes drowning prevention by teaching children to swim and to be safe in and around bodies of water and by starting and supporting local swimming programmes. This was born from the fact that many NGO's and charities that were near rivers, lakes and oceans that were supporting children did not have the ability or skills to run swimming lessons. We provide these NGO's with the resources they need to get started and keep running.

The assembly United Nations Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions are not legally binding, they do, however, reflect global opinion.

The assembly stressed that drowning "is preventable" using "low-cost interventions" and called on countries to consider introducing water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula. It is encouraging nations to appoint "a national focal point for drowning prevention", develop countrywide prevention programmes, and enact and enforce water safety laws.

We are following the guidelines of the World Health Organization and adhere to their recommended practice in our programmes as closely as possible.

Adaption

Following the World Health Organisations advice in the preventing drowning an implementation guide we are only implementing parts of the programme that are directly related to children and teaching swimming, we will be adopting the following interventions:

Swimming and Water Safety for Kids

Drowning Prevention Education for Teachers

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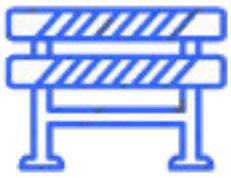
Bystander Rescue and CPR Training

Safe Preschool Childcare Away from Water



Promote Water Access Barriers

Strategy

Raise Drowning Awareness

National Water Safety Plans

SWIM TAYKA

Collaborative Goal Achievement

Enhance Drowning Prevention with Data and Research

Interventions and Strategies are fully documented in "Preventing Drowning an Implementation Guide

Funding

Short Term

Our short-term goal is to drive funding through fundraising events and activities. We are to continue to find high wealth individuals to support and fund the charity where possible.

We seek grants to support core functions within the charity and directly to our programmes and actively push the United Nations resolution through campaigning to the countries we are working with over the next five years.

To give a breadth of income stream from events, grant income and merchanting. This will provide a good support network and stability within SwimTayka.

Long Term

With the United Nations resolution, we are expecting more funding to become available around drowning prevention. We anticipate this will become more readily available from 2026 onwards.

After five years (2026) to claim grants and funding due to the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention.

Exit Strategy to assisting raising funds

To assist gaining funding, we have an exit strategy for each of our programmes. We aim for our programmes to become self-sustaining with a five-year period.

The United Nations has acknowledged that drowning prevention is an important point and will take the initiative; the resolution is sustainable development. It is not about high-resource countries constantly pouring in funds. It's about high-resource countries pouring in funds with limited time available to enable low resource countries to develop their capability.

How we Measure the Impact

Creating a self-sustaining programme with little or no dependence on external resources is measured by each year to reduce funding, where possible, by 20% for the programme.

We will record and monitor the skills and competencies taught and reached a level of maturity as defined in the World Health Organisation preventing drowning an implementation guide. These come under the following areas:

- Breathing skills in the water
- Swimming skills
- Survival competencies
- Elementary rescue techniques

We are reducing deaths by drowning in the locations we are working in by measuring the number of drownings year on year.

We will be providing a year-on-year increase to the number of Swimming courses taken by local students, these include but not limited to:

The STA offers both regulated qualifications and unregulated courses, allowing learners across the globe to gain the necessary training within the leisure industry. They offer unregulated international training for swimming teaching, baby and pre-school teaching and pool lifeguarding job with confidence anywhere in the world.

Unregulated Courses by the Swimming Teachers Association (STA)

- STA International Swimming Teacher
- STA International Baby and Pre-School Teacher
- STA International Pool Lifeguard
- STA International Lifesaving Course for Swimming Teachers
- STA International Open Water Coach
- STA International First Aid

Five-Year Plan

As an organisation, the following plan is what we would want to achieve and work towards over the next five years:

Within the next five years to be supporting ten programmes around the world.	Support international cooperation by sharing lessons learned, experiences and best practice within and among regions.
Identification around priority countries making sure we spread the risk there. We are diversifying funding sources.	For next two to three years, we will drive the name, the brand and the finance generation.
Follow the World Health Organizations guidance around drowning prevention and following the preventing drowning an implementation guide	Encourage integration of drowning prevention within existing disaster risk reduction programmes, especially in communities at risk of flooding and coastal inundation, including through international, regional and bilateral cooperation.
Developing a drowning prevention programming in line with World Health Organization recommended interventions, namely, barriers, supervision, swim skills, rescue and resuscitation training.	Promote research and development of innovative drowning prevention tools and technology, and promote capacity-building through international cooperation, for developing countries.
Campaign for the introduction of water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula, consistent with the local government governance framework for education.	To observe 25th July as World Drowning Prevention Day annually in an appropriate manner through education, knowledge-sharing and other activities to raise awareness of the importance of drowning prevention and the need for urgent, coordinated multi-sectoral action to improve water safety, to reduce preventable deaths.
Promote and campaign to include drowning within civil registration and vital statistics registers and aggregate all drowning mortality data into national estimates.	Promote public awareness of drowning prevention and behaviour-change campaigns.
With the Drowning Prevention, we are to go broader and reach out to more and more NGOs in different countries, the reason why is that it will spread the risk and allow for sharing of information between programmes.	Each of the programmes with the NGO's we have a five-year strategy, with the intention that by the time we get to year five, the programme will be self-sustaining, supporting themselves and being run by local individuals and organisations. Including the local business and local government involved in the programmes going forwards.
Over the five years, the funding will be reduced for the programmes to encourage the NGOs to become more locally self-sustaining.	To engage with academics to provide research and provide evidence base information and impact assessments.

Our Ultimate Goal

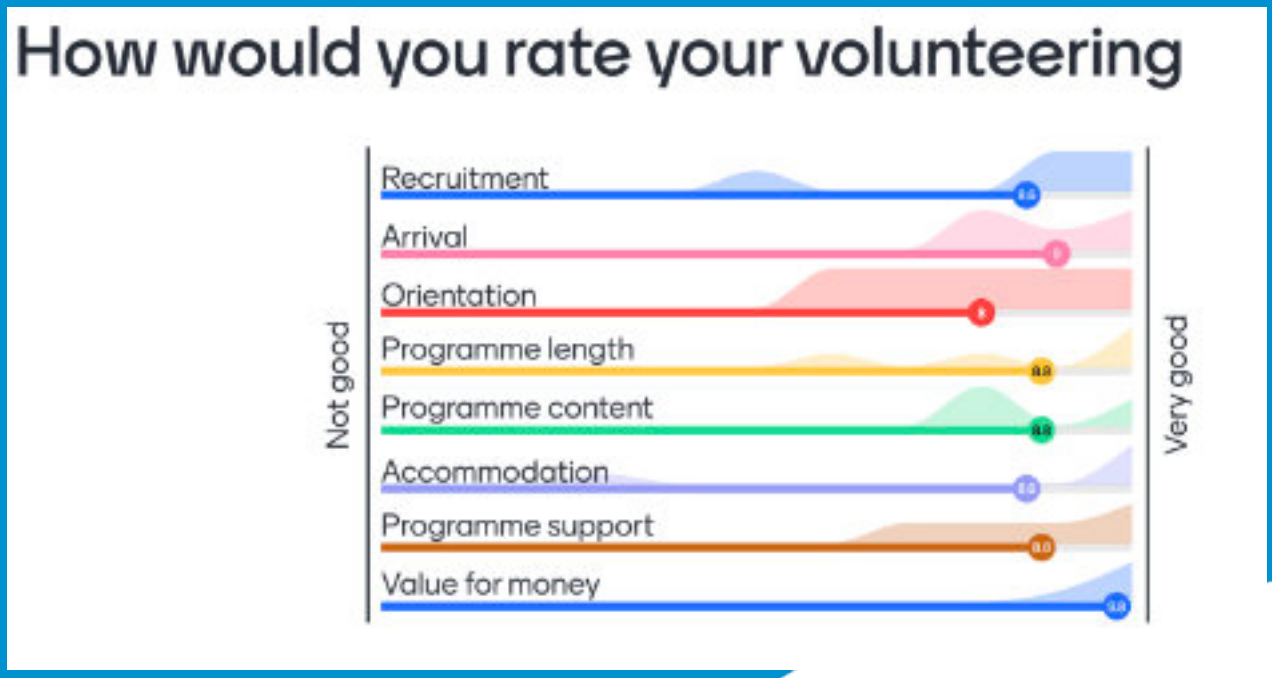
We aspire to be a globally named organisation that is the go-to for support service to prevent drowning.

Programme Report

An overview of our achievements and performance in 2022, and a summary of our objectives for the coming financial year.

Volunteers

The diagram depicts the ratings given by volunteers who participated in the SwimTayka programmes last year. The ratings reflect their overall satisfaction and experience with volunteering. This visual representation provides a snapshot of the volunteers' feedback and serves as an insightful summary of their engagement in SwimTayka's initiatives.



Peru

SwimTayka Programme in Huanchaco, Peru

65 children
Ages 3 -13

Facility: El Acuario

Project coordinator:
Paul Gastañaduí of Trujillo

SwimTayka contact:
Bryan Avery

Local contact:
Sophia Robson

Local partners:
Otra Cosa Network
Groundswell Community

Volunteers
- 4 local
- 3 international

In 2022, we had the pleasure of being in Peru for SwimTayka's 5th positive change program. Our dedicated volunteers played a vital role in implementing the SwimTayka method, focusing on water safety and stewardship in Huanchaco, Peru.

The program, which was already successful, ran for 10 weeks during the first two months of 2022. Our volunteers worked closely with our partner organization, Otra Cosa Network, as well as local volunteers, environmental educators, and surfers, during the summer holiday season for local children.

Otra Cosa Network is a year-round volunteer program that serves the needs of women and children living in Huanchaco and informal settlements. Another partner, El Boqueron Surf School, is one of many surf schools in Huanchaco with a unique mission to teach surfing as a life skill to underprivileged children.

Our volunteers possess experience working with children, some knowledge of Peruvian culture, and Spanish language skills, which are essential for effective communication in Huanchaco. They work independently while relying on teamwork and creativity, with coordination and leadership from OCN and Boqueron Surf School staff.

The Project and Volunteering

As SwimTayka volunteers, their primary task is to deliver the SwimTayka Method youth education program on Drowning Prevention and Water Stewardship. This hands-on module is designed for children aged 4 to 14 and covers basic swimming skills, water safety, principles of environmental education, and tools for water stewardship.

Prior to the project launch, volunteers work closely with SwimTayka leadership to develop the curriculum, allowing flexibility for adjustments as needed.

In general, volunteers follow a weekday work schedule, with weekends and evenings free to explore the beautiful surroundings. They dedicate four mornings a week, roughly from 9 am to 1 pm, to the program, reserving one day a week for planned field trips.

Volunteers accompany participants to and from the training location (a local pool or swimming area), provide dry-land instruction and in-water lessons, and ensure the safety of all participants at all times. A typical day may consist of 45 minutes of travel time, 1 hour of water drowning prevention, 1 hour of environmental education, and 45 minutes of travel time.

To participate, volunteers must be at least 18 years old at the start of the program and have experience as a youth swim instructor or familiarity with environmental education principles. Knowledge of Peruvian culture and institutions is highly valued, and Spanish language skills are required. Additionally, volunteers must submit a completed volunteer application and consent to a criminal background check.

Swimming lessons in Peru – we're back up and running!

After such a long time put on hold, due to the pandemic, our swim programmes are once again running and the first to start is in Peru.

Here, we have teamed up with Otra Cosa Network, an NGO set up 15 years ago, whose initial purpose was to help Peruvian children living in Huanchaco learn to speak English.

The project's scope has since expanded to include literacy, youth projects, environmental awareness, sustainability and – of course – swimming.

Our swimming programme runs during the Peruvian summer holidays, in January and February, and for seven weeks dozens of children are introduced to swimming, often for the first time.

We caught up with Eduardo Maruri, from Spain, who now lives in Peru with his wife, and works as a magazine journalist.

He is also a qualified swim instructor, and he is delighted to get back to teaching with SwimTayka, after the enforced break.

His second time helping with the programme, because we couldn't run it in 2021 due to the pandemic. I wanted to help because I have the skills and the time, and in Spain I was a swimming teacher for around ten years."

The programmes began again on January 10 and Eduardo says they are going really well.

"Because of the pandemic, we have had to bring in some new rules to help keep children safe, like wearing masks outside the swimming pool, and using alcohol rubs and social distancing, but we are managing.

"We're teaching 60 children each week – but not at the same time! We have two lots of 30 children, who come twice a week, and we are combining swimming classes and environment classes. They have really improved in the four weeks they have been coming.

"We start off with a short gymnastic class to warm them up, then they shower and then they are straight into the pool. We have two levels we are teaching this year: beginners and advanced. In the advanced we have four or five children who are very skilled, but the rest are beginners.

"I teach them how to float, how to move and we make sure they have fun. The last five minutes of each class is just playing, which helps them feel comfortable in the water."

At the start the children are quite nervous, and this summer in Peru it has been quite cool so there have been a few grumbles about getting into chilly water. But once they are in and start moving, the children quickly become used to it.

Reasons

In a country like Peru, where drowning is a significant concern and the water supplies are in crisis, we are focusing on teaching clean water stewardship and swimming. Although Peru has a relatively low drowning rate compared to other South American countries, the risk is higher among men and young girls. Drowning is a global public health threat, especially affecting low- and middle-income countries, and it ranks as the third leading cause of accidental death among children. Sadly, there are limited efforts to prevent drowning compared to other health challenges.

SwimTayka is dedicated to changing this situation by providing free swim lessons to children living near open water. Our aim is to contribute to the reduction of drowning rates worldwide. Furthermore, the world's water supplies are facing a crisis, and Peru is no exception. Water quality is a major problem, with millions of Peruvians lacking access to clean water. The government, aid organisations, and initiatives like the Lima Water Fund are working to improve water quality, protect watersheds, and establish a sustainable water supply.

Through SwimTayka's approach, we combine environmental education in clean water stewardship with the life skill of open water swimming. Our goal is to build a generation of clean water stewards who value and care for their water. By doing so, we hope to create well-maintained waterways that are enjoyable and healthy for everyone, including both residents and visitors.

Championing swimming for children in Peru

SwimTayka offers an incredible opportunity to connect with amazing people worldwide. Meet Paul, who collaborates with our partner organisation, Otra Cosa Network (OCN), in Peru. OCN focuses on teaching English, promoting literacy, environmental awareness, and swimming, which is where SwimTayka comes in.

Paul's role is to coordinate the SwimTayka projects in Peru, ensuring its success. He manages volunteers, children, budget, finances, and class preparation. Additionally, he develops the curriculum, covering not just swimming but also environmental education and water stewardship.

Why is swimming crucial in Huanchaco? This coastal town, known for its fantastic waves and popularity among surfers, poses risks for children who cannot swim. Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. Paul emphasises the importance of swimming for children who naturally encounter the ocean but lack resources to learn. SwimTayka, partnering with Otra Cosa Network, fills this gap.

Paul's involvement with SwimTayka began when he started teaching employment-related classes for OCN. Gradually, he became more engaged and was asked to assist with SwimTayka. His focus now is to recruit volunteers and establish a strong local team for teaching swimming and water stewardship.

Interestingly, Paul himself has never learned to swim, which surprises many. Growing up along the Peruvian coast, he, like others, was never given the opportunity. Despite this, Paul empathises with children in low-income areas who lack access to activities like swimming. In 2022, he aims to rectify this by learning to swim himself, aspiring to swim like a dolphin someday.

Volunteer swim instructors play a crucial role in the success of our swim programs. While we recruit volunteers from around the world, local involvement is significant in Peru. Local tutors and even Olympic-trained swimmers have contributed their expertise to the project. According to Paul, good volunteers are not only proficient swim instructors but also have experience working with children, employing positive language and serving as role models.

Dozens of children benefit from SwimTayka and OCN's collaboration, but there is a waiting list, prompting the need for more volunteers. The greater the volunteer support, the more children can learn this essential lifesaving skill. Overseas volunteers stay in the OCN volunteer house during their visit and gain invaluable experiences, including insights into Peru through interactions with the children. Many volunteers return home with heartwarming stories and children's drawings.

Teaching children to care for the environment is a vital part of our project. Paul highlights the added benefit of children taking this knowledge home and sharing it with their parents, promoting environmental stewardship.

The success of our mission is evident through real-life stories. One child, initially fearful and timid around water, received direct support from instructor Eduardo. By the end of the program, the child not only learned to swim but also started diving. Recognising their child's newfound passion, the parents built a small pool at home, fulfilling the child's desire to swim and dive.

Brazil

SwimTayka Programme in Itacare In Bahia, Brazil

Participants: 96 underprivileged children and adolescents aged 8 to 16 from Itacaré, Brazil, benefited from the project.

Environmental Impact: Activities included tree planting, litter collection, and crafting conservation signs.

Swimming Skills: Participants gained essential swimming and drowning prevention skills.

Community Engagement: The project promoted community involvement through cleanups and conservation efforts.

Safety Training: Water rescue and CPR workshops enhanced safety awareness.

Efficient Implementation: Classes were scheduled in both morning and afternoon sessions, accommodating school schedules.

Collaboration: Local organisations and volunteers helped reduce transportation costs.

Integrity and Sustainability: Policies ensured a safe, inclusive, and sustainable environment.

Challenges: Pandemic concerns, a lack of a vaccinated driver, and a hiatus in community activities posed challenges.

Introduction

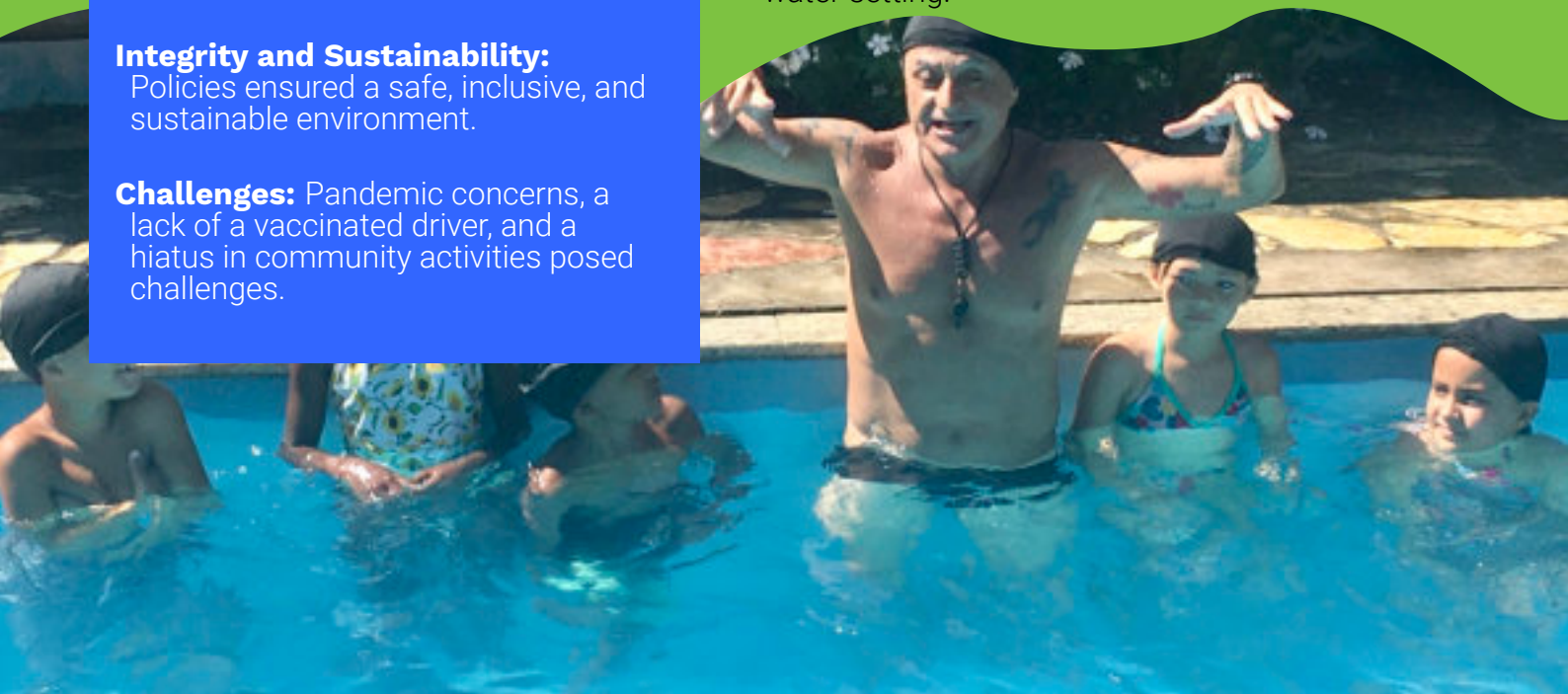
The SwimTayka Project 2022 embarked on its mission on April 4th, with the primary goal of providing underprivileged children and adolescents, aged 08 to 16, from low-income communities in Itacaré, Bahia, Brazil, with essential swimming and drowning prevention skills. Led by our dedicated team, this project aimed to empower participants with knowledge about preserving natural water bodies and the surrounding environment.

Program Activities

The SwimTayka Project included various activities and field trips to enhance participants' learning experiences:

Passagem Harbour Cleanup (May 6, 2022): Seventeen participants joined this environmental initiative to plant white mangrove trees and collect litter from the Passagem Harbor area, celebrating International Earth Day.

Mangrove Ecosystem Exploration (May 13, 2022): Forty-two children explored the Rio das Conchas mangrove ecosystem, learning about the unique flora and fauna. The day included a boat ride, followed by swimming practice in a controlled open-water setting.



SwimTayka Programme in Itacare In Bahia, Brazil

Conservation Sign Creation (May 25, 2022): Children and adolescents crafted wooden signs with conservation messages, promoting respect for nature in Itacaré.

Water Rescue and CPR Workshop (May 27, 2022): An essential training session conducted on Concha Beach, instructing the entire ETIV team on water safety, rescue techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Celebratory Field Trip to Mata Atlântica Rainforest (May 28, 2022): To mark the successful completion of the SwimTayka cycle, a field trip to Ribeira Beach included swimming competitions and the hanging of conservation signs along the Prainha Trail.

Efficient Implementation

- Classes were scheduled in both morning and afternoon sessions, accommodating children's school schedules.
- Participants were divided into eight groups based on age, neighbourhood, and school attendance times, allowing for optimised use of resources and volunteers.
- Collaboration with local organisations, such as Casa do Conto, reduced transport costs, ensuring accessibility for participants.

Integrity and Sustainability

- ETIV adhered to policies promoting a safe and inclusive environment, free from discrimination.
- Team members and volunteers were trained to appreciate the cultural diversity of the communities served.
- Sustainability principles were embedded in project activities, emphasising respect for nature and society.

Community Involvement

The SwimTayka Project positively impacted the lives of 96 children and adolescents from Itacaré's underprivileged neighbourhoods. It instilled valuable swimming and water safety skills, fostered a sense of environmental responsibility, and provided opportunities for community engagement.

Challenges and Outlook

SwimTayka Programme in Itacare In Bahia, Brazil

While the SwimTayka Project made significant strides, certain challenges limited its reach:

- Concerns related to the ongoing pandemic affected participation, especially in non-touristic neighbourhoods.
- The absence of a vaccinated driver hindered our access to rural areas.
- A two-year hiatus in ETIV's activities within local communities impacted our established reach.

Despite these challenges, SwimTayka remains committed to expanding its impact, empowering more children, and fostering a culture of water safety and environmental stewardship in the communities we serve. Together, we strive for a safer and more inclusive aquatic world.

Team Collaboration

The success of the SwimTayka Project in Itacaré was a collective effort, driven by a passionate and committed team:

- **Jenifer Jaci Braga:** Founder and Director of ETIV.
- **Miguel Ariza:** Administration Coordinator.
- **Fabyane Pagiris:** Accountant.
- **Ana Catalina Espinoza:** Administration Intern.
- **Denise de Souza:** Project Coordinator.
- **Luciana Mota:** Environmental Education Mentor.
- **Dario Soares:** Professional Life Guard and Swim Instructor.
- **Jimmy Khai, Emilie Merta, Lucian Wou Smith, and Isaac Brosinski:** ETIV Volunteers.

The water might not be clean, but it won't stop these kids from fighting for it.

Itacare, Southern Bahia in Brazil is one of the top destinations for surfers and tourists from around the world with miles of white-sand beaches and turquoise water. Located where the rainforest and the Atlantic meet, this beautiful city is known for its lively nightlife, welcoming people, and tranquil nature.

SwimTayka has been partnered with ETIV do Brasil (Education Through International Volunteering in Brazil) in Itacare since their first collaborative programme in 2018. They provide 2 months of swimming lessons, drowning prevention, and environmental education including water stewardship lessons to the local youth.

ETIV do Brasil works in tandem with local communities and partners to bring these programmes to the local children and those living in nearby villages. Their main focus is on supporting the youth and to empower them to become the next generation of leaders in regards to environmental conservation and development.

The majority of kids that come to ETIV for the first time have never been swimming or they've never been in clean open water. Jaci Braga, Founder and Director of ETIV, told us about an end of programme trip where they took the children to one of the nearby beaches to practice swimming in the ocean. Even though they are from the area, most of them had never even been to the beach (one of the main attractions of visitors and tourists). She said their faces were glowing. Seeing them have this opportunity to apply the skills they'd been learning in the pool gave her goosebumps. It's these life-changing moments that inspire the work they do there in Itacare.

However, the quality of water for Itacare's residents is of huge concern. The biggest environmental issues facing the region are a lack of basic sanitation and deforestation, which both affect the water. ETIV has been trying their best to address these but they find themselves and the community going at it alone as there is very little, if any, government support.

Recently the area around Itacare has been dealing with a couple of environmental disasters. There was an oil spill last year on the coast that they spent over a month trying to clean, the source of which is still a mystery. They also discovered that the river feeding into the nearby mangroves receives garbage and sewage from a mini favela. Only about 50% of households there have basic sanitation services. Most of the waste is flowing straight out to the ocean. Both of these situations are very detrimental to the area and require immediate attention. These projects are too dangerous to involve the children, so instead ETIV has been educating the kids on these issues.

Since April of 2017, ETIV has been partnered with LitWorld and Global Glow, to deliver the HerStory Campaign through the LitClub programme. The mission of the programme is "To inspire girls and support them in creating lives of freedom and fulfillment." This is achieved through a safe space where they are able to explore their own identities and express themselves through reading, writing, and storytelling.

The LitClub girls, 10-15 years old, were invited to the SwimTayka programmes to connect them to water stewardship and environmental conservation lessons. Through funding from SwimTayka, they were able to secure additional transportation for students from neighbourhoods further away. It was the first ever LitClub programme to participate in this type of environmental education which made it the largest SwimTayka programme at ETIV.

Jaci says she hopes to encourage these girls to use their voices to advocate for their communities and for environmental protections in Brazil as human and environmental rights are being ignored. To keep the children involved in current events, they are working on a plan to lift their voices through campaigns on social media and petitions to the government. Their hope is to empower the children to speak up for themselves.

In 2019, the LitClub girls participated in the first ever Earth Day event organized by ETIV. They shared stories about their water being shut off during the high tourist season and the sewage and trash flowing from the favelas. These blatant displays of discrimination against Itacare's residents (along with the quality of water) is something that they plan to highlight in campaigns in the near-future, reaching out to local and international communities for support. ETIV wants to make sure that the children know these problems are not their fault but instead it is the responsibility of the government.

Due to the global pandemic, SwimTayka's 2020 programmes in Itacare were cancelled but 2021 programmes are currently moving forward in April- May.

ETIV considers volunteers and interns as a fundamental resource to the success of their programmes and goals. They provide extensive support and guidance to ensure they are getting a valuable experience. Not just a cultural one, but also professional.

"We believe in the transformative potential of education and we will continue to work with the vital help of our volunteers and partners – national and foreign – in building a more fraternal, just and ecologically sustainable society. The dreams and utopias that led to our foundation are the same ones that continue to guide our paths." – from the ETIV Manifesto

ETIV has a new face

Who wouldn't want to learn to swim in here?

Our lovely partners at ETIV do Brasil have moved into an amazing new property that offers both our children and volunteers some great opportunities.

There is so much more space including individual and shared apartments for the volunteers. It also includes a beautiful swimming pool that volunteers can use, but that will also serve the community during our SwimTayka programme.

In addition to this their backyard opens up to the Mangrove forest that they are working hard to protect, replant and restore and they are building new classrooms as we type.

It is frustrating that we cannot be there at present but we are so excited for the next project. Keep well and safe guys and thank you ETIV do Brasil ! 🤝

On March 1st our Brazil project (ETIV-do-Brasil) moved into their new property that they are calling the "ETIV Complex" or "Sede ETIV" in Portuguese! This offers the volunteers and staff so much more space including individual and shared apartments for their volunteers. It also includes a beautiful swimming pool that volunteers can use, but that will also serve the community during our SwimTayka programming that includes swimming lessons and drowning prevention for local youth. Meanwhile, our backyard opens up to the Mangrove forest that they are working hard to protect, replant and restore. In addition, they have already begun rebuilding our classroom from the materials we brought over from the old property.

World Environment Day

What are you doing for World Environment Day? We should be out in Brazil delivering (well playing with and teaching children from the favelas) our swim and clean water programmes.)

Looking after the environment in which we live, no matter where in the world we are, is essential to our wellbeing. This why in addition to teaching our children drowning prevention skills and techniques we also teach them clean water education. We are nurturing a generation of world citizens who will act as environmental stewards who love, care for and respect the life-giving rivers, lakes and oceans along which they live.

We envisage a world where children grow up with respect for their environment and understand how their rivers, lakes and oceans are sources of wholesome food, provide their livelihoods and play an important part in maintaining a healthy life free from waterborne illnesses.

Our projects in Peru along with Otra Cosa Network teach the children about the importance of the Caballito de Totoras, how to make them and how to use them for sustainable fishing to provide food on their tables.

So please wherever in the world you are, look after your environment, love it, care for it and nurture it and it will look after you.

Jamaica

Swim Programme in Treasure Beach, Jamaica

2022 Highlights

- Taught over 300 children aged from 5 months to 18 years during the Easter and summer school holidays
- 8 locally trained swim teachers and lifeguards provided lessons
- 3 SwimTayka-certified volunteers from the UK assisted for 2 weeks of the program
- Children progressed through 6 swim proficiency stages - Babies, Seahorses, Crabs, Turtles, Jellyfish, Dolphins
- Also offered beginner lessons for 17 adults
- Provided free transportation enabling children from rural areas to attend
- Feedback from children, parents and teachers was overwhelmingly positive

The swimming program is designed to teach children aged 4 and above how to swim and be safe in the water. It is run by the charity Likkle Swimmers and takes place in Treasure Beach, Jamaica.

Participants

In 2022, the program had 343 participants total. This included 171 girls, 143 boys, and 12 babies aged 5 months to 3 years old. The children ranged in age from 5 months to 18 years old.

Key Stats

- 343 students total (171 girls, 143 boys, 12 babies)
- Each child received 10 lessons per stage
- 12 babies, 43 seahorses, 179 crabs, 34 turtles, 23 jellyfish, 12 dolphins, 11 sharks
- 26% of families used the free transportation

Jamaica Statistics

Structure

The program is organised into 6 core proficiency stages:

- Babies (6 months - 3 years)
- Seahorses (ages 3-4)
- Crabs (beginners, age 5+)
- Turtles (intermediate)
- Jellyfish
- Dolphins
- Sharks (most advanced swimmers)
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Each child receives 10 lessons per stage before progressing to the next level. Lessons focus on skills like floating, proper breathing techniques, swimming strokes, and water safety.

In 2022, participant numbers in each stage were:

- 12 babies
- 43 seahorses
- 179 crabs
- 34 turtles
- 23 jellyfish
- 12 dolphins
- 11 sharks

Teachers

In 2022, there were 8 locally trained swim teachers and lifeguards leading the lessons. Additionally, 3 volunteers certified by SwimTayka assisted for 2 weeks of the program.

Transportation

Free transportation is offered to enable children from rural areas to attend lessons. In 2022, 26% of families utilised this transportation service.

Feedback

Feedback from children, parents, and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. The program received high marks for teaching valuable skills, boosting confidence in the water, and providing a fun environment

Indonesia

Swimdo and SwimTayka Bali Project

2022 Highlights

- 10 Volunteers participated in the Swim project in Bali to teach water safety to local children.
- They each spent two weeks instructing children aged eight to 11 alongside local charity, SwimDo.
- Despite language barriers, they focused on water survival skills, enhancing teaching methods like introducing rolling exercises.
- Immersed in local culture, they found the experience rewarding and eye-opening.
- Encouraging others to volunteer, they are considering volunteering in Brazil for future SwimTayka programmes.

Project Vision: The project aims to teach children to swim and promote water stewardship in Bali, Indonesia, in partnership with Swimdo. It aligns with Swimdo's vision to protect and enrich children's lives through aquatic education.

Project Programs: The project encompasses various programs, including survival swimming, water safety education, CPR and Safe-Save techniques, daycare services, and drowning-related research.

Project Outcomes: The project aims to teach more children to swim and build a sustainable model over five years. It also seeks to raise awareness of water stewardship, safety, and environmental sustainability.

Project Objectives: Teach children aged 9-12 to swim in a two-week programme, increase environmental awareness, and enhance safety in the Keramas Bali community. No near-drowning incidents have occurred among children who attended previous Swimdo lessons.

Empowering Children through Swimming and Water Stewardship

Project Description: The two-week swimming programme runs from Monday to Friday, targeting children aged 4 to 9. SwimTayka recruits volunteer swim teachers, with a minimum of 2 required. Swim assistants are provided locally. Volunteers receive orientation and language training.

Project Finances: SwimTayka provides volunteers, while Swimdo supports them in Indonesia. Volunteer costs include flights, insurance, and optional travel. NGO costs cover programme running, pool expenses, accommodation, food, transport, cultural tours, and more. SwimTayka covers marketing, insurance, child safeguarding training, and police checks.

Project Resources: The project requires various roles, including project sponsor, manager, team lead, community management, driver, swim teachers, swim assistants, and lifeguards.

Meet our Bali volunteers: teaching swimming in the tropics

For only his second time on a plane, taking a journey of nearly 8,000 miles to help teach children to swim on a tropical island was pretty intrepid for SwimTayka volunteer Brandon Carter.

But that's just what he and fellow volunteer Jemima Brimacombe did this summer, when they spent two weeks in Bali, helping with the SwimTayka swim programme.

They, along with other volunteers, have been working alongside swim instructors and our local partner in Bali – the charity Swimdo – teaching children in the community how to be safe in the water, to help combat the high incidence of drowning.

Brandon is a student at the University of Sheffield, just going into his third year of a sociology and criminology degree. He also works part-time as a swim teacher, and has been lifeguarding since his teens.

Jemima, who has completed her degree and Masters, has just taken a year out, working as a research assistant. She soon starts her PhD at the University of Oxford, on the Interdisciplinary Bioscience doctoral training programme.

Brandon was looking for swimming teacher volunteering in the UK, but came across SwimTayka. "I have always wanted to travel, so this seemed a good combination, and a way to get a good insight into a culture. Going to Bali was only my second time on a plane, so I jumped in at the deep end."

Jemima and Brandon were teaching children from the ages of about eight to 11, who spoke very little English, so they learnt some Indonesian and Balinese in order to communicate.

Brandon said: "It was different to normal swimming teaching that I do. It was less technique focused and more to do with water survival skills. The language barrier was a fun challenge, but we still managed to make a really good connection with them, and the other teachers helped with translation."

Jemima is a swimming enthusiast, though but not a qualified instructor, and she was able to support the teachers in the pool, helping get the children confident in the water and learning basic swimming skills.

"I enjoy open water swimming, which is how I found out about SwimTayka, and like Brandon I wanted to do some travelling this year. I was a bit apprehensive at first, as I'm not a qualified teacher, and as this wasn't like swimming lessons in the UK, but it went really well," she said.

"All the children were so sweet, and wanted to be around us. They were slightly scared at first, but they warmed to us."

Volunteering in Bali

Jemima and Brandon were on the programme for two weeks, and the lessons took place in the three pools made available to Swimdo and SwimTayka.

Brandon said: "They took part in a five-week programme, so our first week with them was on one group's final week. Then for our second week, there was a new group on their first week. When they came in, most were OK but some were a little anxious. We just needed patience and repetition of the learning, and their nerves fell away."

Jemima added: "Some of them were following their siblings, who had been on the programme before, so they had some idea what to do which made them even more excited to come."

As well as helping the instructors, Brandon and Jemima found they were able to have an input into the teaching methods.

Brandon said: "They were asking us if we had any suggestions, so we introduced rolling – so when the children are on their backs, they learn how to roll onto their fronts. I have also noticed that volunteers who came after us have been helpful with ideas and added something new."

While there, Jemima and Brandon stayed in volunteer lodgings, and became immersed in the local culture and community, getting first hand experience of life on Bali. They stayed on for a few weeks touring the area afterwards, but found their two weeks with SwimTayka the most stimulating.

"People would take us to their houses and their friends' houses, and they were so welcoming," said Jemima. "And the food was amazing, with the variety and flavour of it."

They'd both recommend the experience to anyone thinking of volunteering, and Brandon even enjoyed the fundraising side, to finance the trip: he completed a walking challenge, hosted a pub quiz and raffled a signed football shirt. "I'd not done any of these things before, so even aside from being in Bali, the build-up process was giving me new experiences and challenges."

And would they go back? Brandon said: "I definitely want to volunteer for SwimTayka again. Looking at the programmes, I think Brazil is the most likely. And Jemima agrees. "I'm toying between Jamaica and Brazil, but I think it will be Brazil because of the seasons and weather."

If you like the sound of volunteering at one of the many SwimTayka programmes next summer, and helping children learn vital swimming skills that could save their lives, we'd love to hear from you.

Mozambique

Empowering Mozambique Through Water

Key Achievements

- In line with the United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, we have initiated campaigns and programmes within the countries we operate, raising awareness and advocating for change.
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) expressed resource limitations in teaching children to swim. We addressed this need by providing free swimming lessons to school-aged children in low-resource settings.
- Our drowning prevention lessons have not only saved lives but also educated children on responsible water behaviour.
- Our objectives align with financial and grant-driven efforts, enabling us to effectively deliver training and awareness campaigns.

Introduction:
The SwimTayka Mozambique Programme is committed to empowering children through swimming and water stewardship. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the programme's achievements, objectives, and financial accountability, reflecting our dedication to transparency and impact.

Programme Achievements:

Teaching Swimming and Water Safety Skills: We successfully provided free swimming lessons for school-aged children in low-resource environments, equipping them with essential swimming and water safety skills.

Training Bystanders: Our programme trained bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation techniques, empowering them to act effectively in drowning incidents.

SwimTayka's Impactful Journey

Strengthening Public Awareness: We strategically communicated the importance of drowning prevention to the public, enhancing awareness and promoting responsible behaviour around water.

Developing National Water Safety Plans: We actively assisted in developing national water safety plans in the countries where we operate, contributing to overall drowning prevention efforts.

Advancing Drowning Prevention: Our commitment to data collection and well-designed studies has advanced drowning prevention research, helping us better understand and address this critical issue.

Main Goal: Our primary objective during the school summer holidays was to teach underprivileged children essential swimming and open water education for drowning prevention. We successfully taught 150 to 200 children life-saving skills in swimming and drowning prevention during the months of July and August.

Secondary Goal: In addition to our primary goal, our secondary objective focused on diplomacy. We aimed to build relationships based on trust, collaboration, and shared experiences. Teaching children to swim and fostering water stewardship aligned with our belief in the power of dipomacy to bring positive change, one step at a time.

Conclusion: The SwimTayka Mozambique Programme is dedicated to creating a safer and more water-aware world. We have made significant strides in achieving our objectives, empowering children, and fostering a sense of responsibility towards water. Our commitment to financial transparency ensures that every contribution is used to its fullest potential, maximising the impact of our programmes. We look forward to continued progress and partnership in our mission.

Teaching the teachers: how volunteers are supporting our Mozambique programme

A vital part of running programmes with our partner projects around the world is providing quality swim instruction to the children – which is where some of our volunteers come in.

The focus of our partner in Mozambique – Love the Oceans – is to support the local community in establishing a Marine Protected Area in the Inhambane Province, along the coastline of Guinjata. Teaching swimming is one small part of this bigger project, which is putting environmental concerns for marine life at its heart.

So recently, SwimTayka trustee Rob Hamilton flew out to spend four weeks at our project in Mozambique, to teach the Love the Oceans swim teachers. Volunteering alongside Rob was Mya Clark, who was out there for two weeks teaching the children to swim.

Rob's goal was to help the swimming teachers working with Love the Oceans to learn instruction techniques, so they could get children swimming quickly.

And he certainly has the credentials. A former international swimming coach, Rob has coached three butterfly swimmers who reached the Sydney Olympics trials in 2000 and he has run a swim school, where 800 children a week were taking part in a learn-to-swim programme.

Mya, from Lincolnshire, is a qualified lifeguard and swim teacher, and has just graduated from University of Sheffield, where she studied law and criminology. She's now working with a rehabilitation charity, supporting people coming out of prison, but was looking for a summer experience where she could put her swimming skills to good use.

Carrying water, weaving palm leaves and teaching swimming

"I saw the information posted up at university and thought it looked amazing," she said. "I was going for the Bali project but the dates didn't work, so picked Mozambique, and it's incredible."

In his first two weeks alone, Rob delivered a swimming teachers' course and a pool lifeguarding course.

"Two of the three instructors had little knowledge of teaching at all, so with them I was starting from scratch," said Rob. "creating strong swimmers teaching is important in the local area to improve on water safety within the community."

This is no idle boast – Mya has seen Rob in action!

She said: "The swim instructor's son came to see us, who's four years old, and Rob really did get him swimming in 20 minutes. It was incredible. I take a bit longer than that, but then Rob has been teaching for a lot more years than me!"

Children taking part are aged from about four to 15 and Mya found it surprising how little they knew about swimming.

"We start by getting their confidence up, so they are able to put their heads and faces in the water. As you move on you get them comfortable using a float lying on their back, and front, and then they progress to breathing techniques, breaststroke and so on. They are not shy of us at all, they are very keen to learn."

For each child, the swimming programme lasts six days, during which time they will go from complete non-swimmer to improver level. Each day, Mya and Rob are teaching 75 children. To reach the pool, many of the children are being collected in the back of a pickup truck – they can get about 44 in each journey, so the kids are literally piled in!

Mya and Rob don't speak the local language, Portuguese, but manage to communicate with the children using hand gestures. The other instructors have a good understanding of English, and Pascal – the programme coordinator who will be taking over from Rob – has a good level of English.

Both Mya and Rob have thoroughly enjoyed their experience and would recommend it anyone thinking of volunteering. They hope to return in the future.

Rob said: "I'll be coming back next year to develop the programme, but in the meantime Pascal will oversee it. The level of hospitality is incredible. We all sit down together for a meal at the end of the day. There are lots of people here doing different things – microbiologists, marine biologists and so on – but it's important to Francesca, who runs Love the Oceans, that we all mix in together."

SWIM TAYKA

Our Control Measures

Principles and Safeguarding

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

SwimTayka operates in low resource communities across the world, often in the face of difficult communications, security, logistics and financial challenges. In delivering all of our objectives we face significant challenges every day. We have robust procedures to evaluate, design and implement effective measures to reduce both the likelihood and the potential impact of these risks occurring.

Our volunteers undertake a risk assessment for each and every project every year, in order to mitigate for any risks anticipated at each location we operate.

Number of accidents/injuries reported to SwimTayka during 2022 was Zero

Safeguarding policy

We remain committed to safeguarding not only the children, but our volunteers too. We have a robust Safeguarding children policy which is reviewed each year. We also provide the following courses to our volunteers:

Introduction to Safeguarding Children Training Course (Level 1 Safeguarding)

This course aims to help learners understand their responsibilities for safeguarding children. It explains how to recognise and respond to abuse, how to respond to a disclosure, and how to report and record concerns.

Advanced Safeguarding Children (Level 2 Safeguarding)

This Advanced Safeguarding Children course aids those who work frequently with children and/or families to learn more about child protection procedures and responsibilities, including recognising and reporting abuse, the safeguarding structure and what happens after a referral to social care is made.

Designated Safeguarding Officer Training (Level 3 Safeguarding Children)

This Designated Safeguarding Person course helps those with a designated child protection role to learn more about their responsibilities in regards to promoting good safeguarding practices in the workplace, recognising and responding to abuse, working with other services and sharing information.

Number of safeguarding concerns raised during any our our programmes during 2022 was zero

Volunteers and Partners

Volunteer Selection

It is important that the volunteers who come to work with SwimTayka can be entrusted with the care of children as well as fully believing in our values and mission.

To achieve a good quality selection of volunteers we request the following for those who work on our programmes:

- A clear Criminal Background check
- Professional Qualifications verified
- Background references checked
- Criteria for recruiting volunteers:
  - Passion for water/water activities
  - Experiences on outdoor event swimming
  - Working as a teaching assistant in schools
  - knowledge of environmental issues
  - can-do attitude

Partnerships

As an independent organisation, SwimTayka is keen to collaborate with other charitable organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or other organisations in waterside communities where there exists a need for education in the skills and principles of drowning prevention, water safety, swimming, environmental education and water stewardship.

As our programmes evolve, we strive to follow certain criteria and guidelines for selecting the organisations with which we partner and the projects on which we engage.

As a general principle we approach partnering holistically, taking into consideration personal safety, community needs, project location, comparative costs, collaborative relationships among organisations, and a general subjective feel for things.

The background due-diligence we perform of potential partnerships covers:

- Location
- Safety of our volunteers
- Mandatory criteria
  - They must be a registered charity, NGO or non-profit organisation
  - They must be geographically located in a waterside community
  - They must have programmes in place that serves disadvantaged children
  - They must have a strong presence in the community they serve
  - Safety protocols in place for staff, volunteers and the individuals is crucial

Finances

Where does our money come from?

Nothing can function without money, unfortunately. We keep our costs as low as possible to give maximum benefit to our programmes. We are proud to say that overall we have spent under £50k last year.

We continually seek external funding, as without funding we quite simply could not do what we do.

We hold fundraising events which are all related to our cause. These include facilitating swimming the English Channel relay teams, raising sponsorship through a local swimming race, or triathlons.

Our supporters and volunteers are the backbone of SwimTayka, and we continue to look for support from individuals, trusts and foundations, and other donors who fund our work.

A diverse and sustainable funding source will help us to grow and save more children from accidental drowning around the world.

What do we spend our money on?

During non-pandemic times we spent 77% of our funds go directly to helping children on our projects. This includes providing transportation to pools, hire of pools, purchase of equipment etc so that our projects are completely free and inclusive for the children. As we are dependent on donations, some money is also spent on advertising and otherwise seeking donations such as stands at events. We try to minimise all costs as much as possible so that as much money as possible can be spent educating children and preventing drowning.

Being accountable for the impact of our work SwimTayka is committed to ensuring that we are accountable to those with whom we work. We:

- Report data on the numbers of people and communities reached by our programmes
- Complete review exercises to understand – and speak about – our outcome achievements as well as our challenges, and how we deal with them
- Undertake evaluations to assess our overall strategies, test the core assumptions about how SwimTayka contributes to social change and assess our effectiveness in different contexts, and consult with key stakeholders to gather their insights and assessments about our overall efforts.

Our Plans for 2023

With three successful years now behind us, we plan to expand in 2023 and reach out to more children around the world, and support more organisations to deliver swimming lessons and environmental water stewardship education. To do this, we recognise we need to bring more expertise into the organisation around:

- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Events Management
- Campaign Management
- Legal
- Policymaking

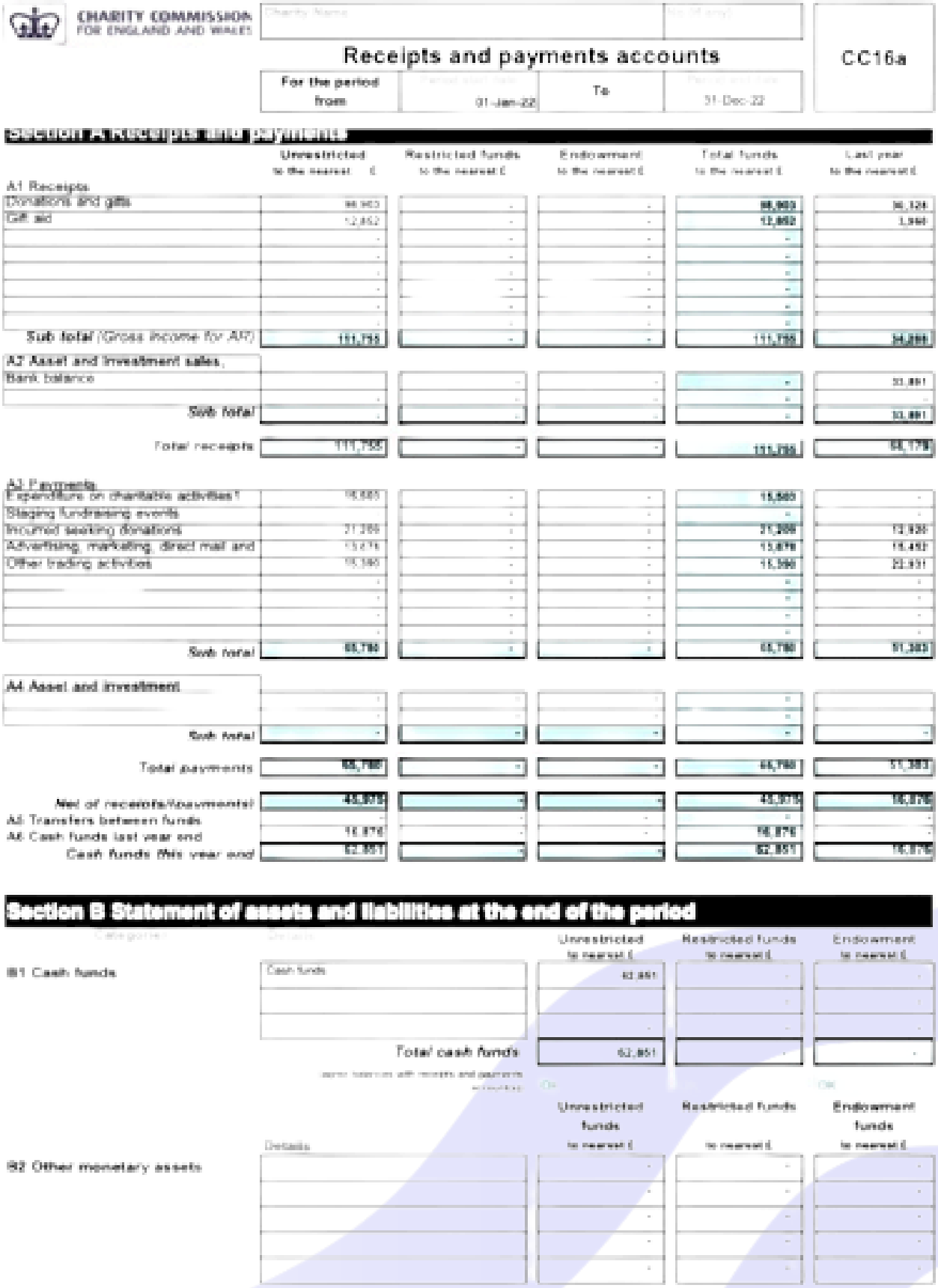
Some of this recruitment is well under way already and plans for the remaining recruitment are afoot.

SWIM TAYKA

ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the year to 31 December 2022

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01-Jan-22 To 31-Dec-22

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and gifts	98,903	-	-	98,903	36,126
Gift aid	12,852	-	-	12,852	3,966
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for A1)	111,755	-	-	111,755	54,899
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
Bank balance		-	-	-	33,891
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	33,891
Total receipts	111,755	-	-	111,755	88,178
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities?	18,885	-	-	18,885	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Income/ seeking donations	21,289	-	-	21,289	12,930
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and	13,276	-	-	13,276	19,452
Other trading activities	10,390	-	-	10,390	22,931
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	63,780	-	-	63,780	57,383
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,780	-	-	63,780	57,383
Net of receipts/payments	47,975	-	-	47,975	30,795
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,876	-	-	14,876	-
Cash funds this year end	62,851	-	-	62,851	30,795

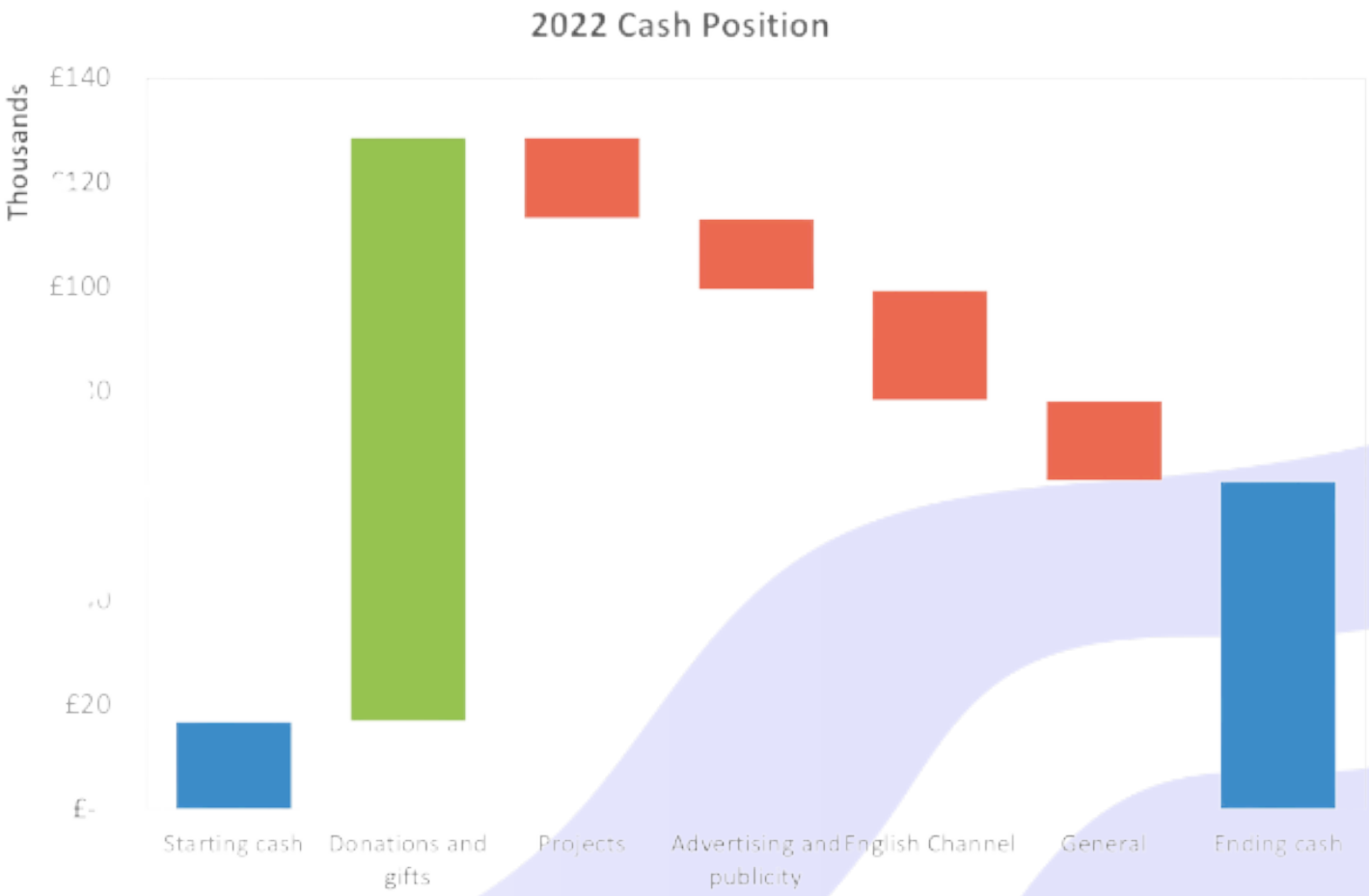
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds	62,851		
		-		
	Total cash funds	62,851	-	-

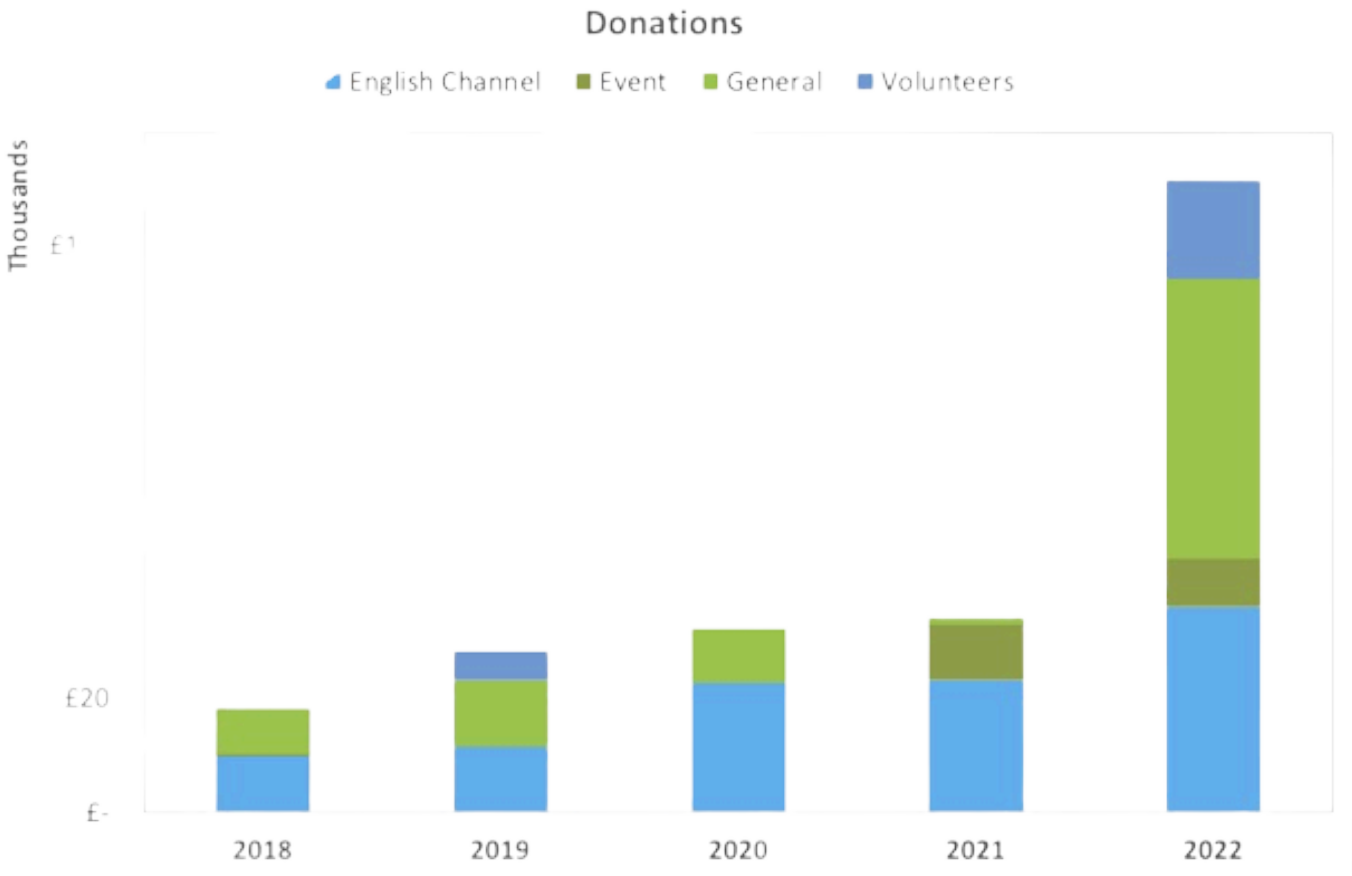
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

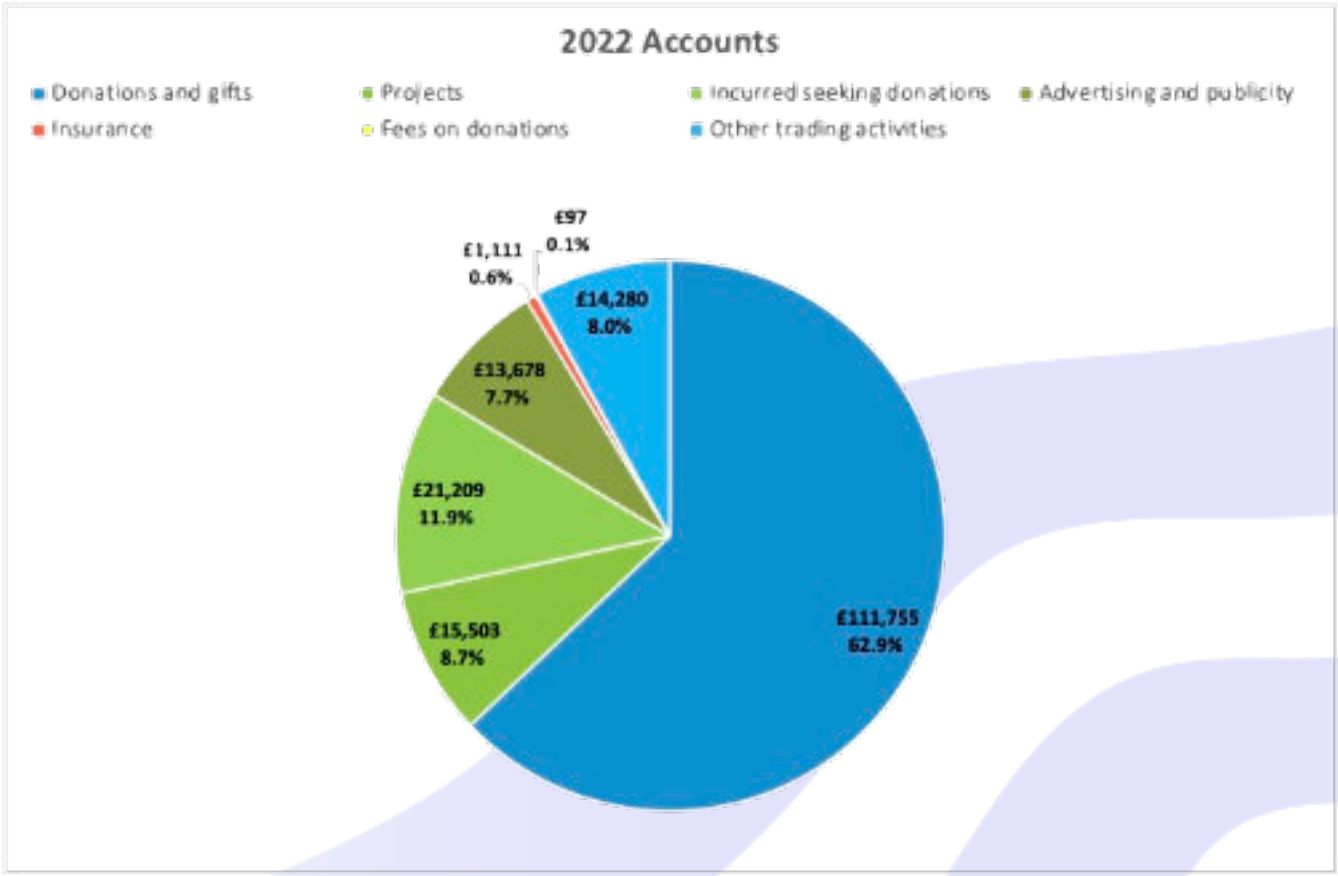
Projects and Cash Position

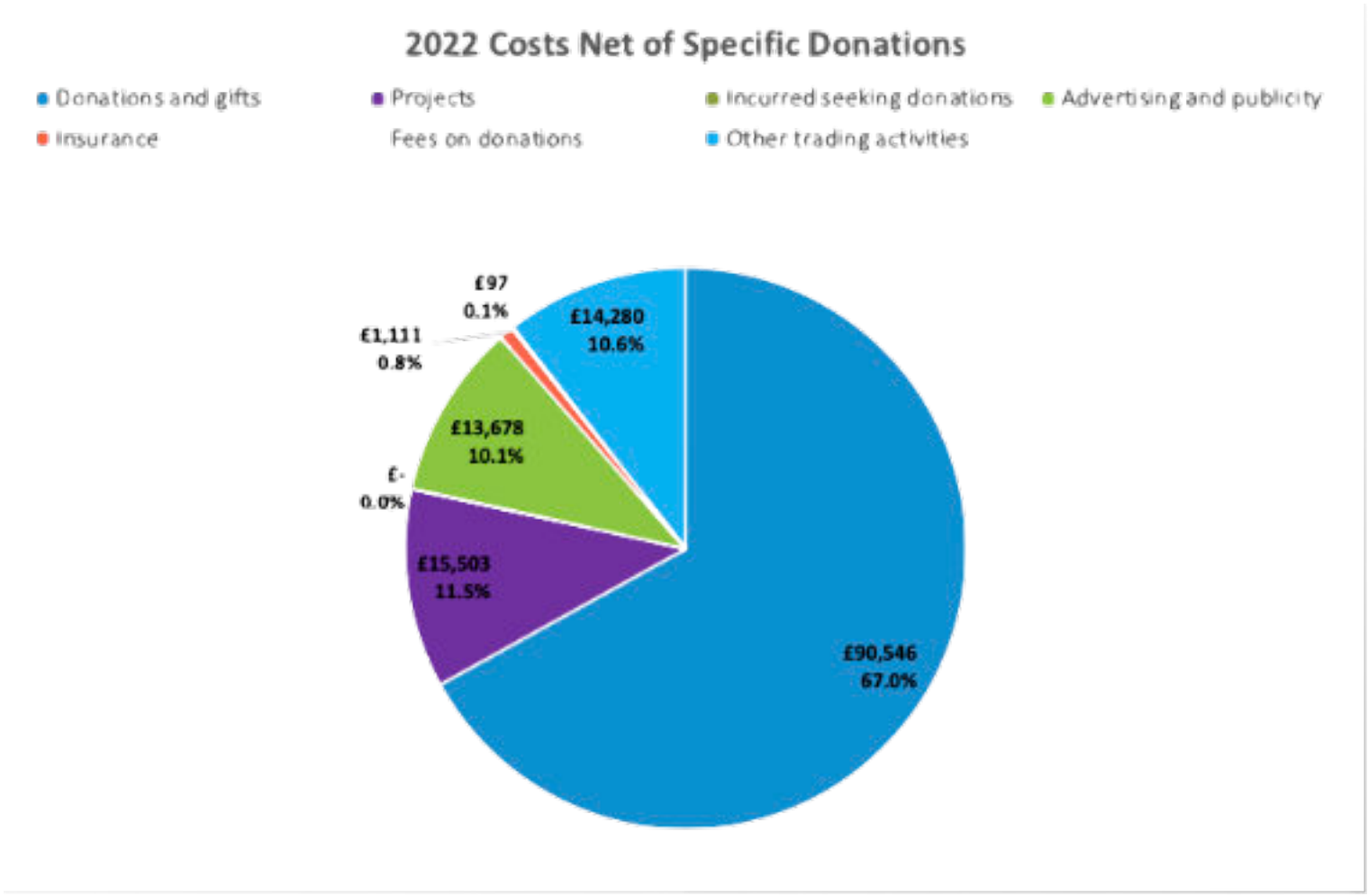
	Unrestricted funds				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Cash at bank	**£ 16,876**	**£ 33,891**	**£ 16,843**	**£ 14,311**	**-£ 123**
English Channel	£ 36,381	£ 21,998	£ 22,974	£ 11,537	£ 9,892
Events	£ 8,466	£ 9,120	£ –	£ –	£ 318
Volunteers	£ 17,463	£ –	£ –	£ 5,081	£ –
General	£ 36,690	£ 3,170	£ 9,576	£ 11,915	£ 8,155
Gift Aid	£ 12,852				
Total receipts	**£ 98,999**	**£ 34,288**	**£ 32,550**	**£ 28,533**	**£ 18,365**
Projects	-£ 15,503	£ –	-£ 2,660	-£ 12,493	-£ 1,307
Staging fundraising events	£ –	£ –	-£ 340	-£ 9,837	-£ 1,300
Incurred seeking donations	-£ 21,209	-£ 12,920	-£ 8,100	-£ 308	£ –
Advertising and publicity	-£ 13,678	-£ 15,452	-£ 3,367	-£ 1,600	-£ 1,165
Insurance	-£ 1,111	-£ 1,202	-£ 273	-£ 1,036	
Fees on donations	-£ 97	-£ 24	-£ 484	-£ 623	
Other trading activities	-£ 14,280	-£ 21,706	-£ 277	-£ 104	-£ 159
Total payments	**-£ 65,878**	**-£ 51,304**	**-£ 15,501**	**-£ 26,001**	**-£ 3,931**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**£ 62,850**	**£ 16,876**	**£ 33,891**	**£ 16,843**	**£ 14,311**



Donations and Costs






2022 Costs Net of Specific Donations
Donations and gifts
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10.6%
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£15,503
11.5%
£90,546
67.0%

Acknowledgements

SwimTayka is immensely grateful to the individuals and donor partners who supported our work throughout the year. Their contributions have made a significant impact, enabling us to provide swimming and water safety programs to underserved communities and create positive change. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and generosity in helping us fulfil our mission of promoting water education and safety worldwide. With their continued support, we are confident in our ability to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a part of our journey towards a safer and more inclusive aquatic environment.

Our Project Partners

- Otra Cosa Network
- ETIV-do-Brasil
- Love the Oceans
- Swimdo
- Likkle Swimmers

Supporting organisations

- Zoggs
- STA
- Princess Charlene of Monaco
- Dover Channel Training

In our efforts to maintain our accountability to stakeholders, we continue to include statistical information throughout this report. Given the breadth and depth of our work, we acknowledge the difficulties in measuring this; we have used our own monitoring systems to compile the data, and figures have been rounded as appropriate. We have worked hard to avoid any double counting when identifying the numbers of people we reach, however, there is likely to be some overlap between specific activities, as some individuals will be supported in more than one area of our work.

We value your feedback on the information contained in this annual report. Please contact feedback@swimtayka.org with any comments or suggestions you may have.

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Teaching The Life Skills Of Swimming And Water Stewardship

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-22		31-Dec-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	111,755	-	-	111,755	34,288
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
Bank balance		-	-	-	33,891
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	33,891
Total receipts	111,755	-	-	111,755	68,179
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities1	15,503	-	-	15,503	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking donations	21,209	-	-	21,209	12,920
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and	13,678	-	-	13,678	15,452
Other trading activities	15,390	-	-	15,390	22,931
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,780	-	-	65,780	51,303
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,780	-	-	65,780	51,303
Net of receipts/(payments)	45,975	-	-	45,975	16,876
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,876	-	-	16,876	-
Cash funds this year end	62,851	-	-	62,851	16,876

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds	62,851	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	62,851	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of (Charity Name) SWIMTAYKA

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1176079

Set out on pages 1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 09/05/2023

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Reaching out to over 8,000 children

programmes in Peru, Brazil, Jamaica, Indonesia, & Mozambique

Over 30 volunteers working towards the greater goal

SwimTayka Programme Locations

PERU BRAZIL JAMAICA MOZAMBIQUE INDONESIA

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Message from the Chair

More growth, pandemic and UN Resolution

It was an unusual year for us to concentrate on our core activities. Much work has gone into the SwimTayka Strategy as we have a strategy that aligns with the World Health Organization's critical points on Drowning Prevention; this will give us a good foundation for the next five to ten years. I feel confident that we can follow and campaign this strategy worldwide.

I was hopeful that we might restart some of our programmes at the start of the year in 2021; this was again taken away by the pandemic, sadly to say.

I warmly welcome two staff members to SwimTayka, Lauren Cambridge and Laura Bracey, Fundraising Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, both vital jobs within SwimTayka.

The biggest and most exciting news in 2021 was the United Nations General Assembly members adopting a historic resolution, committing to more significant efforts to prevent drowning. Which SwimTayka fully supports and will be campaigning towards making this resolution successful and ultimately reducing the number of drownings worldwide. The UN resolution could not have come at a better time for SwimTayka; with our expansion to more countries, we can build and work with more partners and gain more support from local governments worldwide.

SwimTayka cannot function without the support of our volunteers and fundraisers. Our fundraisers have been so busy in 2021, and we have two teams swim from England to France and swimmers swim a marathons swim down the River Thames, both tremendous achievements; well done to you all. Our volunteers have been outstanding in helping build SwimTayka, Claire in Singapore, who is so helpful in keeping the accounts and finances together, Millie in search of new partners and locations to support around the world, along with the dedication of the other volunteers. A big thank you.

I hope the world can start returning to normal again, we have a mission, and we are ready to teach the children how wonderful water is and how to be safe. I am excited that we have already started planning all our projects to reopen in 2022, and we are ready for a busy 2022 ahead of us.

Most of all, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who help run SwimTayka worldwide.

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Chair and Founder
SwimTayka

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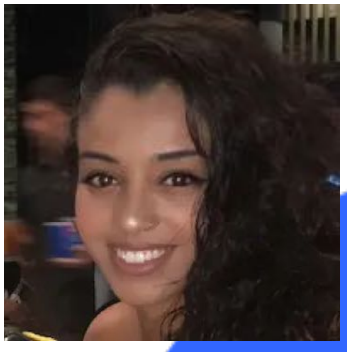

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Drowning the facts

SWIM TAYKA

Teaching the life skills of swimming and water stewardship

What We Do

We provide free swimming lessons and environmental education about clean water stewardship to underprivileged children who live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans.

How Does SwimTayka Work?

SwimTayka connects organisations in low resource waterside communities with volunteer swimming instructors and environmental educators from around the world, in order to develop and promote free swimming and environmental lessons for children. Volunteer programmes run from one week up to two months and include instruction in basic water safety, swimming, first aid and clean water education.

Mission

It is our mission to give disadvantaged communities around the world access to swimming teachers who can not only provide the life skills of swimming, but create a legacy for today's children, who will grow up to teach the next generation.

Combining swimming with clean water education, we are nurturing a generation of world citizens who will act as environmental stewards who love, care for and respect the life-giving rivers, lakes and oceans along which they live.

Vision

Our vision is that no child be denied access to swimming lessons because of their economic status.

We envisage a world where children grow up with respect for their environment and understand how their rivers, lakes and oceans are sources of wholesome food, provide their livelihoods and play an important part in maintaining a healthy life free from waterborne illnesses.

SwimTayka Wants To Teach Children Worldwide How To Swim And Care For The Water

Drowning is a silent epidemic that claims an estimated 360,000 lives every year, many of them children. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. These are wasted lives and preventable deaths.

There are approximately

42 DROWNING DEATHS EVERY HOUR, everyday

DID YOU KNOW?*

- Globally, drowning claims more than 360,000 lives every year
- One person loses their life by drowning every 90 seconds
- Children aged 1 to 4 are most at risk.
- Over half the people who drown are under 25
- Most drownings occur in low- and middle-income countries.
- These losses of life are largely preventable.

*World Health Organization

Where we work

We work in counties that need teachers and education, working closely with NGO's and Charities that already have an established relationship with the community.

You may have been on holiday to beautiful beaches, swum in the clear turquoise waters, snorkelling or diving from boats but what you don't realise is that many of the local people cannot swim. They play in the waters every day, they have the confidence in the water, but they don't know how to swim or survive.

Working with communities that live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans no matter where they are, we provide the children with free swimming lessons, drowning prevention education and education in clean water stewardship.

Our Approach

- Connecting passionate people with existing NGO's and Charities
- Dealing with the issues at a local level
- Creating partnerships - which work
- Leaving a legacy of confident swimmers and clean water stewards
- Encouraging established teaching methods around drowning prevention and swimming teaching
- Teach the teacher and develop sustainability.

Our Solutions

The practical solutions we have developed include:

- Connecting together qualified instructors to teach swimming
- A water education programme that is easy to follow and teach
- Free education lessons for children in low-income communities
- Connecting Swimming professional with existing NGO's and Charities
- Building safety values
- Developing a five-year plan

DROWNING PREVENTION

KEY FACTS

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360,000 PEOPLE DIE from drowning every year

Over half of all drowning deaths are among those aged under **25 YEARS**

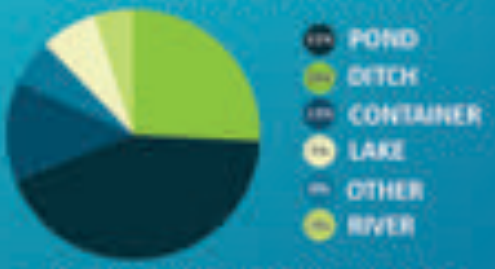
Males are twice as likely to drown than females

Drowning is one of the 10 LEADING CAUSES of death for people aged 1-24 years

RISK FACTORS

Living around water

Where there is water, there is the threat of drowning



Place of drowning of Bangladeshi children under 5 years

A leading killer of children - number of deaths for children under 15 years

YOUNG CHILDREN The highest drowning rates are amongst children aged 1-4 years

FLOOD DISASTERS Extreme rainfall, storm surges, tsunamis or cyclones

TRANSPORT ON WATER Especially on overcrowded or poorly maintained vessels

- Install BARRIERS controlling access to water
- Provide SAFE PLACES (for example, a crèche) away from water for pre-school children, with capable child care
- IMPROVE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT locally and nationally
- TEACH school-age children basic SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY AND SAFE RESCUE SKILLS
- TRAIN bystanders in SAFE RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION
- Set and enforce safe BOATING, SHIPPING AND FERRY REGULATIONS

Background

SwimTayka aims to build a generation of clean water stewards and confident swimmers.

SwimTayka is a charity registered in England and Wales 1176079

The word "Tayka" means "mother" in Aymara, a major indigenous language spoken in the Andes. A mother gives her children life skills and teaches them how to care for the planet. Our theory is, we care for the water and the water cares for us.

Globally, drowning is a serious and neglected public health threat claiming the lives of 372,000 people a year worldwide*, ranking it the third leading cause of accidental death among children. More than 90% of these deaths occur in low and middle-income countries. Toddlers, school age children, and elderly adults are at greater risk of drowning, and boys are at greater risk than girls. See more here:

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/global_report_drowning/en/

The death toll for drowning is almost two thirds that of malnutrition and well over half that of malaria. But unlike those public health challenges, there are no broad prevention efforts that target the threat of drowning.

SwimTayka is changing that. By providing free swim lessons to kids who live along the open water, we are helping to reduce worldwide drowning rates.

Learning to swim is a life skill. Developing an appreciation for the water that we swim in helps to develop an appreciation for the whole underwater ecosystems that sustain our seas.

Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental injury death for children worldwide*; nearly 42 people die from drowning every hour*. Our world's open waters are in crisis. Nearly every body of open water is threatened by contamination, overfishing, water shortages, or climate change impacts.

SwimTayka delivers environmental education for clean water stewardship and free swimming lessons to underprivileged children who live along the earth's rivers, lakes and oceans.

To achieve this we work globally collaborating with our hosts and establish local community organisations to develop an environmental education curriculum that is specifically tailored to the local environmental concerns of each waterside community we work with. We also recruit volunteers worldwide who are qualified educators, certified swimming instructors, lifeguards and swimming achievers to deliver swimming lessons. All of our volunteers are experienced in either swimming or teaching, possess some local language skills and demonstrate a keen sense of cultural sensitivity.

The assumption that children who live near open water have an inherent knowledge of swimming and an appreciation for clean water is false. We have seen first-hand that children who are at greatest risk of drowning and who are most directly impacted by impaired water quality are often the underserved children living right at the water's edge. We aim to change that.

* Figures from World Health Organisation

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Strategy

provide a clear way forward for the charity.

Values

Learning

We are continuously listen to and learn from the communities we work with so that we can build better programmes together.

Sustainability

We take an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable approach to our activities and operate in a way that produces lasting impact.

Involvement

We make the most of every opportunity to engage staff, volunteers, community, children and supply chain in the charity's work.

Integrity

We ensure that the charity and its charitable partners maintain the highest standards of fairness and integrity.

Innovation

We bring a creative and innovative approach to all the charity's activities.

Efficiency

We aim to manage the resources invested in the charity as efficiently as possible

Key Points

Following the United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, we are campaigning and driving programmes within countries that we are working within.

Common questions that came from the non-governmental organisations (NGO's) were "I don't have the resource to teach the children to swim".

We are providing free swimming lessons for school-aged children in low-resource environments.

Providing lessons in drowning prevention further to educate children in responsible behaviour around or near water

Objectives and how we achieve those objectives are financially or grant driven to deliver the training and message from the resources.

Context

United Nations General Assembly members have adopted an historic resolution, committing to greater efforts to prevent drowning.

An estimated 235,600 people drown every year, although this figure excludes drownings attributable to flood-related climatic events and water transport incidents, so the actual figure is much higher. Drowning is among the ten leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

The United Nations resolution on Global Drowning Prevention, co-sponsored by Bangladesh and Ireland and adopted by consensus by the 193-member world body, is the first to focus on drowning, establishing July 25 as 'World Drowning Prevention Day'.

"In the Western world, we take learning to swim for granted, but this often isn't part of the culture or curriculum in poorer and lower-income communities in developing countries. That's why we need this focus and for governments to be proactive in promoting swimming

programmes and drowning prevention."

SwimTayka promotes drowning prevention by teaching children to swim and to be safe in and around bodies of water and by starting and supporting local swimming programmes. This was born from the fact that many NGO's and charities that were near rivers, lakes and oceans that were supporting children did not have the ability or skills to run swimming lessons. We provide these NGO's with the resources they need to get started and keep running.

The assembly United Nations Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions are not legally binding, they do, however, reflect global opinion.

The assembly stressed that drowning "is preventable" using "low-cost interventions" and called on countries to consider introducing water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula. It is encouraging nations to appoint "a national focal point for drowning prevention", develop countrywide prevention programmes, and enact and enforce water safety laws.

We are following the guidelines of the World Health Organization and adhere to their recommended practice in our programmes as closely as possible.

Adaption

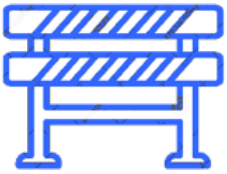
Following the World Health Organizations advice in the preventing drowning an implementation guide we are only implementing parts of the programme that are directly related to children and teaching swimming, we will be adopting the following interventions:

Teach school-age children swimming and water safety skills

Train bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation

Train teachers how to teach drowning prevention

Provide safe places with capable childcare away from water for pre-school children, with capable childcare



Promoting the Installation of barriers controlling access to water

Strategy

Strengthen public awareness of drowning through strategic communications

Assist in developing national water safety plans in each country

Working with other interested parties to achieve a goal.

Advance drowning prevention through data collection and well-designed studies

Interventions and Strategies are fully documented in "Preventing Drowning an Implementation Guide

Funding

Short Term

Our short-term goal is to drive funding through fundraising events and activities. We are to continue to find high wealth individuals to support and fund the charity where possible.

We seek grants to support core functions within the charity and directly to our programmes and actively push the United Nations resolution through campaigning to the countries we are working with over the next five years.

To give a breadth of income stream from events, grant income and merchanting. This will provide a good support network and stability within SwimTayka.

Long Term

With the United Nations resolution, we are expecting more funding to become available around Drowning Prevention. We anticipate this will become more readily available from 2026 onwards.

After five years (2026) to claim grants and funding due to the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention.

Exit Strategy to assisting raising funds

To assist gaining funding, we have an exit strategy for each of our programmes. We aim for our programmes to become self-sustaining with a five-year period.

The United Nations has acknowledged that Drowning Prevention is an important point and will take the initiative; the resolution is sustainable development. It is not about high-resources countries constantly pouring in funds. It's about high-resources countries pouring in funds with limited time available to enable low resource countries to develop their capability.

How we Measure the Impact

Creating a self-sustaining programme with little or no dependence on external resources is measured by each year to reduce funding, where possible, by 20% for the programme.

We will record and monitor the skills and competencies taught and reached a level of maturity as defined in the World Health Organization preventing drowning an implementation guide. These come under the following areas:

- Breathing skills in the water
- Swimming skills
- Survival competencies
- Elementary rescue techniques

We are reducing deaths by drowning in the locations we are working in by measuring the number of drownings year on year.

We will be providing a year-on-year increase to the number of Swimming courses are taken by local students, these include but not limited to:

The STA offers both regulated qualifications and unregulated courses, allowing learners across the globe to gain the necessary training within the leisure industry. They offer unregulated international training for swimming teaching, baby and pre-school teaching and pool lifeguarding so that they can do your job with confidence anywhere in the world.

Unregulated Courses by the Swimming Teachers Association (STA)

- STA International Swimming Teacher
- STA International Baby and Pre-School Teacher
- STA International Pool Lifeguard
- STA International Lifesaving Course for Swimming Teachers
- STA International Open Water Coach
- STA International First Aid

Five-Year Plan

As an organisation, the following plan is what we would want to achieve and work towards over the next five years:

Within the next five years to be supporting ten programmes around the world.	Support international cooperation by sharing lessons learned, experiences and best practices within and among regions.
Identification around priority countries making sure we spread the risk there. We are diversifying funding sources.	For next two to three years, we will drive the name, the brand and the finance generation.
Follow the World Health Organizations guidance around drowning prevention and following the preventing drowning an implementation guide	Encourage integration of drowning prevention within existing disaster risk reduction programmes, especially in communities at risk of flooding and coastal inundation, including through international, regional and bilateral cooperation.
Developing a drowning prevention programming in line with World Health Organization recommended interventions, namely, barriers, supervision, swim skills, rescue and resuscitation training.	Promote research and development of innovative drowning prevention tools and technology, and promote capacity-building through international cooperation, for developing countries.
Campaign for the introduction of water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula, consistent with the local government governance framework for education.	To observe 25th July as World Drowning Prevention Day annually in an appropriate manner through education, knowledge-sharing and other activities to raise awareness of the importance of drowning prevention and the need for urgent, coordinated multisectoral action to improve water safety, to reduce preventable deaths.
Promote and campaign to include drowning within civil registration and vital statistics registers and aggregate all drowning mortality data into national estimates.	Promote public awareness of drowning prevention and behaviour-change campaigns.
With the Drowning Prevention, we are to go broader and reach out to more and more NGOs in different countries, the reason why is that it will spread the risk and allow for sharing of information between programmes.	Each of the programmes with the NGO's we have a five-year strategy, with the intention that by the time we get to year five, the programme will be self-sustaining, supporting themselves and being run by local individuals and organizations. Including the local business and local government involved in the programmes going forwards.
Over the five years, the funding will be reduced for the programmes to encourage the NGOs to become more locally self-sustaining.	To engage with academics to provide research and provide evidence base information and impact assessments.

Our Ultimate Goal

We aspire to be a globally named organisation that is the go-to for support service to prevent drowning.

Programme Report

An overview of our achievements and performance in 2021, and a summary of our objectives for the coming financial year.

Peru

SwimTayka Programme in Huanchaco, Peru

65 children
Ages 3 -13

Facility: El Acuario
Programme cost: £ 2,570

Project coordinator:
Paul Gastañaduí of Trujillo

SwimTayka contact:
Bryan Avery

Local contact:
Sophia Robson

Local partners:
Otra Cosa Network
Groundswell Community

Volunteers
- 4 local
- 3 international
- 10 groundswell

We were delighted to be in Peru in 2021 for SwimTayka's 4th programme of positive change. Our volunteers are trying something different. The volunteers play a key role in delivering the SwimTayka method of water safety and water stewardship in Huanchaco, Peru.

This already successful programme was running for 10 weeks during the first two months of 2021. All our volunteers worked closely with Otra Cosa Network our partner, local volunteers, environmental educators and surfers during the local children's summer holiday season.

Our partner organisation, Otra Cosa Network, runs a year-round volunteer programme serving the needs women and children living in Huanchaco and informal settlement. Another partner is El Boqueron Surf School, one of many surf schools in Huanchaco with the unique mission to teach the poorest children surfing as a life skill.

Our volunteers have experience of working with children, have some knowledge of Peruvian culture and Spanish language skills (essential for effective communication in Huanchaco). Volunteers work

The Project and Volunteering

independently, relying heavily on teamwork and creativity, with some coordination and leadership from the staff at OCN and Boqueron Surf School.

What our volunteer were doing

As a SwimTayka volunteers, they where delivering the SwimTayka Method youth education programme in Drowning Prevention and Water Stewardship. The programme was a hands-on, youth education module for children ages 4 – 14, to teach basic swimming skills, water safety, principles of environmental education, and tools for water stewardship.

In preparation for the project launch, you will work closely with SwimTayka leadership in developing the Curriculum, allowing flexibility to make adjustments as needed.

In general, the volunteers work schedule will run weekdays during working hours. Weekends and evenings are free for you to explore your stunning surroundings:

Four mornings a week, roughly 9 am – 1 pm. One day a week may be reserved for planned field trips.

Volunteers will accompany the participants to and from the training location (a local pool or swimming area), provide dry-land instruction and in-water lessons, and ensure safety for all participants at all times.

The general structure of the day may be 45 minutes of travel time, 1-hour water drowning prevention ,1-hour environmental education, 45 minute's travel time.

Requirements

You must be at least 18 years old at the start of the programme

You must have experience as a youth swim instructor or familiarity with environmental education principles.

Familiarity with Peruvian culture and institutions is a big plus. Spanish language skills required.

You must submit a completed volunteer application and agree to a criminal background check.

Goals and Objectives for Peru

The goal of the SwimTayka learn-to-swim / environmental education for clean water stewardship programme is to build a generation of confident swimmers and clean water stewards. If our programme saves just one child's life from drowning and instills a commitment to caring for the Earth's open waters in just one heart, then we will be successful. We will do better than that.

Goal #1

Disadvantaged children who live along an ocean, river, or lake learn basic swimming skills.

- Collaborate with host NGO Otra Cosa Network to secure access to safe swimming locations
- Work with partner Onechako Surf School, nearby swim clubs and lifeguard teams to teach basic drowning prevention, water safety

Objective #1.1. Teach 10 children ages 10-16 to swim 100 yards unassisted in open water.

- In waterside communities, children must learn to swim in open water and not just in the safety of a tidy pool. As competitive open water swimmers, we train older children to survive and thrive in an open water environment.

Objective #1.2. Teach 50 children ages 3 - 10 basic drowning prevention skills.

- The World Health Organization reports that drowning is the third leading cause of accidental injury death among school-age children. In Peru, drowning statistics remain at around the global average. By teaching the youngest children how to reach for air and hold themselves afloat, we are helping a generation to survive.

Objective #1.3. Train-the-trainer. Teach 8 adults to become swimming instructors and train them in basic lifesaving and drowning prevention techniques

- We invest in building local capacity. If each of these 8 new instructors teaches 10 children to swim our impact is multiplied ten times over for every year that a new instructor teaches children in the community.

Goal #2

Disadvantaged children and adults who live alongside an ocean, river or lake develop an understanding of the world's water, principles of environmental education, and clean water stewardship.

Objective #2.1. Teach 60 children foundational principles of the world's water (percentage available freshwater vs. saltwater, groundwater and surface water, oceans, rivers, lakes, glaciers, atmospheric water), municipal and agricultural wastewater, underwater ecosystems, concepts of water quality and water quantity, climate change considerations.

Goals and Objectives for Peru

Collaborate with host NGO Otra Cosa Network, Municipality of Huanchaco, local conservationists and educators, researchers at the Universidad Peruana del Norte (located in nearby Trujillo)

Objective #2.2. Develop a place-based environmental education curriculum specific to the water concerns in Huanchaco, Peru. Local concerns include:

- Totorales reed marsh ecosystem health. Totorales are a reed endemic to Huanchaco, and provide the raw material for “caballitos de totora” a traditional fishing / surfing boat used by local fisherman for over 5,000 years. The marshes are now threatened by saltwater intrusion, urban development, and contamination from debris and runoff. We work with local fisherman and conservation leaders to raise awareness about the totorales.
- Coastal erosion. Beaches up-current are losing sand and buffer zones to the strong coastal currents. We will work with our host organization, the municipality and researchers from the Universidad Peruana del Norte to examine the effects of coast erosion.
- Mococho harvest. Mococho (also known as sargassum seaweed or brown kelp) found growing along the Huanchaco shores is in danger of over-harvest. We will work with local harvesters and conservation leaders to study impacts of water quality and harvest practices on the mococho harvest.
- Municipal runoff impacts water quality on coastal areas. Huanchaco is a popular destination for domestic and international tourism, mostly among surfers and ocean-goers. Unfortunately aging municipal infrastructure struggles to keep up with the increased stresses on the water and sewage systems. We will look at municipal water treatment systems and visit a nearby upstream location where raw sewage dumps into the ocean, impacting water quality and underwater ecosystems at popular tourist beaches.

Reasons

We are teaching clean water stewardship and swimming in a country where drowning is a main concern and Peru's water supplies are in crisis.

Although Peru has one of the lowest drowning rates in South America at about 2.5 – 2.8 per 100,000 people, and has the fewest drowning deaths among other Andean region countries (Bolivia (7.4 – 10.34), Ecuador (5.1 – 5.4) and Colombia (2.3 – 3.6)), the risk of drowning is more than twice as likely among men (9.9 per 100,000) than women (4.7 per 100,000), and more dangerous for young girls than young boys.

Globally, drowning is a serious and neglected public health threat claiming the lives of 372 000 people a year worldwide, ranking it the third leading cause of accidental death among children. More than 90% of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries. Toddlers, school age children, and elderly adults are at greater risk of drowning, and boys are at greater risk than girls.

See more here: Global report on drowning: preventing a leading killer

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SwimTayka is changing that. By providing free swim lessons to kids who live along the open water, we are helping to reduce worldwide drowning rates.

The world's water supplies are in crisis. Water quality in Peru is a major problem. A Borgen Project summary drawing on data gathered from Water.org, Lonely Planet, Scientific American, Water for People, Nature Conservancy, and Peru's national websites notes that in Peru, 4 million Peruvians don't have access to clean water. Tap water in Peru must be boiled for at least one minute or purified using other methods to be safe for drinking. Newly elected president of Peru Pedro Pablo Kuczynski has announced a focus on improving health services and water quality in Peru. Kuczynski participated in the Hydroperu 2030 forum in August, in which innovative proposals aimed at establishing a clean water supply were presented.

Peru's Sanitation Sector Reform Law now requires water utilities to conserve watersheds and consider climate change adaptations throughout their operations. This law may initially present some challenges, but in the long run, it may help create a more sustainable water supply.

The Nature Conservancy has partnered with five other organisations to develop the Lima Water Fund. The fund's focus is environmental

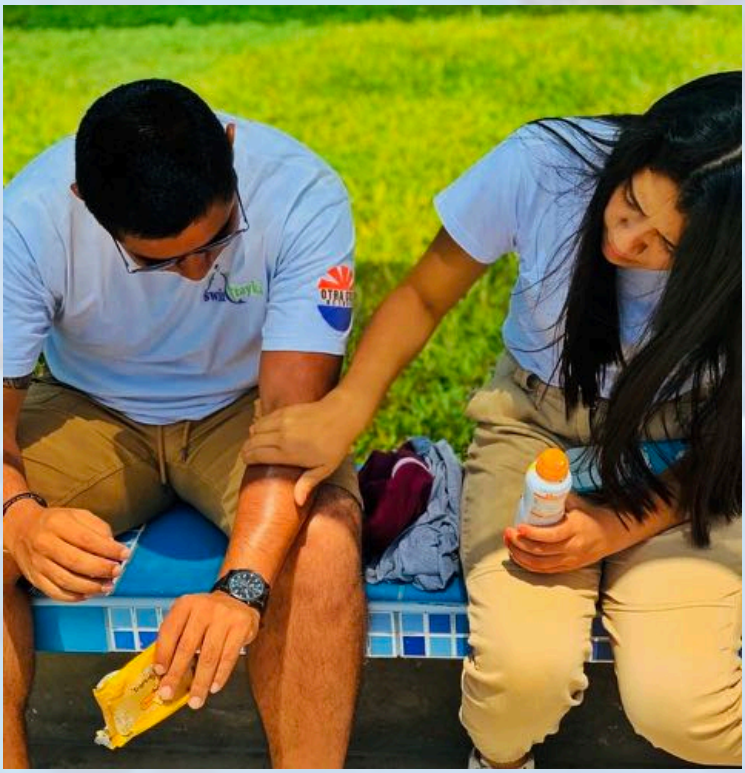
Reasons

conservation through the stabilisation of existing slopes and lagoons and the reforestation of watersheds. This committee is working to provide water solutions now and protect the future through education and government partnership.

Government officials and aid organisations will continue to work together to improve water quality in Peru and design creative innovations, building stability for Peru's future.

A TripAdvisor traveller forum on swimming in the ocean in Peru includes comments such as "never go to La Chira beach as it is the closest to the sewer. Barranquito, Waikiki, Makaha are normally safe," Go to "beaches at least 45km away from Lima," "Untreated sewage from 9 million people, industries, hospitals- yuk!" and "If you want to swim head north to Ecuador!"

SwimTayka is working to change that. By combining environmental education in clean water stewardship with the life skill of open water swimming, we are building a generation of clean water stewards who care for their water. In the future, international visitors will not detour away to other countries to swim in the ocean but instead will appreciate the well-cared for waterways enjoyable and healthy for everyone, residents and visitors alike.



Championing swimming for children in Peru

One thing we love about SwimTayka is the wonderful people we get to meet across the world.

So we'd like to introduce Paul, who works with our partner Otra Cosa Network (OCN). OCN's focus is teaching English to Peruvian youngsters living in Huanchaco, as well as running programmes on literacy, environmental awareness and swimming – which is where we come in.

Paul coordinates the SwimTayka project in Peru – in fact, pardon the pun, he ensures it goes swimmingly!

He organises the volunteers and the children, administers the budget, oversees the finances and prepares the classes. He also develops the curriculum, to ensure we cover not just swimming but also environmental education and water stewardship.

Why is a swim project so essential?

Huanchaco is coastal. Indeed, it is one of the most popular destinations in the country for surfers, with fantastic waves and year-round swell.

But these very features, so attractive to tourists, make it a dangerous place to grow up if you can't swim. As World Health Organization stats show, drowning is the third highest cause of unintentional injury death across the globe. That's a sobering thought.

"Children inevitably have contact with the ocean so it is an essential life skill to learn to swim to prevent drowning," says Paul. "Teaching children to swim isn't part of the school curriculum and nor do children learn out of school, because there aren't the resources to teach them. So this means third parties, like SwimTayka working with Otra Cosa Network, need to take this on."

How did Paul get involved?

"It's a long story, but I started working with OCN teaching some employment related classes – like how to write a CV – and gradually I got more involved. I was asked to help with SwimTayka and it went from there. My focus is to find people who can volunteer and to build a solid local team who can help teach swimming and water stewardship."

But Paul's not a swimming teacher himself. In fact this may come as a surprise, but Paul himself has never learned to swim. Like so many people living

along the coast in Peru, he was never given the opportunity.

"I never got the chance to learn when I was a child. Even though I come from a very supportive family who gave me lots of opportunities, swimming wasn't one of them. I can really identify with the children on the SwimTayka programme who come from low income areas and who don't have access to things they want to do, like learning to swim."

This is definitely something Paul is planning to rectify. Learning to swim is one of his goals for 2021. As he says: "I will one day swim like a dolphin!"

Volunteering as a swim teacher

The success of our swim programmes depends on the help of volunteer swim instructors. We recruit volunteers from all over the world, but there is a lot of local involvement in the Peru project.

"There are local tutors in our area, also people who were swimmers who have helped us – even Olympic trained swimmers," Paul says.

So what makes a good volunteer?

"Of course they need to be swim instructors, but it also helps if they have experience of working with kids. Knowing what positive language to use, and being a kind a role model."

Dozens of children are taught to swim every year, thanks to the SwimTayka/OCN partnership. But we would love to do more, as there is a waiting list. The more volunteers we have, the greater the number of children who will learn this essential lifesaving skill.

The overseas volunteers, who stay in the OCN volunteer house during their visit, get so much out of their experience. They learn about Peru from socialising to the children, and many of our volunteers go back home with some wonderful tales to tell – as well as a fair few of the children's drawings!

A big part of our project is teaching the children how to care for the environment they live in. Paul says: "The extra benefit of this is they take this learning home, and talk to their parents about looking after the environment too."

So how do we know that we've succeeded in our mission? The evidence speaks for itself.

"We had one child who was very fearful of the water, very timid. One of our instructors, Eduardo, worked directly with him. At the end of the programme he wasn't just swimming he was also diving. His parents realised how much he loved swimming and they were able to build a small pool at his house, and that's all he wants to do – swim and dive!

Brazil

SwimTayka Programme in Itacare In Bahia, Brazil

80–100 children

Ages 6 –13

equal number of boys and girls

programme cost: £6,000

Our partner ETIV-do-Brasil (ETIV stands for Education Through International Volunteering) they connect international travellers with an array of meaningful volunteer opportunities to support environmental conservation and youth development in Brazil.

ETIV-do-Brasil is an NGO that SwimTayka partners with in Itacare in Southern Bahia, Brazil. SwimTayka partners with programmes around the world that need support in teaching children the lifesaving skills of swimming and drowning prevention education. The partnership span's over a five year plan, in which SwimTayka by year five will have the programme being self-sustainable in that area, by contacting local governments, schools and businesses to support the programme. We will do this by campaigning alongside the United Nations pledge. SwimTayka also has a volunteer support with the programme, in which we find Level 2 qualified swimming teachers, to fundraise for their place to support the programme for two weeks by volunteering. It really is a magical gift that SwimTayka and our programmes try to give free swimming lessons to every child that can access them.

SwimTayka Programme in Itacare In Bahia, Brazil

ETIV-do-Brasil teaches each year between 80 to 100 children over eight weeks the life skills of swimming and drowning prevention. The majority of the children are aged between 6 to 13 years old. These children live in one of the four poorest communities in Itacare. This opportunity is incredibly important to access the most vulnerable in the community. This also includes children and families who live in and around the garbage dump, which is 4km away.

The programme includes the children receiving four classes a week, two classes being focused on swimming and drowning prevention, with the other two focusing on water stewardship. The classes will run for 8 weeks during April and May. There will be 8 classes offered per day from Monday to Thursday.

In honour of Drowning Prevention day on 25th July as an opportunity to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities around the world and offer life-saving solutions for prevention. ETIV-do-Brasil will also be organising an event, this may have to be virtual if Covid continues to be a risk for public gatherings.

For the children that attend the programme there will also be a field trip to practice what they have learnt in open water and to visit the coral reefs of Taipu de Fora. The coral reefs are not far from the programme, however, due to the roads and the journey the children would have to take to get there. None of them have ever visited this beautiful location, which is right on their doorstep.

Swim programmes make a splash landing in Brazil

Learning to swim and learning to care for the environment are back on the curriculum, as our swim lessons once again make a splash in Brazil.

Thanks to the SwimTayka partnership with ETIV do Brasil, children living in and around Itacaré, Bahia, on Brazil's beautiful Cocoa Coast, are now taking part in our swimming programme and learning this essential life skill.

After a two-year break due to the pandemic, our programme is able to go ahead this year thanks to a generous donation from The Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation. Princess Charlene, a former Olympic swimmer, set up her Foundation in 2012, and since then close to 900,000 people have benefitted from the Learn to Swim, Water Safety and Sport & Education programmes, in 40 countries.

PRINCESS CHARLENE OF MONACO FOUNDATION

We caught up with Emilie, one of the volunteers who is helping to run the SwimTayka programme. Hailing from Germany, Emilie has just finished high school and was looking for a volunteer position before going on to university, so is spending a year with ETIV.

Emilie helps our SwimTayka instructor, Dom, with the lessons. Over the course of seven weeks, four separate groups of children from nearby neighbourhoods are taking part, and lessons are run before or after school. They start by learning freestyle and doing some exercises to build their strength, and by the end they should even be able to swim butterfly. Most importantly, they learn to be confident and competent in the water.

"It's incredible how fast they are learning. They go from not being able to hold themselves in the water, to being able to swim crawl by the end of the first week! They all love it. Because we've had to have a two-year break because of the pandemic, they are all so excited that the programme is back on," said Emilie.

"There is one girl who is quite shy and very small for her age, and can barely stand up in the pool. She's amazing, doing really well now, and all the other kids help her too. There is a really good community with the kids, as they all look out for each other."

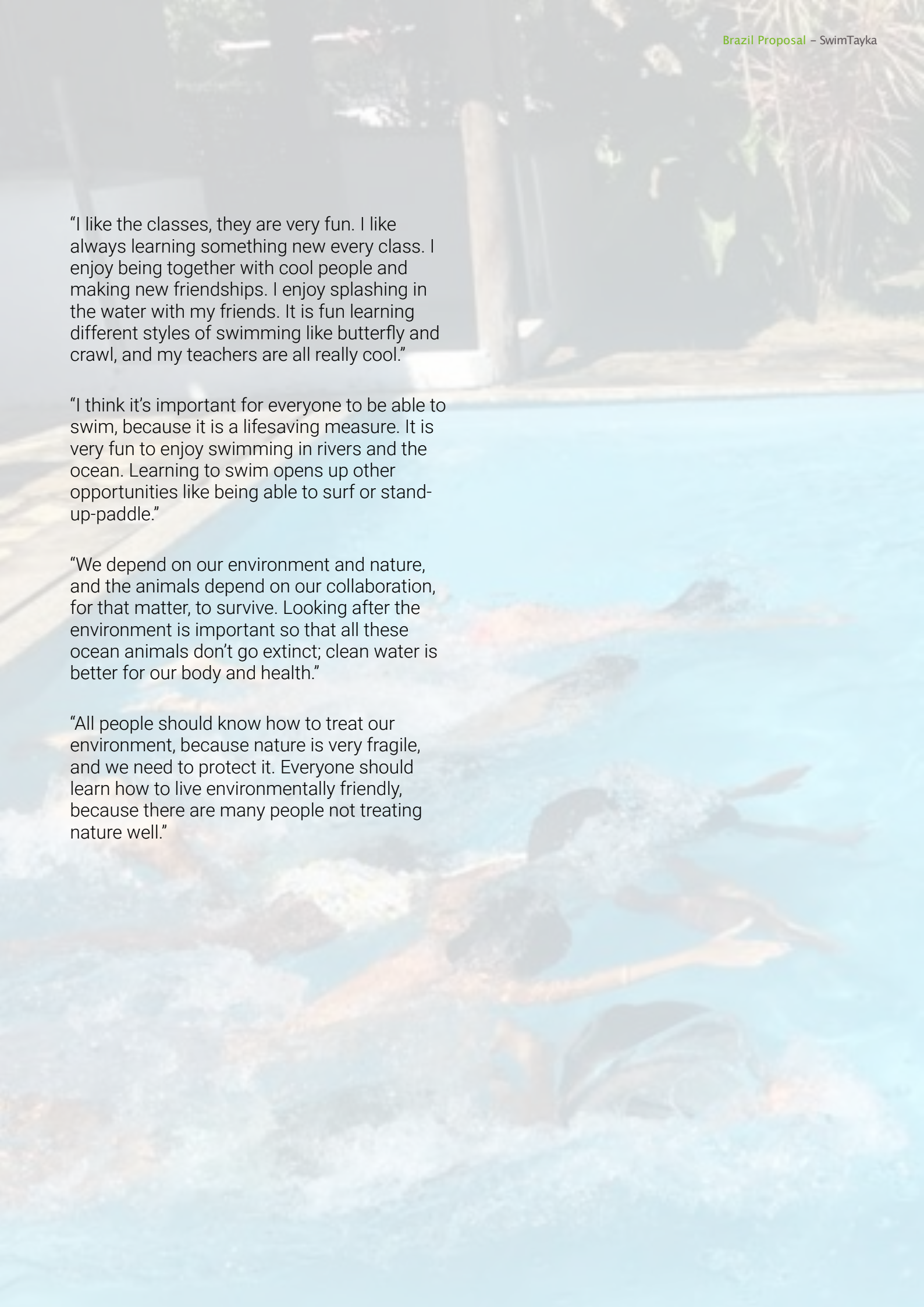
Running alongside are environmental lessons, which are also part of SwimTayka's programme. The children are learning about the mangrove forests, which are predominant in Itacaré, and, of course, about water pollution. They will also do practical exercises, like beach clean-ups.

Emilie added: "The children are so grateful to have the opportunity to take part in SwimTayka, because they don't have a lot. Learning to swim gives them so many opportunities, like surfing, or diving."

We thought we'd also ask the children what they think of SwimTayka and the programme we run, and we were bowled over by what they said.

Emilie gathered the responses for us, and translated them from Portuguese.

"I'm very happy to have gotten this amazing opportunity. I love swimming and I can't wait to swim in the ocean and go to the beach with my family, and practise all the swimming styles that I learned. I feel good after the swimming classes, swimming is good for my health and body."



"I like the classes, they are very fun. I like always learning something new every class. I enjoy being together with cool people and making new friendships. I enjoy splashing in the water with my friends. It is fun learning different styles of swimming like butterfly and crawl, and my teachers are all really cool."

"I think it's important for everyone to be able to swim, because it is a lifesaving measure. It is very fun to enjoy swimming in rivers and the ocean. Learning to swim opens up other opportunities like being able to surf or stand-up-paddle."

"We depend on our environment and nature, and the animals depend on our collaboration, for that matter, to survive. Looking after the environment is important so that all these ocean animals don't go extinct; clean water is better for our body and health."

"All people should know how to treat our environment, because nature is very fragile, and we need to protect it. Everyone should learn how to live environmentally friendly, because there are many people not treating nature well."

Children in Brazil sing songs on Earth Day By Jaci, ETIV-do-Brasil

ETIV-do-Brasil have won funding from Global Glow to offer a new eco-tourism and digital marketing programme (ETDM). This is to be offered to some of the most hard-working and dedicated students that attend the SwimTayka programme and Glow Clubs. The funding has been allocated for a coordinator to run the programme. However, the materials and technology needed to make it a success are specifically not included in the budget. Due to the pandemic, ETIV-do-Brasil need the necessary funds to be able to purchase all of the materials themselves; such as computers, waterproof cameras, kayaks and much more, and would need additional financial support to be able to start the project correctly, which they would be incredibly grateful for.

The new ETDM programme is linked directly to the development of the drowning prevention education with SwimTayka. From giving the children of Itacare the opportunity to understand and learn about the most critical natural areas of Itacare, they can then learn how to use technology and social media to speak out in support of everything they have learned. By learning to use their voice in a positive way to make change, they can then use this for several concerning subjects in Itacare; but most importantly they can speak about drowning prevention. They can then use the skills they have learnt and create videos to help communities that are still unable to access free swimming lessons.

The cost of gasoline in Brazil has increased astronomically, in which only the wealthy now have access to the most secluded and nicest beaches, islands, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and forested areas. This funding would give opportunities for the students to explore all the best Itacare has to offer, whilst also learning how to take pictures, videos and to create an online marketing and social media campaign. The skills learnt at this programme will not only offer an opportunity for the students currently, but in the future these skills will also be valuable and they will be more desirable for job opportunities. Students will also learn how to market themselves and they will finish the programme by creating their resume, which will include a list of skills that they have acquired through the programme and a portfolio of the work they have completed. ETIV-do-Brasil's goal is to be able to employ and hire some of the youth that participate in our programmes in the future.

The cost to cover the materials for this programme is £6,000. This will ensure that the project will run smoothly and correctly from the start, and the equipment will be used for several years after.

Item		UKP
	2 computers for local students to access and use as part of the eco-tourism and digital marketing campaign	£735.00
	2 stand up paddle boards with leash and paddle – giving our youth access up the river and to the peninsula (with mangroves, restinga and many endangered and endemic species)	£925.00
	1 two-person kayak	£550.00
	6 life jackets	£110.00
	2 cameras with zoom (to capture local wildlife)	£625.00
	2 waterproof cameras (to capture marine and fresh water wildlife)	£108.00
	1 drone (allowing us to monitor deforestation or degradation of our mangroves, restinga, forests and water ways, as well as to monitor the progress of our mangrove restoration project	£1,089.00
	2 Electric bikes - allowing students to access, discover and help protect the majority of the more secluded beaches, waterfalls or forested areas of Itacaré (that mainly only car owners or the wealthy can easily access.)	£1,858.00
	2 Samsung Cellphone – To access the tree trackers app and for youth to use with the environmental marketing/digital media/	
	ETDM totals	**£6,000**

Indonesia

Bali - committed to teaching local children

In Bali, we partner with SwimDo which – like us – is committed to teaching local children swimming skills, how to be safe near water, and how to look after the environment.

Seamus Pettigrew, an avid Californian surfer, set up SwimDo in 2015 after spending several months in Bali and realising how afraid children were of the water, and how at risk they were of drowning.

His aim was to establish an organisation that would become autonomous, run by and employing local people. The first programme taught 50 students, many of whom went on to become swim instructors themselves and who now run the organisation on a local level, as coordinators and managers.

For the local people involved, becoming a swimming teacher is prestigious, and very different to the farming life they might otherwise have followed. They not only work for the programmes, they can also work as private swim teachers to ex-pat families in Bali – a source of income that has been a lifeline to many during the Coronavirus pandemic, when the local schools have been closed.

SwimTayka is able to support these programmes through our volunteers, who spend two or three weeks in Bali, helping educate children in water safety and water stewardship, and teaching them swimming and life-saving skills.

Volunteering in Bali

So what will you be doing, as a volunteer swim instructor in Bali?

The programmes are offered through the school system and how each operates depends on the local facilities. You could find yourself teaching children to swim in a local pool, in a private pool at a villa, in a river, or perhaps even a water park!

And as a SwimTayka volunteer you'll get to experience so much more than the average tourist. You'll spend time with the families, go to the temple with them, eat with them, and get fully immersed in their community.

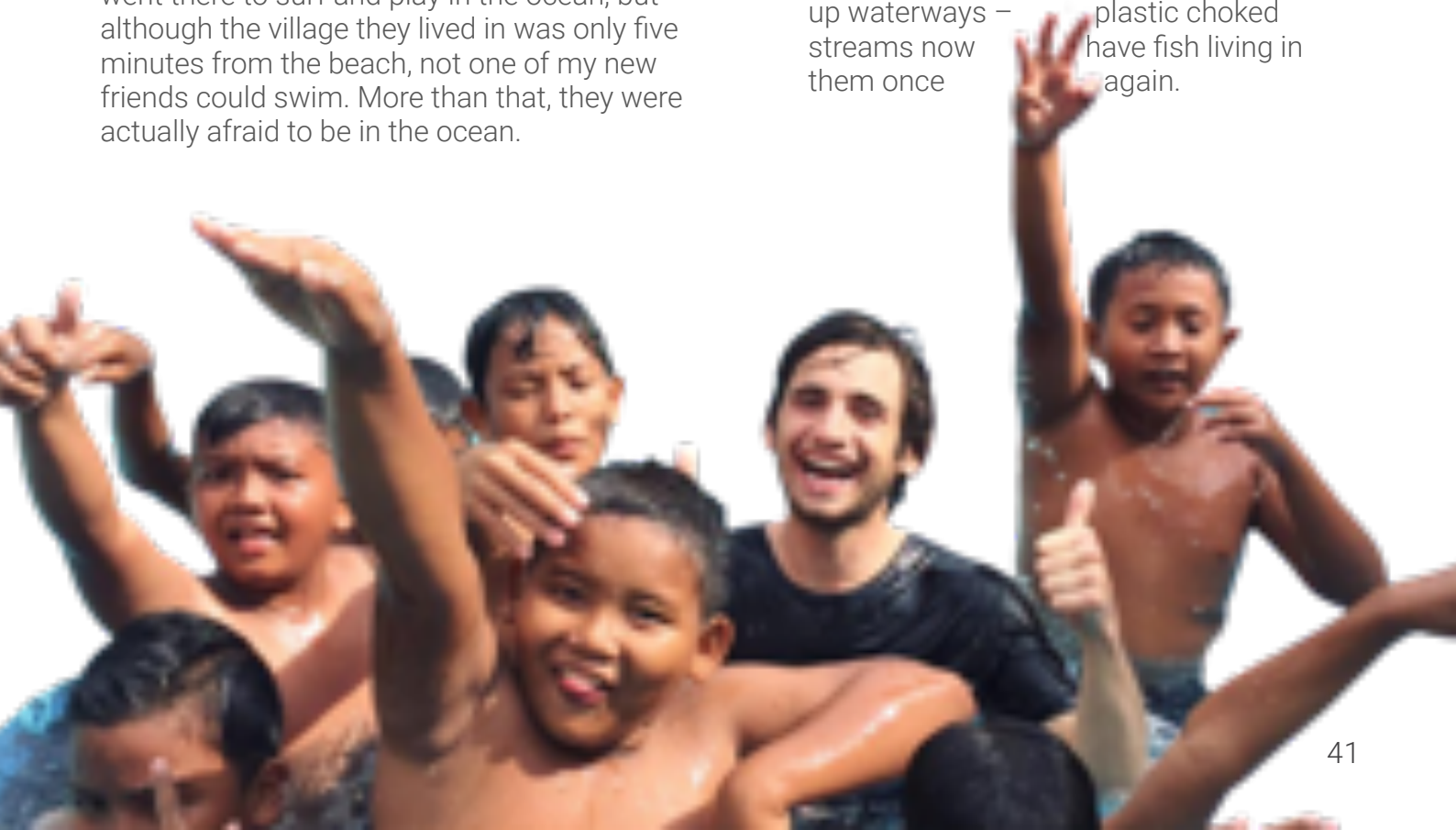
The feedback from our Bali volunteers is that it is like no other trip they have ever gone on. Is this the trip for you?

Seamus only went to Bali for a short visit and ended up staying. He says: "I was sharing a house with 30 people, and only one spoke English. They were poor but so generous to me. I went there to surf and play in the ocean, but although the village they lived in was only five minutes from the beach, not one of my new friends could swim. More than that, they were actually afraid to be in the ocean.

"So I just got them into the water, and to see their faces when they crossed that point from being a non-swimmer to a swimmer was fantastic. People come all over the world to enjoy swimming in the waters of Indonesia. To be able to bring that to the local people is an incredibly rewarding and profound experience, and this is what the SwimTayka volunteers enjoy too."

Water stewardship is also an important part of the SwimTayka volunteer's role. You'll play games with the children, with environmental themes. You'll take part in beach clean ups. You'll help educate children about plastic pollution – all against the backdrop of the ocean.

Fortunately, significant progress has been made in Bali in terms of environmental protection. There are now recycling centres and much has been done to clean up waterways – plastic choked streams now have fish living in them once again.



Mozambique

Carrying water, weaving palm leaves and teaching swimming

Just another day at the office for Mozambique volunteers

The expression 'thrown in at the deep end' certainly applies to SwimTayka volunteers, taking part in our swimming project in Mozambique.

You can take that phrase literally or metaphorically, because volunteers who join SwimTayka on the beautiful coastline of Guinjata get as immersed in the local community as they do in the water, giving swimming lessons to local children.

Partnership approach

Our partner in Mozambique is Love the Oceans, which is setting up a Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) using a bottom-up, community-led approach through research and educational outreach.

The Love the Oceans team run a whole host of projects, of which teaching children to swim is one important element and that's where the SwimTayka volunteers come in. Drowning is a preventable cause of death for children – they just need the opportunity to learn to swim.

New year, new pool

So what will you get to do and see as one of our volunteer swimming instructors?

First and foremost, you're there to teach swimming and – fingers crossed – by August 2021 this will be in a brand new pool built using donations from, among others, the Duchess of Sussex!

Through social media, Meghan Markle learnt about Love the Oceans' fundraising for a new swimming pool to teach children and – as she was then helping Archie to take his first strokes in the water – she generously made a donation.

Most of the funds, though, were raised by Love the Oceans' ambassador Ursula, so in tribute, the new pools – one full-sized pool, and one deeper plunge pool – will be called Archie and Ursi. Cute!

So why do the children need a new pool? Love the Oceans founder Francesca Trotman explains.

"The pool we have been using is in a resort about 45 minutes' drive away, so all we can do is pile the kids into a truck, take them there in one trip, give them their lessons, then bring them back. This doesn't work too well for some of our families. For example, we had three cousins wanting to come, but their Mum couldn't spare all three of them at once – she needed

Carrying water, weaving palm leaves and teaching swimming

two to help at home, so only one was able to learn at a time, as they'd be gone all afternoon.

"We asked the elders – who are like the mayors – if we could have a location that is right between the two schools, so it is ideal for children to just walk to the swim lessons themselves, have their half-hour slot, and then walk home. This also means we can teach far more children, as we won't need to travel."

The swimming programme

During the school winter holiday in August is when most lessons are delivered, and SwimTayka swim instructor volunteers play a key role. More than 200 children can be taught to swim in this two week period. The rest of the year, lessons are held at weekends.

Francesca said: "It is tiring but incredibly rewarding too. The kids love it! They regard learning to swim as a real privilege and enjoy being in the water."

There is much more to the programme than simply helping children learn to swim, although ensuring they are safe in water and drowning prevention is at the heart.

Eventually, the programme will be self-sustaining, as swim graduates can go on to be lifeguards and swim instructors themselves, working at the pool or within the tourism industry, which is so important to the area.

Marine conservation – the central theme of Love the Oceans' philosophy – is also promoted by teaching children to swim, by enabling them to enjoy the ocean safely and hopefully fostering a passion for it.

The Mozambique volunteer experience

Volunteers' time in Mozambique isn't limited to swimming lessons. The experience starts with a cultural tour, where our volunteers spend time learning a little about the area and how people live – including trying to balance water carriers on their heads as they walk back from the nearby well, where they've pumped the water.

If you are a volunteer, you'll find out about plant and marine life, how to weave palm leaves and even judge when a coconut is ripe.

You'll eat the locally sourced food – mainly vegan, and based on Manioc (Cassava) and nuts – using the philosophy of farm to food, to support the local economy. At night, you'll sleep in palm leaf huts, under mosquito nets – and everyone sleeps very well after a long day of swimming lessons.

Learning how to swim can protect marine life and alleviate poverty

Jangamo Bay, Mozambique is known for its diverse marine life of sharks, manta rays, and humpback whales. It was once named a top 10 place in the world for diving.

It's what attracted Franscesca Trotman, founder of Love The Oceans, to the area as part of a marine biology internship. After spending some time studying in the bay witnessing the shark finning industry and other unsustainable practices, she knew this place was special. It hadn't been thoroughly studied and she wanted to change that.

It soon became clear that in order to create long-lasting change, the conservation program she wanted to start needed to be able to run independently of the organisation. For the mission to be successful, they determined education was essential. By implementing Education and Community Outreach programs, their conservation strategy ensures an empowered community and protects the oceans while also alleviating poverty.

When Francesca started the organization, she and Pascoal Nhamussua, Community Outreach Manager, sat down with the elders of the community and discussed what their top priorities were. Education was one of them. They needed new classrooms and a secondary school for the older kids, so Love the Oceans got to work providing employment and investing in the local community by building the necessary facilities.

Basic Marine Resource Management

Love the Oceans is right in the classroom with the students supplementing the national curriculum's biology and geography lessons with basic marine resource management. Student's learn about the oceans, marine life, protecting them, the trash problem, ecotourism, and sustainable fishing.

A very important part of what they also teach is sea safety. Jangamo Bay has experienced 13 drownings in the last three years. The bay is notorious for very strong riptides so the kids learn how to identify them and, if they are caught in one, how to get out.

Because part of the overall mission is to provide the children with more opportunities within their community, every student who attends the marine resource class is able to participate in free swimming lessons hosted by Love the Oceans. Through the Educational Outreach program, they've taught over 1000 kids about the basics of the oceans and over 800 have had swimming lessons.

The interesting point of note is that the basic marine resource management class is totally optional for the students because it's held during their free periods. This doesn't stop a consistent stream of 30-100 eager students from joining in to learn about the ocean and the animals on their doorstep. Instructors keep these lessons interesting and interactive for the kids through games.

Francesca excitedly says “It’s awesome to see so many kids taking advantage of it. It’s a very different attitude to education in the West where school isn’t cool in England, but in Mozambique, it’s popular, and everyone knows the importance of it, which is really good.”

Shark game

The idea of sustainable fishing is taught in the classroom through a simple game.

They ask the kids if they’ve ever eaten shark (sharks are overfished in the area) and about 90% of the class raises their hands. Pascoal splits them into different groups: humans, sharks, bigger carnivore fish, smaller herbivore fish, and algae.

The game starts with all students standing. He tells them the humans have fished all the sharks and there are no more sharks left. The sharks have to sit down. And so he says, “Okay, well, the kingdom doesn’t have a natural predator anymore”. So the bigger carnivores can spread out, but there’s not enough prey for them all and they overeat, so the small fish sit down. So then the big fish have to sit down

because there’s no more food for them to eat. Then the algae grows. Humans don’t eat algae so they are left with nothing.

Francesca says “It’s quite a poignant exercise, because the kids kind of look around and they realise the human group has to sit down because they fish the sharks. It works every time because everyone’s always like, ‘Oh, wow. Okay, that’s how it all hangs together. Okay, we’re not going to do that anymore.”

Reaching more students

Part of the commitment LTO has made with the schools is maintaining the current classrooms that are running, which means the head teachers don’t have to charge maintenance fees to the parents. This has allowed education to now be free for about 1500 kids. That also means the parents who had previously pulled their kids out of school because they need to help on the farm, can send their kids back to school.

70% of people rely on subsistence farming in the area so it’s common that children help their families with farm work. With the additional classrooms and soon a secondary school, LTO will be able to reach more students, especially the older kids who got pulled out of school to work.

One of the struggles of getting more kids to the swimming lessons is the location of the pool they’ve been using. A resort has allowed them access but it’s far away so parents are without their kids help for several hours.

Because of the location of the pool, the fact that about 95% of people in the area can’t swim, and the desire to be able to provide even more kids with swimming lessons, they’ve raised money to build the first community swimming pool. This means kids will be able to walk to swimming lessons and won’t be away from the farm as long, increasing the number of kids they can teach as well the frequency of their lessons.

The ability to help more kids in a single family is extremely important because sometimes the eldest child is made to look after the younger siblings when they go to the beach. If they can recognize where riptides are, they can care for their brothers and sisters more carefully.

During the winter holiday of August 2021, Love the Oceans is partnering with SwimTayka to provide more lessons than

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usual. For two weeks, volunteer instructors from around the world will teach an intense swimming zero-to-hero workshop where over 200 local children will learn swimming skills for drowning prevention and water stewardship. Volunteers have the opportunity to experience an extremely unique environment and add a level of diversity, excitement, and inspiration to the childrens' lessons and lives.

Ocean Conservation Champions

As students get older, progressing through the lessons and relationships are built with the students and families, they have the opportunity to intern with LTO. If the kids are getting paid then parents won't miss them on the farm as much. They can participate in research projects to help with the overall mission of establishing a Marine Protected Area in the bay.

They can also gain further qualifications relating to marine tourism and get jobs leading snorkel and diving tours or get their skipper's license. By providing the opportunity for kids to follow along this path and find a job, they are helping to alleviate poverty in the area.

After going through the marine resource class and swim lessons, students can become what Love the Oceans calls Ocean Conservation Champions. They can act as conservation ambassadors within their own communities running conservation workshops ensuring vital culturally integrated change.

Sustainable fishing brings balance to the bay

Part of what the conservation ambassadors are currently working on is promoting sustainable fishing within the community.

Due to the pandemic, 30% of the community transitioned from making a living with tourism to fishing. This brought about a rise in the number of nets and spearfishing being used to fish because it was easier. It also caused overfishing of certain types of fish throwing off the balance in the ecosystem of the bay.

LTO launched an initiative with Gemo Guilamba, chief fisherman, and Pascoal, the Community Outreach Manager, to move all the fishermen over to kayak fishing.

By transitioning people over to kayak fishing, fisherman can go further out to sea, catching blue water fish like barracuda and tuna. It gives the fishermen more to eat and the chance to become more professional and sell the fish. The hope being on completion of the project, they'll get complete net elimination in the area which also eliminates bycatch and similar destructive activities. Doing so sustainably is a win for the community and the environment.

Through education, swimming lessons, and job opportunities, Love the Oceans is well on their way of fulfilling their mission of creating a sustainable and economically viable solution to the people of Jangamo Bay by saving marine life, preventing drownings, and alleviating poverty.

SWIM TAYKA

Our Control Measures

Principles and Safeguarding

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

SwimTayka operates in low resource communities across the world, often in the face of difficult communications, security, logistics and financial challenges. In delivering all of our objectives we face significant challenges every day. We have robust procedures to evaluate, design and implement effective measures to reduce both the likelihood and the potential impact of these risks occurring.

Our volunteers undertake a risk assessment for each and every project every year, in order to mitigate for any risks anticipated at each location we operate.

No of accidents/injuries reported to SwimTayka during 2019 - Zero

Safeguarding policy

We remain committed to transparency safeguarding not only the children, but our volunteers too. We have a robust Safeguarding children policy which is reviewed each year. We also provide the following courses to our volunteers:

Introduction to Safeguarding Children Training Course (Level 1 Safeguarding)

This course aims to help learners understand their responsibilities for safeguarding children. It explains how to recognise and respond to abuse, how to respond to a disclosure, and how to report and record concerns.

Advanced Safeguarding Children (Level 2 Safeguarding)

This Advanced Safeguarding Children course aids those who work frequently with children and/or families to learn more about child protection procedures and responsibilities, including recognising and reporting abuse, the safeguarding structure and what happens after a referral to social care is made.

Designated Safeguarding Officer Training (Level 3 Safeguarding Children)

This Designated Safeguarding Person course helps those with a designated child protection role to learn more about their responsibilities in regards to promoting good safeguarding practices in the workplace, recognising and responding to abuse, working with other services and sharing information.

Number of safeguarding concerns raised during any our our programmes during 2019 - Zero

Volunteers and Partners

Volunteer Selection

It is important that the volunteers who come to work with SwimTayka can be entrusted with the care of children as well as fully believing in our values and mission.

To achieve a good quality selection of volunteers we request the following for volunteer who work on our programmes:

- A clear Criminal Background check
- Professional Qualifications verified
- Background references checked
- Criteria for recruiting volunteers:
  - Passion for water/water activities
  - Experiences on outdoor event swimming
  - Working as a teaching assistant in schools
  - knowledge of Environmental issues
- Can-Do attitude

Partnerships

As an independent organisation, SwimTayka is keen to collaborate with other Charitable Organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or other organisations in waterside communities where there exists a need for education in the skills and principles of drowning prevention, water safety, swimming, environmental education and water stewardship.

As our programmes evolve, we strive to follow certain criteria and guidelines for selecting the organisations with which we partner and the projects on which we engage.

As a general principle we approach partnering holistically, taking into consideration personal safety, community needs, project location, comparative costs, collaborative relationships among organisations, and a general subjective feel for things.

The background due-diligence we perform of potential partnerships covers:

- Location
- Safety of our Volunteers
- Mandatory Criteria
  - They must be a registered charity, NGO or non-profit organisation
  - They must be geographically located in a waterside community
  - They must have programmes in place that serves disadvantaged children
  - They must have a strong presence in the community they serve
  - Safety protocols in place for staff, volunteers and the individuals is crucial

Finances

Where does our money come from?

Nothing can function without money, unfortunately. We keep our costs as low as possible to give maximum benefit to our programmes. We are proud to say that overall we have spent under £50k last year.

We continually seek external funding, as without funding we quite simply could not do what we do.

We hold fundraising events which are all related to our cause,. These include facilitating Swimming the English Channel relay teams, raising sponsorship through a local swimming race, or triathlons.

Our supporters and volunteers are the backbones of SwimTayka, and we continue to look for support from individuals, trusts and foundations, and other donors who fund our work.

A diverse and sustainable funding source will help us to grow and save more children from accidental drowning around the world.

What do we spend our money on?

During non-pandemic times we spend 77% of our funds go directly to helping children on our projects. This includes providing transportation to pools, hire of pools, purchase of equipment etc so that our projects are completely free and inclusive for the children. As we are dependent on donations, some money is also spent on advertising and otherwise seeking donations such as stands at events. We try to minimise all costs as much as possible so that as much money as possible can be spent educating children and preventing drowning.

Being accountable for the impact of our work SwimTayka is committed to ensuring that we are accountable to those with whom we work. We:

- Report data on the numbers of people and communities reached by our programmes
- Complete review exercises to understand – and speak about – our outcome achievements as well as our challenges, and how we deal with them
- Undertake evaluations to assess our overall strategies, test the core assumptions about how SwimTayka contributes to social change and assess our effectiveness in different contexts, and consult with key stakeholders to gather their insights and assessments about our overall efforts.

Our Plans for 2022

With two successful years now behind us, we plan to expand in 2022 and reach out to more children around the world, and support more organisations to deliver Swimming lessons and environmental water stewardship education. To do this, we recognise we need to bring more expertise into the organisation around:

- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Campaign Management
- Legal
- Policymaking

Some of this recruitment is well under way already and plans for the remaining recruitment are afoot. Bizarrely, Covid 19 seems to have had a positive impact on our core volunteer recruitment with more people able to commit time to charitable works during lockdown.

SWIM TAYKA

ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the year to 31 December 2021

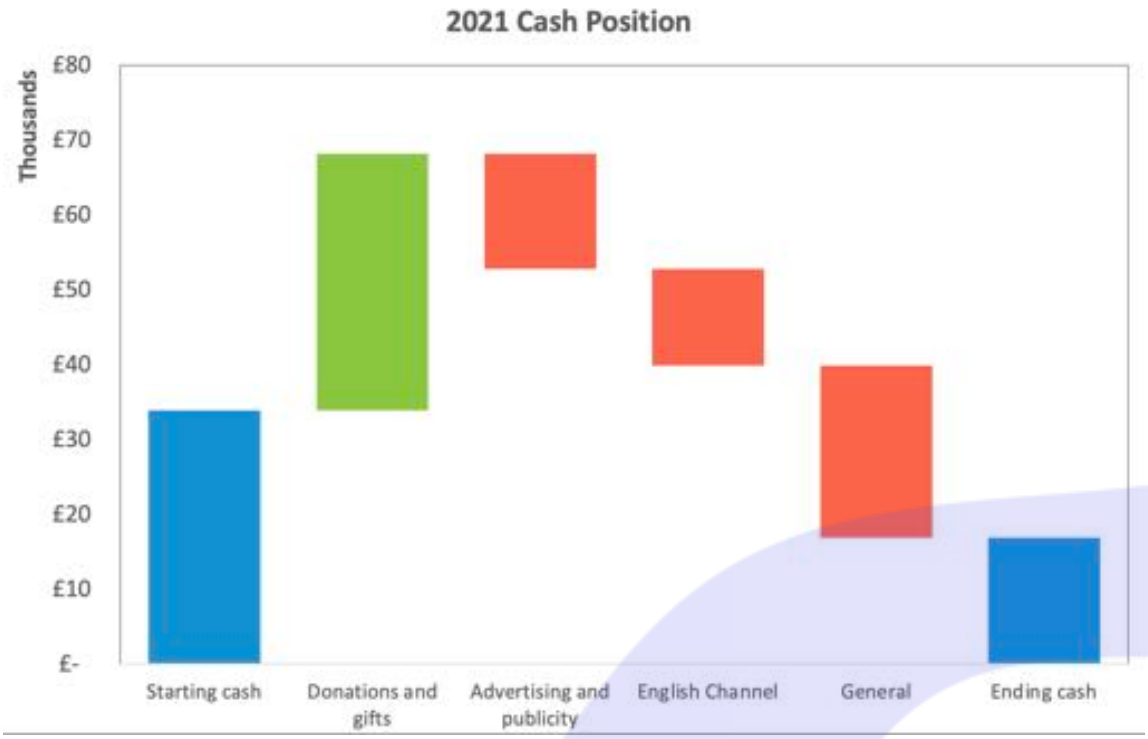
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

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 and gifts	30,328	-	-	30,328	23,102
Gift aid	3,960	-	-	3,960	9,447
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	34,288	-	-	34,288	32,549
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table),					
Bank balance		-	-	-	16,843
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	16,843
Total receipts	34,288	-	-	34,288	49,392
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities1	-	-	-	-	2,660
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	340
Incurred seeking donations	12,920	-	-	12,920	8,100
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	15,452	-	-	15,452	3,367
Other trading activities	22,931	-	-	22,931	1,035
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,303	-	-	51,303	15,502
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	51,303	-	-	51,303	15,502
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,015	-	-	- 17,015	33,891
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,891	-	-	33,891	-
Cash funds this year end	16,876	-	-	16,876	33,891

Projects and Cash Position

	Unrestricted funds			
	2021	2020	2019	2018
Cash at bank	**£ 33,891**	**£ 16,843**	**£ 14,311**	**-£ 123**
English Channel	£ 21,998	£ 22,974	£ 11,537	£ 9,892
Events	£ 9,120	£ -	£ -	£ 318
Volunteers	£ -	£ -	£ 5,081	£ -
General	£ 3,170	£ 9,576	£ 11,915	£ 8,155
Total receipts	**£ 34,288**	**£ 32,550**	**£ 28,533**	**£ 18,365**
Projects	£ -	-£ 2,660	-£ 12,493	-£ 1,307
Staging fundraising events	£ -	-£ 340	-£ 9,837	-£ 1,300
Incurred seeking donations	-£ 12,920	-£ 8,100	-£ 308	£ -
Advertising and publicity	-£ 15,452	-£ 3,367	-£ 1,600	-£ 1,165
Insurance	-£ 1,202	-£ 273	-£ 1,036	
Fees on donations	-£ 24	-£ 484	-£ 623	
Other trading activities	-£ 21,706	-£ 277	-£ 104	-£ 159
Total payments	**-£ 51,304**	**-£ 15,501**	**-£ 26,001**	**-£ 3,931**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**£ 16,876**	**£ 33,891**	**£ 16,843**	**£ 14,311**



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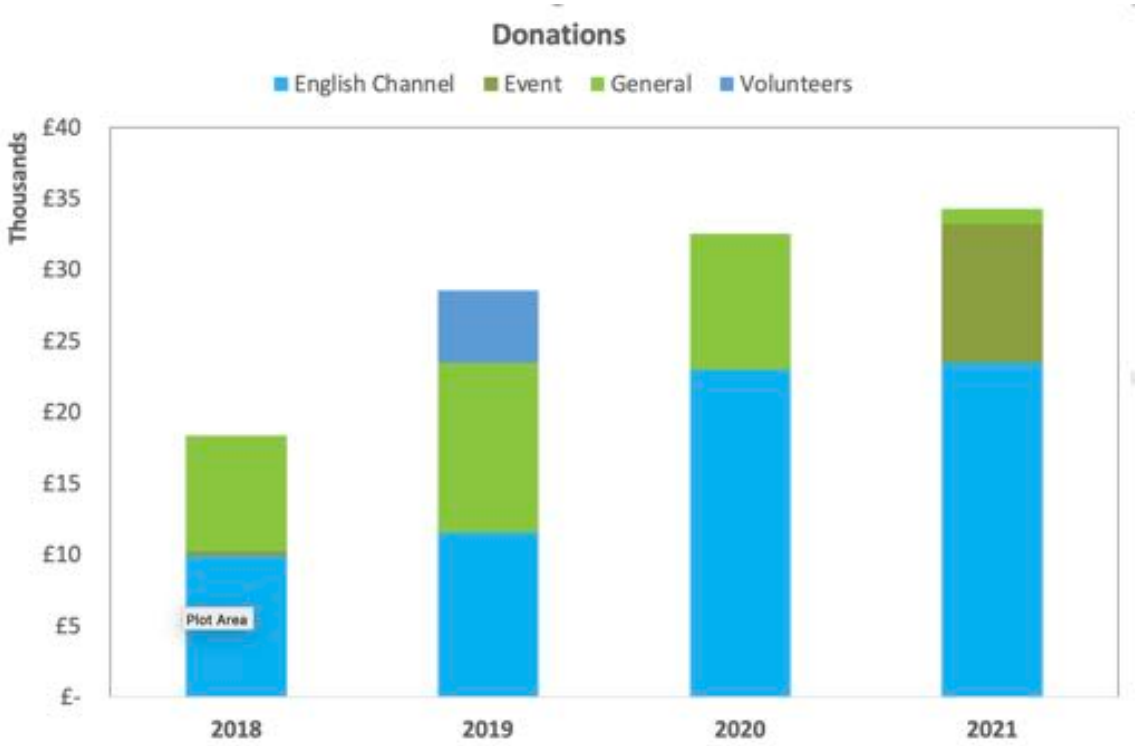

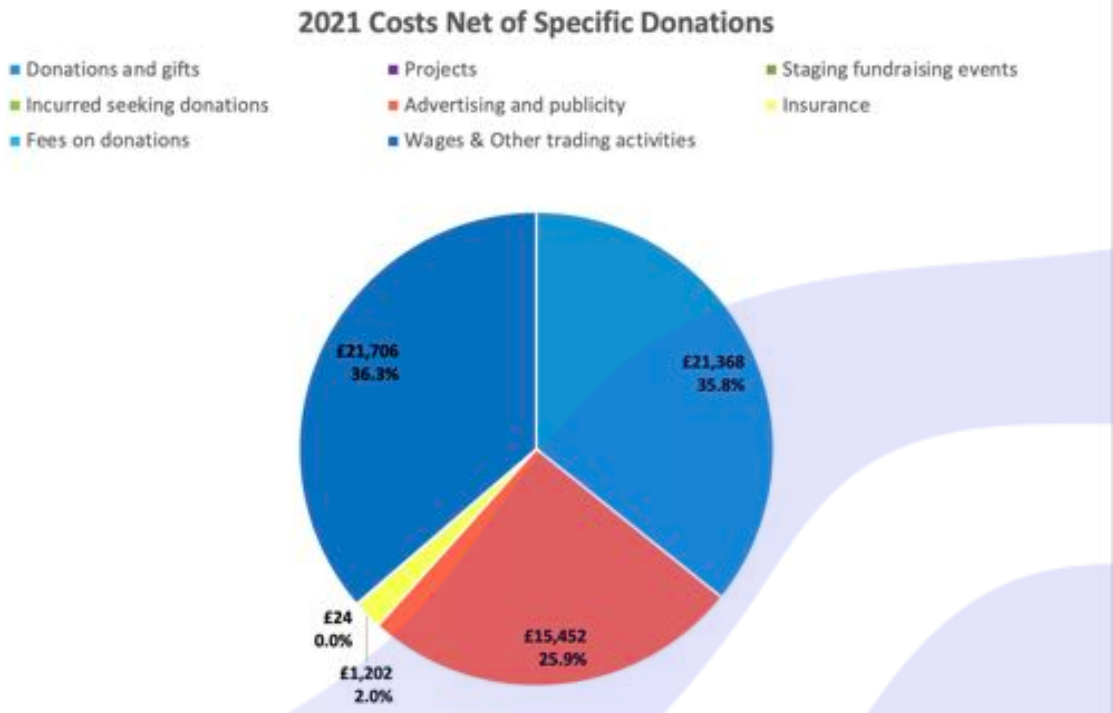

Acknowledgements

SwimTayka gratefully acknowledges the support of many individuals and donor partners who contributed to our work during the year.

Our Project Partners

- Otra Cosa Network
- ETIV-do-Brasil
- Love the Oceans
- Swimdo

Supporting organisations

- Zoggs
- STA
- Princess Charlene of Monaco
- RNLI
- South West Swim
- Dover Channel Training

In our efforts to maintain our accountability to stakeholders, we continue to include statistical information throughout this report. Given the breadth and depth of our work, we acknowledge the difficulties in measuring this; we have used our own monitoring systems to compile the data, and figures have been rounded as appropriate. We have worked hard to avoid any double counting when identifying the numbers of people we reach, however, there is likely to be some overlap between specific activities, as some individuals will be supported in more than one area of our work.

We value your feedback on the information contained in this annual report. Please contact feedback@swimtayka.org with any comments or suggestions you may have.

SWIM TAYKA

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Teaching The Life Skills Of Swimming And Water Stewardship

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Jan-21		31-Dec-21

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 £
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	-	-	-	-	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	**34,288**	-	-	**34,288**	**32,549**
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Bank balance		-	-	-	**16,843**
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	**16,843**
Total receipts	**34,288**	-	-	**34,288**	**49,392**
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities1	-	-	-	-	**2,660**
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	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**51,303**	-	-	**51,303**	**15,502**
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	**51,303**	-	-	**51,303**	**15,502**
Net of receipts/(payments)	- **17,015**	-	-	- **17,015**	**33,891**
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	**33,891**	-	-	**33,891**	-
Cash funds this year end	**16,876**	-	-	**16,876**	**33,891**

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	16,876	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,876	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	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

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: SWIMTAYKA

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2021

Charity no (if any) 1176079

Set out on pages 1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J.S.Davis **Date:** 26/05/2022

Name: JOHN STEPHEN DAVIS

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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.

SWIMTAYKA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176079

Accounts

Chairman Report 2020

A year of Covid – who would have thought that this would be upon us for such a long time? We were devastated that we have had to postpone our projects until travel restrictions were lifted, but we knew it was the right thing to do. It has been tragic for our programmes they have just stopped; however, it has also provided us with an opportunity as many people are taking more time to assess what they want to do with their time. As such, our core team has grown to twelve people from finance to legal and policy making. They are worldwide in Singapore, Vietnam and Tanzania. These are all very dedicated individuals, and we welcome them all with open arms as SwimTayka takes on growth.

Following our growth, we have adopted new branding that more closely represents our drowning prevention and environment objectives. I'm pleased to thank the Great State team for their time and professional help towards creating this branding for us. We can move forwards with a branding we are proud of.

Prior to the arrival of Covid, we managed to run our Peru programme at the start of the year. Our SwimTayka coordinator, Paul Gastanadui, a local Peruvian, ran the programme which was a great success as we managed to reach out to over 45 children. Then Covid struck the world in March 2020, which put a hold on our Brazil, Mozambique and Indonesia projects which was a terrible shame.

Meanwhile, our lovely partners at ETIV do Brasil had moved into a fantastic new property that offers both the children and volunteers some great opportunities. There is so much more space, including individual and shared apartments for the volunteers. It also includes a beautiful swimming pool that volunteers can use and serves the

community during the SwimTayka programme. And it could not be used due to COVID, ahhhhh! We are keeping our fingers crossed for everything starting in Brazil in 2021.

On a lighter note, with determination, strength and grit the English Channel Relay successfully swam to France on 14th August. They loved the swim, they hated it, they fought their demons, and they overcame them, and they battled on for 12 hours and 26 minutes until they achieved something that, a while ago, they never thought was possible. A huge congratulations to the team, you made us proud.

Rose

Another impressive feat was Rose, an 11 year old girl who chose to support SwimTayka by raising money through swimming the equivalent distance of the English Channel in a swimming pool. She raised £ 970 in her massive achievement. We thank her for her determination and persistence.

We also had our very own mascot Poppy (Black Labrador) swim at the Henley Festival and being the first dog to swim a mile, she was such a crowd pleaser, and she loved all the attention. I was so proud of her.

Following the Henley Festival, we partnered with the event's organisers and are now the Thames Marathon's registered charity. The Thames Marathon is a sell-out event of great past success – a 14km swim challenge that spans from Henley-on-Thames to Marlow. With this new partnership, we are excited that swimmers will be raising vital funds imperative to our programmes while raising awareness for a cause that deserves to be recognised.

THAMES MARATHON

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Henley-on-Thames

We are gaining pace and growing strongly, and the team and trustees are making a good foundation for the future of SwimTayka. I am looking forward to the year ahead of us.

Bryan Avery
Founder and Trustee

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-20		31-Dec-20

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 and gifts	23,102	-	-	**23,102**	**28,533**
Gift aid	9,447	-	-	**9,447**	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	**32,549**	-	-	**32,549**	**28,533**
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank balance		-	-	-	**14,311**
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	**14,311**
Total receipts	**32,549**	-	-	**32,549**	**42,844**
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities1	2,660	-	-	**2,660**	**12,493**
Staging fundraising events	340	-	-	**340**	**9,837**
Incurred seeking donations	8,100	-	-	**8,100**	**308**
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	3,367	-	-	**3,367**	**1,600**
Other trading activities	1,035	-	-	**1,035**	**1,763**
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**15,502**	-	-	**15,502**	**26,001**
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	**15,502**	-	-	**15,502**	**26,001**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**17,047**	-	-	**17,047**	**16,843**
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	**16,843**	-	-	**16,843**	-
Cash funds this year end	**33,891**	-	-	**33,891**	**16,843**

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash funds	33,891	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,891	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	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
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Signed: JSDavis **Date:** 15/09/2021

Name: JOHN STEPHEN DAVIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT (FCCA)

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