

1 HEART AFRICA LTD

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

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ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

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I Heart Africa Trustee Report 2021 - 2022



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Executive Summary

In 2021 the eruption of the Nyiragongo; the worlds largest active lava lake destroyed thousands of homes and displaced up to as many 300,000 people. The severity of the eruption caused us to take a call to action in which shifted creating solutions to the rising number of people at risk.

The population had no access to drinking water as a majority of the cities water facilities were destroyed and washed away.

The methane gas released by the lava since the day of the eruption constitutes a health hazard for the population, which requires assistance and protection.

Because of the natural resources in the eastern portion of Congo, Goma has been victim of conflict, famine, displacement, use of rape as a weapon of war, and now, a volcano. As of 2002, the most affected group in Goma in such crisis' are Congolese women and children.

After spending time on the ground liaising with community leaders, chiefs, local authorities and the people themselves multiple project goals were identified and developed so that we could make a huge impact despite limited resources. Spending time in the internally displaced camps highlighted the first project goal and that was to create permanent housing for as many at risk families as possible who had lost their homes to the lava. This would require the acquisition of land, employment of architects, engineers, masons and laborers to which we sourced locally and employed culturally traditional design to the homes.

As poverty increased so did the number of vulnerable children orphaned through parental mortality or abandonment. Many of these children were now being taken care of by the communities of people who were also living in the internally displaced camps or estranged family members who had little to no resources of their own. This triggered the creation of a daily program that feeds, clothes, provides medical care and education to a select number of children identified as the most at risk and their carers.

Whilst we were heavily involved in the humanitarian relief efforts in Goma, we were able to continue our work in Kinshasa DRC in ensuring there was minimal operational disruption.

Introduction

I Heart Africa is a charity driven by a social mission to improve the livelihoods of men, women and children. Our values are centered on the promotion of holistic sustainable development, as a path towards building an environment that is optimal for proliferating a thriving self-determined community.

In the name of transparency and due to our commitment to be accountable to the individuals we both serve and those who kindly support us, we aim to deliver reports as such in order to bring vivid clarity and openly share our actions, activities and achievements.

The following report summarises the activities of I Heart Africa from April 2021 through to April 2022 in one of our focus areas, the Democratic Republic of Congo. As a team I Heart Africa we have been supporting the facilitation and upkeep of 2 separate projects that house, feed, nurture and raise orphans for over 6 years in Kinshasa and Goma.

This project report also details the achievements and the challenges of completing our decided goals, building a capable team, fundraising, the building process, insight and developments of the supplementary daily program and an outline of the proposed next steps since the eruption of mount Nyiragongo in 2021.



Congo DRC: Goma

May 2021 - Mount Nyiragongo erupted after nearly 20 years of silence, destroying homes and livelihood in Congo's eastern city of Goma; a city of 2 million Congolese people just south of the volcano.

The number of casualties at the time was unclear but houses had been lost and people went missing. UNICEF stated that more than 170 children were missing and another 150 children had been separated from their families.

At least three large neighborhoods in the north of the city were completely destroyed, as many as 5000 homes and businesses in this area were destroyed burnt and some people found dead, with no shelter or place to live.

Eventually displacing as many as 300,000 people who were now packed into 6 large internally displaced camp sites without running water, no power, no sanitation, zero infrastructural support or assistance.



The road linking the city of Goma to territories such as Rutshutu, Butembo, Beni, serving as a food supply, had been cut off and blocked by the lava as well as with no access or passage to feed the city. Hence the risk of famine is felt in the days to come.

Due to poor infrastructure and lack of resources the only major government response to the volcano eruption was to designate empty fields away from the lava flows. This was so the people had space to build themselves makeshift shelters that are made from wood, hessians sacks, leaves & plastic albeit non waterproof and not big enough to house an average size family of 5-6 people.

Immediately after the Nyiragongo eruption I Heart Africa started with a public call to action via social media and the well-known fund-raising platform GoFundMe to raise awareness and funds for the primary focus being emergency aid with an overwhelming positive public response.

Our first steps were to reach out to our team on the ground that we have been continually working with since the birth of I Heart Africa. First goal was to make sure they were safe amongst the turmoil and if they were ready to begin surveying the situation so that we could respond accordingly with emergency assistance in the safest possible methods.

Our teams first duty was to connect with the people on the ground via the local chiefs that managed the 6 major internally displaced settlements who were able to assist in identifying those who were the most effected and at risk. It was determined that the best use of resources straight away was to provide medical assistance where possible and to distribute emergency food rations to families with zero current means due to losing their homes / farmland and businesses in the lava.



The team used the first \$4000 to purchase as much essential non-perishable food items; as recommend by the chiefs and by the people in need themselves. This resulted in buying flour, rice, beans, and oil for 160 families, each received 5kg of flour, 1litre of Vegetable oil, 10kg of beans and 5 Kg of rice. These items were most sensible for the situations faced by the beneficiaries as they don't have access to electric to power things like fridges.

Over the course of a few days we understood from the start that it would not be sustainable or sensible to continue focusing on emergency relief and with the assistance and guidance of the local leaders and authorities we decided to tackle the largest problem faced by people in the area which was housing.

Over the course of a few weeks working relationships were established between us, local organizations who were interested in helping and the representatives of the people and the people themselves. We identified suitable plots of land for building some permanent housing and collaborated with local construction teams to create blueprints and contract a team that could bring it to life.



Some of the major challenges that were faced by the team started when entering price negotiations over the land as word had spread fast that foreigners were trying to buy land. This made negotiations slow and often unrealistic with the prices that were offered which meant there was lots of wasted time travelling from meeting to meeting. After doing everything that we could to mitigate our direct involvement in any land negotiations we were able to secure an acre and a half at a reasonable cost which provided the perfect amount of space to build the example we would show to the world to gain the global support to build even more houses.

With rising numbers of displaced peoples at risk our toughest challenge was identifying candidate families that we could work with long-term to assist them back into self-sustainability.

We spent time meeting and interviewing families learning more about the needs and requirements to give us a better understanding of the bigger picture. The more families we met and the more we spent time in the IDP settlements the solutions became more and more obvious day by day. We were learning that there was a rising number of orphaned children being taken care of by the community as their families were either totally incapable or deceased

This inspired us to develop a parallel program that would run alongside the building of the houses to provide up to 30 of the most at-risk children and their primary care givers with a safe space each day where they get access to food, healthcare, and some basic learning since most children in the area do not have access to education.



In as little as 4 weeks the team had successfully secured land, developed a design, employed contractors, hired a local team of program operators.

We interviewed hundreds of candidate families and shortlisted 4 to support.

We established a plan of daily initiatives and were about to break ground and start the foundational work on the recently acquired land.

The 4 families that were selected were chosen for multiple reasons that fit the following criteria; 1) they were headed by a single mother, 2) of working age 3) obtains 1 or more children with basic literacy, communication skills & business skills.

After hundreds of encounters with different families all with tragic and deserving stories we selected, Mdamwira, Dusabe, Maomobe and through advice and guidance of the local chief we made an exception to the rule we selected Baraka, a young man who would be able to help keep the area secure.

Despite their journey, our selected families showed enthusiasm and willingness to be involved with the daily program after being told about it. We decided to employ the families as part of the caregiving team that look after the children attending our programs.

The daily initiative at this time did not have a formal project name since everything was moving so fast. The selection process for the children who would become beneficiaries of the program was straight forward and a short list was provided to us by the local civil protection agency who actively work in tandem with the local chiefs that manage the individual communities and had the best understanding of who needed help the most.



We were introduced to 30 children aged between 8 months old through to the age of 16 and their primary care givers.

As we were spending time interviewing and meeting people in the IDP camps we were introduced to an amazing man who through all his own efforts built a school in one of the camps to provide education to the children whose schooling had been disrupted by the volcano. He agreed to allow us to use his school as a daily meeting place to host the children and their care givers, providing the perfect environment to use as an education facility for our children who had never been to school before.

Fortunately for I Heart Africa whose founders and operators have a great social media presence and social

network were able to give people intimate day by day video updates that engaged the global donors in a way that made them feel part of the project making them happy to continually donate.

The program ran every single day rain or shine with little to no issues or problems whilst the houses were being built. An average day would typically play out as follows:

- A) All the children of suitable ages were sent to school in the morning to which we covered the tuition fees for the entire year, uniforms, and the costs for necessary resources like writing materials.
- B) As they all go to school at the same place the kids wait at the school for the team to arrive, upon arrival the kids engage in some additional education as a group, team building activities and a short period of creative expression which could be art, storytelling, or dancing.
- C) Whilst activities take place, the cooking staff prepare the food, which varies from day to day to ensure the children have a stable balanced diet. After lunch the children help the team clean up and then spend time playing before being transported back to their homes.

The only major problem that we would be faced with concerning the daily program would occur when we planned to relocate to the site of the newly constructed houses for the 4 selected beneficiaries.

The space at the school was not sustainable long term due to the limited resources to adequately maintain the structure of the building as it would eventually become physically unstable and pose a risk of collapse endangering the children and team.

Our other major issues were ensuring that the construction of the houses was completed on schedule, in alignment with the budget and to the highest possible standard. We encountered issues with the work ethic, responsiveness, and willingness to rectify mistakes which delayed parts of the process.



East Congo has tropical climate that causes regular rainfall which caused delays in the building process by prolonging the cement drying process, sometimes rendering entire days unworkable. Around the end of the build, a quality inspection was performed that highlighted issues that needed to be addressed. In total we were delayed around 2 full weeks to ensure that the problems had been resolved and gave the team time to source the interior furnishings and prepare for the house handover ceremony.

The team organized a celebratory day that invited the local chiefs, elders and representatives of the people and the local community to bless the new houses. All the children from the program were present, we invited traditional drummers and dancers and our kitchen team prepared food for everyone present.

We documented the entire day working in partnership with the Goma Serena hotel who accommodated our 4 selected beneficiaries and provided them with 5-star treatment for the evening including catering and full access to their facilities.

For the 4 families that have been living in camps it was the first time that they had ever slept in a hotel, this was an additional surprise that was to lead up to the families moving into their new homes the day after, unbeknownst to them.



The handover day was a huge success and as a result we were able to start visualizing the next steps in the project as the content that was shared via social media helped raise more funds.

We initially played around with the idea of purchasing a suitable plot of land to build a self-sustaining orphanage compound complete with farmable space and in-house education facilities. As we set about to raise more awareness and generate more funds, our idea was scaled back to become more fluid with the dynamic that had evolved between the children and their primary caregivers.

Through team discussion it was decided that instead of building an orphanage we would construct a small village to relocate each of the children and their adopted families. This meant seeking the consultation of a larger construction company capable of designing and building 25-30 houses which we aim to embark on later this year.

Whilst the plans for the village were being made, teams were being assembled, and the funds were being raised. We allocated a budget to maintain the daily activity program which could now take place at the site of the new houses 7 days a week with supplementary education to develop their social and life skills. In addition to their continual schooling meals, snacks, and regular medical health check-ups.

At the end of this first phase of the project we had successfully relocated 4 families out of the IDP camps and provided them with paid employment: giving them self-dependency and upward mobility. Their roles at the daily program are in support of a full-time staff of program facilitators that manage the daily needs of the 30 children and their respective caregivers. I Heart Africa are beyond delighted that we have been fortunate to be able to provide and create a support system every day to 30 underprivileged children; giving them an opportunity to grow and learn in a safe environment.

Congo DRC: Kinshasa

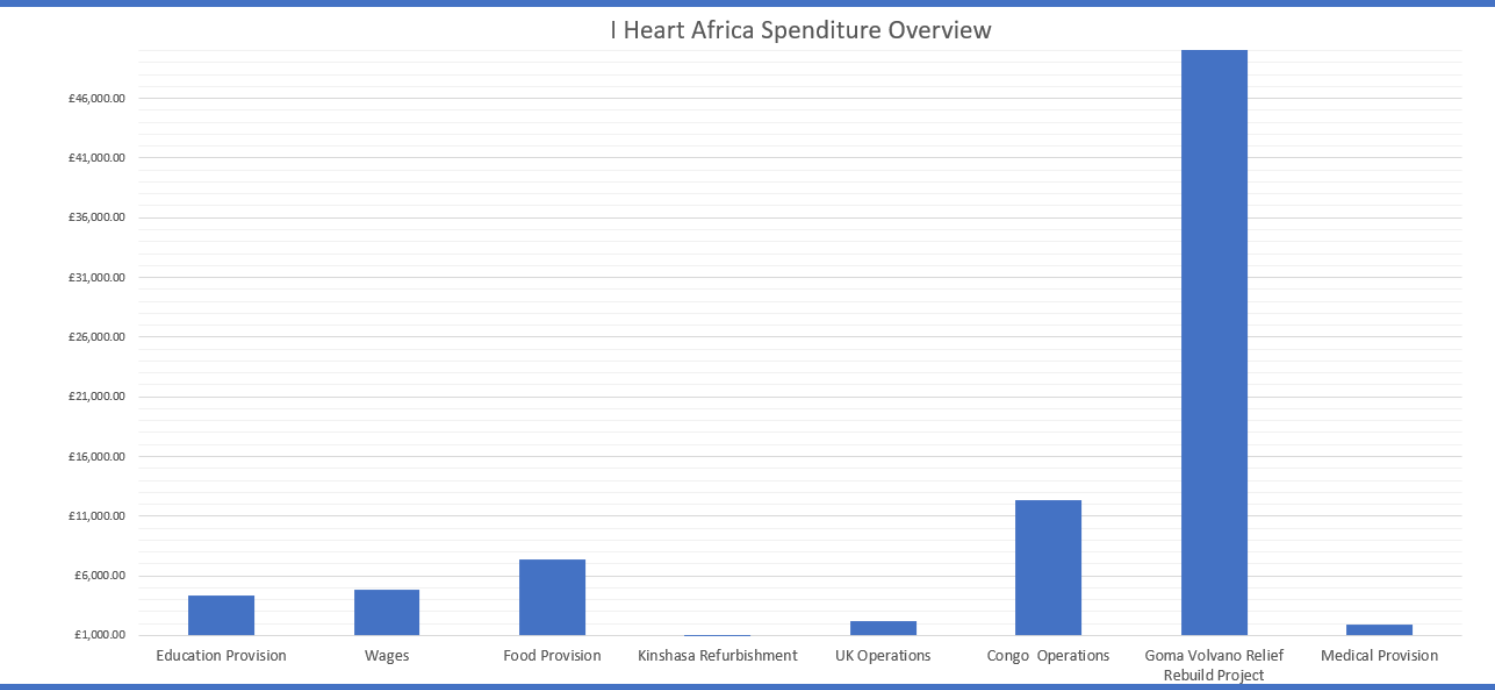


Whilst our team members had been heavily involved with our partnership in Kinshasa, with the AEMDHECO Center, an orphanage located in Ngaba, Lemba commune. In an area of one of the most harshly affected and most governmentally underserved communities in Kinshasa

Our primary aims and goals with the AEMDHECO Center are the continual improvement of the key indicators of quality of life. For fixing drainage system, setting up new certified fire extinguisher and a fire drill exercise with the children.

We ensured the education of all 40 children continued, good supply of food for nourishment so all the children had a meal 3 times a day and the continuation of safeguarding throughout the ongoing covid-19 crises.

Financial Overview



Thoughts for the year ahead

More importantly, we are thankful to have you as a cherished partner and we look forward to getting to where the seeds sown by you germinate and push through.
2023 and beyond looks exciting, where we aim to build more houses to reach a wider pool of people who so desperately need it. We will one day cultivate the fruit of our labor, and we are so thankful that you kindly joined hands with us in this endeavor.



Special Thanks

The Volcanic relief project has been very special for us and this is what I Heart Africa is about. Love to all that made it possible with special shoutouts to Kyrie Irving you have helped us to keep our organisation running Bella Hadid, Anwar Hadid, Che Kothari and the fund-raising platform Launch Good without you guys there would be no #Give2Goma which was a great social media campaign help raise awareness.

A heart filled thank you to Lenny Kravitz because you've always been there as an uncle, you have been there for the organisation and the children since 2016 giving encouragement and raising the vibration, paying for whatever is needed in the mission! Thank you to Kehlani, Mya, Keri Hilson, Antoine Dixon Bellot, Jidenna, Raghav Juyal, AJ, Briar Myles, Machel Montano, Vic Mensa, Aja Monet, Joan Smalls, Cara Delevingne and Ebro Dardan.

Thank you to Key Construction for building the houses and an infinite thank you to Congo's greatest artist Justin Kasereka for all the art. Next a thank you to the tireless team of I Heart Africa, Olivia, Ranes, Melissa, Alicia, Ryan and Ben. We want to thank the essential work of Victoire Batumike who has become an important guardian figure and role model to the children who look up to him as an uncle. Without his work it would have been difficult to navigate such a difficult project successfully.

Lastly, thank you to the people of the global community who have continually shown the character of their hearts by raising awareness for the project and donating where they can!



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**Independent Examiner's report on the financial statements
to the trustees of 1 Heart Africa Ltd**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022 set out on pages 20-24.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of 1 Heart Africa Ltd, as a body, in accordance with regulations made under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charity SORP (frsfe). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's trustees for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the statement I have given below.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiner

As Charity trustees, for the purposes of charity law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- c) state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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16/06/2023

Date

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BALANCE SHEET **AS AT 30 APRIL 2022**

	Notes	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
Investments			
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Accrued Income			
Cash at bank and in hand		31,815	38,874
Creditors: Amount due within One Year	4	(800)	(700)
Net Current Assets			
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		31,015	38,174
Net Assets		31,015	38,174
Reserves			
General Funds		20,356	27,515
Restricted Funds		10,659	10,659
Total Funds		31,015	38,174

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2022

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on9th June 2023.....

and signed on their behalf by:



Ranes Formosa
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021/2022 Total Funds £	2020/2021 Total Funds £
Resources Arising					
Donations	5	4,667	11,849	16,516	58,634
Income from Charitable Activities		104,900	0	104,900	112,294
Other Income					
Total Income		109,567	11,849	121,416	170,928
 Direct Charitable Expenditure	6	128,575			169,572
 Total Expenditure		128,575	0		169,572
Resources retained for further use		(19,008)	11,849	0	1,356
Transfer between Funds		11,849	(11,849)		
Net Movement in Funds		(7,159)	0	(7,159)	1,356
Reconciliations of Funds					
Brought forward	05/04/2021	27,515	10,659	38,174	36,818
 Carried forward	04/04/2022	20,356	10,659	31,015	38,174

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022**

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation.

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned or incurred, rather than as cash received or paid. The recommendations of the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (frs) and Charities Act 2011 have been followed.

Fund Accounting.

The general funds consist of funds that the Trustees may use for 1 Heart Africa's charitable purposes at their discretion.

The restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding. Restricted funds held in reserve at the end of the year represent income received from donors to be spent within the following year. Details of these funds are set out on the separate schedule in Note 5.

Voluntary Income

All voluntary income and donations are recognized and included in the accounts as they are received.

Direct Charitable Expenditure.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the Charity that are directly attributable to the Charity's projects.

Governance costs

Include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Fund-raising Expenditure.

Fund-raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people or organizations to contribute financially to the Charity's work and includes a share of office overheads.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

2 Debtors

Amounts Due within One Year	2021/2022
	<u>£</u>
Amount invoiced but not paid	<u>0</u>

3 Accrued Income

Amounts Due within One Year	2021/2022
	<u>£</u>
Pre-payments	<u>0</u>

4 Creditors

Amounts Due within One Year	2021/2022
	<u>£</u>
Accruals	<u>800</u>

5 Incoming Resources

	2021/2022 Unrestricted £	2021/2022 Restricted £	2021/2022 Total £	2020/2021 Total £
David Quansah		1,000		
Net - A -Porte		1,882	1,882	
Fruits n Rootz	4,667		4,667	28,177
Arrigazzi Juarez		4,300	4,300	
Andre Gray				5,000
Chetan Kothari		4,667	4,667	
Other Income	104,900		104,900	117
Pretty Little Thing				59,000
Lissin Y				<u>20,000</u>
Total	<u>109,567</u>	<u>11,849</u>	<u>121,416</u>	<u>112,294</u>

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6 Resources Expended

	2021/2022 Unrestricted £	2021/2022 Restricted £	2021/2022 Total £	2020/2021 Total £
Food	4,827		4,827	3,282
Education	4,323		4,323	
Medical fees	974		974	1,537
School supplies				395
Staff Pay	2,415		2,415	13,728
Office management and Web fees				
Goma Valvano Relief Rebuild Project	107,512		107,512	
Goma School Fees				3,114
Jamaica Refurbishment				24,531
Kinshasa Refurbishment	239		239	4,762
Goma Refurbishment				2,105
Covid 19 Response Phase 1				273
Congo Project Administration	6,171		6,171	
Ghana Project				95,767
UK Operations	2,114		2,114	2,720
Kin Operations				1,389
Kin School Fees				4,605
Kin School Supplies				1,617
Goma Operations				1,116
Kin Medical Fees				4,597
Gama- Street Kids Initiative				702
IHA Breakfast Scheme				877
USA Operations and we will rise				2,455
Totals	128,575		128,575	169,572

