



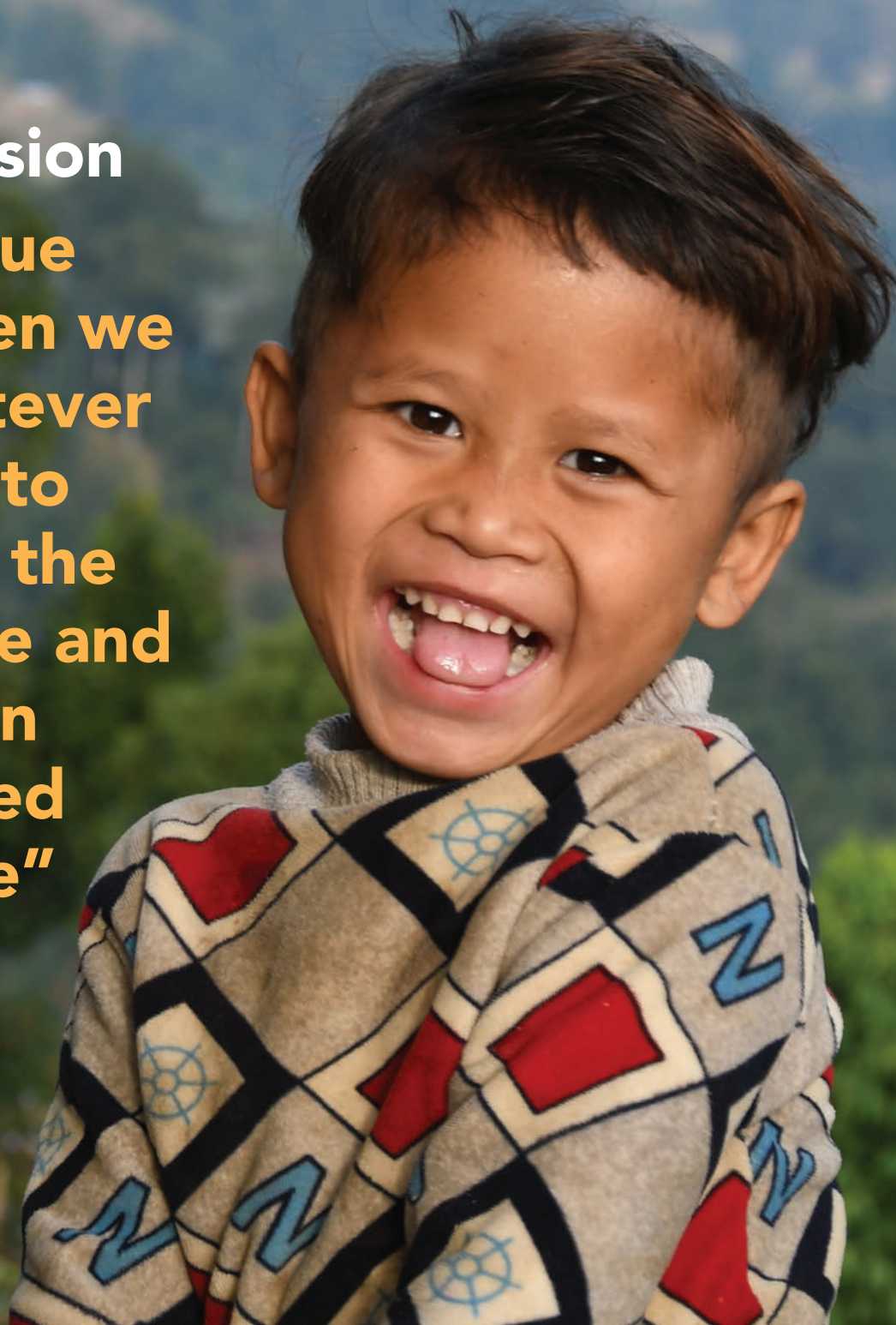
**STAND  
BY me**

**Annual Report  
& Accounts  
2021**



## Our mission

**"We rescue kids, then we do whatever it takes to provide the care love and attention they need to thrive"**



I am delighted to share with you our 2021 Annual Report and Accounts, which highlights some of what we have achieved together in bringing love and care to over 4000 children around the world.

In 2021, we rescued even more children and as we learnt of their stories, we cried with them and then helped them realise that they are loved and belong.

Despite our kids' difficult starts in life, they are amazing and are full of potential. Like all parents, we are proud of our kids and are thrilled to share with you some of their accomplishments. It's their stories of hope that bring home the impact of our work and serve to motivate us as we continue our mission to rescue and help our kids become everything that God created them to be.

Our staff, through their dedication, expertise and sacrifice, continue to exemplify the highest standards of care to our children in some of the most challenging circumstances. Every staff member deserves praise, but none more so than our staff in Myanmar, who, despite danger to their personal safety, overcame the challenges of Covid and civil war whilst providing emergency food parcels to over 2000 families throughout the year.

As you read this report, I hope you will be encouraged, as without your generosity, the hard work of our staff and the faithfulness of God, the impact seen in this report would not have been possible.

Ahmad Ayoubi  
Executive Director





# Helping children become everything they are born to be

Each child is unique so we take care to meet each of their individual needs, from food and healthcare, to loving parents and a quality education. We're motivated to follow Jesus' example to make a lasting difference in our children's lives by tackling each and every obstacle they face.



## Our child-centred care

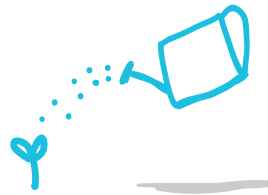
### Loving care

We get to know each child and invest our time raising them to know that they're loved and accepted for who they are.



### Strong families

We work hard to keep families together. In the absence of a stable family, we welcome children into our loving family homes.



### Great education

Our education programmes equip our kids to rise above their circumstances and help change their communities.



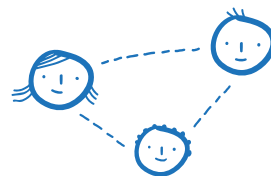
### Access to healthcare

We go the extra mile to make sure that our kids are fit and well, and can enjoy their childhood.



### A reason for hope

It's a privilege to demonstrate Jesus' love to our kids through the quality of our care.



### Caring relationships

Child sponsorship helps our kids to feel loved, cared for and part of a wider family.

# Our care programmes

Each child is unique but like all children they need unconditional love and acceptance. Because they come from complex backgrounds, we have developed four key care programmes to meet their individual needs.



## 24 Children's Homes

Our children's homes are just like any family home should be – comfortable, safe and filled with love.



## 7 Schools

Our schools provide a quality education, equipping children to rise above their circumstances and do great things.



## 6 Care Centres

Our care centres provide tutoring, meals, clothes, medical care and counselling for children and their families who need extra care.



## Family Support

We provide families with food, rent support, medical care and small business grants to enable them to stand on their own two feet.



# Caring for over 4,000 kids worldwide

## Colombia

Providing care and psychological support to children overwhelmed by abuse, family breakups, neglect and poverty.

## Dominican Republic

Educating children exposed to poverty, high unemployment and poor educational opportunities. Providing a loving home for orphaned and at risk children.

## Romania

Supporting children and their families living in deep poverty in the community through the provision of free education, daily food and family support. Caring for girls rescued from neglect.

## Ethiopia

Providing an education to children living in poverty, a loving family for orphaned children and extensive healthcare for children and their family members. Offering a programme for those living with HIV and self-sufficiency projects for families.

## India


Providing loving care and an education to children rescued from a life of civil unrest, violence and child trafficking.

## Nepal

Providing a loving family environment to children excluded from society while bringing education to children isolated in the remote mountainous region and supporting their families.

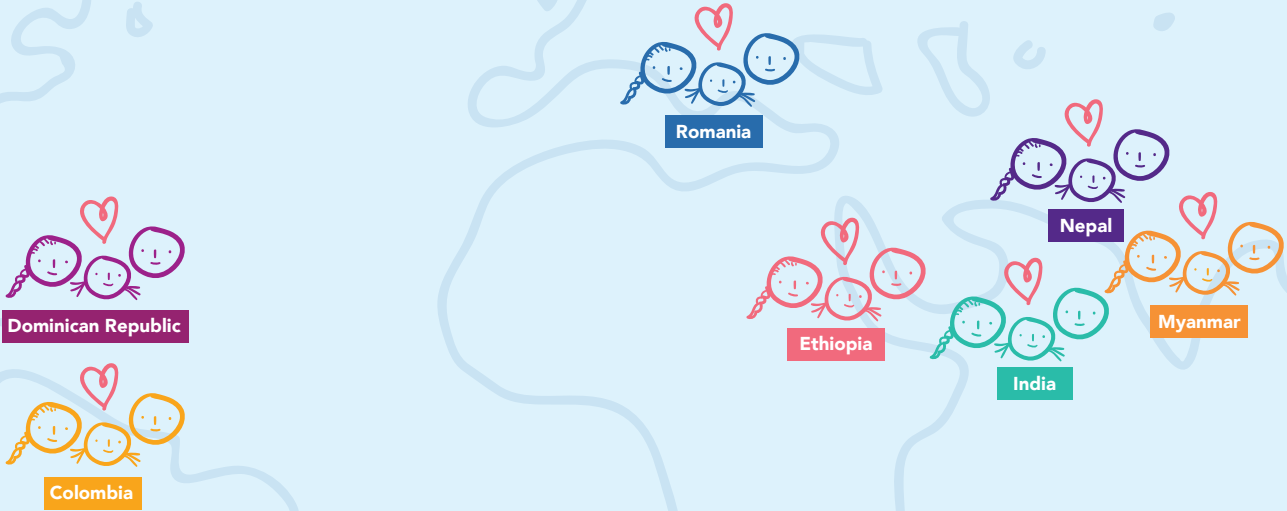
## Myanmar

Offering a loving family home to orphaned children from persecuted minorities and providing an education for children in our schools so that they can rise above their difficult circumstances.



**Kenya**

Our work around the world is expanding and as of January 2022 we now work in Kenya, adopting 250 children at the Open Arms project





# Our impact

## Rescuing children and meeting their individual needs

At *Stand by Me* our heart is to provide our kids with whatever they need including regular food, healthcare and a great education. For some children we need to go one step further and provide them with a place to call home.

We met Sintayeyhu at the start of 2021 in Ethiopia, he was just four years old. Sintayeyhu was found by the local authorities living in the grounds of a cemetery, surviving by begging for food. He was an only child who had been living with his mum, but his mum was suffering from serious health issues and had sadly passed away.

Knowing the risks he faced without a parent to care for him, Sintayeyhu needed a family, a home, and a lot of love and care, and so we have welcomed him into the family at our Bethany Children's Village.

Sintayeyhu now has a place to call home and is much healthier and happier thanks to daily meals, healthcare, and most importantly the love of a family at the children's village. And when Sintayeyhu is old enough he will start at our school, where he will learn, grow and dream for the future.

Like Sintayeyhu, we want to give all of our kids the childhood they deserve and the love and acceptance they need. In 2021, we rescued 149 children and welcomed them into our care. Where once they may have felt alone, today they know they have us standing by their side.



Sintayeyhu.

Sintayeyhu (middle) at the Children's Village.



## Providing the opportunity of a quality education

Essential to seeing our kids' lives transformed is the provision of a quality education. Our schools and educational programmes are equipping our kids with the skills and knowledge needed for them to rise above their circumstances and do great things.

In Nepal, our children faced prolonged school closures due to Covid. With the help of our staff at our children's homes, our children continued to study hard, including Aanggelu.

When we first met Aanggelu, he was being cared for by his uncle who struggled to provide for his needs. We welcomed Aanggelu into our *Stand by Me* family at our children's home

in 2011 where he received the care he needed including a great education.

In 2021, Aanggelu took his SEE examinations which are the equivalent to GCSEs. He had worked hard and, despite the challenges of online learning, he achieved the top honour in his results. We are so proud of his hard work and dedication to his studies. He is now at college and would like to train as a chef for trekking expeditions in his home district.

Thanks to a life-changing education and their hard work, our kids are overcoming obstacles and looking forward to bright futures. Children like Aanggelu who once had no educational opportunities are today one step closer to achieving their dreams.

## Responding with emergency aid

In February 2021, a military coup spiralled Myanmar into civil unrest, violence and insecurity. The combined impact of Covid and civil unrest, amid rising unemployment and food prices, forced millions of people into abject poverty.

We launched our Myanmar Appeal to respond to the needs of our children, their families and the communities around them. Despite the personal risks to our staff, and thanks to your support, we delivered food parcels to thousands of families facing starvation, some who have lost loved ones and other who have fled their homes to escape violence.

One of the families who received a food parcel was U Man's. He let us know how important this food parcel was for his family:

*"This is the worst time in my life, to live with Covid and the military forces. My wife was seriously suffering from Covid and my daughter suffered from dengue fever. They recovered. We are struggling for life. We are short of money. We have no food. We are very glad to receive a food parcel from Stand by Me. It is wonderful to receive such a big present from the people whom I do not know."*

U Man

U Man's story is just one of the thousands of stories from grateful families who now can survive another month. The love and generosity they have received has helped to lift them out of despair and given them hope for a better future.





## Removing obstacles for our children

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to learn and so we do all we can to provide our kids with a quality education, particularly when circumstances are difficult.

In Myanmar, as unrest erupted throughout the country, it became unsafe for our children to attend school. To continue their education, we purchased tablets to allow them to have access to education despite the chaos around them. These tablets enabled our kids to access learning materials and engage with our staff.

Along with each tablet, we also provided internet access and headphones to enable our kids to participate in their online lessons. Our children engaged with their teachers, asking questions and receiving tutoring. These tablets are a lifeline for our children, one of whom is eight year old Mang:

*"I am so thankful for my tablet and the online classes I attend. I can see my teachers and friends from Zoom and I communicate with my teachers and send my homework through email. I've learned how to use email and ask questions to my teachers. I am so blessed."*

Mang

Ensuring our children can access a great education has never been more important. The provision of tablets, headphones, internet access and online classes run by our amazing teachers are helping our children learn and thrive.



12 Mang.



## Standing by families

We are committed to responding to our children and their families' immediate needs. When emergencies arrive, we must act quickly in order to help them overcome challenges.

When a storm caused extensive flooding in the region where we work in Colombia, our care centre was flooded along with the homes of the children in our care, causing damage to their belongings and furniture. Some houses suffered more serious structural damage and were in desperate need of repair.

Thanks to donations to our Colombia Flood Appeal, we were able to provide repairs to homes and replace possessions destroyed by the flood as well as help repair our Emmanuel Care Centre.

Families were overjoyed as they received replacements for the belongings lost such as clothing, kitchen utensils, appliances and furniture. Joxelis' family was affected by the flood, her mum shared:

*"Thanks to the Care Centre for being aware of the affected families, especially ours, I hope that God continues to multiply everything they do, we needed this help."*

Joxelis' mum

The support provided by the Emmanuel Care Centre has not only provided our children with an education, food and medical care, it has also shown families that they have *Stand by Me's* lasting support and has restored hope.

By responding to urgent needs, we are able to show our children and their families that they are not alone and demonstrate God's love to the communities we work in.



Joxelis and her mum. 13



## Lifting kids off the floor and into their first bed

We believe that every child deserves a good night's sleep and so each year we run February on the Floor to provide children in our care with a bed.

In 2021, an amazing 85 individuals, families, schools and youth groups gave up their bed for a week and raised sponsorship in order to help provide families with a bed to raise them off the floor and improve their circumstances. **Thanks to them and everyone who generously donated, we were able to provide a bed for 907 of our kids!**

This amazing total enabled us to reach our dream in Ethiopia, where the majority of our children were sleeping on the floor, ensuring that every child there now has a bed. One of the children who received a bed was Birtukan. Her mum shared with our staff how much a new bed meant to her family after so long sleeping on the floor:

*"Today we are going to get the sleep we have always dreamed of. We used to sleep on the floor, but this has passed, now we own a nice bed with bed materials thanks to those who are the reason this happened."*

*Birtukan's mum*

Birtukan is just one of 907 children who now know the comfort of a bed. The new beds will make an enormous difference to our children, helping restore their sleep, giving them the energy to pursue their dreams.



*Birtukan and her mum.*



**FEBRUARY**  
**FL** on the **LOOR**

## Helping children reach their potential

Our hope at *Stand by Me* is for our children to reach their full potential, stand on their own two feet and go on to use their skills, talents and unique personalities to change their life, their families lives and their communities.

Lidiya joined our Bethany School in Ethiopia when she was seven years old. With the opportunity of an education, the right care, the support of her sponsors and her dedication to learn, she graduated from university and is now working as an accountant for a charity.

*"After I joined this school everything that was hard in my life became easier for me because all my basic needs were fulfilled through Stand by Me, including food, school uniform and exercise books. I continued my education with much hope, joy and with a bright future."*

*After four years at university, I graduated with honours. I am currently working in an office run by a charity that helps children in need. I am very proud to work in this office because there is nothing more exciting than helping people. Finally, I would like to thank Stand by Me for loving me and teaching me. I am here today in this place because of the support and help I have received."*

*Lidiya*

We couldn't be more proud of all our children who have overcome huge obstacles and are reaching their potential. We know that thanks to life-changing care, the many hundreds of children in our schools, homes and care centres can dream big and have a bright future too.



*Lidiya.*



# A family across the world

Our amazing child sponsors are ensuring our children receive the best care possible and have the encouragement and love that every child needs to thrive through their regular financial support, letters and emails

We are grateful that a further 424 individuals have stood by a child in 2021 through our child sponsorship programme. These individuals along with all our sponsors are helping to meet our children's needs, providing for their food, clothes, medical care and education. But so much more than that, they are also helping our children feel loved, cared for and part of a family.



*"I thank God and my sponsors who gave me two gifts; one of them for my birthday. I am very happy because my sponsors always remember me. My mum also thanks Stand by Me because we are blessed by the things that my sponsors give us."*

Rosa, Colombia

Our kids love to receive letters, photos and small gifts from their sponsors. These things quickly become treasured possessions and let our children know that they are loved and cared for. As our children exchange communication with their sponsors, they build a personal relationship, know they have their lasting support and can fulfil their potential.

Rosa.

# How we did it

Everything we are able to achieve is thanks to our amazing supporters and sponsors who share their skills, resources, finances and time to change the lives of some of the most vulnerable children worldwide.



## Shoe Appeal

Our Shoe Appeal raised a fantastic £43,875 to help us reach our goal of providing a new pair of shoes for every child in our care, protecting their feet from harm and restoring their confidence. Our kids were so excited to receive their brand new shoes at Christmas!

*"I am so happy and thank the donors who have given us money for the new shoes."*

Zemem



Shoe Appeal 2021

**Protect our children, every step of the way**  
For many children all around the world, shoes are a luxury that their families are unable to provide for them. At Stand by Me, we want the 4000 children in our care to be able to run, jump and explore the world, protected by a pair of shoes.  
A pair of shoes will enable our children to journey to school, secure in the knowledge that their feet are protected from cuts, infection and disease. The gift of brand new shoes will also show every child in our care they are loved.  
This Christmas, with your help we are giving the precious gift of shoes.  
**£10 is a pair of shoes**  
www.standbyme.org.uk  
Before joining the Stand by Me family, Ngah only wore shoes during the rainy season. Now she can be safe and protected all year round.  
"Thanks so much for my shoes. I'm very happy to have such a nice pair of shoes. I feel like Christmas is more wonderful because I get to have these as Christmas gifts. I will try to be thankful!"  
Ngah, Myanmar



Zemem.



Alternative Gift Catalogue

Our Gift Catalogue raised a fantastic £34,342 from supporters who purchased school uniforms, books, medical care, food packs, underwear, toys and other daily necessities and treats to help our children fulfil their potential.

Emergency Appeal

Emergency appeals allow us to respond to our children’s urgent needs. Our Myanmar Appeal raised an incredible £244,011 helping us provide life-saving food parcels to families facing starvation. Our Colombia Flood Appeal raised £6,860 to help families recover from the floods, bringing hope to despair.

Greatest Need donations

Unrestricted giving allows us to meet the needs of children and communities around the world as and when they arise. We value every donation from the smallest to the largest and pride ourselves on thanking and updating our amazing supporters, ensuring they know exactly where their money is used and how it is making a difference to our children.

*“This food parcel arrived at the moment when I needed it most. Thank you very much, God bless the lives of you and the sponsors. It has been a great blessing for me to have my son in this project”*

Darwin’s Mum

Darwin’s family.





## Fundraising

Amazing fundraisers take on ambitious challenges to raise money for our children around the world. Whether they are running, cycling, cutting their hair or shaving off their beard, their motivation to make a difference to our kids' lives is inspiring and raises essential funds to support our kids. This year our annual February on the Floor fundraising event raised £126,980 to provide beds for children who were sleeping on the floor.



### Mike's cycle ride

Mike cycled all the way from Land's End to John O'Groats, raising a whopping £5,000 for our Bethany School in Ethiopia.

*"Two years ago, I had the privilege of volunteering at the Bethany School in Ethiopia. Knowing that many of the children and families we met there will benefit from our ride, in such difficult times, is the best reward of all."* Mike



### Ethan's Stand by Me birthday

11 year old Ethan gave up his birthday presents to raise money for Stand by Me after learning about our work through school. He raised enough to provide over 1,100 school meals for our kids in Ethiopia.

*"The stories my school told about the children made me want to help. I thought I didn't need presents but it was a good idea to ask my friends to give money so we could donate to Stand by Me instead."* Ethan



### Sarah's February on the Floor

Sarah, along with her children Thomas, Anna and Matthew, were some of the many people who took on February on the Floor in 2021, raising money to provide our Stand by Me kids with a bed.

*"This was a challenging experience for us all- and that was only one week on a relatively comfortable floor! The children learned a valuable lesson, indeed one they will never forget, about the needs of other children around the world."* Sarah



### Saira's lockdown locks

When Saira turned 50, she reflected on what truly mattered. She decided to cut her long hair off and donate it to children who needed wigs. At the same time, she raised over £3000 to help Stand by Me families who needed food parcels.

*"I am so overwhelmed by everyone's generosity! Together we have made a difference helping Stand by Me to provide vital food parcels to families who need them. God is great and I'm truly blessed!"* Saira







## Legacy and in memoriam gifts

Our children are unlikely to ever be included in anyone's inheritance, so legacy and in memoriam gifts left to *Stand by Me* mean so much and allow us to continue to make lasting improvements in children's lives.



## Spreading the word

We spoke in schools and churches throughout the year, often online or through video. New speaking opportunities and our existing relationships with schools, churches, clubs and youth groups resulted in more children being sponsored as well as one-off donations impacting children's lives.

## Trusts

We would like to thank the Charitable Trusts who have together contributed to our projects this year and without whom we would not be able to complete essential projects.

We are incredibly grateful to the many generous individuals who have contributed financially to our work throughout the year, who, for privacy reasons, are not mentioned by name here.





# Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees



At the end of 2021, we look back and see a world possibly changed forever as people have had to re-evaluate what is important in their lives as a consequence of the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns.

It's been a time when the importance of family has been emphasised as is shared love and concern for those who are alone, suffering, sick or in need. Once more, the *Stand by Me* family who sponsor, donate and give in so many ways has stood firm in these challenging times.

As supporters of *Stand by Me*, you have allowed us to achieve many wonderful things this year from rescuing little four-year-old Sintayehyu who was living in a cemetery and who now lives in our Bethany Village, to providing almost 1,000 beds for children by sleeping on the floor yourselves! I must also mention the amazing achievement of Lidiya who also joined our Bethany School aged seven and subsequently qualified as an accountant after four years study at university and graduating with an honours degree.

A massive thank you from the *Stand by Me* Board for your continuing support and fundraising efforts. Even in these challenging times you have stayed faithful to the God given vision of rescuing children from danger and hardship and helping them become what they are born to be, enabling us to raise £2,618,044 - our largest income ever.

We have felt with God's guidance that this important work should grow and develop and consequently we are welcoming a further 250 children from Open Arms Village in Kenya into our family in January 2022.

I thanked you all earlier for your unstinting giving in difficult times, but as Chairman of the Board I am not sure I can thank you enough on behalf of all the children you have helped us to rescue.

On behalf of the *Stand by Me* Board I would also like to thank Ahmad and the *Stand by Me* staff who through long hours and hard work have shown your love and concern for the children in our care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Clayden'.

Mark Clayden  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



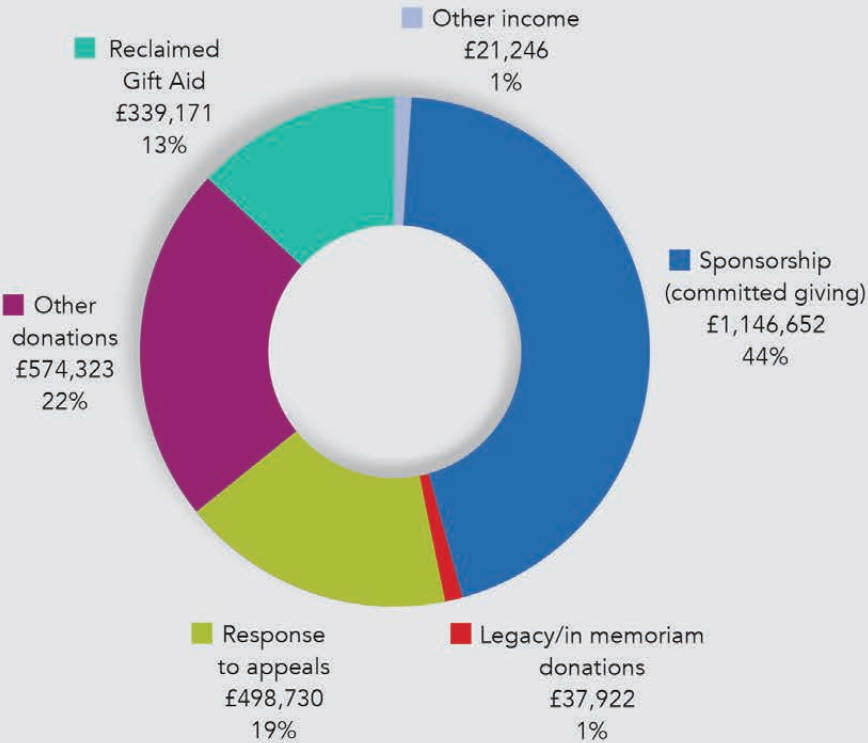


# Financial Summary

Charity is a tool that we use to meet the needs of children, but we're not here to just run a charity. We're here to change the lives of the children in our care, then we reach out and rescue more. When we spend money, it's because it's the best way to make a difference in our kids' lives. Our trusted staff use money wisely to provide the best care possible for our children and through our annual budgets, audits and frequent monitoring visits, we make sure that the money is spent prudently.

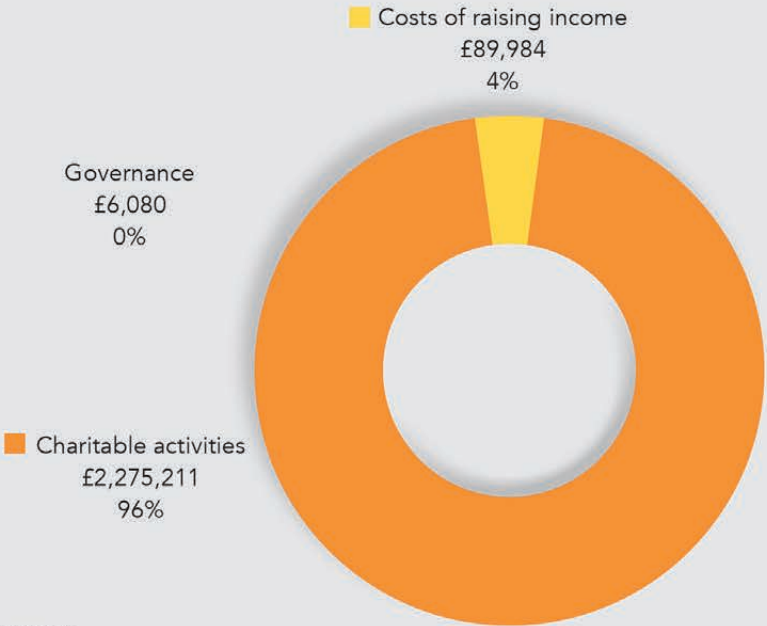
**Income 2021**

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported our work over the past year enabling us to raise £2,618,044, our largest income to date.

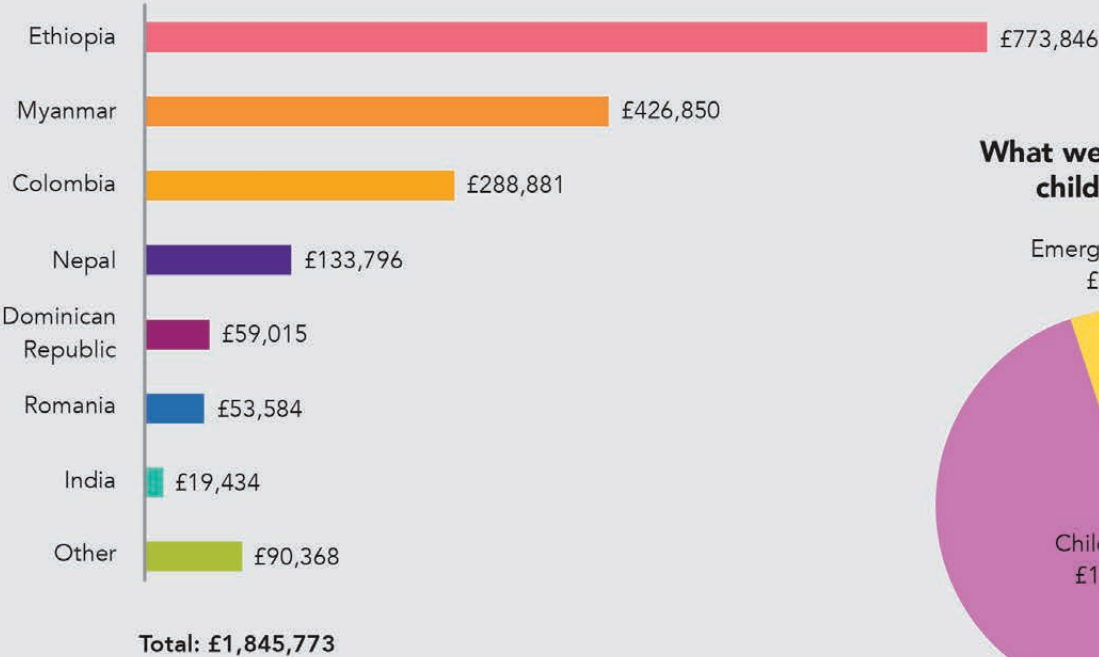


**Expenditure 2021**

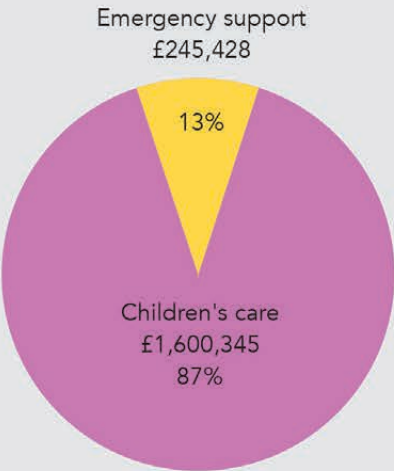
Total expenditure in the year was £2,371,275.  
96% of expenditure was on charitable activities with fundraising and governance costing just 4%.



## What we spent directly on each country



## What we spent on our children's care





# Looking forward

Around the world our children have grown healthier thanks to regular meals and medical care. They have learned new skills and many have progressed into the next stage of school, college or university. All of our children know they are loved, accepted and are part of a family that cares for them and this love is transforming their lives.

As we celebrate all this, we are also aware that our *Stand by Me* projects face tremendous challenges around the world due to civil war, political unrest and the increasing cost of living. But we continue to be committed to bringing life-changing care to our children and as a result we have bold plans to invest further in our projects. As we continue to deliver world-class child care, we hope to achieve three key aims in 2022:

- We continue to be a faith led organisation and are excited to be taking a step of faith by welcoming a further 250 children into our care at the Open Arms project in Kenya. It is always a privilege to grow our family and to have the opportunity to reach out into a new community. We will also rescue a further 100 children who need support from the surrounding community.
- Education is always at the forefront of Stand by Me's work and this year we will build on our 15 year foundation at our Bethany Project in Ethiopia by establishing a high school centre. This centre will enhance our children's lives further by providing a hub for high school students to come to for their food, healthcare and educational support.
- In Myanmar, sending funds continues to be a challenge due to the military regime. We are thankful to have found alternative funding routes, however; we are seeking ways to make our projects more sustainable through the purchase of rice fields. This will enable our children's homes to have food security that is not dependent on funding routes. In the face of extreme adversity, with God's help, we know that we can continue to rescue children and help them become all they were born to be.

As we look to the future we are confident that with your support, encouragement and prayers, and as we follow God's leading, we can impact many more children.





# Structure, governance and management

## Registered Charity

*Stand by Me* is a registered charity in England and Wales. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its governing document is a Constitution dated 2nd September 2019. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees which is responsible for approving strategic decisions having taken advice from the Executive team.

## Going concern

After appropriate research, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## Method of appointment & training of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by the Board and approved at a meeting of the Trustees. *Stand by Me* Trustees are expected to be pro-active in supporting the work

of the charity. Trustee recruitment is achieved through a blend of professional associations, local networks and prospective members being individually identified and approached. A periodic review of existing skills and expertise is undertaken and an assessment made as to what is required to meet the strategic needs of the charity. This shapes the recruitment and selection of prospective Trustees along with evidence of their motivation and support for the vision and mission of the charity.

## Remuneration policy

The Board of Trustees annually reviews the remuneration of the charity's key management personnel. The Board is well aware that these individuals are paid below the benchmark criteria or "norm" for other similar charities and are therefore grateful that the current staff, conscious of the great needs of our children, are satisfied with their present level of remuneration.

## Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and continue to be satisfied the charity is acting in the public benefit, as stated in our objectives, and believe this report contains the explanation of the significant activities undertaken during the year which confirms this.

## Reserves

The Board of Trustees considers the key measure of sustainability for *Stand by Me* to be current and future liquidity cover, rather than the surplus or deficit accounting position. Consequently Trustees have set an appropriate reserves policy which is reviewed annually relating to liquidity, based on the relationship between readily realisable assets and the cash required to meet obligations to ministries overseas and sustain the charity's operations in England and Northern Ireland.

Trustees have decided that *Stand by Me* should at all times maintain



Jean Carlos, Colombia.



cash and readily realisable assets (being regarded as restricted funds) sufficient to fund between not less than 6 and not more than 12 months of forecast cash outflow directed towards overseas ministries. At 31 December 2021 that liquidity cover stands at 6 months. Alongside this, Trustees have also decided that, at all times, cash and realisable assets should be maintained to finance a minimum of 3 months and not more than 12 months of forecast operating costs. At 31 December 2021 that liquidity cover stands at 4 months.

This reserves policy, which focuses on liquidity, represents a revision of the policy agreed by the trustees of the former unincorporated trust.

**Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. In accordance with the Reserves Policy set by the Trustees, *Stand by Me* aims to hold sufficient balances in all funds to cover 50-100% of budgeted expenditure in the year ahead, plus any donations previously received for specific projects scheduled to take place in the subsequent years. At the end of the period

total restricted funds were £1.318m (at 31 December 2020: £1.155m) all of which is dedicated to specific projects. For each fund, *Stand by Me's* assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

**Investment Policy and Performance**

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Our objective is to maintain high liquidity while ensuring maximum security. To achieve this *Stand by Me* invests with institutions with a high security rating in fixed-term or call deposits. During the year *Stand by Me's* sterling deposits achieved an average rate of interest of 0.65% (2020: 1.3%) compared with an average bank base rate for the same period of 0.11% (2020: 0.22%) .

**Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Principal risks considered can be categorised as follows:-

- Financial risks – potential reduction in the level of public

voluntary donations leading to inadequate reserves.

- External risks – (a) poor public perception, albeit that Trustees consider this to be an extremely low risk, with consequent damage to the charity's reputation and (b) turbulent economic or political environment.
- Safeguarding risks – failure to adequately protect our beneficiaries and staff around the world.

There are four basic strategies that can be applied to manage an identified risk:

- Transferring the financial consequences to third parties, or sharing it, usually through insurance or outsourcing;
- Avoiding completely the activity giving rise to the risk, for example by not taking up a contract or stopping a particular activity or service;
- Management or mitigation of risk;
- Accepting or assessing it as a risk that cannot be avoided if the activity is to continue i.e. where the Trustees recognise that a core activity carries a risk but take steps to mitigate it.

Our reputation as a world class child care organisation is intertwined with our most important concern and the area we constantly monitor i.e. the protection of our children. Our comprehensive Child Care Standard document is our global standard for all the charity's projects which includes policies common to all our work around the world, is how we manage this risk. Also each member of staff is given our Staff Handbook which has, as its first section, the highest standards of behaviour expected in all dealings with children and fellow members of staff.

Another key strategic risk identified was our additional funding needs. This is due to the fluctuation of sterling in political and economic uncertainty, combined with meeting the costs of the increasing number of our children attending further education. To mitigate this we will maximise our key strengths and look to diversify our fundraising portfolio.

**Overseas monitoring**

Our Executive Director and Founding Director regularly visit the projects and work with our in-country boards as they report against objectives and abide by policies set out for each of our homes, care centres and schools. Each country we work in has at least one director who is responsible for overseeing the day to day work



Denisa Care Centre, Romania.



taking place and they have regular meetings with the Executive Director to discuss how the projects are progressing and any current issues that need addressing.

On an individual child level we monitor the progress of every child, physically, emotionally and academically throughout the year to meet any needs as they arise and ensure they are able to do well.

By having teams visit regularly, many with professional members such as doctors, dentists and teachers, we encourage them to provide professional reports to aid our work as we seek to improve our effectiveness, efficiency and awareness of future challenges

**Organisational structure & decision making**

The Board of Trustees meets quarterly, subject to travel commitments, and is responsible for the overall strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Executive Director has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day leadership and management of the charity, implementing strategy and providing overall leadership to ensure that the core values of the charity are maintained. The Board has reserved to itself certain important decisions including changes to the charity's governing document and approval of the long term objectives and strategy.

The key responsibilities of Trustees are set out in the statement on page 37.

**Fundraising ethos**

Whether a long standing supporter or someone hearing about *Stand by Me* for the first time, we endeavour to inspire people to get involved in rescuing children from extreme circumstances and providing the opportunities they need to thrive.

In our 26 year history we have always focused on building long term relationships with our supporters, exemplified by the foundation of regular sponsors and donors who know the tangible difference their support is making.

We allow our supporters to choose the ways in which they wish to be involved as well as where they would like their money used, as we understand how important ownership and choice can be for our supporters.

The following principles guide our fundraising strategy and operations:

- We aim to inspire people to donate or raise money for *Stand by Me*.
- We thank supporters appropriately and demonstrate the tangible difference their money is making to the children around the world.



- When we contact our supporters it's because we think they will be interested to hear how our children are thriving through their support. We listen to supporters and act on their communication requests.
- We keep our supporters' data secure and never pass their personal information on to any other company or charity and we don't buy or sell data.
- Fundraising and marketing is only carried out by our staff so that we are in control of the standards employed. This ensures that supporters and the wider public do not feel pressured to give and are treated with respect at all times, with a particular focus on the protection of vulnerable people.

*Stand by Me's* fundraising activities and compliance with fundraising regulations and best practice are closely scrutinised by the Board of Trustees.

# Accounts 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021





Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements of *Stand by Me* (the charity) for the 12 month period ended 31 December 2021.

The Trustees confirm the report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements which are contained within the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102) updated in January 2019.

<b>Trustees</b> Mark Clayden, Chairman Edward Carpenter, Treasurer Jo Clark (appointed 13 January 2022) James Laing (resigned 13 October 2021) Nathania MacGregor, Secretary Sharon Seymour Elizabeth Staniforth John Tillett	<b>Independent auditor</b> Robert J Baxter FCCA Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditor Cooper & Co 9 Palmers Avenue Grays Essex RM17 5TX
<b>Minutes Secretary</b> Fay Garrett	<b>Bank</b> Lloyds Bank Market Place Romford Essex RM1 3AA
<b>Executive Director</b> Ahmad Ayoubi	<b>Bank</b> Danske Bank PO Box 183 Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS
<b>Charity registered number</b> 1185124	<b>Offices</b> England Office 630 Upper Brentwood Road Romford Essex RM2 6HS
	<b>Offices</b> Ireland Office 16 West Street Carrickfergus Co. Antrim BT38 7AR

Stand by Me (Charity Registered number 1185124)  
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 21 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Clayden  
Trustee



Edward Carpenter  
Trustee



OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of *Stand By Me* (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at December 31, 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



## Stand by Me

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Stand by Me (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

#### USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Robert J Baxter FCCA**

Chartered Certified Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

Cooper & Co, 9 Palmers Avenue, Grays, Essex, RM17 5TX

Date: 21 October 2022

Robert J Baxter FCCA is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## Stand by Me

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	517,494	2,081,809	2,599,303	2,427,725
Investments	3	18,741	-	18,741	25,345
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		<b>536,235</b>	<b>2,081,809</b>	<b>2,618,044</b>	<b>2,453,070</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	4	89,984	-	89,984	94,682
Governance costs	7	6,080	-	6,080	5,292
Other charitable activities		522,106	1,753,105	2,275,211	1,836,634
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	8	<b>618,170</b>	<b>1,753,105</b>	<b>2,371,275</b>	<b>1,936,608</b>
<b>NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(81,935)</b>	<b>328,704</b>	<b>246,769</b>	<b>516,462</b>
Transfers between Funds	16	165,353	(165,353)	-	-
<b>NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>83,418</b>	<b>163,351</b>	<b>246,769</b>	<b>516,462</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>83,418</b>	<b>163,351</b>	<b>246,769</b>	<b>516,462</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,046,061	1,155,046	2,201,107	1,684,645
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,129,479</b>	<b>1,318,397</b>	<b>2,447,876</b>	<b>2,201,107</b>

The notes on pages 45 to 59 form part of these financial statements.



**Stand by Me**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12		<b>818,330</b>		826,680
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13		<b>272,951</b>	335,389	
Cash at bank and in hand			<b>1,684,138</b>	1,413,878	
			<b>1,957,089</b>	1,749,267	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	14		<b>(77,543)</b>	(74,840)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>1,879,546</b>	1,674,427	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>2,697,876</b>	2,501,107	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	15		<b>(250,000)</b>	(300,000)	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>2,447,876</b>	2,201,107	
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	16		<b>1,318,397</b>	1,155,046	
Unrestricted funds	16		<b>1,129,479</b>	1,046,061	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<b>2,447,876</b>	2,201,107	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



**Mark Clayden**  
Trustee



**Edward Carpenter**  
Trustee

The notes on pages 45 to 59 form part of these financial statements.

**Stand by Me**  
**Statement of Cash Flows for year ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	<b>270,260</b>	1,122,131
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(835,030)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		-	(835,030)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>270,260</b>	287,101
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<b>1,413,878</b>	1,126,777
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	19	<b>1,684,138</b>	1,413,878

The notes on pages 45 to 59 form part of these financial statements.





1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) updated in January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) updated in January 2019 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Stand By Me constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.



1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	1% of cost on a straight line basis
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1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.



**Stand by Me**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.9 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method..

**1.10 Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

**1.11 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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**2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from supporters	<b>179,945</b>	<b>2,081,809</b>	<b>2,261,754</b>	2,080,643
Gift aid tax recovered	<b>339,171</b>	-	<b>339,171</b>	324,153
Exchange rate differences	<b>53</b>	-	<b>53</b>	(65)
Income from teams	<b>(1,675)</b>	-	<b>(1,675)</b>	22,995
Total donations and legacies	<b>517,494</b>	<b>2,081,809</b>	<b>2,599,303</b>	2,427,725
Total 2020	732,791	1,694,934	2,427,725	

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Investment income - local investment properties	<b>12,840</b>	-	<b>12,840</b>	15,956
Investment income - local cash	<b>5,901</b>	-	<b>5,901</b>	9,389
	<b>18,741</b>	-	<b>18,741</b>	25,345



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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**4. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Marketing - website	7,920	-	7,920	8,070
Marketing - merchandise	-	-	-	1,099
Marketing - fundraising costs	16,921	-	16,921	23,060
Marketing - consultancy	1,900	-	1,900	1,139
Marketing - publications	5,070	-	5,070	5,161
Fundraising staff costs	58,173	-	58,173	56,153
	<b>89,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,984</b>	<b>94,682</b>

**5. DIRECT COSTS**

	Charitable Activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Travel, field visits and volunteer costs	2,862	2,862	2,983
Funds and resources sent to ministries	1,801,488	1,801,488	1,443,793
Team expenses	-	-	(2,793)
Wages and salaries	41,426	41,426	40,813
	<b>1,845,776</b>	<b>1,845,776</b>	<b>1,484,796</b>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Charitable Activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Sundry office expenses	213	213	153
Communications costs	4,120	4,120	3,254
Computer costs	33,295	33,295	32,495
Printing, postage and stationery	28,291	28,291	26,169
Training	122	122	60
Insurance	1,647	1,647	1,627
Bank charges	18,680	18,680	13,592
Light, heat and services	9,063	9,063	8,727
Rent and rates	6,120	6,120	5,196
Office equipment and leasing	3,782	3,782	8,740
Building maintenance	3,514	3,514	4,916
Wages and salaries	261,924	261,924	200,369
National insurance	31,324	31,324	24,788
Pension cost	18,990	18,990	13,402
Depreciation	8,350	8,350	8,350
	<b>429,435</b>	<b>429,435</b>	<b>351,838</b>

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the charity incurred the following Governance costs:

£NIL (2020 - £NIL) included within the table above in respect of Charitable Activities

£NIL (2020 - £NIL) included within the table above in respect of Investment Income.



**Stand by Me**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**7. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,794	-	5,794	4,620
Legal fees	286	-	286	672
	<u>6,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,080</u>	<u>5,292</u>

**8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE**

	Staff costs 2021 £	Depreciation 2021 £	Other costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Expenditure on raising voluntary income	58,173	-	31,811	89,984	94,682
<b>Costs of raising funds</b>	<b>58,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,811</b>	<b>89,984</b>	<b>94,682</b>
Charitable Activities	353,664	8,350	1,913,197	2,275,211	1,836,632
Expenditure on governance	-	-	6,080	6,080	5,292
	<u>411,837</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>1,951,088</u>	<u>2,371,275</u>	<u>1,936,606</u>
Total 2020	335,523	8,350	1,592,733	1,936,606	

**Stand by Me**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**9. NET INCOME**

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	8,350	8,350
Auditor's remuneration - audit	<u>5,794</u>	<u>4,620</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020- £NIL).

During the year, Trustees received reimbursement of expenses totalling £186 (2020 - £NIL).

**10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £5,794 (2020 - £4,620)

**11. STAFF COSTS**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	361,523	297,334
Social security costs	31,324	24,788
Other pension costs	18,990	13,401
	<u>411,837</u>	<u>335,523</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Management	3	3
Administration and support	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

The total employee benefits of the Key Management Personnel were £119,069 (2020: £116,028). No employees received remuneration above £60,000 in either year.

The charity Trustees were not paid nor received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year and no trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity. During the year Trustee expenses incurred were £186 (2020: £0)

#### 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

##### Freehold Property

£

##### Cost

At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021

**835,030**

##### Depreciation

At 1 January 2021

**8,350**

Charge for the year

**8,350**

At 31 December 2021

**16,700**

##### Net book value

At 31 December 2021

**818,330**

At 31 December 2020

826,680

#### 13. DEBTORS

2021  
£

2020  
£

Other debtors

**272,674**

334,746

Prepayments and accrued income

**277**

643

**272,951**

335,389

## Stand by Me

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

2021  
£

2020  
£

Other loans

**50,000**

50,000

Trade creditors

**9,871**

5,455

Other taxation and social security

**10,118**

7,881

Other creditors

**1,760**

2,984

Accruals and deferred income

**5,794**

8,520

**77,543**

74,840

Other loans relates to an interest free loan of £400,000 given to Stand By Me in September 2019, from which the Charity is being released over a number of years.

#### 15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

2021  
£

2020  
£

Other loans

**250,000**

300,000



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**16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	1,046,061	536,235	(618,170)	165,353	1,129,479
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds - all funds	1,155,046	2,081,809	(1,753,105)	(165,353)	1,318,397
Total of funds	2,201,107	2,618,044	(2,371,275)	-	2,447,876

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	716,592	758,136	(599,327)	170,660	1,046,061
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds - all funds	968,053	1,694,934	(1,337,281)	(170,660)	1,155,046
Total of funds	1,684,645	2,453,070	(1,936,608)	-	2,201,107

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**17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	818,330	-	818,330
Current assets	638,692	1,318,397	1,957,089
Creditors due within one year	(77,543)	-	(77,543)
Creditors due in more than one year	(250,000)	-	(250,000)
	1,129,479	1,318,397	2,447,876

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	826,680	-	826,680
Current assets	594,221	1,155,046	1,749,267
Creditors due within one year	(74,840)	-	(74,840)
Creditors due in more than one year	(300,000)	-	(300,000)
	1,046,061	1,155,046	2,201,107



18. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO  
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	246,769	516,462
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	8,350	8,350
Decrease in debtors	62,438	639,314
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(47,297)	(41,995)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>270,260</b>	<b>1,122,131</b>

19. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	1,684,138	1,413,878
Total	1,684,138	1,413,878

20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £18,990 (12 months to Dec 2020 - £13,401).

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.





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