

SMART

England & Wales · Charity number 1186100

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-11-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE PREVENTION OF SUFFERING OF ANIMALS BY THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF VETERINARY MEDICINES FOR THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING NATIONS, SO THAT DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES DO NOT ENTER THE FOOD CHAIN AND IN THE PROCESS ENDANGER THE HEALTH OF BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS

Activities: Assist Government bodies and councils in developing countries with regulatory training and guidance in the use of veterinary medicines in agriculture.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Botswana
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- India
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Morocco
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- The Gambia
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-01	£0	£0	-	-
2024-05-01	£0	£0	-	-
2023-05-01	£0	£0	-	-
2022-05-01	£530	£0	-	-
2021-05-01	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Corner	Chair	2019-08-01
Dr Saverio Peter Borriello		2019-08-01
Lois Muraguri		2019-08-01
Professor Andrew Raymond Peters		2019-04-26

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b. Professor S.P. Borriello CB.

c. Dr. L.W. Muraguri.

d. Mr. D. Corner.

4. Bank:

The Co-operative bank (Community Directplus Account established 11/05/21).

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processes to inspect the manufacturers, and the distribution chain, of the medicines. The charity is dedicated to ensuring the availability of support, training and improved processes to those countries where the regulatory processes are not yet fully mature.

E. Activities of the Charity.

To maximise awareness by stakeholders and other interested parties of progress on co-ordination of regulatory activities in sub-Saharan Africa and of outstanding needs, one of us (SPB) co-authored a paper on this topic [Pyatt AZ. et al (2025). Veterinary Medicinal Product Regulation in sub-Saharan Africa: Identifying Barriers and Opportunities for Enhancing VMP Regulatory Systems. Front. Vet. Sci. 12:1532098. doi: 10.3389/fvets.2025.1532098]. To provide further assurance on the activities of regulators, particularly those in low- and middle-income countries, one of us (SPB) co-authored a paper on development of a suitable self-assessment/benchmarking tool [Joseph N. et al. (2025) development of a Self-Assessment/Benchmarking Tool for regulators of Veterinary Medicines. Front. Vet. Sci. 12:1648556. Doi: 10.3389/fvets.2025.1648556].

The key risk remains as the absence of funds and the continuing lack of administrative support, due to The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation decision to continue funding of improvement of veterinary Medicines regulation in sub-Saharan Africa through the charity GalvMed, instead of using the Veterinary Medicines Directorate as Principal Investigator, thereby removing the need for SMART to be a holder of funds. SMART now needs to consider change of charitable status to reflect better the likely sums of funds it may be able to secure, or to dissolve the charity. These decisions will be taken by the Trustees during 2026.

F. Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

(i) The charity did not receive any funding for the reporting period.

(ii) The charity had no expenditure for the reporting period.

(iv) There is no entitlement/certain to receive income for 2/5/23-1/5/24

(v) There were no trustee remunerations or related party transactions. Trustee meetings were either virtual or, when face –to-face, arranged for occasions when trustees were in the same locality for another primary purpose.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2/5/23.

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	
1. Incoming Resources				
1.1 Donations	£0	£0	£530	-

1.2 Other	£0	£0	£0	
Total	£0	£0	£530	
2. Resources Expended	£0	£0	£0	
3. Reconciliation of Funds				
3.1 Funds brought forward	£530	£530	£0	
		-	-	
4. Total Funds Carried Forward	£530	£530	£530	-

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 2/5/23

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	202122
1. Fixed Assets	-	-	-	
2. Current Assets				
2.1 Cash in bank	£530	£530	£530	
3. Total Assets	£530	£530	£530	-

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processes to inspect the manufacturers, and the distribution chain, of the medicines. The charity is dedicated to ensuring the availability of support, training and improved processes to those countries where the regulatory processes are not yet fully mature.

E. Activities of the Charity.

In continuing with our aim of maximising co-ordination of stakeholders an inventory of activities being undertaken in sub-Saharan Africa on improving Veterinary Medicines Regulation was updated, as was the global directory of veterinary medicines regulatory bodies (www.smart-org.uk). The Charity developed the veterinary components of the Royal Society hosted meeting on Vaccines and Microbial resistance-from Science to Policy (April 2024). In its review of risks the trustees identified absence of funds and the continuing lack of administrative support. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation decided to continue funding of improvement of veterinary Medicines regulation in sub-Saharan Africa through the charity GalvMed, instead of using the Veterinary Medicines Directorate as Principal Investigator, thereby removing the need for SMART to be a holder of funds. A consideration now for SMART is to consider change of charitable status to reflect better the likely sums of funds it may be able to secure.

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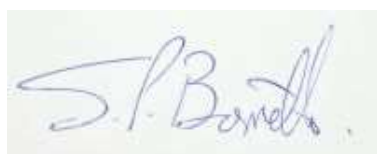
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1.2 Other	£0	£0	-	
Total	£0	£0	£530	-
2.Resources Expended	£0	£0	-	-
3. Reconciliation of Funds				

3.1 Funds brought forward	£530	£530	-	-
4. Total Funds Carried Forward	£530	£530	£530	-

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 2/5/23

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E. Activities of the Charity.

It is unfortunate that covid emerged as a global pandemic soon after the establishment of the charity. This has continued to impacted negatively on the anticipated charitable activities during the charity's operations. In continuing with our aim of maximising co-ordination of stakeholders an inventory of activities being undertaken in sub-Sahara Africa on improving Veterinary Medicines Regulation was updated, as was the global directory of veterinary medicines regulatory bodies (www.smart-org.uk). At the operational level Lord Trees stood down as chair at the close of the Trustee's meeting on 18/4/23 and Professor Andrew Peters was voted as replacement chair, the role becoming active immediately at close of the Trustee's on 18/4/23. In its review of risks the trustees identified absence of funds and the continuing lack of administrative support. It was also agreed to review continuation of the charity by autumn of 2024.

F. Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2/5/22.

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
1. Incoming Resources			
1.1 Donations	£0	£530	-
1.2 Other	£0	-	
Total	£0	£530	-
2.Resources Expended	£0	-	-

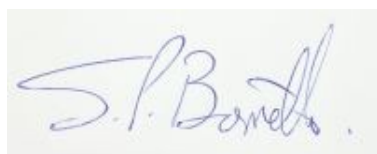
3. Reconciliation of Funds

3.1 Funds brought forward	£530	-	-
4. Total Funds Carried Forward	£530	£530	-

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	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
1. Fixed Assets	-	-	-
2. Current Assets			
2.1 Cash in bank	£530	£530	-
3. Total Assets	£530	£530	-

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- f. Ms. A. Seager (to 6/04/22; secretary)

4.Bank:

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E. Activities of the Charity.

It is unfortunate that covid emerged as a global pandemic soon after the establishment of the charity. This has continued to impacted negatively on the anticipated charitable activities during the 3rd year of the charity's operations. In continuing with our aim of maximising co-ordination of stakeholders an inventory of activities being undertaken in sub-Saharan Africa on improving Veterinary Medicines Regulation was posted on the charity web-site (www.smart-org.uk) and launched on 28/6/21. Further, a meeting was convened on 16/9/21, bringing together SMAR Trustees, and representatives of the UK Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), the World Health Organisation for Animals (OIE; now WOAH), the global animal health pharmaceuticals industry trade body (Health for Animals; HfA), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). This meeting raised awareness of responsibilities and activities in improving the regulation of veterinary medicines in low- and middle-income countries, especially for those in sub-Saharan Africa. There was also a raised awareness by all parties of the added value of sharing information on activities, progress, and opportunities to work together/improve co-ordination between parties where possible. At the operational level, meetings have continued between the VMD, GalVMed, and HfA. There was also commitment to support the inventory of activities developed by VMD to facilitate improved co-ordination.

At the administrative operational level, a bank account for SMAR was established 11/5/21 with the Co-operative bank.

F. Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

(i) The charity received £500 on 1/11/2021 and £30 on 10/11/2021, both donations from the UK National Office for Animal Health (NOAH).

(ii) The charity had no expenditure for the reporting period.

(iii) The value of the services provided by the volunteer secretary are not shown.

(iv) There is no entitlement/certain to receive income for 2/5/22-1/5/23.

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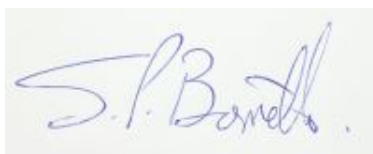
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	2021-22	2020-21
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1.1 Donations	£530	-
1.2 Other	-	
Total	£530	-
2. Resources Expended	-	-
3. Reconciliation of Funds		
3.1 Funds brought forward	-	-
4. Total Funds Carried Forward	£530	-

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 2/5/21

	2021-22	2020-21
1. Fixed Assets	-	-
2. Current Assets		
2.1 Cash in bank	£530	-
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Bank account not yet established.

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E. Activities of the Charity.

It is unfortunate that covid emerged as a global pandemic soon after the establishment of the charity. This has continued to impacted negatively during the second year of operation of SMART on the anticipated charitable activities and establishment of administrative functions. We continued to concentrate on raising awareness amongst other interested parties and stakeholders of the establishment of SMART and its aims and objectives, and to identify ways we could be enabling to these parties. As part of this the web-site was modified in January 2021(see www.smart-org.uk), to enable hosting Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded outputs from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, which supported and furthered the aims and objectives of the charity. This, the first global directory of veterinary medicines regulators, was published on 10/3/21 and is enabling to all stakeholders and facilitates interaction and possible collaboration between regulators.

Discussions were held with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) about possible funding for SMART. The advice was that administration costs would have to be built into a broader grant application from SMART or jointly from SMART with a partner organisation. Further, it was evident that the BMGF supported the aims and objectives of SMART and that any grant bid that particularly furthered medicine regulation development work in sub-Saharan Africa would be favourably received. There was also support for the reach-out to stakeholders/co-ordinating and enabling strategy adopted by SMART, and appreciation of hosting the world's first directory of veterinary medicines regulators.

F. Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

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(ii)The charity had no expenditure for the reporting period.

(iii)The value of the services provided by the volunteer secretary are not shown.

(iv)The improvement of the single page web-site was a donated service (value £1750) from the Veterinary Medicines directorate (VMD) from funding received to support international work, and particularly to host BMGF funded outputs from VMD.

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