

Behati Foundation

Transforming
Lives
through
education in
rural
Gambia.



Trustees' Annual Report

A look back
at 2020



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From

To

Period start date

Period end date

12/02/2020

11/02/2021

Mission statement

We believe that access to safe and quality education is a right and not a privilege and aim to achieve what every child deserves – the opportunity to realise their potential, no matter where they come from.

Working with local schools and communities in rural Gambia, we invest in programmes that provide support for children to enrol, remain and thrive in school whilst ensuring safe and quality learning environments.

Behati Foundation

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From the Founder and Chair

“I set up Behati Foundation following my trip to the Nianija district in The Gambia at the end of 2019. Nianija is generally considered to be the poorest and most deprived area in a country that ranks 174 out of 189 countries in terms of deprivation – the level of poverty there is high even by the “Global South” standards. My experience in the villages opened my eyes to a totally new world and I made it my purpose to work with the community to break out of the cycle of poverty and ensure children have a fairer chance in life.

We achieved charity status in February 2020, for which I was immensely proud. Unfortunately, faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, very few funding opportunities, limited capacity and capability due to our status as a newly launched start-up charity, we had to cease our activities. It took us 6 months to get back on track and continue our life-changing work.

Even though our beginnings have been turbulent, we managed to achieve some successes. Our first projects focused on tackling some of the most immediate issues that stop children attending school: unaffordability and food insecurity. We sponsored almost 20,000 school meals, distributed rice and oil packages to the most vulnerable families in the village of Kerewan Sitokoto to help mitigate a food crisis, and donated hundreds of backpacks and learning materials so that children can remain and thrive in school.

From July 2020 we have also added to our activities, projects that would lead to sustainable development. We launched the “End Water and Covid-19 Crisis” appeal to deliver clear water to over 800 people who are currently without access to clean drinking water, hand washing facilities for a local school and hygiene awareness sessions. The water system will be powered by renewable solar energy, at the same time protecting the climate, and we are planning to start implementation at the end of 2021. We also plan to invest in school renovation, sanitation, teachers’ training and development, and gender empowerment in the near future.

One thing that has not changed is our priorities; always shaped by one fundamental force – the needs and wishes of the people we support.”

Magdalena Strozik

01 Introduction

Behati Foundation is a micro start-up charity (reg. no. 1187892) providing support to some of the world's most vulnerable children to access quality education in rural Gambia, West Africa.

What we do

- Provide educational facilities and resources
- Provide school meals and emergency food distribution
- Support children to enrol and remain in education
- Work alongside local communities that understand their needs to create solutions together
- Invest in sustainable development programmes, including WASH
- Maintain transparency and promote an ethical and participatory way of running a charity



02 Where we work

About the Gambia

- Ranked 174 out of 189 countries in the UN Human Development Index (HDI), 2018.
- Mean years of schooling is 3.5 years (4.7 years in Sub-Saharan Africa and 12.9 in the UK)
- Girls from the rural parts have only 1% chance of finishing Primary School as opposed to 43% of boys in the urban areas
- 55.3% of population live in multidimensional poverty (including poor health, lack of education, inadequate living standards, disempowerment, poor quality of work, violence)

About the schools and communities we partner with

- We currently support 3 schools that provide education to over 500 children across the Nianija district, said to be the poorest and least developed district in The Gambia.
- All 3 schools are in desperate need of maintenance, access to basic resources, school supplies, water and electricity and further development.



About the schools and communities we partner with

- Hygiene facilities and practices are poor or non-existent
- 2 schools have no access to safe water or sanitation
- Hundreds of children across the district do not attend school - some due to poverty, belief and cultural norms, such as early marriage and child labour.

03 Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects set out in our governing body

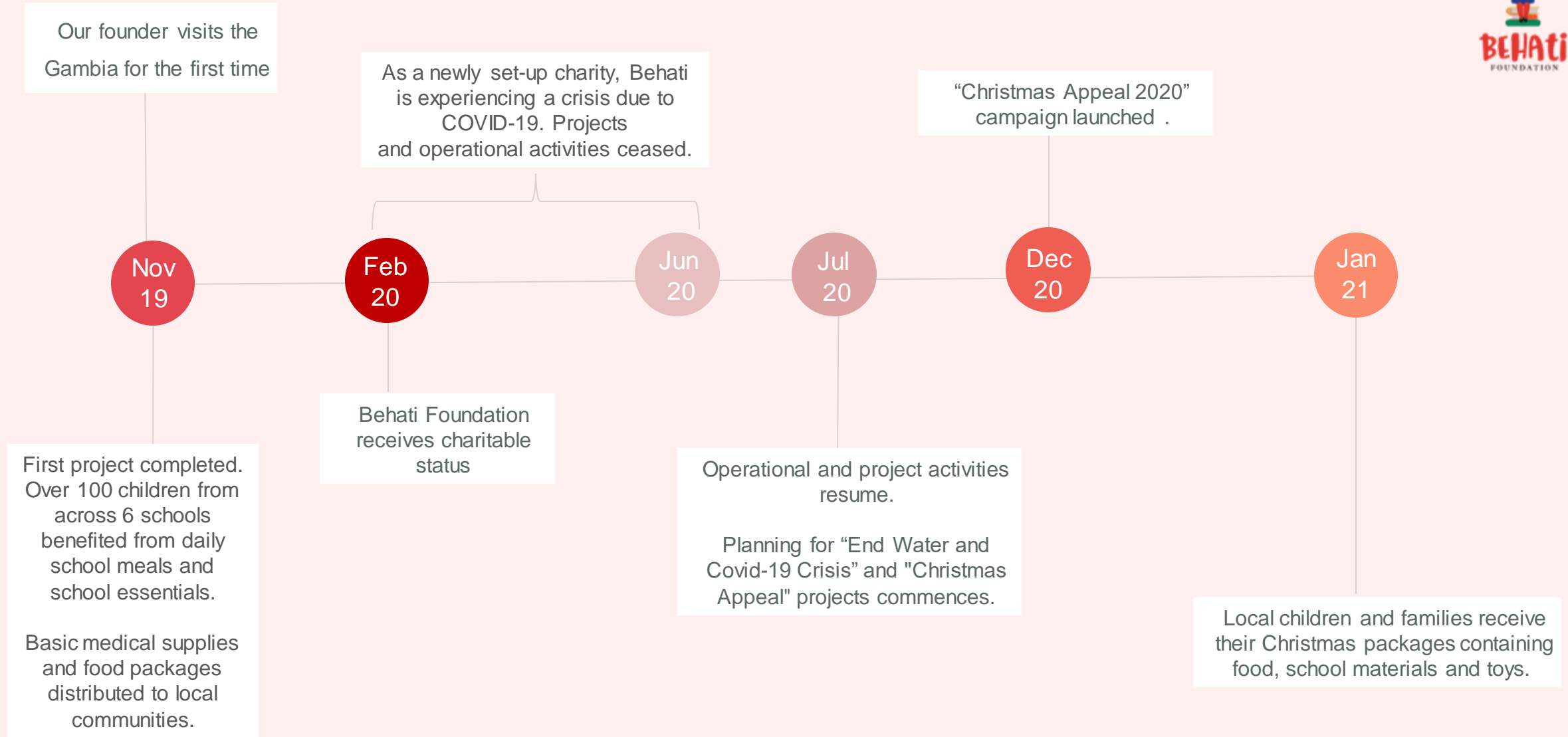
- 1) To advance education for the public benefit by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at schools in the Nianija District in The Gambia.
- 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in the Nianija District in The Gambia by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need.
- 3) To protect and preserve good health among people residing in the Nianija District in The Gambia, in particular but not exclusively by providing educational health workshops.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The main activities are as follows:

- supporting the day to day running of the schools;
- improving buildings and infrastructure at the schools;
- improving facilities for learning and recreation within the schools;
- providing learning resources and school supplies, such as textbooks and stationery;
- providing essential facilities within the schools, such as safe drinking water, hand washing stations and toilets;
- increasing the schools' teaching resources and assisting in improving the standards of teaching within the schools by supporting the training and development of teachers;
- awarding educational scholarships and bursaries.

Timeline



04 Impact and achievements

2019/20

- 6 schools
- Over 20,00 school meals served
- Over 100 students empowered to continue learning
- Local Health Centre supplied with basic medical resources
- Rice and other basic foods distributed to Kerewan Sitokoto village



2020/21

- 3 schools
- 205 students empowered and enabled to continue education
- Over 600kg of food distributed to 50 families worst affected by food insecurity
- Toys given to Kerewan Sitokoto children
- Planning and fundraising for *End Water and Covid-19 Crisis* project initiated. Over 800 people, the majority of which are children, will be provided with all-year-round clean water, hand washing facilities and hygiene awareness training.

05 Goals for 2021/22

Business priorities

- Improve our digital marketing and social media presence and strengthen our brand
- To secure more regular giving
- To secure first corporate partners
- To launch trusts and foundations fundraising programme
- To strengthen our capacity and capability by investing in, and recruiting, more Trustees and Volunteers to help us become more sustainable
- To develop future project and operations strategy

Project priorities

- To successfully complete the “*End Water and COVID-19 Crisis*” project
- To initiate planning for “*Solar Lamps*” project
- To continue supporting our partner schools and local communities with learning materials and food
- To initiate partnership with 3rd party organisations



Future income generation plans

In our first year as a charity, we have been primary financed by individual donations and the Funder's financial support. The Trustees understand they need to maintain an equitable balance to continue investing in education and community development projects. To ensure a sustainable financial base, we will expand our fundraising activities to also include individual regular donations, corporate partnerships, and trust and foundations.

We have already initiated diversification of our income, and in Q1 of 2021/22 financial year (FY) alone secured two grants totalling £2,500, and we will continue with our efforts so that more vulnerable pupils and their families can benefit from the investment made.

06 Structure, Governance and Trustees

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

- M Strozik (Chair from 01 June 2019)
- Paul Baker (from 28 February 2020)
- Ali Gunn (from 01 November 2019)
- Alexander Redman (retired 27 February 2020)

The charity trustees are responsible for the overall management, leadership and control of the Foundation Charity and meet six times a year.

All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

No Trustee or person connected with a Trustee received any benefits.

All Trustees have served throughout the year except where indicated.

06 Structure, Governance and Trustees

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Constitution adopted 04th February 2020

How the charity is constituted

CIO - Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

The first charity trustees are appointed for the following terms –

Magdalena Strozik for 4 years

Alison Gunn for 3 years

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 2 (two) years. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Board.

Public benefit

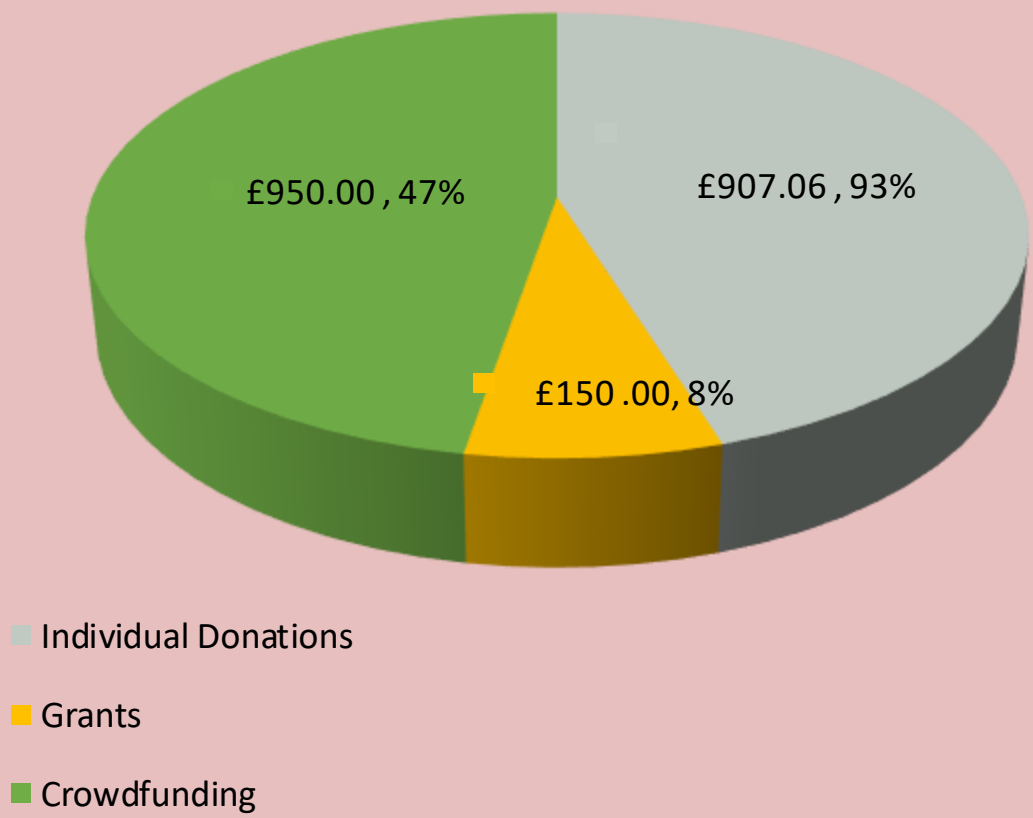
The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

07 FINANCIAL REVIEW

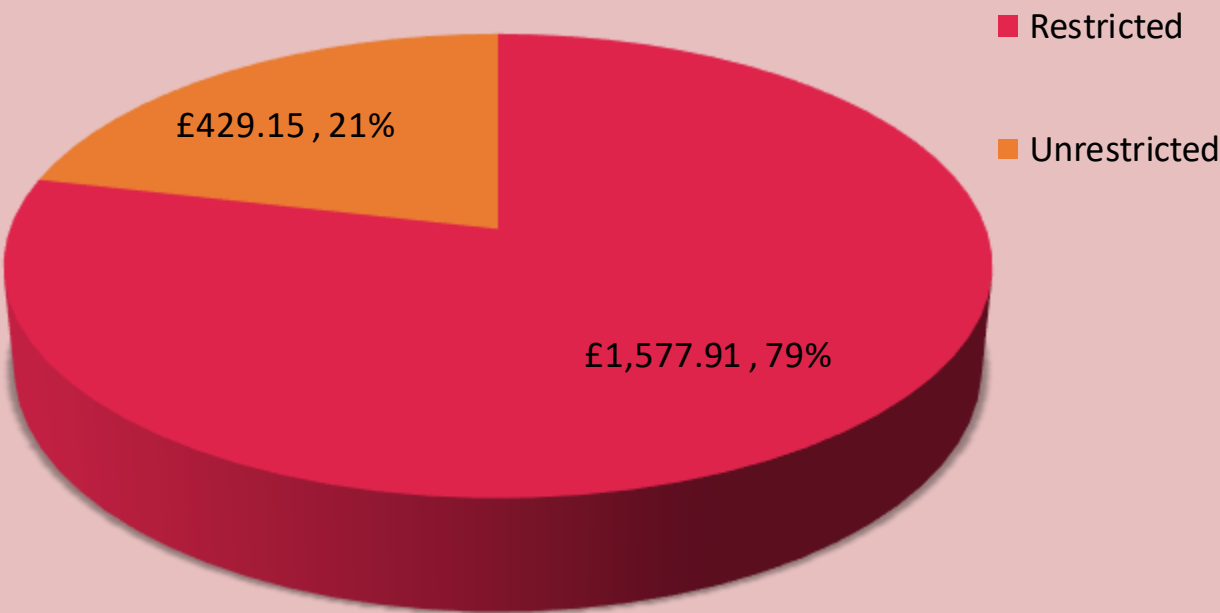
Income

Income Breakdown 2020/21

By type

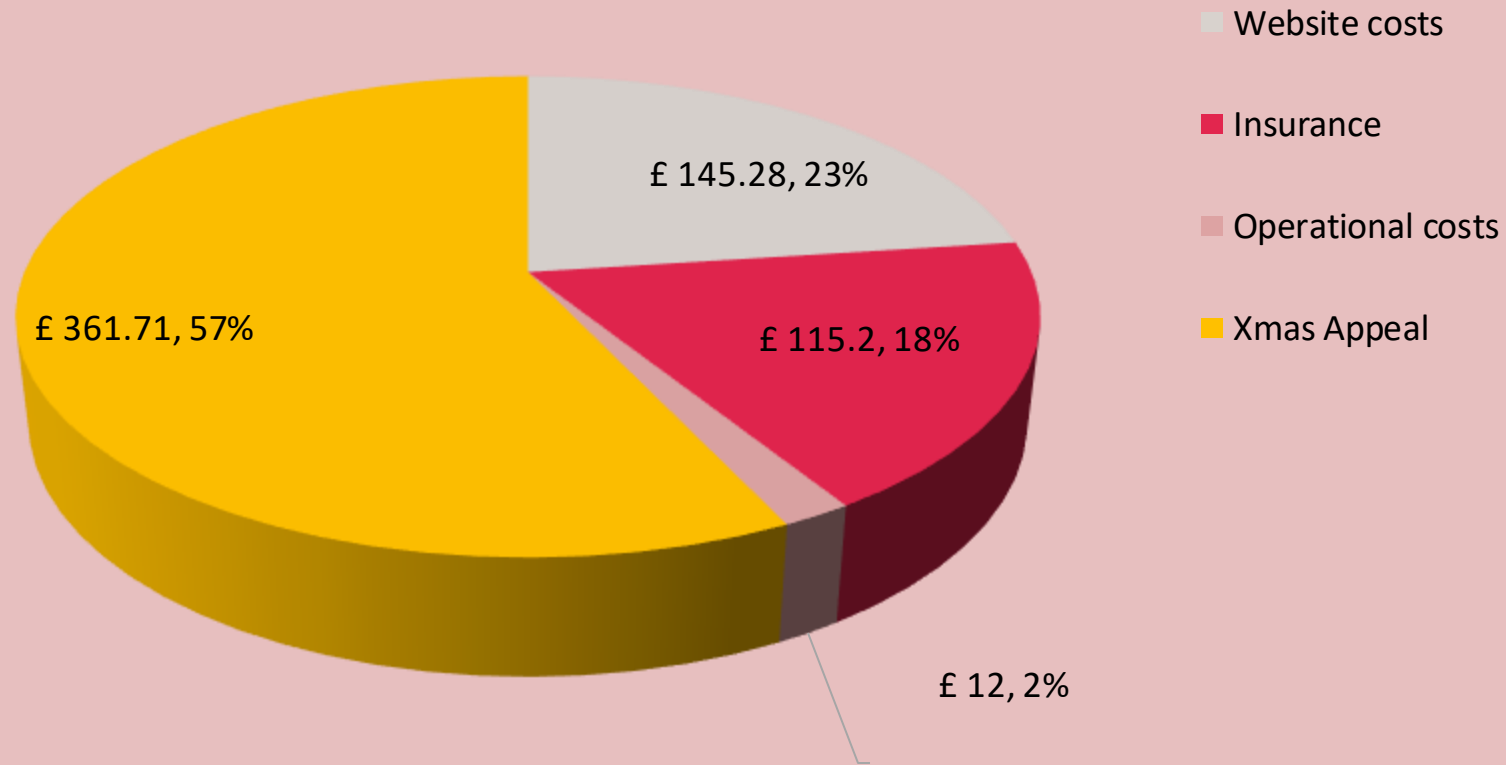


By designation



Expenditure

Expenditure Breakdown 2020/21



Income & Expenditure

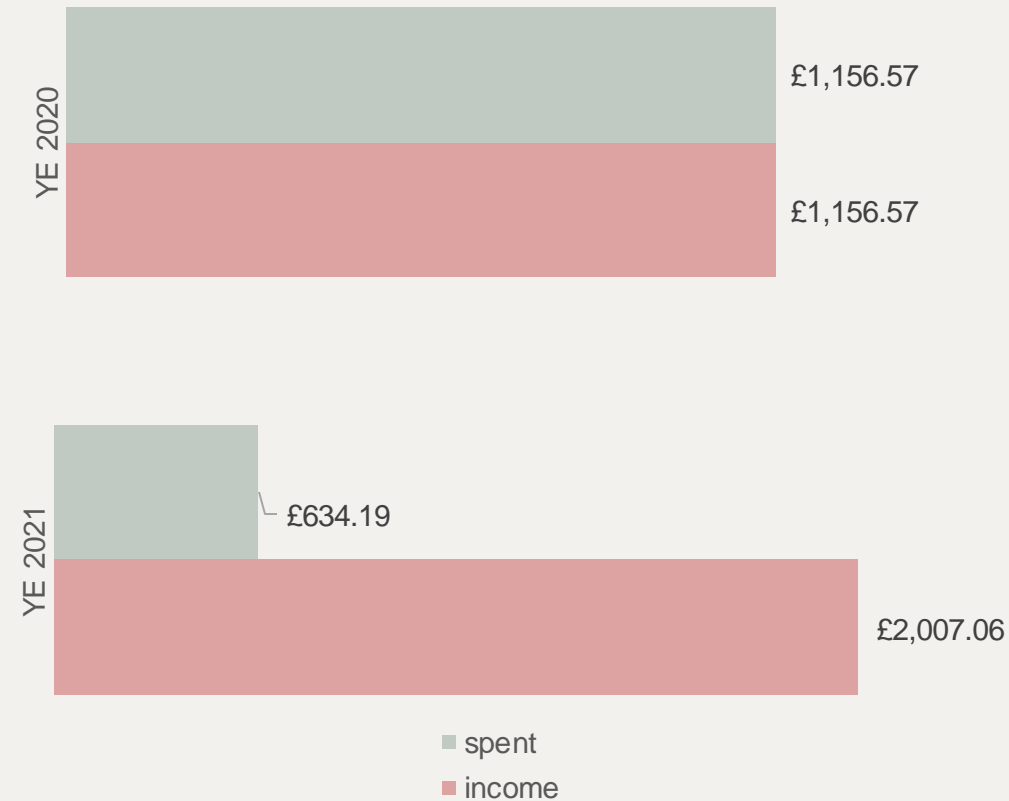
Our income has seen a steady increase since we launched as an unincorporated organisation in 2019. Even though all activities, including fundraising, ceased between February and July 2020 due to COVID-19, we managed to almost double our income compared to the previous year.

The charity's total income amounts to £2,007.06. Principal sources of funds included individual donations, crowdfunding and the Founder's financial support, which together accounted for 93% of the total income. 7% came from a small grant that we secured towards operational costs associated with the "End Water and Covid-19 Crisis" appeal.

The main source of spending this FY included the 2020 Xmas Appeal and costs associated with running the charity, mainly the website and insurance costs, the latter two of which having been covered by the Founder. No money donated by the public has been spent to cover our operational costs.

The remaining income, £1372.81, is designated towards the "End Water and Covid-19 Crisis" and operational costs associated with it, and therefore has been carried over to the next FY 2021/22.

We have recently focused on income diversification activities, and we are already seeing a positive impact of that shift.



Only in Q1 of 2021/22 FY we have secured £2,500 in grant funding, already surpassing the 2020/21 FY total income by almost 25 percent.

Professional Bodies:

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc
115 Victoria Rd, Aldershot GU11 1JQ

Insurance Provider: Markel Insurance
Registered Office: 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AZ.
Registered in England no. 2430992

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

A white rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MStrozik".

Full name: Magdalena Strozik

Position: Chair

Date: 11/10/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BEHATI FOUNDATION Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	12/02/2020	To	11/02/2021	
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1. INCOME(Payments):

Assets and Investment sales	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	279	1578	-	1857	1157
Grant Funding	150	-	-	150	-
Total Income:	429	1578	-	2007	1157

Section A2 Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest €	Restricted funds to the nearest €	Endowment funds to the nearest €	Total funds to the nearest €	Last year to the nearest €
A2. EXPENDITURE (Receipts):					
Raising funds	12	0	-	12	-
Charitable activities	260	362	-	622	1157
Total expenditure:	272	362		634	1157

Section A2 Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €
A1. INCOME DETAILS:					
Income is derived from:					
Donations:	279	-	-	279	175
<i>End Water and Covid 19 Crisis</i>	-	1216	-	1216	-
<i>Christmas Appeal</i>	-	362	-	362	-
<i>School Sponsorship</i>	-	-	-	-	982
Grants:	150	-	-	150	-
Total income:	429	1578	-	2007	1157

Section A2 Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €	to the nearest €
A2. EXPENDITURE DETAILS:					
Fundraising costs	12			12	-
Charitable activities:					-
<i>Grant towards Christmas Appeal</i>	-	362		362	
<i>Grant towards School Sponsorship</i>	-	-		-	982
Website costs	145	-		145	60
Insurance	115	-		115	115
Total expenditure:	272	362		634	1157
 Funds carried forward:	 157	 1216		 1373	 -

*Restricted funds carried forward will go towards the "End Water and COVID-19 Crisis" appeal.

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1. CASH FUNDS	Funds carried forward	157	1216	
B2. OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	-	-	-	-
B3. INVESTEMENT ASSETS	-	-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4. ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE	-	-		
B5. LIABILITIES	-	-		

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	MStrozik	Magdalena Strozik	03/12/2021
	Ali Gunn	Ali Gunn	09/12/2021