

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

England & Wales · Charity number 1188749

Details

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND PRESERVATION OF HEALTH BY (A) FUNDING ORGANISATIONS GIVING RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH LEPROSY OR DISABLED AS A RESULT OF LEPROSY, THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; (B) FUNDING ACTIVITY TOWARDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE DISEASE OF LEPROSY, INCLUDING RELEVANT INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCH OF THE CAUSES, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF THIS DISEASE; AND (C) CARRYING OUT OR FUNDING THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LEPROSY.

Activities: St Francis Leprosy Guild is a UK charity working towards a leprosy free world. We support over 40 leprosy centres and projects in 14 countries in Africa, Asia and Brazil. We fund Training, Research into leprosy prevention and diagnosis, Active case finding to find and treat leprosy early, Care and rehabilitation through leprosy centres and hospitals, Emergency relief and capital equipment.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Burma
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- India
- Madagascar
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£375,515	£645,737	-	-
2023-12-31	£391,407	£881,309	-	-
2022-12-31	£979,829	£746,879	£1,393,010	4
2021-12-31	£537,575	£616,021	£1,305,652	3
2020-12-31	£1,539,610	£305,562	£1,309,880	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Edward Nicholas Reed	Chair	2022-11-23
Clare Bernadette Barton		2021-11-10
Dr Aodhan Sean Breathnach		2025-10-18
Dr Donal Gerard O'Sullivan		2024-08-12
Fr Gary Dench		2025-07-14
Molly Beth Conrad		2025-05-01
Patrick John Gillespie		2026-06-05
Professor Owen Patrick Noel Gill		2020-05-14

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Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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Abbreviations

CBCEW	Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
SFLG	St Francis Leprosy Guild
WHO	World Health Organization

Reference and administrative details for the year 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts. This is in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Board of Trustees

Mr Edward Reed (Chair of Trustees)

Mrs Clare Barton (Vice Chair)

Mr Michael Heathcote (Treasurer) (stood down March 2024)

Mrs Caroline Connolly-Newland (Treasurer) (appointed August 2024)

Mr Liam Allmark

Dr Margaret Burgess (stood down March 2024)

Very Reverend Father Michael Copps OFM (stood down October 2024)

Dr William Dibb

Mr Michael Forbes Smith (retired January 2024)

Professor Noel Gill

Dr Donal O'Sullivan (appointed August 2024)

Ms Sandra Pearce (appointed November 2024)

Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara (term ended March 2024)

Director

Katharine Jones

Brief details about the current trustees are as follows:

Chair - Edward Reed. Edward is a solicitor and partner at Macfarlanes. He advises internationally mobile families on their asset structuring, personal tax, succession and philanthropic planning, wills and trusts.

Vice Chair - Clare Barton. Clare is a retired solicitor whose career included working for a major City law firm and as an in-house lawyer. She has done a range of voluntary roles, including being a school governor for many years. She is joint Safeguarding Lead for SFLG.

Treasurer - Caroline Connolly-Newland. Caroline is currently Head of Risk and Audit in a global engineering company, with a background of over 25 years in Finance and Audit in various global companies. She has three boys and enjoys running in her spare time.

Liam Allmark. Liam is Head of Communications, Advocacy and Fundraising at the Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Prior to this role, he was the lead international affairs advisor to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Throughout his career he has worked closely with Catholic charities in many countries including Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, and Thailand.

Dr William Dibb. Bill is a retired consultant clinical microbiologist and infection control doctor. He was a Chair of Laboratories and Infection Prevention and Control for many years. He has wide experience with infection abroad, including in low and middle-income countries. He is a keen medical historian with a special interest in the history of infection.

Professor Noel Gill. Noel is an infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM. He worked at Public Health England's National Infectious Disease Surveillance Centre leading the HIV & STI team 1980-2020. After retirement he returned part-time from 2020 to 2021 to assist with the response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Dr Donal O'Sullivan. Donal has worked for almost forty years in Southeast London, first as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, and more recently as a Consultant in Public Health. Donal currently teaches on the Master of Public Health course at King's College London. He is joint Safeguarding Lead for SFLG.

Sandra Pearce. Sandra had a significant background in journalism and publishing before moving into Fundraising. She worked as Senior Trusts and Foundations Advisor at The Leprosy Mission England and Wales for four years before joining Boxing Futures as Fundraising and Communications Manager. She lived for more than 25 years in Singapore and has a strong interest in international affairs.

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About leprosy – a curable disease

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is a chronic, infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*. Leprosy affects the skin, peripheral nerves and the upper respiratory tract. Leprosy can affect anyone, at any age, but it is linked to poverty and malnutrition. Leprosy continues to be a threat to public health in low and middle-income countries. Despite the widespread fear that leprosy is highly contagious, it is in fact difficult to catch and 95% of us are resistant to developing the disease. It is thought that leprosy is spread by droplet infection (coughing and sneezing) during prolonged and close contact with untreated individuals who have the disease. People who lack access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, those with compromised immune systems or who are malnourished are also more likely to catch it. Leprosy is a disease of poverty.

Leprosy is challenging to diagnose, especially at the early stages. It attacks peripheral nerves, which destroys the ability to feel pain. The lack of sensation leads to trauma, ulcers and other localised infections. Left untreated, these infections can lead to permanent disability, disfigurement and amputations. Even those treated for leprosy and who are no longer infectious can still develop complications over their lifetime. Leprosy can also cause blindness, facial disfigurement and the clawing of hands and feet. The visible disability and disfigurement caused by leprosy over the years means the disease is greatly feared. Many leprosy-affected people (including their families and children) are subjected to stigma and discrimination and excluded from society. Since the earliest of times, fear and ignorance has meant society discriminates against and denies leprosy-affected people their right to a full and normal life.

In addition, outdated discriminatory laws mean that people with leprosy can be forcibly evicted from their homes, livelihoods, and places of work. In some parts of the world, leprosy can form grounds for divorce. Due to these terrible injustices, people with leprosy may not come forward for medical treatment, putting themselves, their families and communities at greater risk. A United Nations Special Rapporteur (operating under the aegis of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) is working to identify and repeal these laws.

Leprosy is curable today with a combination of antibiotics known as Multidrug Therapy (MDT) which first became available in 1981. MDT has been distributed free of charge worldwide to patients since 1991.

Following the introduction of MDT, around seventeen million people have been released from treatment for leprosy. However, since the early 2000s, the downwards trend of numbers diagnosed and treated has stagnated at around 200,000 per year. In addition, the number of people contracting the disease who are undiagnosed, or living with its effects, such as blindness, amputated limbs or the stigma and discrimination associated with it, is many millions.

The WHO monitors leprosy worldwide and has developed a global leprosy strategy, which is reviewed by experts every five years. The goal of the current strategy is to achieve *Zero Leprosy, which is a long-term vision of zero infection and disease, zero disability, zero stigma and discrimination*. The medium-term goal is the *elimination of leprosy, defined as interruption of transmission*. SFLG, along with the rest of the global leprosy community, is aligned with the WHO strategy. The final mile to ending leprosy is proving to be the toughest and most challenging. According to WHO, there are between two and five million undiagnosed leprosy-affected people worldwide. So, although we can see an end to this terrible and ancient disease, there remains plenty to be done to achieve Zero Leprosy. SFLG has existed for 130 years, but it is this ongoing challenge which keeps us focused.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)

SFLG was founded on 23 October 1895. The moving spirit was Kate Marsden, a nurse who was determined to relieve the desperate plight of people affected by leprosy throughout the world. Until a cure for leprosy became widely available through the WHO in the 1980s, SFLG's primary activity was the compassionate support of leprosy villages, hospitals, clinics or communities that treat or care for people with leprosy and their dependants.

In 2017, SFLG embarked on "A Pilgrimage of Hope" combining a commitment to play our part in the WHO's developing strategies, currently (2021-30) "Towards Zero Leprosy", with a determination to increase the charity's professionalism and grow the voluntary income needed to meet that challenge.

As part of that process, SFLG became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2020. SFLG's key strategic focus is now the detection and diagnosis of people with leprosy as early as possible while maintaining the material support that it has provided to people affected by leprosy and their dependants for the past 130 years.

SFLG's activities and projects, particularly its focused, intensive Active Case-Finding programme, are now making an important contribution to ascertaining, diagnosing, treating, and rehabilitating people with leprosy: making our contribution towards stopping the disease in its tracks and preventing lives from being destroyed. In addition, through its membership of the Leprosy Research Initiative, SFLG has contributed towards innovative applied research projects.

SFLG is a member of ILEP (The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations) through which SFLG has a direct relationship with the relevant WHO and UN policy.

SFLG is the UK's only Roman Catholic leprosy charity. Although a charity under the patronage of His Eminence, Vincent, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, SFLG has never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of our beneficiaries, nor of race, skin colour, gender or age. We are proud of our heritage and, conscious of the trust our benefactors and donors have placed in us, we are invigorated by the unique opportunity we have before us to play our part in ending leprosy for good.

We look forward to celebrating our 130th anniversary during the 2025 Jubilee Year, which also marks the penultimate in a series of Franciscan anniversaries, the 800th anniversary of the Cantic of the Creatures (the most well-known text written by SFLG's patron, St. Francis of Assisi, two years before he died). The Annual Mass and Assembly to mark our 130th anniversary will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 4 October 2025.

Vision, Mission and Values

Our **Vision** is a leprosy-free world.

Our **Mission** is to end leprosy's devastating impact everywhere for everyone.

Our **Values** align with the Five Franciscan Values:

1. **Service** - to serve others, especially the most vulnerable.
2. **Respect for creation** - to honour all creation, especially ourselves and each other.
3. **Reverence** - to approach God and all creation in wonder and awe.
4. **Peace and justice** - to strive for a world where all people can live in peace and dignity.
5. **Humility** - to recognise our need of God, our dependence on God and our need for each other.

To achieve our vision and mission, we work with dedicated partners around the world:

- to help find and cure people with leprosy before they develop disabilities;
- to care for people living with leprosy's devastating impact, and
- to fund research into new ways to end leprosy.

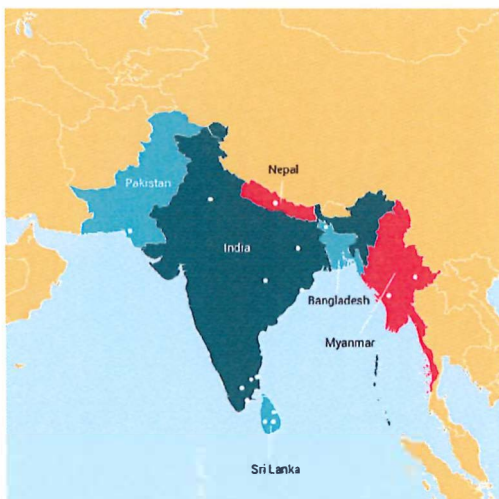
In 2024, SFLG worked in thirteen countries supporting over thirty centres, research activities and programmes.



Where we work in Africa



Where we work in Brazil



Where we work in Asia

Objectives and aims

SFLG's objectives are as follows:

1. funding organisations giving relief and assistance to persons with leprosy or disabled as a result of leprosy, their families, and dependants throughout the world;
2. funding activity towards prevention and control of the disease of leprosy, including relevant investigations and research of the causes, treatment, and prevention of this disease, and
3. carrying out or funding the professional education of those engaged in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of leprosy.

In our activities as described below, the trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, including on public benefit.

Operational activities

Partnership Management

SFLG builds and maintains partnerships through diverse channels, including direct inquiries, responses to calls for proposals, and referrals from trusted local stakeholders. To ensure alignment with its mission, SFLG selects partners carefully based on strict criteria, including strong governance, a clear focus on leprosy-related work, regulatory compliance, sound financial practices, and a demonstrated commitment to patient care and safeguarding. Once partnerships are established, SFLG maintains high standards of accountability and impact through robust monitoring and evaluation methods. This approach includes regular financial audits, site visits and consistent reporting, ensuring effective use of donor funds and meaningful support for individuals affected by leprosy.

In 2024, St Francis Leprosy Guild strengthened its partnerships in Nigeria through on-site evaluations of two key healthcare providers, St Patrick's Mile Four Hospital and St Benedict's Leprosy and Tuberculosis Rehabilitation Centre. These visits confirmed the partners' commitment to delivering comprehensive, patient-centred leprosy care, while also identifying areas for further support. The insights gained enabled SFLG to refine its project application and reporting tools, ensuring more accurate and relevant data collection. This work has enhanced our ability to monitor projects effectively, improve accountability, and align our support with partner needs, ultimately advancing our mission to reduce the burden of leprosy and support affected communities.

In 2024, SFLG continued to categorise its operating activities under the **TRACE** acronym.

Training	Supporting undergraduate and postgraduate leprosy-specific specialist skills through short or long-term training and learning opportunities for any grade of healthcare worker to develop their potential as future specialist leaders committed to Zero Leprosy.
Research	Supporting applied research into leprosy transmission, prevention, and care (in collaboration with the Leprosy Research Initiative).
Active Case-Finding	Detecting new leprosy cases by screening all members of at-risk populations.
Care	Supporting the care of people affected by leprosy and their contacts by providing inpatient and outpatient treatment, surgery, rehabilitation, and long-term care for people diagnosed with leprosy, their families, and others living in or near their households.
Emergency Support/ Equipment	Investing capital in leprosy-related equipment, maintenance of facilities and rebuilding. Maintaining an Emergencies Reserve to meet any needs that may arise due to adversity.

Training

It is difficult to recruit healthcare practitioners to work in a highly stigmatised disease area like leprosy. Leprosy treatment lacks the prestige and higher salaries of many medical disciplines. Our aim is to support opportunities to fill this deficiency gap and increase the leprosy care experience of healthcare professionals. For this reason, funding leprosy-specific training is part of SFLG's activity.

Historically, SFLG has funded short-term electives for students to spend time in leprosy-focused hospitals and healthcare facilities to develop their knowledge of leprosy. In 2024, SFLG funded Dominic Jarvis, a final year medical student at Cardiff University, to work at Green Pastures hospital, Pokhara, Nepal.

Research

SFLG is an Associate Member of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI), a global joint venture of twelve leprosy NGOs with the shared goal of working together to achieve Zero Leprosy. LRI consolidates leprosy research worldwide and prioritises future projects to deliver the vision of a world free from leprosy. SFLG's membership of LRI ensures our research investment is distributed competitively, is independently peer-reviewed, and is expertly evaluated.

SFLG is funding three significant projects through this relationship:

1. In Ghana, we are supporting the engagement of persons affected by leprosy to become agents of change in their community by becoming leprosy peer mentors. They aim to support early case detection, disease management and disability inclusion, with a view to reducing stigma and improving mental health.
2. In India and Nigeria, we are supporting "*Capacity Building for Leprosy*" (*CapaBLE*), a research project aimed at strengthening healthcare workers' expertise through a blended learning approach. This research seeks to assess the impact of combining online and face-to-face training on the knowledge, skills and performance of health workers managing leprosy. By developing evidence-based, sustainable training models, the project aims to enhance early detection, treatment and care for those affected by leprosy, ultimately contributing to global efforts to eliminate the disease.

3. In India and Nepal, we are supporting the initiative *"Working Towards Mental Health Recovery Among Persons Affected by Leprosy."* This study seeks to enhance the lives of individuals affected by leprosy who are experiencing mental health challenges. By fostering empowerment and collaboration, it aims to develop locally grounded, meaningful and effective interventions.

Active Case-Finding

Leprosy is a highly stigmatised, insidious, transmissible disease. It has an incubation phase of three to twenty years making its transmission almost impossible to trace. Leprosy may not cause any pain and discomfort in the early stages, so people do not seek medical help. Once it is apparent, stigma or legal consequences frequently act as a powerful disincentive to seeking treatment. Yet early diagnosis and treatment would prevent the disability, stigma and disfigurement that can develop, and it would prevent others catching it.

To work towards the goal of Zero Leprosy, in 2020 SFLG began supporting selected partners to detect new cases of leprosy early by conducting door-to-door screening of all members of disadvantaged populations who are at a higher risk of leprosy. The aim of the population-based Active Case-Finding (PB-ACF) pilot programme is to screen all members of a target population over a three-year period, through a series of case-finding campaigns in local areas where the incidence of leprosy may be relatively high.

During 2021, SFLG supported the following six PB-ACF projects:

1. Dhanjuri Leprosy Centre (Bangladesh)
2. ALERT India
3. Bombay Leprosy Project (India)
4. The Leprosy Mission in Nepal
5. New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust (India) and
6. Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (Pakistan).

Building on this work, in 2022 SFLG invited partners to propose new PB-ACF projects. SFLG agreed to support three more projects, which launched between September and November 2022, in the following areas:

1. The Meherpur District, Bangladesh (with The Leprosy Mission of England and Wales)
2. Tamil Nadu, India (The Holy Family Hansensorium), and
3. The Yumbe and Zombo districts, Uganda (with The German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association).

In 2024, SFLG and its partners continued to implement the nine PB-ACF projects, each of which have delivered significant results. Since the launch of the PB-ACF programme, 855,031 screenings have been carried out in areas with limited access to healthcare and 677 new cases of leprosy were found. 110 skin camps were undertaken. Finding these cases early will prevent almost all from developing permanent disabilities. During this implementation period, over 500 healthcare workers were trained in the skills needed to spot the early signs of leprosy.

Towards the end of 2024, SFLG's first six pilot PB-ACF projects concluded, providing a valuable opportunity for our programmes team, partners and technical advisors to reflect on the results before shaping the next phase of our work. This period of learning and evaluation was essential, helping us to understand which approaches are most effective, where interventions have the greatest impact, and how we can best support our partners in reaching people affected by leprosy. While fewer live activities in 2024 meant a temporary reduction in PB-ACF spending, this careful assessment ensures that every donor contribution is used to create the greatest possible impact. With the benefit of these insights, SFLG is excited to launch new PB-ACF projects in 2025, building on the successes of the past five years and reaching even more people affected by leprosy.

Care

SFLG's principal activity since 1895 has been supporting treatment and rehabilitation for people with leprosy, together with awareness campaigns to combat stigma and remove the fear and misunderstanding surrounding the disease. Leprosy-affected individuals require a range of support including reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, social rehabilitation and training in new skills, and, in some cases (where individuals have been rejected by their communities), lifelong care is needed. SFLG supports the holistic care of people affected by leprosy and their contacts through the provision of inpatient and outpatient treatment and care. Our partners include hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and community-based rehabilitation organisations.

In 2024, SFLG supported twenty-five partner organisations in ten countries reaching 16,754 people through care-focused interventions. The objective of all these interventions is to enable people affected by leprosy to return to their communities and make their contribution to their family life and society. In addition, our partners diagnosed 1,629 new cases of leprosy in 2024.

Some of SFLG's key projects include:

- Continuing our long-standing partnership with the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Sri Lanka to ensure that elderly leprosy patients are not forgotten, providing them with essential supplies and access to critical healthcare.
- Expanding our support for Dr. Tony Gonzalez and her hospital boat, which brings vital healthcare, leprosy testing and treatment to remote communities along a tributary of the Amazon River that cannot be reached by road.
- Partnering with the Poorna Suka Leprosy Project in India to provide life-changing community-based support, including self-care groups, medication assistance and income-generating opportunities for people affected by leprosy.
- Funding and supporting St. Patrick's Mile Four Hospital in Abakaliki, Nigeria, a leading leprosy hospital that delivers lifesaving treatment and surgery, while also helping patients to recover and reintegrate into their communities.

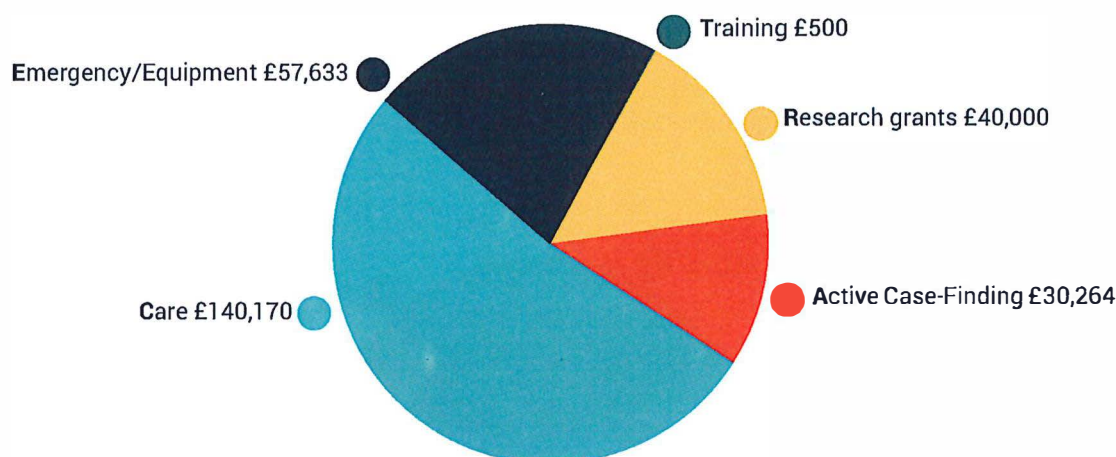
Emergency Support/Equipment

We maintain an Emergencies Reserve to enable us to respond quickly to crises such as natural disasters that impact our partners or people affected by leprosy. In 2024, SFLG provided critical support to St Joseph's Leprosy Hospital in India after severe flooding destroyed a significant portion of their supplies and equipment, ensuring they had the essentials to resume operations. We also assisted Anandaban Hospital in Nepal: after devastating floods that severely damaged its buildings, we supplied electrical cables to help restore essential services. Our ability to respond swiftly in times of crisis helps to ensure that these vital hospitals can continue their lifesaving work without delay.

Expenditure by TRACE (unaudited) 2024

We aim to increase our TRACE expenditure every year. In 2024 our TRACE expenditure was, however, decreased to £268,567 from £383,152 in 2023.

In 2023, due to significant legacy income received in 2022, we were able to increase TRACE expenditure to £383,152. At the start of 2024, however, against a difficult background for fundraising for small charities and substantially reduced legacy income, the trustees took the view that we should take a cautious approach, with the result that both TRACE and non-TRACE expenditure were reduced in 2024.



TRACE expenditure	2023	2024
Training	£2,410	£500
Research	£60,020	£40,000
Active Case-Finding	£108,650	£30,264
Care	£212,072	£140,170
Emergency or Equipment	£0	£57,633
Total	£383,152	£268,567

Partner Due Diligence

SFLG's Executive team carried out due diligence on any partners to ensure:

- the identity of the beneficiary
- that funds are applied in accordance with SFLG's charitable purposes
- that funds are not knowingly used for:
 - money laundering, in accordance with the operative Anti-Money Laundering (AML) regulations governed by the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA)
 - terrorism financing, in accordance with the Terrorism Act 2000
 - bribery, in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010.

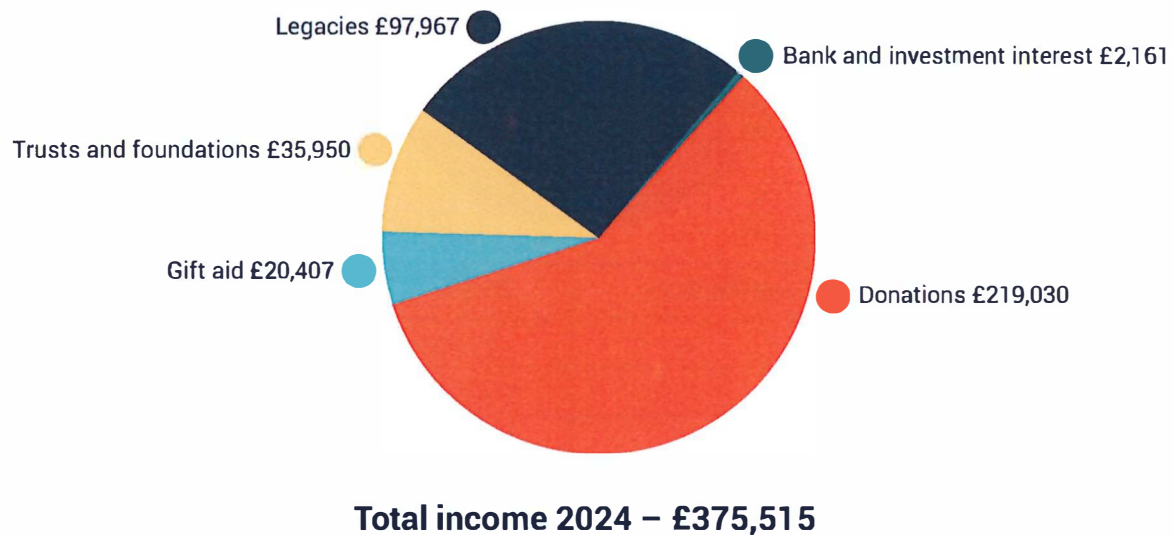
SFLG's Executive team also adopts a risk-rated approach to due diligence. Risk factors include:

- funding contributed
- the country of residence of the recipient
- the geographical location in which the funding will be applied
- the nature of the relationship between the charity and the applicant
- the capacity of the partner organisations.

The results of any due diligence do not last indefinitely. In cases where beneficiaries are supported for a significant period, additional due diligence is undertaken if there is a change of circumstances that might impact the partner or, in any case, every two years.

Fundraising and performance

In 2024, SFLG generated a total income of £375,515 compared to £391,407 raised in 2023. In 2024, aware of the necessity to reduce our reliance on legacy income, we focused our fundraising on individual giving. The trustees also approved the engagement of a fundraising expert to diversify our fundraising, develop our donor base and increase our income.



Individual giving (donations and Gift Aid)

SFLG issued five direct mail appeals in 2024: Easter, Spring (including a new Spring newsletter), a late summer appeal (including the Annual Review for 2023); an autumn appeal (including the Autumn Newsletter), and a Christmas appeal in support of our centres in Nigeria. All direct mail appeals in 2024 were well-supported.

We also receive donations in the form of regular giving every month or year which form the backbone of our support. Some donors have been exceptionally generous in 2024 in giving larger one-off amounts. To these donors and all our donors, we offer our thanks.

Donations from direct mail and regular giving increased in 2024 to £219,030 from £218,528 in 2023.

Legacies

SFLG was fortunate to receive generous support from its benefactors. In 2024, SFLG received four legacies totalling £97,967 (compared with £141,712 in 2023).

The details of SFLG's legators are captured in a Book of Remembrance and prayed for regularly. In addition, the names of legators are recorded in SFLG's online Garden of Remembrance.

Trusts

Fundraising from trusts recommenced in 2024. A fundraiser was engaged to drive our fundraising activities from trusts and foundations. A promising start has been made and £35,950 was raised from our trust pipeline in 2024.

Investment income

Investment income (bank interest, dividend income, losses and gains in investments) decreased to £2,161 in 2024, compared with £31,167 in 2023. The decrease was mainly due to less interest paid on reduced cash balances.

SFLG is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with its standards. No complaints were received about any aspect of fundraising in the reporting period. SFLG is compliant with the GDPR in all its activities and no data is sold to other organisations.

Annual Mass and Assembly

The Annual Mass and Assembly celebrating SFLG's 129th anniversary took place at Westminster Cathedral, London, SW1, on 4 October 2024. The Mass was celebrated by (then) Bishop John Sherrington (now Archbishop of Liverpool) and was followed by an Assembly afterwards at The Passage. The Annual Mass and Assembly is a great opportunity for SFLG to meet its supporters and the team and the trustees were delighted to be able to thank our supporters in person. On this occasion, £1,650 was raised.

Volunteers

SFLG is very privileged to have a committed, volunteer Board of Trustees, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Its trustees gave extensively of their time in 2024. The total value of the trustees' time cannot be estimated under normal measures but by any assessment it is of considerable value.

Overview of operations

Director

In May 2024, at the AGM, in recognition of her contribution to SFLG's operations since becoming Acting Director in April 2023, the trustees appointed Katharine Jones as Director. She remained in this role throughout 2024.

Accounting

In 2024, the trustees continued to outsource accounting to Waugh & Co. Chartered Accountants. Edmund Chavasse of Waugh & Co has handled the charity's day-to-day accounts since May 2023.

Data Management

In 2024, the trustees continued to engage an experienced data manager to manage our donor data and Customer Relations Management system, Donorfy. The trustees believe that high quality data handling, security and GDPR compliance are imperative. Data initiatives carried out during 2024 included the automation of Gift Aid collection, donor conversions/upgrades (to direct debits) and encouraging donors to sign up for Gift Aid.

Donor relationships and donor data

Between July 2021 and March 2024, an external agency provided donation handling and banking services to SFLG. In 2023, the trustees decided that these activities could be dealt with more efficiently in-house. In November 2023, an experienced bookkeeper was engaged to manage the charity's donor relationships, process all donations and update data on Donorfy. She has continued in this role throughout 2024. This approach contributes to the integrity of the charity's data and strength of its donor relationships.

Policy

Throughout 2024, SFLG has updated its policies in line with Charity Commission best practices.

Fundraising

During 2024, the charity issued five direct mail appeals which were well-supported by its donors. A new initiative to encourage Catholic parishes to support SFLG was also started. The trustees also approved the engagement of a fundraising expert to diversify our fundraising, develop our donor base and increase our income in 2025. The results of this work will be reported in next year's Annual report.

In 2024, a second fundraiser was engaged to raise funds from corporates and Donor Advised Funds. Although this work was tackled appropriately and rigorously, it did not prove successful in the difficult corporate fundraising environment. The fundraiser was therefore re-engaged to drive our fundraising from trusts and foundations. A promising start has been made and £35,950 has been raised from our trust pipeline so far.

In 2024, SFLG rebranded its corporate identity and updated its website. A new section of the website has been developed to reflect the charity's Catholic identity.

Cardinal's Episcopal Message

Our Patron, His Eminence, Vincent, Cardinal Nichols, recorded two videos and a Christmas message in support of our fundraising campaigns for Christmas and our forthcoming jubilee and for World Leprosy Day. We are very grateful to the Cardinal.

Social Media

In 2024, to raise and increase the charity's profile through its social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter/X), the trustees continued to hire a social media expert to maintain our output.

Executive and extended teams

At the end of 2024, the charity had two full-time employees (Charlotte John, Programmes Manager, and Rosanna Threakall, Secretariat Manager) and a full-time Director. Part-time contractors provided all other operational requirements.

The trustees would like to thank the commitment of the Executive team and the extended team of contractors who, between them, have continued to transform SFLG's operations during 2024.

Operating Costs

SFLG pays close attention to the control, and, where possible, reduction, of its annual operating costs.

In 2024, the costs of employing staff (pension, taxes and wages) decreased to £69,706 from £190,137 in 2023. The decreased payroll expenses were the result of a staff restructuring which took place in 2023 which has enabled SFLG to streamline its operations.

In 2024, other operating costs (which comprised the director's fees, data management fees, legal and professional fees and social media fees) totalled £122,415. These fees totalled £111,775 in 2023.

Support costs

Rent and utilities decreased in 2024 to £8,161 from £11,751 in 2023. Postage and stationery costs decreased in 2024 to £1,947 from £5,017 in 2023. Insurance increased in 2024 to £2,114 from £1,809 in 2023. Travel costs increased in 2024 to £7,283 from £5,498 in 2023. IT, software and website costs increased in 2024 to £8,557 from £6,371 in 2023. Membership subscriptions increased in 2024 to £8,656 from £4,775 in 2023. These and other support costs totalled £60,607 in 2024. Other support costs totalled £47,854 for 2023.

Costs of generating voluntary income

The costs of maintaining our donor relationships and handling donations, fundraising and implementation decreased to £124,635 in 2024, from £145,889 in 2023.

Safeguarding

SFLG's employees have little direct contact with people with leprosy, vulnerable adults or children, but the prime purpose of the partner organisations it supports is the daily care of such people. The Board of Trustees requires that all those conducting projects on SFLG's behalf comply with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. All the partner organisations that SFLG worked with in 2024 confirmed in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents. Compliance with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct will continue to be an absolute requirement for any future potential partner organisations. We continue to work closely with our partners to ensure safeguarding is prioritised and mainstreamed into our programmes and projects.

Following the resignation of Dr Margaret Burgess as a trustee in March 2024, Dr Donal O'Sullivan was appointed as a trustee in August 2024 and took over from Dr Burgess as joint Safe Guarding Lead.

Accounting practice

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Reserves policy

As at 31 December 2024, SFLG held unrestricted reserves of £703,290.

Trustees have reviewed the activities and commitments of the charity and determined that, to ensure continuity of activities and honour contractual liabilities, a level of free reserves should be maintained at between £250,000 and £750,000.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees are eager to generate a level of returns from reserves without taking on unacceptable risk. Their approach is to accept a level of medium risk, with a balance sought between realising a target income and achieving capital growth. Investments are divided among equities, bonds, cash and alternatives. The portfolio is externally managed by investment managers who are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Updates on the value of the portfolio are provided to SFLG quarterly. At least once a year the Board of Trustees discusses the performance of the investments with SFLG's investment manager, as well as the prevailing and anticipated economic conditions and a forecast of future trends. Trustees review the level of risk annually and look at future cash requirements to be funded by the investments. In the implementation of this policy, the trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance for the investment of charitable funds.

Our investment and reserves policy governs our funding strategy and future three-year strategy.

Asset Management

In July 2024, the trustees moved SFLG's asset portfolio from Brewin Dolphin to Waverton Investment Management. Between 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 the realised gain was £39,727.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the governance, operations and finances of SFLG, as well as those relating to the external economic environment and the regulatory framework in which SFLG operates. The trustees review these risks on a regular basis and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks from within SFLG.

Structure, governance, and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution of St Francis Leprosy Guild of 14 May 2020.

Charity constitution

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was established on 25 March 2020.

Charitable structure

SFLG changed its charitable status from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO) on 25 March 2020.

Appointment of trustees

Under SFLG's constitution, up to twelve trustees may be appointed for up to three terms of three years but may not be reappointed for a fourth term until after an interval of at least one year. Trustees are appointed based on suitable qualifications and experience. They are briefed on the activities of SFLG and their responsibilities as trustees by the existing trustees and the executive team. They manage the affairs of the CIO and exercise individually and jointly the powers set out in the Constitution. CBCEW nominates a trustee to represent them.

In 2024, five trustees retired or stood down from the Board: Michael Forbes Smith, Michael Heathcote (Treasurer), Dr Maggie Burgess, Cecilia Taylor-Camara and the Very Reverend Father Michael Copps OFM (Spiritual Director). SFLG is very grateful for their long and valuable contribution. In 2024, Caroline Connolly-Newland, Dr Donal O'Sullivan and Sandra Pearce joined the Board as trustees. Mrs Connolly-Newland took over from Michael Heathcote as Treasurer.

The trustees' skills audit is up to date.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests at each meeting.

Trustees' responsibility statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution of SFLG require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 governing document. 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.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 26.06.2025 signed on its behalf by:



..... Edward Reed, Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Francis Leprosy Guild (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

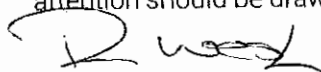
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



Paul West FCA

**PKW Accountancy Ltd Second Floor
1 Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1AE**

Date: 11/7/2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	3	373,354	0	373,354	360,240
Investments	4	2,161	0	2,161	31,167
Total Incoming Resources		375,515	0	375,515	391,407
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds	5	261,734	0	261,734	329,020
Charitable activities	6	384,003	0	384,003	552,289
Total Resources Expended		645,737	0	645,737	881,309
NET (EXPENDITURE) INCOME FOR THE YEAR		-270,222	0	-270,222	-489,902
OTHER RECOGNISED GAIN					
Other gains/(losses)		59,339		59,339	11,064
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-210,883	0	-210,883	-478,838
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		914,173	0	914,173	1,393,010
Total funds carried forward		703,290	0	703,290	914,172

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 23-29 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	0		0	200
Investments	8	637,981	0	637,981	748,254
		<u>637,981</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>637,981</u>	<u>748,454</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,694	0	1,694	18,116
Cash at bank		92,387	0	92,387	201,578
		<u>94,081</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94,081</u>	<u>219,694</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year					
	10	-28,772	0	-28,772	-53,976
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>65,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>65,309</u>	<u>165,718</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>703,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>703,290</u>	<u>914,172</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	11	<u>703,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>703,290</u>	<u>914,172</u>

The notes on pages 23-29 form part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of
the Board of Trustees

Edward Reed

Edward Reed
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on

26.06.2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

St Francis Leprosy Guild is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1188749.

The address of the registered office is 73 St Charles Square, London W10 6EJ.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting conventions and basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document as well as:

(a) FRS102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Charities SORP (FRS102))

(b) The Charities Act 2011

(c) the historic cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the entity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

There are no restricted funds in the charity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations, gifts and grants and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance of the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of expenditure:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Governance and support costs have been allocated on a 50:50 basis between raising funds and grant allocations. The support costs for grant allocations are allocated on a grant payable basis.

Cash flow

As a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 'Cash flow statements'.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tax recoverable

Tax recoverable relating to Gift Aid income is taken into account in the year in which the donation is received.

Valuation of investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at current valuation.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their very nature will rarely equal the related actual outcome.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Donations and gifts	254,980	0	254,980	199,537
Legacies receivable	97,967	0	97,967	141,712
Gift Aid	20,407	0	20,407	18,991
	<u>373,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>373,354</u>	<u>360,240</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>373,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>373,354</u>	<u>360,240</u>

4. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
Income from listed investments	-	19,208
Interest receivable	2,161	11,959
	<u>2,161</u>	<u>31,167</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

	2024	2023
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Marketing	124,635	145,889
Online costs	1,255	404
Depreciation	200	3,725
Support costs	115,436	169,138
	<u>241,526</u>	<u>319,156</u>
Investment management	20,208	9,864
Raising Funds total	<u>261,734</u>	<u>329,020</u>
<u>Investment management</u>		
Investment charges	20,208	9,864
	<u>20,208</u>	<u>9,864</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Training Funds (T)	Research Funds (R)	Active Case Finding (A)	Care grants (C)	Emergency or Capital grants (E)	Total 2024	Total 2023
Activities undertaken directly							
TRACE acronym							
Grant funding of activities	500	40,000	30,264	140,170	57,633	268,567	383,152
Share of support and governance costs	215	17,193	13,008	60,248	24,772	115,436	169,137
Total charitable activities	715	57,193	43,272	200,418	82,405	384,003	552,289

RESOURCES EXPENDED - GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<u>Support</u>				
Staff costs	69,706		69,706	190,137
Consultancy	55,500		55,500	63,588
Rent, utilities and telephone	8,161		8,161	11,751
Postage and stationery	1,947		1,947	5,017
IT support costs	43,103		43,103	6,371
Insurance	2,114		2,114	1,809
Travelling and events	7,283		7,283	5,498
Training	319		319	309
Bank charges	944		944	853
Sundries	9,425		9,425	4,755
Professional fees	28,326		28,326	32,623
	226,828	0	226,828	322,201

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<u>Governance</u>				
Legal advice	1,950	0	1,950	13,680
Independent examination services	2,094	0	2,094	2,394
Trustees expenses	0	0	0	0
	4,044	0	4,044	16,074

Total	230,872	0	230,872	338,275
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Analysed between

Fundraising	115,436	0	115,436	169,138
Charitable activities	115,436	0	115,436	169,137

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computers	Total
Cost at 1/1/2024 and 31/12/2024	9229	9229
Depreciation at 1/1/2024	9029	9029
Depreciation charge for the year	200	200
At 31/12/2024	9229	9229
NBV at 31/12/2024	0	0
NBV at 31/12/2023	200	200

8. INVESTMENTS VALUATION

	Listed	Cash in portfolio	Total
Market Value at 1 January 2024	719,069	29,185	748,254
Additions	17,288	-	17,288
Disposals	-150,000	-17,288	-167,288
Net realised investment gain/(loss)	39,727	-	39,727
Market Value at 31 December 2023	626,084	11,897	637,981

The investment was transferred from Brewin Dolphin to Waverton in 2024.

The Charity's investment policy is to maximise income, whilst protecting the capital value of any investments.

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
Prepayments	-	2,012
Gift Aid	1,694	16,104
	<u>1,694</u>	<u>18,116</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Accruals	13,618	53,976
Trade creditors	15,154	
Other taxation and social security	-	-
	<u>28,772</u>	<u>53,976</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2023
Investments	637,981	-	637,981	748,454
Net current assets	<u>65,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,309</u>	<u>165,718</u>
	<u>703,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>703,290</u>	<u>914,172</u>

SUNDRY NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES

Defined contribution scheme

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,758 (2023 - £4,183).

13. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The designation of funds was discontinued after 2023. A comparative note can be found overleaf in note 17.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

15. TRUSTEES

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the year.

There were no trustee expenses incurred in the year (2023 - none).

16. EMPLOYEES

	2024	2023
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2	4

Employment costs

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	67,948	145,789
Other pension costs	1,758	4,183
Redundancy costs	-	40,165
	69,706	190,137

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and the Director. The Director is not employed directly, therefore there is no key management personnel remuneration to report (2023 - £23,847), or pension contributions (2023 - £751), or employers' national insurance (2023 - £2,872).

	2024	2023
The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:	0	0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

17. Designated funds (comparative note of previous year)

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Resources expended £	Transfers 1 £	Balance at January 2023 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Active Case-Finding funding	240,000	(140,807)	9,458	108,651	(108,651)	0	0
Maintenance projects / Assisi funding	0	0	214,466	214,466	(214,466)	0	0
Emergency funding	30,000	(30,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Recruitment / fundraising	143,000	(143,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Training	10,000	(1,201)	(8,799)	0	0	0	0
Capital projects	15,000	(15,000)	20,000	20,000	(20,000)	0	0
Support	0	0	10,504	10,504	(5,498)	(5,006)	0
	<u>438,000</u>	<u>(330,008)</u>	<u>245,629</u>	<u>353,621</u>	<u>(348,615)</u>	<u>(5,006)</u>	<u>0</u>

The designated funds are:

Active Case-Finding funding

This is a designated fund for finding new projects that are considered worth funding.

Maintenance Projects / Assisi funding

This designated fund is to ensure that annual grant commitments can be met for the following year.

Emergency funding

This designated fund is to ensure that emergency grants are available to those that require urgent assistance

Recruitment/fundraising

This designated fund is to ensure there are funds available to cover the next twelve months costs.

Training

This designated fund has been set aside for training costs.

Capital Projects

This designated fund has been set aside for capital projects.

Support

This designated fund has been set aside for international membership fees and travel costs for partner projects.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188749

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1188749

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

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Abbreviations

CBCEW	Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
SFLG	St Francis Leprosy Guild
WHO	World Health Organization

Reference and administrative details for the year 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts. This is in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Board of Trustees

Mr Michael Forbes Smith (Chair of Trustees up to May 2023)

Mr Edward Reed (Chair of Trustees from May 2023)

Mr Michael Heathcote (Treasurer)

Mr Liam Allmark

Mrs Clare Barton

Dr Margaret Burgess

Very Reverend Father Michael Copps OFM

Dr William Dibb

Professor Noel Gill

Professor Robin Graham-Brown (stood down in May 2023)

Ms Nalini Nathan (stood down in February 2023)

Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara

Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Clare McIntosh (resigned in April 2023)

Acting Director

Katharine Jones (appointed April 2023)

Brief details about each of the current trustees are as follows:

Chair (up to May 2023) - Michael Forbes Smith. A former British soldier 1971-1978; diplomat 1978-2004; ambassador to Tajikistan 2002-2004 and Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2006-2012.

Chair (from May 2023) - Edward Reed. A solicitor and partner at Macfarlanes, advising internationally mobile families on their asset structuring, personal tax, succession planning, wills and trusts, with an affinity for civil law issues generally. Is trustee of a number of charities.

Honorary Treasurer - Michael Heathcote. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a Freeman of the City of London, and a Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights. Committed to charities that promote and support humanitarian, educational and cultural projects.

Liam Allmark. A senior Policy and Research Analyst for international affairs at CBCEW. He supports the bishops in their work on a range of global issues, including peacebuilding, promoting human rights, and supporting refugees. Travels regularly in support of the local church overseas, including Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, Iraq and Thailand.

Clare Barton. A solicitor who has worked both at a major City law firm and as an in-house lawyer. A Governor at her local school since 2013 and Chair of the school's Admissions Committee. CAFOD and MISSIO representative for her local parish. Safeguarding Lead from May 2023.

Dr Margaret Burgess. A lecturer on leprosy at LSHTM. She holds a Diploma in Tropical Nursing and based her MSc dissertation on her experiences living in a leprosy colony in Nepal. In 2008 she was awarded a DSSc from Brunel University. She is a trustee of the Friends of Arundel Cathedral, the Society of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, co-chair and trustee of the Centenary Appeal, the Sussex Community Foundation and Promise Nepal. Safeguarding Lead from May 2023.

Father Michael Copps. A member of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM) since 1965; Guardian and Novice Master in the community in Chilworth, Surrey 1981 to 1990; subsequently served as a parish priest in Nottingham, St Antony's, Forest Gate and St Francis, Stratford, including as Guardian of the Community 1994-1997. He was Provincial of the Friars in England 2005-2014 and elected Custos in 2018.

Dr William Dibb. A retired consultant clinical microbiologist and infection control doctor. Also, the Chair of Laboratories and Infection Prevention and Control for many years. Wide infection experience abroad, including in the developing world. A keen medical historian with a special interest in the history of infection.

Professor Noel Gill. An infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM; worked at Public Health England's National Infectious Disease Surveillance Centre leading the HIV & STI team 1980- 2020. After retirement he returned part-time from 2020 through 2021 to assist with the response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Professor Robin Graham-Brown. A (mostly) retired Consultant Dermatologist at University Hospitals of Leicester and the Gibraltar Health Authority 1983-2018; Editor, British Journal of Dermatology 2000-2004; President, British Association of Dermatologists 2005-2006, and Dowling Club 2009-2010; combines active clinical practice with research, teaching, authorship and clinical management at trust board level; he is Chair of Trustees of a hospice in the East Midlands. Safeguarding Lead up to May 2023.

Nalini Nathan. General Secretary for the Conference of Religious in England and Wales. Prior to this she worked at CAFOD for seven years in various roles. Plays an active role in social justice. She has an MA in Contemporary Ethics and is a trustee of another Catholic charity.

Cecilia Taylor-Camara. Until 2020, a senior policy adviser in the Office for Migration Policy at CBCEW; strategic lead and adviser on migration, racial justice and human trafficking. She continues to work on combatting human trafficking and raising awareness of the crime.

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About leprosy – a curable disease

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is a chronic, infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae* discovered in 1873 by the Norwegian physician Gerhard Armauer Hansen. Leprosy affects the skin, peripheral nerves and the upper respiratory tract. Leprosy can affect anyone, at any age, but it is linked to poverty and malnutrition. Leprosy continues to be a threat to public health in low and middle-income countries. Despite the widespread fear that leprosy is highly contagious, it is in fact difficult to catch and 95% of us are resistant to developing the disease. It is thought that leprosy is spread by droplet infection (coughing and sneezing) during prolonged and close contact with untreated individuals who have the disease. People who lack access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, those with compromised immune systems or who are malnourished are also more likely to catch it. Leprosy is a disease of poverty.

Leprosy is challenging to diagnose, especially at the early stages. It attacks peripheral nerves, which destroys the ability to feel pain. The lack of sensation leads to trauma, ulcers and other infections. Left untreated, these infections can lead to permanent disability, disfigurement and amputations. Even those treated for leprosy and who are no longer infectious can still develop complications over their lifetime. Leprosy can also cause blindness, facial disfigurement and the clawing of hands and feet. The visible disability and disfigurement caused by leprosy over the years means the disease is greatly feared. Many leprosy-affected people (including their families and children) are subjected to stigma and discrimination and excluded from society. Since the earliest of times, fear and ignorance has allowed society to discriminate against and deny leprosy-affected people their right to a full and normal life.

In addition, outdated discriminatory laws mean that people with leprosy can be forcibly evicted from their homes, livelihoods, and places of work. In some parts of the world, leprosy is a reason for divorce. Due to these terrible injustices, people with leprosy may not come forward for medical treatment, putting themselves, their families and communities at greater risk. A United Nations Special Rapporteur (operating under the aegis of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) is working to identify and repeal these laws.

Leprosy is curable today with a course of antibiotics known as Multidrug Therapy (MDT) which first became available in 1981 and has been distributed free of charge worldwide to patients since 1991.

Following the introduction of MDT, around seventeen million people have been released from treatment for leprosy. However, since the early 2000s, the downwards trend of numbers diagnosed and treated has stagnated at around 200,000 per year. In addition, the number of people contracting the disease who are undiagnosed, or living with its effects, such as blindness, amputated limbs or the stigma and discrimination associated with it, is many millions.

The WHO monitors leprosy worldwide and has developed a global leprosy strategy, which is reviewed by experts every five years. The goal of the current strategy is to achieve Zero Leprosy. SFLG, along with the rest of the global leprosy community, is aligned with the WHO strategy. The final mile to ending leprosy is proving to be the toughest and most challenging. According to WHO, there are between two and five million undiagnosed (disfigured and disabled) leprosy-affected people worldwide. So, although we can see an end to this terrible and ancient disease, there remains plenty to be done to achieve Zero Leprosy. SFLG has existed for 129 years but it is this ongoing challenge which keeps us focused.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)

SFLG was founded on 23 October 1895. The moving spirit was Kate Marsden, a nursing heroine determined to help relieve the desperate plight of leprosy sufferers throughout the world. Until MDT became widely available through the WHO in the 1990s, SFLG's primary activity was the compassionate support of leprosy villages, hospitals, clinics or communities that treat or care for leprosy sufferers and their dependants.

In 2017, SFLG embarked on "A Pilgrimage of Hope" combining a commitment to play our part in the WHO's developing strategies, currently (2021-30) "Towards Zero Leprosy", with a determination to increase the charity's professionalism and grow the voluntary income needed to meet that challenge.

As part of that process, SFLG became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2020. SFLG's key strategic focus is now the detection and diagnosis of people affected by leprosy as early as possible while maintaining the material support that it has provided to leprosy sufferers and their dependants for the past 129 years. SFLG's activities and projects, in particular its focused, intensive Active Case-Finding programme, are now making an important contribution to ascertaining, diagnosing, treating, monitoring and rehabilitating people with leprosy: making our contribution towards stopping the disease in its tracks and preventing more avoidable suffering. In addition, through its membership of the Leprosy Research Initiative, SFLG has contributed towards innovative applied research projects.

SFLG is now a member of several global organisations working together to break the transmission of leprosy and to end leprosy for good, including the Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy, the Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network and ILEP (The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations) which covers over sixty countries and thousands of projects. Through these memberships, SFLG has direct relationships with the WHO and the United Nations.

SFLG is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Although a Roman Catholic charity, SFLG has never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of our beneficiaries, nor of race, colour, gender or age. We are proud of our heritage and, conscious of the trust our benefactors and donors place in us, we are invigorated by the unique opportunity we have before us to play our part in ending leprosy for good.

We look forward to celebrating our 130th anniversary during the 2025 Jubilee Year, which also marks the penultimate in a series of Franciscan anniversaries, the 800th anniversary of the Canticles of the Creatures. The Annual Mass and Assembly to mark this will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 4 October 2025.

Vision and Mission

Our **vision** is a leprosy-free world.

Our **mission** is to end leprosy's devastating impact everywhere for everyone.

To do this, we work with dedicated partners around the world to help find and cure people with leprosy before they develop disability, to care for people living with leprosy's devastating impact and to fund research into new ways to end leprosy.

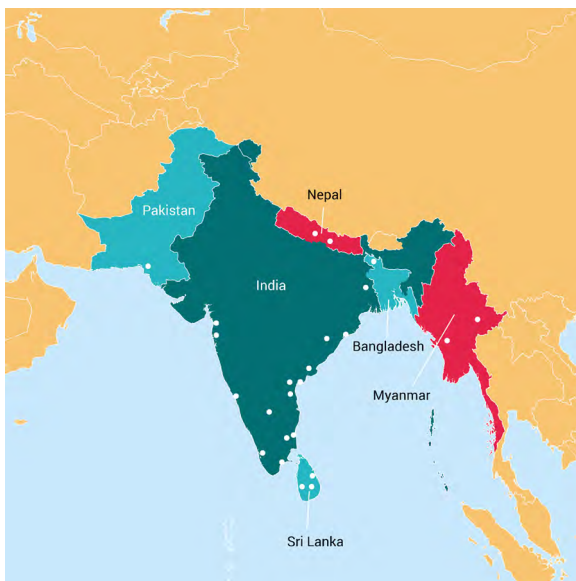
In 2023, SFLG worked in fourteen countries supporting over forty centres, research activities and programmes.



Where we work in Africa



Where we work in Brazil



Where we work in Asia

Objectives and aims

SFLG's objectives are as follows:

1. funding organisations giving relief and assistance to persons with leprosy or disabled as a result of leprosy, their families, and dependants throughout the world;
2. funding activity towards prevention and control of the disease of leprosy, including relevant investigations and research of the causes, treatment, and prevention of this disease, and
3. carrying out or funding the professional education of those engaged in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of leprosy.

In our activities as described below, the trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, including on public benefit.

Operational activities

In 2023, SFLG continued to categorise its activities under the **TRACE** acronym.

Training

Supporting undergraduate and postgraduate leprosy-specific specialist skills through short or long-term training and learning opportunities for any grade of healthcare worker to develop their potential as future specialist leaders committed to Zero Leprosy.

Research

Supporting applied research into leprosy transmission, prevention, and care (in collaboration with the Leprosy Research Initiative).

Active Case-Finding

Detecting new leprosy cases by screening all members of at-risk populations.

Care

Supporting the care of leprosy cases and their contacts through providing inpatient and outpatient treatment, surgery, rehabilitation, and long-term care for people diagnosed with leprosy, their families, and others living in or near their households.

Emergency Support/Capital Equipment

Investing capital in leprosy-related equipment, maintenance of facilities and rebuilding. Maintaining an Emergencies Reserve to meet any needs that may arise due to adversity.

Training

It is difficult to recruit healthcare practitioners to work in a highly stigmatized disease area like leprosy. Leprosy treatment lacks the prestige and higher salaries of many medical disciplines. Our aim is to support opportunities to fill this deficiency gap and increase the leprosy care experience of healthcare professionals. For this reason, funding leprosy-specific training is part of SFLG's activity.

Historically, SFLG has funded short-term visiting electives for students to spend time in one of its centres to develop their knowledge of leprosy. In 2023, SFLG did not provide funding for such an elective.

Research

SFLG is an Associate Member of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI), a global joint venture of twelve leprosy NGOs with the shared goal of working together to achieve Zero Leprosy. LRI consolidates leprosy research worldwide and prioritises future projects to deliver the vision of a *world free from leprosy*. SFLG's membership of LRI ensures our research investment is distributed competitively, is independently peer-reviewed, and is expertly evaluated.

SFLG is funding three significant projects through this relationship:

1. The development of a mobile app to assist healthcare providers in Eastern India to screen suspected leprosy cases based on multiple criteria, and to record data for follow up. As leprosy has a very long incubation period (three to twenty years), people who may have been exposed to leprosy need to be checked regularly for many years to come. The app aims to support the diagnosis of other diseases including tuberculosis.
2. The testing of fabric boots in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, affectionately known as the *Beckham Boot*, as an alternative treatment for people with leprosy who have leg ulcers. This treatment will be tested against the current practice of using plaster casts, which can be uncomfortable and sub-optimal.
3. Engaging persons affected by leprosy in Ghana to become agents of change in their community by becoming leprosy peer mentors to support early case detection, disease management and disability inclusion, with a view to reducing stigma and improving mental health.

Active Case-Finding

Leprosy is a highly stigmatized, insidious, transmissible disease. It has an incubation phase of three to twenty years making its mode of transmission almost impossible to trace. Leprosy may not cause any pain and discomfort in the early stage, so people do not seek medical help. Once it is apparent, stigma or legal consequences frequently act as a powerful disincentive to seeking treatment. Yet early diagnosis and treatment would prevent the disability, stigma and disfigurement that can develop, and it would prevent others catching it.

To work towards the goal of Zero Leprosy, in 2020 SFLG began supporting selected partners to detect new leprosy cases early by conducting door-to-door screening of all members of disadvantaged populations at higher risk of leprosy. The aim of this population-based Active Case-Finding (PB-ACF) is to screen all members of a target population over a three-year period, through a series of case-finding campaigns in local areas where the incidence of leprosy may be relatively high.

During 2021, SFLG sponsored the following six PB-ACF projects:

1. Dhanjuri Leprosy Centre (Bangladesh)
2. ALERT India
3. Bombay Leprosy Project (India)
4. The Leprosy Mission in Nepal
5. New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust (India) and
6. Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (Pakistan).

Building on this work, in 2022 SFLG invited partners to propose new PB-ACF projects. SFLG agreed to support three more projects, which launched between September and November 2022, in the following areas:

1. The Meherpur District, Bangladesh (with The Leprosy Mission of England and Wales);
2. Tamil Nadu, India (The Holy Family Hansenorium);
3. The Yumbe and Zombo districts, Uganda (with The German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association).

In 2023, SFLG and its partners continued to implement the nine PB-ACF projects, each of which have delivered significant results. Since the launch of the PB-ACF programme, 441,573 people have been screened in areas with limited access to healthcare and 417 new cases of leprosy were found. Sixty-four skin camps were undertaken in India alone. Finding these cases early will prevent almost all from developing permanent disabilities. During the projects' implementation period, over three hundred healthcare workers were trained in the skills needed to spot the early signs of leprosy.

Care

SFLG's principal activity since 1895 has been supporting treatment and rehabilitation for people with leprosy, together with awareness campaigns to combat stigma and remove the fear and misunderstanding surrounding the disease. Leprosy-affected individuals require a range of support including reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, social rehabilitation and training in new skills, and, in some cases (where individuals have been rejected by their communities), lifelong care is needed. SFLG supports the holistic care of people affected by leprosy and their contacts through the provision of inpatient and outpatient treatment and care. Our partners include hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and community-based rehabilitation organisations.

In 2023, SFLG supported thirty-one partner organisations in fourteen countries with over 15,400 care-focused interventions. The objective of all these interventions is to enable people affected by leprosy to return to their communities and make their contribution to their family life and society. In addition, our partners diagnosed 1,438 new cases of leprosy in 2023.

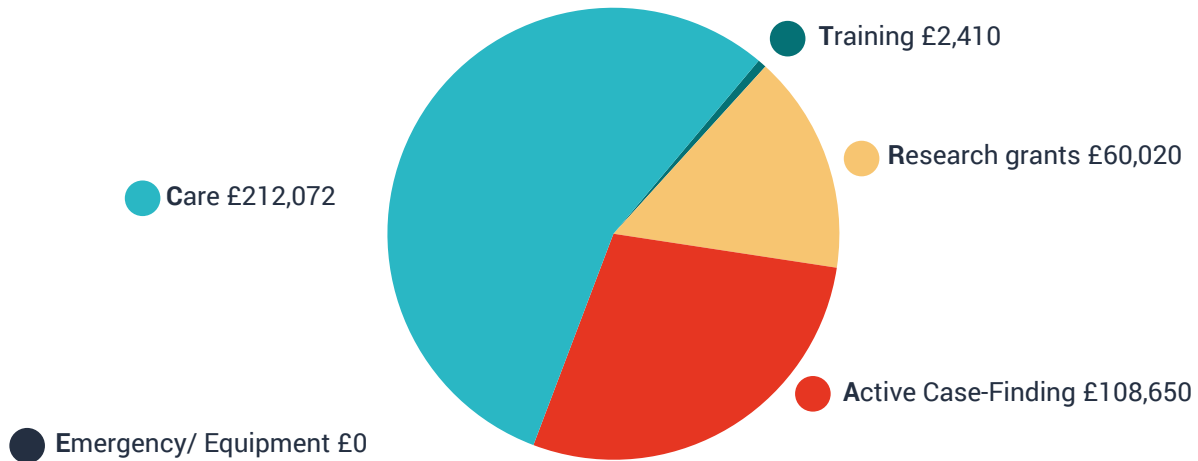
Some of SFLG's key projects include:

- Funding the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre, Pakistan to improve the quality of life for 150 people affected by leprosy, using a targeted, multi-pronged approach that leads to socio-economic stability and quality healthcare.
- Funding Doctor Tony Gonzalez's hospital boat, which travels to remote locations on a tributary of the river Amazon that cannot be reached by road, to diagnose and treat leprosy.
- Funding communities of nuns, such as the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary at the Badulla, Manthivu and Hendala leprosy centres in Sri Lanka, to provide friendship and nursing care to people affected by leprosy who are forgotten by society.
- Funding Aripea Health Centre, Uganda, to support people affected by leprosy and their families by providing access to basic supplies, healthcare and services which are otherwise inaccessible due to income loss after leprosy diagnosis.
- Funding St Joseph's Leprosy Hospital in Tuticorin, India, to provide training to people affected by leprosy in new skills such as using a sewing machine, making shoes, keeping chickens or basket-making. Such income-generating projects empower people affected by leprosy to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.
- Funding St Joseph Cottollengo Centre, Myanmar to give self-care training to people with leprosy to help them prevent leprosy ulcers and other impairments from developing, and to provide assistance devices such as wheelchairs.
- Developing a new partnership with Kust Nivaran Davakhana, India to work with neglected leprosy communities, providing much needed healthcare, socio-economic development and housing support.

Emergency relief

We maintain an Emergencies Reserve to meet any needs that may arise due to adversity such as natural disasters affecting our partners, or the people affected by leprosy with whom we work. In 2023, thankfully, none of our centres needed emergency relief. The budget was used instead on capital equipment such as a motorcycle, solar panels, and water tanks.

Expenditure by TRACE in 2023 £383,152



Partner Due Diligence

SFLG's Executive Team carried out due diligence on any potential partners to ensure:

- the identity of the beneficiary
- that funds are applied in accordance with SFLG's charitable purposes
- that funds are not knowingly used for:
 - money laundering, in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations
 - terrorism financing, in accordance with the Terrorism Act 2000
 - bribery, in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010.

SFLG's Executive team also adopts a risk-rated approach to due diligence. Risk factors include:

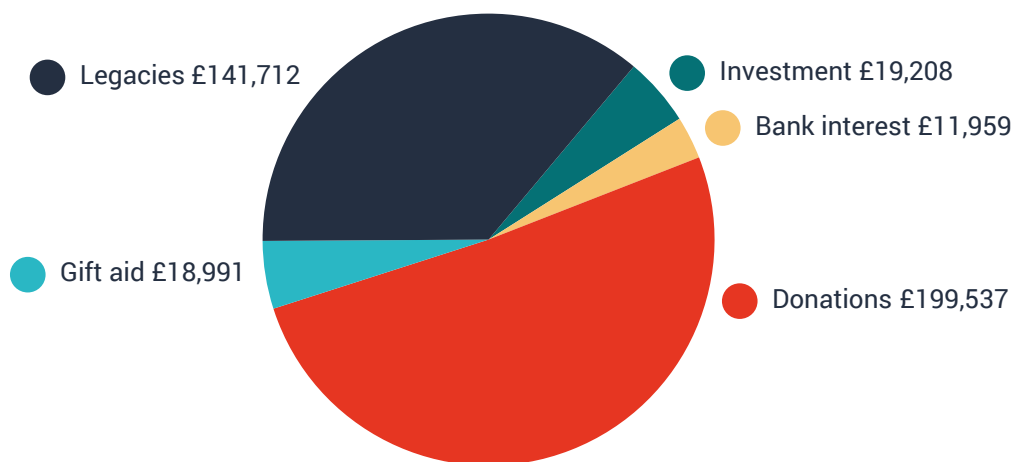
- funding contributed
- the country of residence of the recipient
- the geographical location in which the grant will be applied
- the nature of the relationship between the charity and the applicant
- the capacity of the organisation.

The results of any due diligence do not last indefinitely. In cases where beneficiaries are supported for a significant period, additional due diligence is undertaken if there is a change of circumstances that might impact the partner or, in any case, every two years.

Fundraising and performance

In 2023, SFLG generated income of £391,407, less than half the £979,829 raised in 2022. However, in 2023, aware of the imperative to reduce the reliance on legacy income, individual donations were increased to £218,528 from £147,554 in 2022. Legacy income decreased by £651,402 in 2023 to £141,712 compared to £793,114 in 2022.

Total Income 2023 – £391,407



Individual giving (donations and Gift Aid)

The main means of introducing new donors to SFLG has been through inserts in various press titles. In 2023, a new initiative, Partially Addressed Mail or "PAM", was tested in the spring and autumn. Given their lack of success in 2023, the use of both press inserts and PAM will be discontinued in 2024.

In terms of raising funds, SFLG issued three direct mail appeals in 2023: a late summer appeal including the Annual Review for 2022; an autumn appeal including the Autumn Newsletter for 2023, and a Christmas appeal in support of Active Case-Finding in Bangladesh. All direct mail appeals in 2023 were very well-supported. In 2023, SFLG reviewed its marketing and fundraising strategy with an external fundraising strategist, to ensure donor diversification.

SFLG is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with its standards. No complaints were received about any aspect of fundraising in the reporting period. SFLG is compliant with the GDPR in all its activities and no data is sold to other organisations.

The Annual Mass and Assembly celebrating SFLG's 128th anniversary was due to take place at Westminster Cathedral, London, SW1, on 4 October 2023. The event regrettably had to be postponed due to rail and tube strikes. The Annual Mass and Assembly is ordinarily a great opportunity for SFLG to meet its supporters and the trustees were sorry not to be able to thank our supporters in person on this occasion.

Legacies

SFLG was fortunate to receive generous support from its benefactors. In 2023, SFLG received four legacies totalling £141,712 (compared with £793,114 in 2022).

The details of SFLG's legators are captured in a Book of Remembrance and prayed for regularly. In addition, the names of legators are recorded in SFLG's online Garden of Remembrance at <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/remembrance.html>.

Trusts

No trust fundraising was undertaken in 2023 and income from this source was not recorded. Trust fundraising recommenced in 2024 following an operational restructuring (see Staff and restructuring below).

Investment income

Investment income decreased to £19,208 in 2023 compared with £20,187 in 2022.

Volunteers

SFLG is very privileged to have a committed, volunteer Board of Trustees, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Its trustees gave extensively of their time. The total value of the trustees' time cannot be estimated under normal measures but by any assessment it is of considerable value.

Staff and restructuring

At the start of 2023, SFLG employed a full-time Chief Executive Officer (Clare McIntosh), Finance Director (Servet Ege), Programmes Manager (Charlotte John), Administrator (Rosanna Threakall) and Community Fundraiser (Eileen Murray).

In April 2023, to mitigate the risk from unsustainable workloads and payroll costs, the trustees restructured the Executive team. The roles of Chief Executive Officer and Finance Director were made redundant. An Acting Director was appointed on a consulting basis to oversee SFLG's operations and, at the recommendation of the Honorary Treasurer, external accountants were appointed.

Overview of operations

Acting Director

Throughout 2021 and 2022, SFLG outsourced its communications (website development and graphic design and PR) to Katharine Jones. In April 2023, the trustees invited Katharine to step in as Acting Director, to steer and bring stability to SFLG's operations. She remained in this role throughout 2023.

Accounting

In 2023, the trustees outsourced accounting to Waugh & Co. Chartered Accountants. Edmund Chavasse of Waugh & Co has handled the charity's day-to-day accounts since May 2023.

Data Management

At the end of 2022, the trustees commissioned a new Customer Relations Management Database (CRM), Donorfy. All donor data from previous databases were transferred to Donorfy. To ensure the integrity of the data, the trustees engaged an experienced data manager on a consultancy basis in May 2023 to manage the CRM. This measure has transformed the quality and utility of the charity's data. The trustees believe that high quality data handling, security and GDPR compliance are imperative.

Donor relationships and donor data

Between July 2021 and March 2024, an external agency provided donation handling and banking services to SFLG. The agency was responsible for processing donations, donor and supporter relationships and handling enquiries from the website. In 2023, the trustees decided that these activities could be dealt with more efficiently in-house, and notice was given to the external agency (which took effect from March 2024). In November 2023, an experienced bookkeeper was engaged to manage the charity's donor relationships, process all donations and update data on Donorfy.

Policy

Throughout 2023, SFLG has updated its policies in line with Charity Commission best practices. Rosie Threakall was promoted from Administrator to Head of Secretariat and Policy to manage the ongoing need for policy development.

Fundraising

During 2023, an external fundraising strategist was engaged to advise the charity on how to diversify and grow its fundraising to mitigate its reliance on legacies and develop a sustainable fundraising platform. Following this fundraising review, in December 2023 the trustees decided that there was limited scope for raising funds from local schools and churches and the Community Fundraiser's role was made redundant.

Social Media

In 2023, to raise and increase the charity's profile through its social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter/X), a social media expert was hired to maintain our outputs.

Executive and extended teams

At the end of 2023, the charity had two full-time employees (Charlotte John, Programmes Manager, and Rosanna Threakall, Secretariat Manager) and a full-time Acting Director. Part-time contractors and consultants provided all other operational requirements.

The trustees would like to thank the commitment of the Executive team and the extended team of contractors who, between them, have transformed SFLG's operations during 2023.

In 2023, the costs of employing staff (pension, taxes and wages) and the restructuring increased to £190,137 from £163,670 in 2022. The cost benefits of the restructuring will be seen in 2024.

Operating Costs

SFLG pays close attention to the control, and, where possible, reduction, of its annual operating costs.

Rent and utilities increased to £11,751 in 2023 from £7,667 in 2022. Postage and stationery costs increased to £5,017 in 2023 from £3,589 in 2022. IT and Support Costs decreased to £6,371 from £8,631 in 2022. Insurance increased to £1,809 from £1,388 in 2022. Travel costs decreased to £5,498 from £9,672 in 2022. Legal and professional fees decreased to £16,074 from £18,130 in 2022. Total support costs were £148,138 in 2023 including the cost of part-time contractors and consultants.

The cost of maintaining donors and finding new donors increased to £145,889 in 2023, up from £136,901 in 2022. The increase was due to the Partially Addressed Mail initiative which will be discontinued in 2024. The cost benefits in relation to the reduced donor acquisition will be seen in 2024.

Safeguarding

SFLG's employees have little direct contact with people with leprosy, vulnerable adults, or children, but the prime purpose of the partner organisations it supports is the daily care of such people. The Board of Trustees requires that all those conducting projects on SFLG's behalf comply with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. All the partner organisations that SFLG worked with in 2023 confirmed in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents. Compliance with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct will continue to be an absolute requirement for any future potential partner organisations. We continue to work closely with our partners to ensure safeguarding is prioritised and mainstreamed into our programmes and projects.

In May 2023, following the retirement as a trustee of Professor Robin Graham-Brown, he was replaced as Safeguarding Lead by Clare Barton and Dr Margaret Burgess who became Joint Safeguarding Leads.

Accounting practice

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Reserves policy

As at 31 December 2023, SFLG held unrestricted reserves of £914,172.

Trustees have reviewed the activities and commitments of the charity and determined that, to ensure continuity of activities and honour contractual liabilities, a level of free reserves should be maintained at between £500,000 and £1 million.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees are eager to generate a level of returns from reserves without taking on unacceptable risk. Their approach is to accept a level of medium risk, with a balance sought between realising a target income and achieving capital growth. Investments are divided among equities, bonds, cash and alternatives. The portfolio is externally managed by investment managers who are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Updates on the value of the portfolio are provided to SFLG quarterly. At least once a year the Board of Trustees discusses the performance of the investments with SFLG's investment manager, as well as the prevailing and anticipated economic conditions and a forecast of future trends, and it looks at future cash requirements to be funded by the investments. Trustees review the level of risk annually. In the implementation of this policy, the trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance for the investment of charitable funds.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the governance, operations and finances of SFLG, as well as those relating to the external economic environment and the regulatory framework in which SFLG operates. The trustees review these risks on a regular basis and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks from within SFLG.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution of St Francis Leprosy Guild of 14 May 2020.

Charity constitution

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was established on 25 March 2020.

Charitable structure

SFLG changed its charitable status from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO) on 25 March 2020.

Appointment of trustees

Under SFLG's constitution, up to twelve trustees may be appointed for up to three terms of three years but may not be reappointed for a fourth term until after an interval of at least one year. Trustees are appointed based on suitable qualifications and experience. They are briefed on the activities of SFLG and their responsibilities as trustees by the existing trustees. They manage the affairs of the CIO and exercise individually and jointly the powers set out in the Constitution. The Provincial or Custos of the Order of Friars Minor is Spiritual Director and a trustee ex officio. CBCEW nominates a trustee to represent them.

In 2023, two trustees, Professor Robin Graham-Brown and Ms Nalini Nathan, stood down from the Board. SFLG is very grateful for their long and valuable contribution.

The trustees' skills audit is up to date.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests at each meeting.

Trustees' responsibility statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution of SFLG require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 governing document. 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.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 21 .x. 2024 signed on its behalf by:



..... Edward Reed, Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Francis Leprosy Guild (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



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Date: 22/10/2024.....

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2	357,347	2,893	360,240	936,724	20,796	957,520
Investments	3	31,167	-	31,167	22,309	-	22,309
Total income		388,514	2,893	391,407	959,033	20,796	979,829
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	4	329,020	-	329,020	260,206	-	260,206
Charitable activities	5	549,396	2,893	552,289	465,877	20,796	486,673
Total expenditure		878,416	2,893	881,309	726,083	20,796	746,879
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	11,064	-	11,064	(145,592)	-	(145,592)
Net movement in funds		(478,838)	-	(478,838)	87,358	-	87,358
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		1,393,010	-	1,393,010	1,305,652	-	1,305,652
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		914,172	-	914,172	1,393,010	-	1,393,010

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		200		3,925
Investments	13		748,254		722,509
			<u>748,454</u>		<u>726,434</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	18,116		14,760	
Cash at bank and in hand		201,578		670,965	
		<u>219,694</u>		<u>685,725</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(53,976)		(19,149)	
Net current assets			<u>165,718</u>		<u>666,576</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>914,172</u>		<u>1,393,010</u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	-		353,621	
General unrestricted funds		914,172		1,039,389	
		<u>914,172</u>		<u>1,393,010</u>	
			<u>914,172</u>		<u>1,393,010</u>

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21. x. 2024

Edward Reed

Trustee

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	19		(485,873)		203,845
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(2,708)	
Purchase of investments		(182,114)		(137,474)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		167,433		126,518	
Investment income received		31,167		22,309	
Net cash generated from investing activities			16,486		8,645
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(469,387)		212,490
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			670,965		458,475
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			201,578		670,965

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Francis Leprosy Guild is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance and support costs have been allocated on a 50:50 basis between raising funds and grant allocations. The support costs for grant allocations are allocated on a grant payable basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	50% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	215,635	2,893	218,528	143,610	20,796	164,406
Legacies receivable	141,712	-	141,712	793,114	-	793,114
	<u>357,347</u>	<u>2,893</u>	<u>360,240</u>	<u>936,724</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>957,520</u>
Donations and gifts						
Donations	196,644	2,893	199,537	130,775	20,796	151,571
Gift aid	18,991	-	18,991	12,835	-	12,835
	<u>215,635</u>	<u>2,893</u>	<u>218,528</u>	<u>143,610</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>164,406</u>

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from listed investments	19,208	20,187
Interest receivable	11,959	2,122
	<u>31,167</u>	<u>22,309</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Marketing	145,889	136,901
Online fundraising costs	404	258
Depreciation	3,725	3,023
Support costs	169,138	110,794
	<u>319,156</u>	<u>250,976</u>
Fundraising and publicity		
<u>Investment management</u>	9,864	9,230
	<u>329,020</u>	<u>260,206</u>

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Training	Research	Active case finding	Care grants	Total 2023	Total 2022
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	2,410	60,020	108,650	212,072	383,152	375,879
Share of support costs (see note 7)	967	25,293	45,752	89,088	161,100	101,729
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	48	1,262	2,283	4,444	8,037	9,065
	<u>3,425</u>	<u>86,575</u>	<u>156,685</u>	<u>305,604</u>	<u>552,289</u>	<u>486,673</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	3,425	86,575	153,792	305,604	549,396	465,877
Restricted funds	-	-	2,893	-	2,893	20,796
	<u>3,425</u>	<u>86,575</u>	<u>156,685</u>	<u>305,604</u>	<u>552,289</u>	<u>486,673</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Training	Research	Active case finding	Care grants	Emergency grants	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	9,222	40,000	108,787	179,973	37,897	375,879
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,543	10,783	29,400	48,728	10,275	101,729
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	227	960	2,620	4,342	916	9,065
	<u>11,992</u>	<u>51,743</u>	<u>140,807</u>	<u>233,043</u>	<u>49,088</u>	<u>486,673</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	11,992	51,743	132,984	220,070	49,088	465,877
Restricted funds	-	-	7,823	12,973	-	20,796
	<u>11,992</u>	<u>51,743</u>	<u>140,807</u>	<u>233,043</u>	<u>49,088</u>	<u>486,673</u>

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Grants payable

	Training	Research	Active case finding	Care grants	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions:					
Grants	2,410	60,020	108,650	212,072	383,152

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Training	Research	Active case finding	Care grants	Emergency grants	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions:						
Grants	9,222	40,000	108,787	179,973	37,897	375,879

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	190,137	-	190,137	163,740	-	163,740
Consultancy	95,701	-	95,701	-	-	-
Rent, utilities and telephone	11,751	-	11,751	7,667	-	7,667
Postage and stationery	5,017	-	5,017	3,589	-	3,589
IT support costs	6,371	-	6,371	8,631	-	8,631
Insurance	1,809	-	1,809	1,388	-	1,388
Travelling	5,498	-	5,498	9,672	-	9,672
Training	309	-	309	1,201	-	1,201
Bank charges	853	-	853	1,126	-	1,126
Sundries	4,755	-	4,755	6,444	-	6,444
Legal and professional	-	16,074	16,074	-	18,130	18,130
	322,201	16,074	338,275	203,458	18,130	221,588
Analysed between						
Fundraising	161,101	8,037	169,138	101,729	9,065	110,794
Charitable activities	161,100	8,037	169,137	101,729	9,065	110,794
	322,201	16,074	338,275	203,458	18,130	221,588

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the year.

There were no trustee expenses incurred in the year (2022 - none).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	4	4
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	185,954	159,581
Other pension costs	4,183	4,159
	190,137	163,740

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. During the year the Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £23,847 (2022 - £63,038), pension contributions of £751 (2022 - £1,891) and employers' national insurance of £2,872 (2022 - £7,849).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	-	1

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	16,724	(112,831)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(5,660)	(32,761)
	11,064	(145,592)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	9,229
At 31 December 2023	9,229
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	5,304
Depreciation charged in the year	3,725
At 31 December 2023	9,029
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	200
At 31 December 2022	3,925

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2023	676,754	45,755	722,509
Additions	182,114	-	182,114
Valuation changes	16,724	-	16,724
Disposals	(156,523)	(16,570)	(173,093)
At 31 December 2023	719,069	29,185	748,254
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	719,069	29,185	748,254
At 31 December 2022	676,754	45,755	722,509
		2023 £	2022 £
Investments at fair value comprise:			
Cost		704,975	679,384
Valuation		43,279	43,125
		748,254	722,509

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

13 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

14 Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	18,116	14,760

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	-	5,405
Accruals and deferred income	53,976	13,744
	53,976	19,149

16 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,183 (2022 - £4,159).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2023	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Active case finding grants	240,000	(140,807)	9,458	108,651	(108,651)	-	-
Maintenance projects / Assisi grants	-	-	214,466	214,466	(214,466)	-	-
Emergency grants	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Recruitment / fundraising	143,000	(143,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Training	10,000	(1,201)	(8,799)	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	15,000	(15,000)	20,000	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Support	-	-	10,504	10,504	(5,498)	(5,006)	-
	<u>438,000</u>	<u>(330,008)</u>	<u>245,629</u>	<u>353,621</u>	<u>(348,615)</u>	<u>(5,006)</u>	<u>-</u>

The designated funds are:

Active Case Finding Grants

This is a designated fund for finding new projects that are considered worth funding.

Maintenance Projects / Assisi Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that annual grant commitments can be met for the following year.

Emergency Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that emergency grants are available to those that require urgent assistance

Recruitment/fundraising

This designated fund is to ensure there are funds available to cover the next twelve months costs.

Training

This designated fund has been set aside for training costs.

Capital Projects

This designated fund has been set aside for capital projects.

Support

This designated fund has been set aside for international membership fees and travel costs for partner projects.

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

19	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(478,838)	87,358
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(31,167)	(22,309)
	Loss on disposal of investments	5,660	32,761
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(16,724)	112,831
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,725	3,023
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,356)	4,528
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	34,827	(14,347)
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(485,873)	203,845
20	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The Trust had no debt during the year.		

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188749

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1188749

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

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Abbreviations

CBCEW	Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
CC	Charity Commission
CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
LRI	Leprosy Research Institute
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NNN	Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SFLG	St Francis Leprosy Guild
UNISA	University of South Africa
WHO	World Health Organization

Reference and administrative details for the year 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts. This is in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Board of Trustees

Mr Michael Forbes Smith (Chair of Trustees)

Mr Michael Heathcote (Honorary Treasurer) (appointed August 2022)

Mr Edward Reed (Chair Elect) (appointed November 2022)

Mr Liam Allmark

Mrs Clare Barton

Dr Gosia Brykczynska (stood down in November 2022)

Dr Margaret Burgess (appointed January 2022)

Very Reverend Father Michael Copps OFM

Dr William Dibb (appointed November 2022)

Professor Noel Gill

Professor Robin Graham-Brown (stood down in May 2023)

Ms Nalini Nathan (appointed April 2022, stood down in February 2023)

Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara

Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Clare McIntosh (resigned in April 2023)

Brief details about each of the current trustees are as follows:

Chair - Michael Forbes Smith. A former British soldier 1971-1978; diplomat 1978-2004; ambassador to Tajikistan 2002-2004 and Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2006-2012.

Honorary Treasurer - Michael Heathcote. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a Freeman of the City of London, and a Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights. Committed to charities that promote and support humanitarian, educational and cultural projects.

Chair Elect - Edward Reed. A partner at Macfarlanes, advising internationally mobile families on their asset structuring, personal tax, succession planning, wills and trusts, with an affinity for civil law issues generally.

Liam Allmark. A senior Policy and Research Analyst for international affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He supports the bishops in their work on a range of global issues, including peacebuilding, promoting human rights, and supporting refugees. Travels regularly in support of the local church overseas, including Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, Iraq and Thailand.

Clare Barton. A solicitor who has worked both at a major City law firm and as an in-house lawyer. A Governor at her local school since 2013 and Chair of the school's Admissions Committee. CAFOD and MISSIO representative for her local parish.

Dr M Gosia Brykczynska. A retired Paediatric Oncology Nurse and Nursing Lecturer at the Royal College of Nursing Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies; author of many textbooks and Patron of The International Association of Catholic Nurses (SICIAMS). Gosia stood down from the board of SFLG in November 2022.

Dr Margaret Burgess. A lecturer on leprosy at The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She holds a Diploma in Tropical Nursing and based her MSc dissertation on her experiences living in a leprosy colony in Nepal. In 2008 she was awarded a DSSc from Brunel University. She is a trustee of the Friends of Arundel Cathedral, the Society of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, co-chair and trustee of the Centenary Appeal, the Sussex Community Foundation and Promise Nepal.

Father Michael Copps. A member of the Friars Minor (OFM) since 1965; Guardian and Novice Master in the community in Chilworth, Surrey 1981 to 1990; subsequently served as a parish priest in Nottingham, St. Antony's, Forest Gate and St. Francis, Stratford, including as Guardian of the Community 1994-1997. He was Provincial of the Friars in England 2005-2014 and elected Custos in 2018.

Dr William Dibb. A retired consultant clinical microbiologist and infection control doctor. Also, the Chair of Laboratories and Infection Prevention and Control for many years. Wide Infection experience abroad, including in the developing world. A keen medical historian with a special interest in the history of infection.

Professor Noel Gill. An infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM; worked at Public Health England's National Infectious Disease Surveillance Centre leading the HIV & STI team 1980- 2020. After retirement he returned part-time from 2020 through 2021 to assist with the response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Professor Robin Graham-Brown. A (mostly) retired Consultant Dermatologist at University Hospitals of Leicester and the Gibraltar Health Authority 1983-2018; Editor, British Journal of Dermatology 2000-2004; President, British Association of Dermatologists 2005-2006, and Dowling Club 2009-2010; combines active clinical practice with research, teaching, authorship and clinical management at trust board level; he is Chair of Trustees of a Hospice in the East Midlands. Safeguarding Lead.

Nalini Nathan. General Secretary for the Conference of Religious in England and Wales. Prior to this she worked at CAFOD for seven years in various roles. Plays an active role in social justice. She has an MA in Contemporary Ethics and is a trustee of another Catholic charity.

Cecilia Taylor-Camara. Until 2020, a senior policy adviser in the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales; strategic lead and adviser on migration, racial justice and human trafficking. She continues to work on combatting human trafficking and raising awareness of the crime.

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About leprosy – a curable disease

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is a chronic, infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium leprae* (discovered in 1873 by the Norwegian physician Gerhard Armauer Hansen). It affects the skin, peripheral nerves and the upper respiratory tract. Leprosy can affect anyone, at any age, but it is closely linked to poverty and malnutrition. According to the World Health Organization, leprosy continues to be a threat to public health in low and middle-income countries worldwide. Despite the widespread fear that leprosy is highly contagious, it is in fact difficult to catch and 95% of us are genetically immune. It is thought that leprosy is spread by droplet infection (coughing and sneezing) through prolonged and close contact with individuals who are infected with leprosy and untreated. People with compromised immune systems who are malnourished and lack access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene are also more likely to catch it. Leprosy is a disease of poverty.

Leprosy is challenging to diagnose, especially at the early stages. It attacks peripheral nerves, which destroys the ability to feel pain. The lack of sensation leads to trauma, ulcers and infections. Left untreated, these infections can lead to permanent disability and disfigurement. Even those treated for leprosy infection and who are no longer infectious can still develop complications over their lifetime. Leprosy can also cause blindness, facial disfigurement and the clawing of hands and feet. The visible disability and disfigurement caused by leprosy over the years means the disease is greatly feared. Many leprosy-affected people (including their families and children) are subjected to stigma and discrimination and excluded from society. Since the earliest of times, fear and ignorance has allowed society to discriminate against and deny leprosy-affected people their right to a full and normal life.

In addition, outdated discriminatory laws mean that people with leprosy can be forcibly evicted from their homes, livelihoods, and places of work. In some parts of the world, leprosy is a reason for divorce. Due to these terrible injustices, people with leprosy may not come forward for medical treatment, putting themselves, their families and communities at greater risk. A United Nations Special Rapporteur (operating under the aegis of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) is working to identify and repeal these laws.

Leprosy is curable today with a course of Multidrug Therapy (MDT) which first became available in 1981 and has been provided free of charge to patients since 1991. It is the serious consequences of not getting early access to this cure, which after 128 years, keeps us focused.

Following the introduction of MDT, around seventeen million people have been cured of leprosy. However, since the early 2000s, the downwards trend of numbers diagnosed and treated has stagnated at around 200,000 per year. In addition, the number of people contracting the disease who are undiagnosed, or living with its effects, such as blindness, amputated limbs or the stigma and discrimination associated with it, is many millions.

The World Health Organization (WHO) monitors leprosy worldwide and develops a global leprosy strategy, which is reviewed by experts every five years. The goal of the current strategy is to achieve Zero Leprosy. St Francis Leprosy Guild, along with the rest of the global leprosy community, is aligned with the WHO strategy. The final mile to ending leprosy is proving to be the toughest and most challenging. According to WHO, there are between two and five million undiagnosed (disfigured and disabled) leprosy-affected people worldwide. So, although we can see an end to this terrible and ancient disease, there remains plenty to be done to achieve Zero Leprosy.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) was founded on 23 October 1895. The moving spirit was Kate Marsden, a nursing heroine determined to help relieve the desperate plight of leprosy sufferers throughout the world. Until MDT became widely available through the WHO in the 1990's, SFLG's primary activity remained the compassionate support of leprosy villages, hospitals, clinics or communities that treat or care for leprosy sufferers and their dependants.

In 2017, SFLG embarked on "A Pilgrimage of Hope" combining a commitment to play our part in the WHO's developing strategies, currently (2021-30) "Towards Zero Leprosy", with a determination to increase the charity's professionalism and grow the voluntary income needed to meet that challenge.

As part of that process, SFLG became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2020. SFLG's key strategic focus is now on the detection and diagnosis of people affected by leprosy as early as possible while maintaining the material support that it has provided to leprosy sufferers and their dependants for the past 128 years. SFLG's activities and projects, in particular its focused, intensive Active Case-Finding programme, are now making an important contribution to ascertaining, diagnosing, treating, monitoring and rehabilitating people with leprosy: making our contribution towards stopping the disease in its tracks and preventing more avoidable suffering. In addition, through its membership of the Leprosy Research Initiative, SFLG has contributed towards innovative applied research projects.

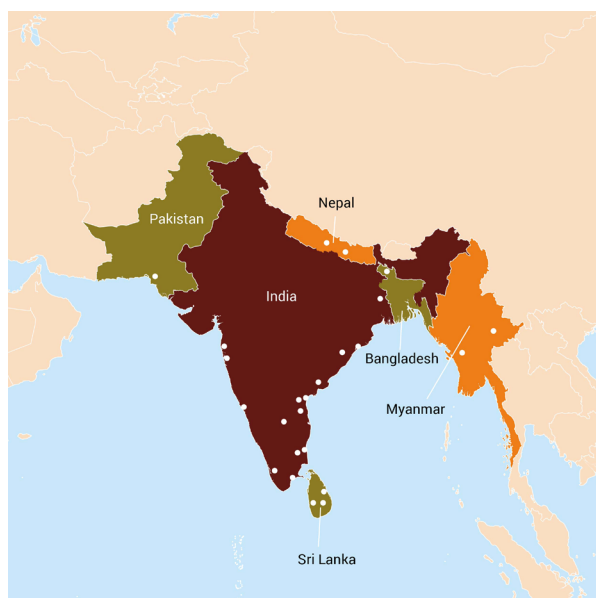
SFLG is now a member of several global organisations working together to break the transmission of leprosy and end leprosy for good, including the Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy, the Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network and ILEP (The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations) which covers over 60 countries and thousands of projects. Through these memberships, SFLG has direct relationships with the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

Although a Roman Catholic charity, SFLG has never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of our beneficiaries, nor of race, colour, gender or age. We are proud of our heritage, invigorated by the unique opportunity we have before us and conscious of the great trust our many benefactors and donors place in us as we seize this moment to end leprosy for good.

In 2022, SFLG worked in 14 countries supporting over 40 centres, research activities and programmes.



Countries where SFLG works in Africa



Countries where SFLG works in Asia



Where SFLG works in South America

Objectives and aims

SFLG's objectives are as follows:

1. funding organisations that give relief and assistance to persons with leprosy or disabled because of leprosy, their families, and dependants throughout the world;
2. funding activity towards prevention and control of the disease of leprosy, including relevant investigations and research of the causes, treatment, and prevention of this disease, and
3. carrying out or funding the professional education of those engaged in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of leprosy.

In our activities as described below, the trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, including on public benefit.

Significant activities

In 2022, SFLG continued to define its operating activities under the **TRACE** acronym.

T Training	Supporting undergraduate and postgraduate leprosy-specific, advanced short or long-term training opportunities for any grade of healthcare worker to develop their potential as future specialist leaders committed to Zero Leprosy.
R Research	Supporting applied research into leprosy prevention and care.
A Active Case-Finding	Detecting new leprosy cases by screening all members of endemic populations.
C Care	Supporting the care of people affected by leprosy. Providing inpatient and outpatient treatment, surgery, rehabilitation, and long-term care for people diagnosed with leprosy, their families, and others living in or near their households.
E Emergency Support/Capital Equipment	Investing capital in medical equipment, maintenance of medical facilities and rebuilding. Also, investing in capital equipment such as patient transport. Maintaining an Emergencies Reserve to meet any needs that may arise due to adversity.

Training

It is difficult to recruit medical students and healthcare practitioners to work in a highly stigmatized disease area like leprosy. Leprosy treatment lacks the prestige and higher salaries of many medical disciplines. For this reason, leprosy-specific, specialised medical training is becoming a core part of SFLG's strategy. Over future years it will increasingly support opportunities to fill this deficiency gap and increase the number of medical professionals.

Historically, SFLG has run a programme for medical electives. It provides support for medical students to spend time in one of its centres to build up knowledge of leprosy. In 2022, SFLG granted two UK-based medical students funding towards their medical electives.

At the request of one of its partner centres, SFLG is part-funding a doctorate in social studies for a social worker in Ethiopia with the University of South Africa (UNISA). The doctorate is entitled "Family members' experiences and challenges in caring for a relative living with leprosy: guidelines for social work support".

This research is identifying gaps in the current form of social work services and exploring the experiences of people living with leprosy, together with their families, to develop practice guidelines and intervention strategies for social workers to alleviate challenges related to leprosy.

Research

SFLG is an Associate Member of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI), a global joint venture of twelve leprosy NGOs with the shared goal of working together to achieve zero leprosy. LRI consolidates leprosy research worldwide and prioritises future projects to deliver the vision of a *world free from leprosy*.

SFLG is funding three significant projects through this relationship:

1. The development of a mobile app to assist healthcare providers in Eastern India to screen suspected leprosy cases based on multiple criteria, and to record data for follow up. As leprosy has a very long incubation period (three to 20 years), people who may have been exposed to leprosy need to be checked regularly for many years to come. The app will also support the diagnosis of other diseases including tuberculosis.
2. The testing of fabric boots in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, affectionately known as the Beckham Boot, as an alternative treatment for people with leprosy who have leg ulcers. SFLG will test this treatment against the current practice of plaster of Paris, which can be uncomfortable and sub-optimal.
3. Engaging persons affected by leprosy to become agents of change in their community and become leprosy peer mentors to support early case detection, disease management and disability inclusion and to reduce stigma and effect hope.

In addition, SFLG is co-funding a project with The Leprosy Mission England and Wales at Anandaban Leprosy Hospital in Nepal to test multi-spectral screening as a potential diagnosis technique for leprosy. If the project is successful, it may be possible to develop an attachment to a mobile phone so that this technique can be deployed in the field.

Active Case-Finding

Leprosy is a highly stigmatized, insidious, transmissible disease. It has an incubation phase of between two and five years and as long as 20 years making its mode of transmission almost impossible to trace. Leprosy may not cause any pain and discomfort in the early stage, so people don't seek medical help. Once it is apparent, stigma or legal consequences frequently act as a powerful disincentive to seeking treatment. Yet early diagnosis and treatment would prevent the disability, stigma and disfiguration that can develop, and it would prevent others catching it.

To work towards the goal of Zero Leprosy, in 2020 SFLG began supporting partners with the implementation of population-based Active Case-Finding (PB-ACF). The aim is to screen all members of a target population by providing a series of case-finding campaigns in endemic areas where the incidence of leprosy is relatively high.

During 2021, SFLG sponsored six promising Active Case-Finding projects with:

1. Dhanjuri Leprosy Centre (Bangladesh)
2. ALERT India
3. Bombay Leprosy Project (India)
4. The Leprosy Mission in Nepal
5. New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust (India) and
6. Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (Pakistan).

The results of the first six months were reported by SFLG's Chief Executive Officer at the 21st International Leprosy Congress, held in Hyderabad, India in November 2022. In the first six months, 244,287 people were examined; 503 were suspected to have leprosy of whom 147 were confirmed; 12 had visible (Grade 2) disabilities and 15 were children. These interim data still warrant further interrogation but with modest funding our partners have undertaken substantial screening for leprosy, all have found individuals with the disease, and treatment of these has begun, stopping further spread of the disease.

Building on its work in 2022, SFLG invited organisations to outline the endemic areas near their clinics and propose a project for Active Case-Finding. SFLG agreed to support three more of the most promising projects, which launched between September and November 2022. These projects cover the following areas:

1. The Meherpur District, Khulna Division, Bangladesh (The Leprosy Mission of England and Wales);
2. Fathima Nagar, Tamil Nadu, India (The Holy Family Hansenorium);
3. The Yumbe and Zombo districts, Uganda (The German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association).

Care

SFLG's principal activity from 1895 until 2021 was the provision of treatment and rehabilitation to people with leprosy together with awareness campaigns to combat stigma (and remove the fear and ignorance linked to leprosy and experienced by people affected by leprosy). This work continues today in parallel with the other strands of SFLG's TRACE strategy.

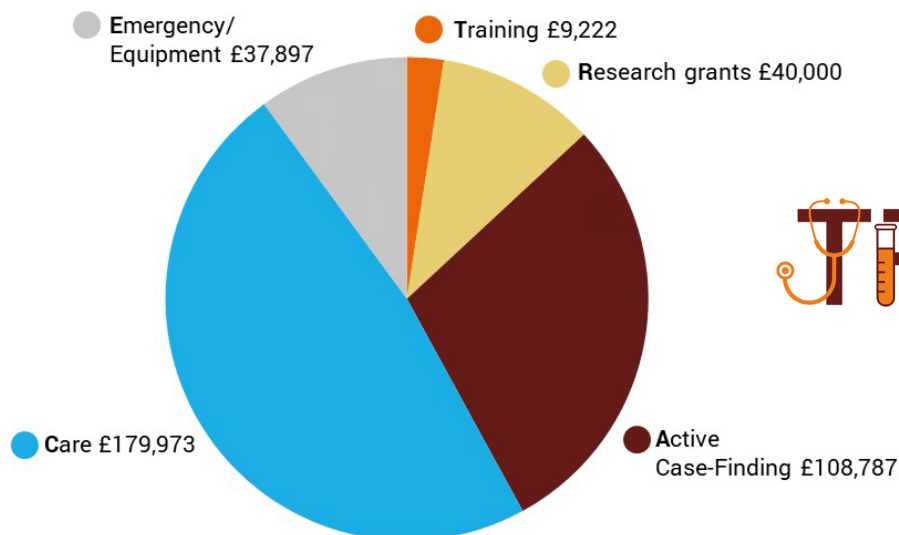
In 2022, SFLG supported 40 medical centres in 14 countries with care-focused interventions. Leprosy-affected individuals require a range of support including reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, social rehabilitation, training in new skills, and, in some cases, lifelong care for those who have been rejected by their communities. Our partners include hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and community-based rehabilitation organisations. The objective of all these interventions is to enable people affected by leprosy to return to their communities and make their contribution to their family life and society.

Some of SFLG's key projects include:

- Funding Doctor Tony Gonzalez's hospital boat, which travels to remote locations on a tributary of the River Amazon that cannot be reached by road, to diagnose and treat leprosy.
- Supporting communities of nuns, such as the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary at the Badulla, Manthivu and Hendala leprosy centres in Sri Lanka, to provide friendship and nursing care to people affected by leprosy who are forgotten by society.
- Enabling our partners, such as St Joseph's Leprosy Hospital in Tuticorin, India, to provide training to people affected by leprosy in new skills such as using a sewing machine, making shoes, keeping chickens or basket-making. Such income-generating projects enable and empower people affected by leprosy to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.
- Funding Green Pastures Leprosy Hospital at Pokhara, Nepal to give self-care training to people with leprosy to help them prevent leprosy ulcers and other impairments from developing, and to provide assistance devices such as wheelchairs and prosthetic limbs.
- Developing new partnerships with the Jimma Daughters of Charity in Ethiopia to rehabilitate people with leprosy and their families at their leprosy centre, and with the Aripea leprosy centre in Uganda to develop its leprosy screening.

Emergency relief

We maintain an Emergencies Reserve to meet any needs that may arise due to adversity. In 2022, none of our centres requested emergency relief. The budget was used instead on capital equipment such as a motorcycle, solar panels, and water tanks.



Expenditure by TRACE in 2022 £375,879

Partner Due Diligence

SFLG's Executive Team carried out due diligence on any potential partners to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with SFLG's charitable purposes
- That funds are not knowingly used for:
 - Money laundering, in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations
 - Terrorism financing, in accordance with the Terrorism Act 2000
 - Bribery, in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010.

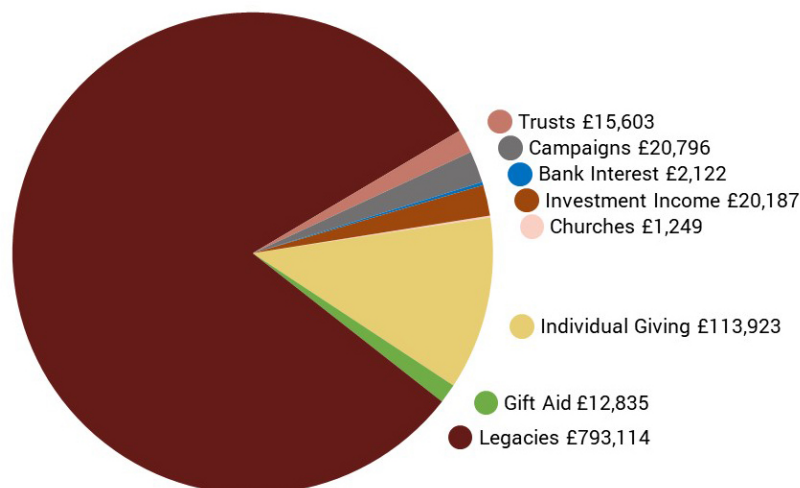
SFLG's Executive Team also adopts a risk-rated approach to due diligence. Risk factors include:

- Funding contributed
- The country of residence of the recipient
- The geographical location in which the grant will be applied
- The nature of the relationship between the charity and the applicant
- The capacity of the organisation.

The results of any due diligence do not last indefinitely. In cases where beneficiaries are supported for a significant period, additional due diligence is undertaken if there is a change of circumstances that might impact the partner or, in any case, every two years.

Fundraising and performance

In 2022, SFLG generated income of £979,829, nearly double the £537,575 raised in 2021. Although it is an impressive result overall, the sources of income became less diversified in 2022, with legacies making up over 80%. This result means that SFLG has recently been reliant on a single, unpredictable source of income.



Total income £979,829

Individual giving

In 2022, SFLG's individual giving (including campaigns and Gift Aid) decreased to £147,554 from £245,622 in 2021. The recently issued Benefact Group publication reported considerable reductions in charitable giving in the UK in 2022, from £9.3bn in 2021 to £4.3bn. The report reasoned that the drop was due to increased living costs for UK households and soaring bills in 2022. The fall in donations occurred as inflation remained at historically elevated levels. The drop in SFLG's individual donations is clearly reflected in the industry trend. On a more positive note, SFLG tested campaign fundraising at Easter (Nepal) and Christmas (Uganda). Over £20,000 was raised by these two campaigns.

The main means of introducing new donors and raising funds is through inserts in various press titles. SFLG communicates twice a year with existing opted-in donors. In summer SFLG sends a copy of its Annual Review describing the previous year's activities and in October it sends a newsletter informing donors of how their donations are being used. SFLG will review its marketing and fundraising strategy in 2023 to ensure donor diversification.

SFLG is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with its standards. No complaints were received about any aspect of fundraising in the reporting period. SFLG is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation in all its activities and no data is sold to other organisations.

Legacies

SFLG is very fortunate to have generous support from its benefactors. In 2022, SFLG received seven legacies totalling £793,114 compared with £199,142 in 2021.

The details of SFLG's legators are captured in a Book of Remembrance who are prayed for regularly. In addition, the names of legators are recorded in SFLG's online Garden of Remembrance at <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/remembrance.html>.

The Annual Benefactors Mass celebrating SFLG's 127th anniversary was held for its Catholic donors and any other donors who wished to attend, at Farm Street Church in Mount Street, London, on 4 November 2022. The Right Reverend Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, was Principal Celebrant. A reception and assembly followed the Mass, at which Michael Forbes Smith KHS, Chair of Trustees, gave an update on SFLG's work during the year to the donors who were in attendance. It was a great opportunity for SFLG to meet its supporters. £526.07 was raised from contributions at the Mass.

Trusts

Despite a focused effort to raise funds in 2022, trust income dropped to £15,603 from £72,862 in 2021. The exact reasons for the decline are unknown.

Investment income

Investment income in 2022 increased to £20,187 compared with £17,988 in 2021.

Volunteers

SFLG is very privileged to have a committed, volunteer Board of Trustees, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Its trustees gave extensively of their time. The total value of the volunteer time cannot be estimated under normal measures but by any assessment it is of considerable value.

Staff

SFLG operated with an Executive Team of four members throughout 2022: Chief Executive Officer (Clare McIntosh); Finance Director (Servet Ege); Programme Manager (Yvonne Morgan from January to August 2022 and from September 2022, Charlotte John) and Charity Administrator (Angelie Dimaunahan from February to August 2022 and from December 2022, Rosie Threakall).

In December 2022, a new role was introduced to SFLG, that of a Community Fundraiser. Former art teacher, Eileen Murray, was recruited. The purpose of this role is both to raise awareness of leprosy in schools and churches, initially in London but also further afield in due course, and to develop a network of volunteers to fundraise for SFLG.

SFLG also continued to work with Katharine Jones, a freelance contractor in digital communications and PR. Katharine's work raised SFLG's profile online (through the website and social media) and through print publications in 2022. She supported SFLG's fundraising campaigns through online and digital channels, and she set up a free wills service through Your Legacy Solutions.

The costs of employing staff (pension, taxes and wages) increased to £163,670 in 2022 from £111,430 in 2021 reflecting SFLG's growing size, the increasing complexity of its activities, and the shift of finance responsibilities from volunteers to a paid staff. There were also recruitment costs incurred of £12,816.

Operating Costs

SFLG pays close attention to the control, and where possible reduction, of its annual operating costs.

Rent and utilities decreased to £7,040 in 2022 from £16,543 in 2021. Postage and stationery costs decreased significantly to £3,589 in 2022 from £6,127 in 2021 and IT and Support Costs increased marginally from £8,631 in 2022 from £8,214 in 2021.

The cost of maintaining donors and finding new donors decreased to £136,901 in 2022 from £143,197 in 2021.

Safeguarding

SFLG employees have little direct contact with people with leprosy, vulnerable adults, or children, but the prime purpose of the partner organisations it supports is the daily care of such people. The Board of Trustees requires that all those conducting projects on SFLG's behalf comply with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. All the partner organisations that SFLG worked with in 2022 confirmed in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents. Compliance with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct will continue to be an absolute requirement for any future potential partner organisations. We continue to work closely with our partners to ensure safeguarding is prioritised and mainstreamed into our programmes and projects.

Accounting practice

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Reserves policy

As at 31 December 2022, SFLG held unrestricted reserves of £1.4 million.

Trustees have reviewed the activities and commitments of the charity and determined that, to ensure continuity of activities and honour contractual liabilities, a level of free reserves should be maintained at between £500,000 and £1 million.

Trustees have approved a rolling five-year Strategic Plan and confirmed that the designations for TRACE for 2023, all to be used in 2023, total £353,621.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees are eager to generate a level of returns from reserves without taking on unacceptable risk. Their approach is to accept a level of medium risk, with a balance sought between realising a target income and achieving capital growth. Investments are divided among equities, bonds, cash, and alternatives. The portfolio is externally managed by investment managers who are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Updates on the value of the portfolio are provided to SFLG quarterly. Once a year the Board of Trustees discusses the performance of the investments with SFLG's investment manager, the prevailing and anticipated economic conditions, a forecast of future trends and it looks at future cash requirements to be funded by these investments. Trustees review the level of risk annually. In the implementation of this policy, the trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance for the investment of charitable funds.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the governance, operations and finances of SFLG, as well as those relating to the external economic environment and the regulatory framework in which SFLG operates. The trustees review these risks on a regular basis and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks from within SFLG.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution of St Francis Leprosy Guild of 14 May 2020.

Charity constitution

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was established on 25 March 2020.

Charitable structure

SFLG changed its charitable status from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO) on 25 March 2020. In consequence of the change of charitable status the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts of the former charity were not required by the Charity Commission but are publicly available on SFLG's website.

Appointment of trustees

Under SFLG's constitution, up to 12 trustees may be appointed for up to three terms of three years but may not be reappointed for a fourth term until after an interval of at least one year. Trustees are appointed based on suitable qualifications and experience. They are briefed on the activities of SFLG and their responsibilities as trustees by the existing trustees. They manage the affairs of the CIO and exercise individually and jointly the powers set out in the Constitution. The Provincial or Custos of the Order of Friars Minors is Spiritual Director and a trustee ex officio. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) nominates a trustee to represent them.

In 2022, one trustee, Dr Gosia Brykczynska, stood down from the Board after many years of service. SFLG is very grateful for her long and valuable contribution. SFLG welcomed Dr Maggie Burgess, Nalini Nathan, Michael Heathcote (who took on the role of Honorary Treasurer), Dr William Dibb and Edward Reed to the board.

The trustees' skills audit is up to date.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests at each meeting.

Trustees' responsibility statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

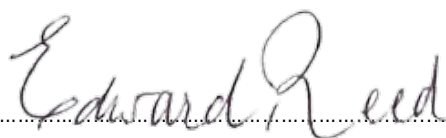
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution of SFLG require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 governing document. 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.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 30 October 2023..... signed on its behalf by:



Edward Reed, Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Francis Leprosy Guild (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) 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 now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Paul West
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Dated: 30/10/23

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	936,724	20,796	957,520	518,826
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	751
Investments	4	22,309	-	22,309	17,998
Total income		<u>959,033</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>979,829</u>	<u>537,575</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	5	<u>260,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,206</u>	<u>222,818</u>
Charitable activities	6	<u>465,877</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>486,673</u>	<u>393,203</u>
Total expenditure		<u>726,083</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>746,879</u>	<u>616,021</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>(145,592)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,592)</u>	<u>74,218</u>
Net movement in funds		87,358	-	87,358	(4,228)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		<u>1,305,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,305,652</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u>1,393,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,393,010</u>	<u>1,305,652</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 22 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		3,925		4,240
Investments	14		722,509		857,145
			<u>726,434</u>		<u>861,385</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	15	14,760		19,288	
Cash at bank and in hand		670,965		458,475	
		<u>685,725</u>		<u>477,763</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(19,149)		(33,496)	
Net current assets			<u>666,576</u>		<u>444,267</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>1,393,010</u></u>		<u><u>1,305,652</u></u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	353,621		438,000	
General unrestricted funds		<u>1,039,389</u>		<u>867,652</u>	
			<u>1,393,010</u>		<u>1,305,652</u>
			<u><u>1,393,010</u></u>		<u><u>1,305,652</u></u>

The notes on pages 22 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30th October 2023.....



Edward Reed
Chair

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	20		203,845		(87,944)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,708)		(942)	
Purchase of investments		(137,474)		(140,404)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		126,518		131,991	
Investment income received		22,309		17,998	
Net cash generated from investing activities			8,645		8,643
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			212,490		(79,301)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			458,475		537,776
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			670,965		458,475

The notes on pages 22 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Francis Leprosy Guild is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance and support costs have been allocated on a 50:50 basis between raising funds and grant allocations. The support costs for grant allocations are allocated on a grant payable basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	33% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/ (expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	143,610	20,796	164,406	319,684
Legacies receivable	793,114	-	793,114	199,142
	<u>936,724</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>957,520</u>	<u>518,826</u>
Donations and gifts				
Donations	130,775	20,796	151,571	291,273
Gift aid	12,835	-	12,835	28,411
	<u>143,610</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>164,406</u>	<u>319,684</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising events	-	751
	<u>-</u>	<u>751</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Income from listed investments	20,187	17,948
Interest receivable	2,122	50
	<u>22,309</u>	<u>17,998</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Marketing	136,901	143,197
Online fundraising costs	258	456
Depreciation	3,023	1,989
Support costs	110,794	67,640
Fundraising and publicity	250,976	213,282
<u>Investment management</u>	9,230	9,536
	<u>260,206</u>	<u>222,818</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Charitable activities

	Training	Research	Active-Case Finding	Care	Emergency	Total 2022	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	9,222	40,000	108,787	179,973	37,897	375,879	272,956
Share of support costs (see note 8)	2,543	10,783	29,400	48,728	10,275	101,729	93,647
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	227	960	2,620	4,342	916	9,065	26,600
	<u>11,992</u>	<u>51,743</u>	<u>140,807</u>	<u>233,043</u>	<u>49,088</u>	<u>486,673</u>	<u>393,203</u>
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds	11,992	51,743	132,984	220,070	49,088	465,877	393,203
Restricted funds	-	-	7,823	12,973	-	20,796	-
	<u>11,992</u>	<u>51,743</u>	<u>140,807</u>	<u>233,043</u>	<u>49,088</u>	<u>486,673</u>	<u>393,203</u>

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Training	Research	Active-Case Finding	Care	Emergency	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	3,575	25,499	56,000	127,382	60,500	272,956
Share of support costs (see note 8)	1,463	8,780	19,022	43,897	20,485	93,647
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	416	2,494	5,402	12,469	5,819	26,600
	<u>5,454</u>	<u>36,773</u>	<u>80,424</u>	<u>183,748</u>	<u>86,804</u>	<u>393,203</u>

7 Grants payable

	Training	Research	Active-Case Finding	Care	Emergency	Total 2021
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	£
Grants to institutions: Grants	<u>9,222</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>108,787</u>	<u>179,973</u>	<u>37,897</u>	<u>272,956</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Training	Research	Active-Case Finding	Care	Emergency	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions: Grants	<u>3,575</u>	<u>25,499</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>127,382</u>	<u>60,500</u>	<u>272,956</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	163,740	-	163,740	111,430	-	111,430
Rent and utilities	7,040	-	7,040	16,543	-	16,543
Telephone	627	-	627	383	-	383
Postage and stationery	3,589	-	3,589	6,127	-	6,127
IT support costs	8,631	-	8,631	8,214	-	8,214
Insurance	1,388	-	1,388	1,344	-	1,344
Travelling	9,672	-	9,672	-	-	-
Training	1,201	-	1,201	-	-	-
Bank charges	1,126	-	1,126	1,014	-	1,014
Sundries	6,444	-	6,444	1,269	-	1,269
Legal and professional	-	18,130	18,130	-	41,563	41,563
	<u>203,458</u>	<u>18,130</u>	<u>221,588</u>	<u>146,324</u>	<u>41,563</u>	<u>187,887</u>
Analysed between						
Fundraising	101,729	9,065	110,794	52,677	14,963	67,640
Charitable activities	101,729	9,065	110,794	93,647	26,600	120,247
	<u>203,458</u>	<u>18,130</u>	<u>221,588</u>	<u>146,324</u>	<u>41,563</u>	<u>187,887</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the year.

No trustees were reimbursed travelling expenses during the year (2021 - £146).

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	159,581	109,061
Other pension costs	<u>4,159</u>	<u>2,369</u>
	<u>163,740</u>	<u>111,430</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 Employees

(Continued)

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. During the year the Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £63,038 (2021 - £56,656), pension contributions of £1,891 (2021 - £1,700) and employers' national insurance of £7,849 (2021 - £6,602).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	-

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Revaluation of investments	(112,831)	66,659
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(32,761)	7,559
	(145,592)	74,218

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	6,521
Additions	2,708
At 31 December 2022	9,229
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	2,281
Depreciation charged in the year	3,023
At 31 December 2022	5,304
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	3,925
At 31 December 2021	4,240

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	837,969	19,176	857,145
Additions	137,474	26,579	164,053
Valuation changes	(112,831)	-	(112,831)
Disposals	(185,858)	-	(185,858)
At 31 December 2022	676,754	45,755	722,509
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	676,754	45,755	722,509
At 31 December 2021	837,969	19,176	857,145

	2022 £	2021 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cost	679,384	(790,486)
Valuation	43,125	(66,659)
	722,509	857,145

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

15 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	14,760	19,288
	<u>14,760</u>	<u>19,288</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,405	3,592
Accruals and deferred income	13,744	29,904
	<u>19,149</u>	<u>33,496</u>

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,159 (2021 - £2,369).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recruitment / fundraising	100,000	(100,000)	143,000	143,000	(143,000)	-	-
Research and development	200,000	(25,499)	(174,501)	-	-	-	-
Care grants	200,000	(56,000)	(144,000)	-	-	-	-
Maintenance projects / Assisi grants	150,000	(127,382)	(22,618)	-	-	214,466	214,466
Emergency grants	-	-	30,000	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Active case finding grants	-	-	240,000	240,000	(140,807)	9,458	108,651
Training	-	-	10,000	10,000	(1,201)	(8,799)	-
Capital projects	-	-	15,000	15,000	(15,000)	20,000	20,000
Support	-	-	-	-	-	10,504	10,504
	<u>650,000</u>	<u>(308,881)</u>	<u>96,881</u>	<u>438,000</u>	<u>(330,008)</u>	<u>245,629</u>	<u>353,621</u>

The designated funds are:

Recruitment/fundraising

This designated fund is to ensure there are funds available to cover the next twelve months costs.

Research and Development

This designated fund is reserves that have been set aside for future research and development into Leprosy

Care Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that the care grants for the following year are met. This will be adjusted as appropriate to meet future annual commitments

Maintenance Projects / Assisi Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that annual grant commitments can be met for the following year.

Emergency Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that emergency grants are available to those that require urgent assistance

Active Case Finding Grants

This is a designated fund for finding new projects that are considered worth funding.

Training

This designated fund has been set aside for training costs.

Capital Projects

This designated fund has been set aside for capital projects.

Support

This designated fund has been set aside for international membership fees and travel costs for partner projects.

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

20	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	87,358	(4,228)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(22,309)	(17,998)
	Loss/(gain) on disposal of investments	32,761	(7,559)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	112,831	(66,659)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,023	1,989
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	4,528	(16,183)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(14,347)	22,694
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	203,845	(87,944)
21	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The Trust had no debt during the year.		

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188749

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1188749
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021
ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

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Abbreviations

CBCEW	The Bishops Conference of England and Wales
CC	Charity Commission
CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
LRI	Leprosy Research Institute
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NNN	Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SFLG	St Francis Leprosy Guild
UNISA	University of South Africa
WHO	World Health Organization

Reference and administrative details for the year 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts. This is in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Board of Trustees

Mr Michael Forbes Smith KHS (Chair of Trustees)

Mr Christopher Wyatt FCA (Honorary Treasurer) (stood down in April 2021)

Sister Helen McMahon FMM (Honorary Secretary)

Mr Liam Allmark (appointed February 2021)

Mrs Clare Barton (appointed November 2021)

Dr Gosia Brykczynska

Very Reverend Father Michael Copps OFM

Professor Noel Gill

Professor Robin Graham-Brown KC*HS

Ms Margaret Hood (stood down in August 2021)

Mr Philip Newill (stood down in December 2021)

Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara

Ms Claire Tuhey (stood down in August 2021)

Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Clare McIntosh

Administrator

Miss Sheila Pereira

Brief details about each of the current trustees are as follows:

Chair - Michael Forbes Smith KHS. A former British soldier 1971-1978; diplomat 1978-2004; ambassador to Tajikistan 2002-2004 and Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2006-2012.

Honorary Secretary - Sister Helen McMahon FMM. A Franciscan Missionary of Mary since 1956; teacher in Catholic schools in deprived areas of London 1962-1978; Brentwood Diocesan team 1980-1986; Regional Superior for Scotland and the North of England 1986-1992; Official of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Vatican City, Rome 1992-2006; Secretary of SFLG since 2006.

Honorary Treasurer - Chris Wyatt. A Chartered Accountant with more than 40 years of international auditing, accounting, and corporate banking experience.

Liam Allmark. A senior Policy and Research Analyst for international affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. His role involves supporting the bishops in their work on a range of global issues, including peacebuilding, promoting human rights, and supporting refugees. Liam travels regularly in support of the local church overseas, including Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, and Thailand.

Clare Barton. A solicitor who has worked both at a major city law firm and as an in-house lawyer. Clare has been a Governor at her local school since 2013 and is Chair of the school's Admissions Committee. Clare is her parish's CAFOD representative and MISSIO representative.

Dr M (Gosia) Brykczynska, RN. A retired Paediatric Oncology Nurse and Nursing Lecturer at the Royal College of Nursing Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies; author of many textbooks and Patron of The International Association of Catholic Nurses (SICIAMS).

Father Michael Copps. A member of the Friars Minor (OFM) since 1965; Guardian and Novice Master in the community in Chilworth, Surrey 1981 to 1990; a parish priest from Nottingham 1990 to 2005; Guardian of the Community 1994-1997. He was Provincial of the Friars in England 2005-2014 and elected Custos in 2018.

Professor Noel Gill. An infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM, worked at the National Infectious Disease Surveillance Centre for England leading the HIV & STI team 1980- 2020. In 2021, he has been assisting the Covid-19 emergency response.

Professor Robin Graham-Brown KC*HS. A (mostly) retired Consultant Dermatologist at University Hospitals of Leicester and the Gibraltar Health Authority 1983-2018; Editor, British Journal of Dermatology 2000-2004; President, British Association of Dermatologists 2005-2006, and Dowling Club 2009-2010; Robin combined active clinical practice with research, teaching, authorship, and clinical management at Trust Board level; he is Chair of Trustees of a Hospice in the East Midlands.

Margaret Marie Elizabeth Felicia Hood. Has served on SFLG's Board of Trustees for over 20 years. She is also a committee member of several other charities.

Philip Newill. A bank clerk with NatWest Bank 1971-2009; volunteer with SFLG 2000-2021.

Cecilia Taylor-Camara. Senior policy adviser in the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Her work focused on tackling the root causes of social exclusion, particularly the stigmatisation of migrants.

Claire Tuhey. A former British diplomat 1976-2010. Extensive home and overseas experience, culminating in serving as Private Secretary to Des Browne, MP, in his capacity as the then PM's Special Envoy to Sri Lanka 2008-2010; and Senior Management Officer & HM Consul Mumbai 2005-2008; volunteer with SFLG since 2011, subsequently a trustee.

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About leprosy

Leprosy is a complex, chronic, transmissible neglected tropical disease caused by the *Mycobacterium leprae* bacterium. It affects the skin, upper respiratory tract and peripheral nerves in the hands, feet, and eyes. Leprosy can affect anyone, at any age, but it is linked to poverty, malnutrition, and genetic susceptibility. It remains a health problem in low and middle-income countries worldwide with at least 200,000 diagnoses a year. **This means that globally, every two minutes a person is diagnosed with leprosy. Over 50 diagnoses each day are children.**

Leprosy may incubate for up to 20 years before it presents with any signs. In its earliest stages it can present as a small patch of discoloured skin, or an area in which there is little feeling. People experiencing this lack of sensation may not seek help for a long period of time, as they feel no pain or discomfort. If they suspect it could be leprosy, very often they will be afraid to seek treatment because of the stigma and its consequences. Since these communities tend to be remote and impoverished, it can be difficult for people to reach medical centres, and they may not be able to pay for medical care.

Leprosy is a progressive disease, and people lose feeling in affected areas which can lead to permanent damage, lifelong ulcers and loss of fingers and toes. As such, leprosy is the biggest global cause of acquired disability. While untreated, the person affected may unwittingly transmit the disease throughout the community and to family and friends.

Because leprosy is known to be transmissible, predominantly by airborne droplets, it is greatly feared, even though it is highly unlikely that it can be passed on by direct contact. People with visible signs of leprosy are likely to suffer from intense stigma and discrimination that can destroy their livelihoods and entire lives. Across the world, 120 laws still exist that discriminate against people with leprosy.

Since the 1990s, it has been possible to cure leprosy with Multidrug Therapy (MDT). Shortly after receiving treatment, symptoms will stop developing and a person affected by leprosy will no longer be infectious. The development of a cure has significantly reduced the new diagnoses of leprosy from more than five million a year in the 1980s, to 200,000 a year, today. However, since the millennium, the downwards trend for leprosy seems to have stalled and needs renewed focus. **We believe we are on the 'final mile' for leprosy and, with a global, focused effort, we might be able to end leprosy completely within a generation.**

An end to leprosy, will not help those living with historic complications. Five to six million people are still living with disabilities long after their leprosy has been cured. Many of these are living in deeply impoverished conditions, completely cut off from society with charities like SFLG taking care of their needs.

127 countries worldwide reported leprosy to the World Health Organization (WHO) during 2021. The WHO has identified 23 Global Priority countries for leprosy, where over 95 per cent of people detected with leprosy are found.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused significant setbacks to the goal to end leprosy. For the period of the pandemic, resources across the world have been diverted away from leprosy towards Covid-19. This means that fewer people have been diagnosed in this period and live with worsening symptoms, continuing to be contagious. Some of those diagnosed have not completed the full course of treatment, and others have not received care for their wounds. As vaccinations roll out and the pandemic becomes less of a global threat, it is extremely important that lost ground is recovered and that, those living with undiagnosed or not fully cured leprosy are found.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)

SFLG has helped people with leprosy for over 125 years. It was founded on 23 October 1895 by Kate Marsden, a nurse from North London who had been inspired by reports of the missionary, Father (now Saint) Damien of Molokai. In her lifetime, Kate heard of a herb in Siberia that was rumoured to cure leprosy. She rode by horseback to Siberia in search of the cure. Sadly, though she found the herb, it did not cure leprosy. However, Kate has made her own print on history by founding St Francis Leprosy Guild.

For most of its history, the focus has been on providing medical and pastoral care for people diagnosed with leprosy. Leprosy has been greatly feared throughout generations. Societies have forcefully segregated people with leprosy, and few have wanted to work with those affected. Therefore, in history, it has often been selfless Roman Catholic Orders that have chosen to take on this task. This care remains a substantial element of our work.

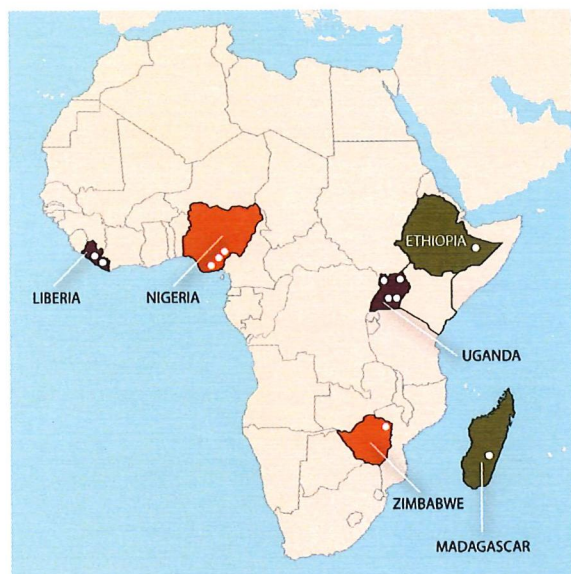
In the second half of the twentieth century, very large, reputable general hospitals were established which have developed great expertise in leprosy. SFLG has built relationships with these centres and works with them to provide ongoing care and ground-breaking programmes.

Since a cure was found for leprosy in the 1980s, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) across the world have shared a vision of ending leprosy for good. SFLG has engaged with this approach and has increasingly responded to opportunities. It has agreed to expand its work beyond simply the care of leprosy patients, to include research, educational provision, and Active Case-Finding programmes. 2020-2021 have been critical years for SFLG, which has joined several global boards to strategise, co-ordinate and work together to break the transmission of leprosy and end leprosy for good. These boards include the Global Project for Zero Leprosy, the Leprosy Research Initiative, the Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network (NNN) and ILEP which covers 60 countries and 1,000 projects. Through these memberships, SFLG has direct relationships with the World Health Organization and the United Nations. In 2020-2021 SFLG launched its first research projects, and in 2021 has launched ground-breaking Active Case-Finding projects.

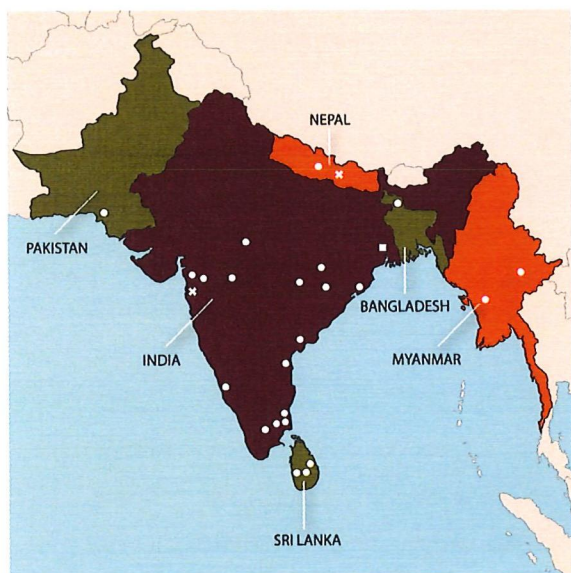
Inspired by the great examples from its past and invigorated by the unique opportunity to end leprosy completely in this generation, SFLG is in a phase of growth. It is passionate about seizing the moment to end leprosy for good. Consequently, it has increased its fundraising activities and is involved in ever more work. It commends its achievements in 2021, thank its benefactors who made them possible and invites your future support.

St Francis Leprosy Guild was reconstituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (number 1188749) on 25 March 2020. This is therefore the second annual report of the CIO. In line with Charity Commission (CC) practice, the annual reports of the former SFLG Unincorporated Association (charity number 208751) are no longer available on the CC website but are available on the SFLG website at www.stfrancisleprosy.org.

In 2021, SFLG worked in 13 countries supporting over 40 centres, research activities and programmes.



Countries where SFLG works in Africa



Countries where SFLG works in Asia



Where SFLG works in South America

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the SFLG CIO are:

1. Funding organisations that give relief and assistance to persons with leprosy or disabled because of leprosy, their families, and dependents throughout the world
2. Funding activity towards prevention and control of the disease of leprosy, including relevant investigations and research of the causes, treatment, and prevention of this disease and
3. Carrying out or funding the professional education of those engaged in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of leprosy

In our activities as described below, the trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission including on public benefit.

Significant activities

In 2021, SFLG has crystallised its operating strategy under the TRACE acronym.

T Training	Training professionals all over the world to identify the earliest possible signs of leprosy, so that it can be diagnosed and treated before disability and disfigurement occurs
R Research	Running or supporting research programmes to innovate in breaking the transmission of leprosy or improving the care of people affected by it
A Active Case-Finding	Operating programmes which screen endemic communities for the early identification and treatment of people with leprosy
C Care	Providing relief, assistance and rehabilitation for people diagnosed with leprosy
E Emergency Support	Ensuring our communities can continue to offer their services in unforeseen circumstances

Training

Leprosy has been declared **eliminated** in many countries by the World Health Organization. This declaration means that less than one in 10,000 people are being diagnosed. However, in many countries huge numbers of people continue to catch leprosy despite its official elimination. For example, in India, 130,000 new diagnoses are made every year, although elimination has been declared. Some countries are even perilously close to elimination being reversed.

When elimination is declared, government health services are inevitably scaled back and transferred to other conditions. This action means that the knowledge and skills of diagnosing and treating people with leprosy are lost. For this reason, training is becoming a core part of SFLG's strategy and over future years it will increasingly run programmes to fill this gap.

Historically, SFLG has run a programme for medical electives. It provides support for medical students to spend time in one of its centres to build up knowledge of leprosy. Travel restrictions meant that SFLG was unable to offer this in 2021, and it is unlikely that it will be able to offer any in 2022.

At the request of one of its partner centres, SFLG is part-funding a doctorate in social studies for a social worker in Ethiopia with the University of South Africa (UNISA). The doctorate is entitled "Family members' experiences and challenges in caring for a relative living with leprosy: guidelines for social work support". This research is identifying gaps in the current form of social work services and exploring the experiences of people living with leprosy, together with their families to develop practice guidelines and intervention strategies for social workers to alleviate challenges related to leprosy.

Research

SFLG is an Associate Member of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI) - a global joint venture of eight leprosy NGOs which consolidates leprosy research worldwide and prioritises future projects to deliver the vision of a *world free from leprosy*.

We are funding two major projects through this relationship:

1. The development of a mobile app to assist the healthcare providers in Eastern India to screen suspected leprosy cases based on multiple criteria, and to record data for follow up. As leprosy has a very long incubation period (three to 20 years), people who may have been exposed to leprosy need to be checked regularly for many years to come. The app will also support the diagnosis of other diseases including tuberculosis
2. The testing of a fabric boot in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, affectionately known as the *Beckham Boot*, as an alternative treatment for people with leprosy who have leg ulcers. SFLG will test this treatment against the current practice of plaster of Paris, which can be uncomfortable and possibly sub optimal

In addition, SFLG is co-funding a project with The Leprosy Mission England and Wales at Anandaban Leprosy Hospital in Nepal to test multispectral screening as a potential diagnosis technique for leprosy. If the project is successful, it may be possible to develop an attachment to a mobile phone so that this technique can be deployed in the field.

Active Case-Finding

As explained on page six, leprosy is a progressive transmissible disease. Its initial signs are innocuous. They don't cause pain or discomfort, so many people don't seek a diagnosis in the early stages. But if leprosy was diagnosed at an earlier stage, people would be less likely to experience the significant disability, stigma and disfigurement that can develop, and it would prevent others catching it.

For this reason, a core part of SFLG's strategy is to conduct long-term screening programmes in endemic areas to find and treat leprosy in its earliest stages. SFLG is working with its partners to identify where leprosy is endemic and is delivering comprehensive projects with them. Medical teams are hired to conduct in-depth screening to find new cases in these countries. The screening involves a combination of door-to-door visits and setting up regular skin camps for diagnosis. Where permitted, a single-dose prophylactic is administered after the screening to provide some protection against exposure. SFLG intends these programmes to continue for a minimum of three years.

During 2021, SFLG invited 16 partners to outline the endemic areas near their clinics and propose a programme for Active Case-Finding. It agreed to sponsor the six most promising projects, which launched between September and November 2021. These projects cover the following areas:

1. The Dinajpur municipality in Bangladesh with the Dhanjuri Leprosy Centre
2. The Dahanu and Vikramgad blocks in Palghar district, Maharashtra, India with the local charity Alert India
3. The Dharavi slum and the rural areas adjoining Mumbai, India with the Bombay Leprosy Project
4. The rural districts of Aurahi and Bideha in Nepal with The Leprosy Mission
5. State of Odisha, India with the New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust
6. Landhi Korangi and Maskan-e-Rahat, Pakistan with the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre in Karachi

Care

Care has always been the backbone of SFLG's strategy. SFLG's main activity since 1895 has always been providing relief, assistance and rehabilitation to people diagnosed with leprosy, or for people who have been cured but need ongoing care for disabilities it caused. SFLG has long term relationships with several partners in this regard, the longest of which has lasted more than 100 years. Many SFLG centres also do active work to address stigma in their communities, to support people coming forward earlier for treatment, and to remove the hostility that people with leprosy experience.

In 2021, SFLG supported 40 centres across 13 countries. These centres treat people for leprosy, perform reconstructive surgery on disabilities, provide physio and other services, prepare patients for a return to their communities, teach new skills, and, in some cases, look after that person for the rest of their life, if the community will not have them back. Our partner organisations include hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and communities.

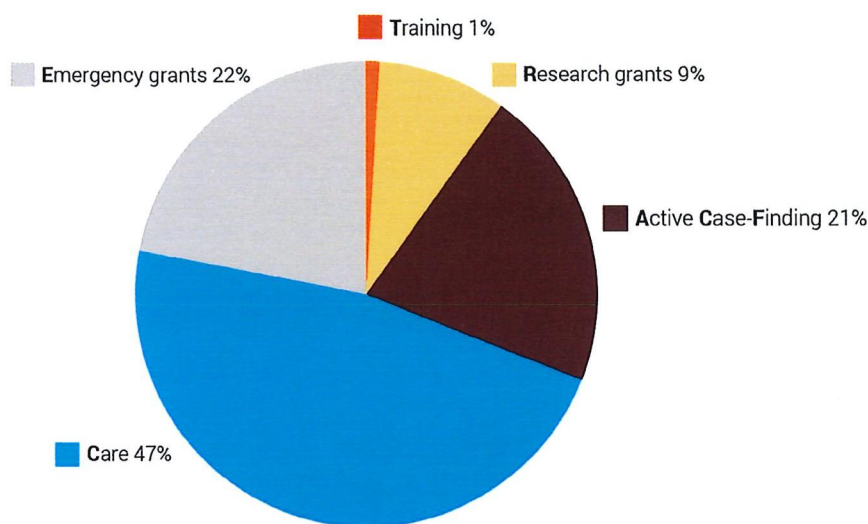
Some of SFLG's key projects include:

- Funding a hospital boat in Brazil which travels by river to remote areas that cannot be reached by road, to diagnose and treat leprosy
- Supporting communities of nuns who provide friendship and nursing care to people ostracised from their society, such as in Sri Lanka, where people with leprosy are being kept on a remote island
- Training people who have life-long disabilities due to leprosy in new skills such as using a sewing machine, making shoes, keeping chickens, basket making and fishing
- Crafting bespoke shoes for patients whose feet are deformed or have lost sensation because of leprosy
- Establishing a new partnership with Jimma in Ethiopia and working again with Mutemwa in Zimbabwe

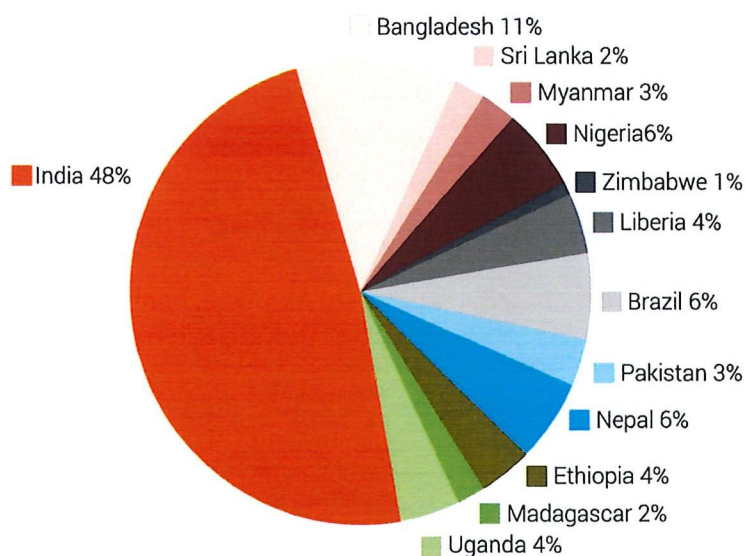
Emergency relief

In 2021, SFLG provided 50 per cent additional support to its centres to help them respond to the Covid-19 crisis. SFLG's partners said that the pandemic had an enormous impact on their ability to continue services. Key revenue streams such as private medical care in hospitals had stopped. Lockdowns meant that they could not trade anymore and the introduction of new practices using Personal Protective Equipment, antibacterial gel etc., meant that they had unexpected costs. In addition, people with leprosy needed more support to receive vaccines. Often people with leprosy were not accepted on public transport to the centres or needed to be vaccinated separately. SFLG's funding supported its partners to carry out these necessary activities.

Expenditure by



Expenditure by country



In 2021, the level of support SLFG gave to centres has doubled since 2020.

Partner due diligence

SFLG's Executive Team carried out due diligence on any potential partners to ensure:

- The identity of the beneficiary
- That funds are applied in accordance with SFLG's charitable purposes
- That funds are not knowingly used for:
 - Money laundering in accordance with the operative Money Laundering regulations
 - Terrorism financing in accordance with the Terrorism Act, 2000
 - Bribery in accordance with the Bribery Act, 2010

SFLG's Executive Team also adopts a risk-rated approach to due diligence. Risk factors include:

- Funding contributed
- The country of residence of the recipient
- The geographical location in which the grant will be applied
- The nature of the relationship between the charity and the applicant

Where the proposed partner is well known to the charity and the relationship has been long standing and well established, the amount of due diligence undertaken is likely to be reduced.

The results of any due diligence do not last indefinitely. In cases where beneficiaries are supported for a significant period, additional due diligence is undertaken if there is a change of circumstances that might impact the partner or in any case, every year.

Campaigning

In 2021, SFLG campaigned on several issues affecting people with leprosy. These included:

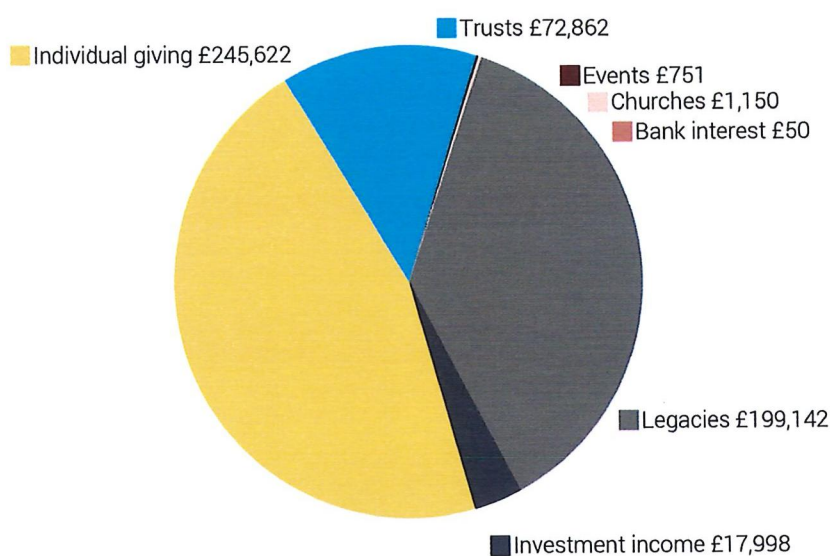
- Ensuring people with leprosy had equitable access to the Covid-19 vaccine when it was rolled out. SFLG raised awareness of why people with leprosy might be especially vulnerable to Covid-19 and championed their right to receive vaccines in parity to their peers
- Advising that countries were cautious about declaring 'elimination' and ensuring that enough focus and resources remained in place to drive leprosy across the final mile

In total, over 20 articles were written in response to SFLG campaigns.

Fundraising and performance

In 2021, SFLG generated £537,575 income, its highest income since 2015. In addition, SFLG's fundraising became much more diversified. In 2020, legacies comprised 65 per cent of its income, (making SFLG very reliant on a single unpredictable source). In 2021, legacies made up 37 per cent of the total.

SFLG income 2021



Marketing

In 2021, SFLG's marketing income increased to £245,622 including Gift Aid. The main means of introducing new donors and raising funds is through inserts in various press titles. SFLG communicates twice a year with existing opted-in donors. In May SFLG sends a copy of its Annual Review describing the previous year's activities and in October it sends a further newsletter informing donors of how their donations are being used.

SFLG is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with its practices. No complaints were received about any aspect of fundraising in the reporting period. SFLG is compliant with General Data Protection Regulation in all its activities and no data are sold to other organisations.

SFLG made considerable improvements to its website, including the implementation of a new donations journey using Enthuse technology, giving profiles of SFLG's centres and case studies of people it has helped, and it regularly updated news items. At Christmas, SFLG ran its first ever email campaign to donors. The campaign included an email, an animation, a display of Christmas celebrations in its centres and a leprosy campaign. SFLG maintained social media profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. It improved its visibility with Google AdWords. In total, SFLG received £18,772 donations online (eight per cent).

Legacies

In addition, SFLG was very fortunate that some donors remembered it in their wills. For this generosity SFLG is extremely grateful. In 2021, SFLG received £199,142 in legacies (in comparison with £164,821 for 2020). The level of legacies in 2021 was slightly above the five-year average.

SFLG is deeply touched when it is named in a will and has developed new means to remember those who have acted in this way. The details of the legators are captured in a Book of Remembrance and it prays for them regularly. In addition, we have an online Garden of Remembrance at <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/remembrance.html>.

Talks

SFLG has begun to give talks on leprosy to build awareness and generate income. Talks were given to Universities, Churches, Rotary and Catena Clubs. This activity resulted in £751 being raised.

The Annual Benefactors Mass celebrating SFLG's 125th anniversary was held for its Catholic donors at Southwark Cathedral on 30 October. It was presided over by Archbishop John Wilson and concelebrated with 12 priests. The Mass was livestreamed to SFLG's centres. The feedback from those who attended was exceptional. A reception and assembly followed the Mass. It was a great opportunity for SFLG to meet its supporters and understand how they became aware of St Francis Leprosy Guild, what attracted them to it, and to receive their feedback on what it does today. £900 was raised from contributions at the Mass.

Trusts

SFLG received a £30,000 grant from the Sir Harold Hood Charitable Trust and £38,000 from the Sir Pierce Lacy Trust, as well as several smaller donations. SFLG thanks both trusts for their continued support.

Volunteers

SFLG is very privileged to have an exceptionally high-quality Board of Trustees, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Its trustees gave extensively of their time, and in addition, it had the benefit of an accountancy intern over the summer. The total value of the volunteer time has been estimated at £200,000 per year.

Staff

SFLG continues to operate on a very small staff. The costs of staff and contractors have increased from 2020-2021 reflecting its growing size, the increasing complexity of its activities, and the shift of finance responsibilities from volunteers to a paid staff.

During the year, SFLG's only employees were a Chief Executive Officer, a Finance Manager, and an Administrator. SFLG worked with a contractor, Katharine Jones of KVHcom.com. Katharine helped SFLG to raise its profile online and through the media. SFLG believes it is seeing the benefit of her work in the doubling of its individual giving. SFLG also brought in some additional help in processing donations during the lockdown periods. It decided that, in the long-term, processing donations could be achieved more efficiently and consistently by a third party. So SFLG has now outsourced these activities to Telebank and expect the savings from doing so to be approximately £25,000 a year.

Operating Costs

SFLG maintains close attention to the control, and where possible reduction, of its annual operating costs. It took the following actions to reduce operating costs in 2021:

- Moved to a smaller office still located at 73 St Charles Square with a reduced annual rent of £6,000 per year compared to £13,500 previously. In addition, whereas the previous rental agreement excluded utilities, the new agreement includes all utilities. In 2021, there was a one-off dilapidations bill of £5,000 to exit the previous office. In total we believe there is a saving of £9,000 a year
- Moving donation processing to Telebank – saving £25,000 a year
- The Foundation for Social Improvement provided approximately 20 training sessions for SFLG as part of its International Development Charities Programme, for which SFLG received a bursary. This is a saving of £4,000
- SFLG also removed the landline and replaced it with a MiFi dongle saving £1,700 a year

Safeguarding

SFLG employees do not have direct contact with leprosy sufferers, vulnerable adults, or children, but the prime purpose of the partner organisations it supports is the daily care of such persons. The Board of Trustees requires that all those conducting projects on SFLG's behalf must comply with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. All the partner organisations that SFLG worked with in 2021 confirmed in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents. This requirement will continue to be an absolute necessity for any future potential partner organisations.

Accounting practice

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Reserves policy

Today SFLG holds unrestricted reserves of £1.3 million.

Trustees have reviewed the activities and commitments of the charity and determined that to ensure continuity of activities and honour contractual liabilities, a level of free reserves should be maintained of around £720,000.

Purpose	Amount held in free reserves
Committed Active Case-Finding projects	£140,000
Committed research projects	£60,000
24 months to cover the running costs of our centres providing care	£300,000
Centralised running costs (4.5 months opex, 3 months fundraising)	£220,000
Total:	£720,000

Trustees have approved a rolling five-year strategic plan and confirmed that the following designations, all to be used in 2022, are necessary to ensure its delivery.

Active Case-Finding projects	£240,000
Training	£ 10,000
Emergency projects	£ 30,000
Capital funding	£ 15,000
Fundraising:	£ 143,000
Total:	£438,000

Trustees reviewed the small remaining balance of Unrestricted Reserves (£147,000) and concluded it is a reasonable cushion of contingency for the further implementation of the Strategic Plan considering the volatility of the external economic environment.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees are eager to generate a level of returns from its reserves without taking on unacceptable risk. Its approach is to accept a level of medium risk, with a balance sought between realising a target income and achieving capital growth. Investments are divided among equities, bonds, cash, and alternatives. The portfolio is externally managed by investment managers who are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Updates on the value of the portfolio are provided to SFLG quarterly. Once a year it discusses the performance of the investments with its investment manager, the prevailing and anticipated economic conditions, a forecast of future trends and it looks at future cash requirements to be funded by these investments. Trustees review the level of risk annually. In the implementation of this policy, the trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance for the investment of charitable funds.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the governance, operations, finances of SFLG as well as those relating to the external economic environment and the regulatory framework in which SFLG operates. The trustees review these risks on a regular basis and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks from within SFLG.

Structure, governance, and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an incorporated charity.

Charity constitution

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was established on the 25 March 2020.

Charitable structure

SFLG changed its charitable status from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO) on 25 March 2020. In consequence of the change of Charitable status the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts of the former charity were not required by the Charity Commission but are publicly available on SFLG's website.

Appointment of trustees

Under SFLG's constitution, up to 12 trustees may be appointed for up to three terms of three years but may not be reappointed for a fourth term until after an interval of at least one year. Trustees are appointed based on suitable qualifications and experience. They are briefed on the activities of SFLG and their responsibilities as trustees by the existing trustees. They manage the affairs of the CIO and exercise individually and jointly the powers set out in the Constitution. The Provincial or Custos of the Order of Friars Minors is Spiritual Director and a trustee ex officio. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) nominates a trustee to represent them.

In 2021, three trustees stood down from the Board each having given many years of service. SFLG is very grateful for their long and valuable contributions. Liam Allmark joined the Board as the nomination of the Bishops Conference, and SFLG welcomed Clare Barton, an experienced lawyer who serves several charities on a voluntary basis.

A trustee's skills audit is up to date.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests at each meeting.

Trustees' responsibility statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 20th May 2022 signed on its behalf by:



.....Mr Michael Forbes Smith, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Francis Leprosy Guild (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

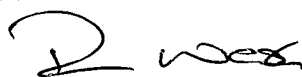
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



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Date: 31/5/22

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

		Year Ended 31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 Total funds £
Income and endowments from	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	518,826	1,529,210
Other trading activities	3	751	-
Investment income	4	17,998	10,400
Total		537,575	1,539,610
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	5	222,818	127,902
Charitable activities	6		
Research		36,773	-
Educational		5,454	-
Care Grants		183,748	151,694
Emergency Grants		86,804	25,966
Active Case Finding Grants		80,424	-
Total		616,021	305,562
Net gains on investments		74,218	75,832
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,228)	1,309,880
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		1,309,880	-
Total funds carried forward		1,305,652	1,309,880

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	4,240	5,287
Investments	12	<u>857,145</u>	<u>774,514</u>
		861,385	779,801
Current assets			
Debtors	13	19,288	3,105
Cash at bank		<u>458,475</u>	<u>537,776</u>
		477,763	540,881
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(33,496)	(10,802)
		<u>444,267</u>	<u>530,079</u>
Net current assets			
		1,305,652	1,309,880
Total assets less current liabilities			
		1,305,652	1,309,880
NET ASSETS		1,305,652	1,309,880
Funds	15		
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,305,652</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>
Total funds		1,305,652	1,309,880

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on.....

20th May 2022

..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Forbes Smith, Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	17	<u>(87,944)</u>	<u>1,307,469</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(87,944)</u>	<u>1,307,469</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(942)	(5,579)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(140,404)	(807,625)
Sale of fixed asset investments		131,991	33,111
Interest received		50	206
Dividends received		<u>17,948</u>	<u>10,194</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>8,643</u>	<u>(769,693)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(79,301)</u>	<u>537,776</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>537,776</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>458,475</u></u>	<u><u>537,776</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs have been allocated on a 50:50 basis between raising donations and legacies and grants. The support costs between grants have been allocated on a grant payable basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2. Donations and legacies

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Donations	291,273	1,360,922
Gift aid	28,411	3,467
Legacies	<u>199,142</u>	<u>164,821</u>
	<u>518,826</u>	<u>1,529,210</u>

The St Francis Leprosy Guild was previously set up under Charity Number 208741.
On the 11 June 2020 all the net assets were transferred to this new CIO Charity.
The amount which is included in donations for the previous period was £1,287,501.

3. Other trading activities

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Fundraising events	<u>751</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Investment income

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Dividends received	17,948	10,194
Deposit account interest	<u>50</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>17,998</u>	<u>10,400</u>

5. Raising funds

Raising donations and legacies

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Marketing	143,197	81,241
Online fundraising costs	456	126
Depreciation	1,989	292
Support costs	<u>67,640</u>	<u>40,309</u>
	<u>213,282</u>	<u>121,968</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

5. Raising funds - continued

Investment management costs

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Portfolio management	<u>9,536</u>	<u>5,934</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>222,818</u>	<u>127,902</u>

6. Charitable activities costs

	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Research	25,499	11,274	36,773
Educational	3,575	1,879	5,454
Emergency Grants	60,500	26,304	86,804
Care Grants	127,382	56,366	183,748
Active Case Finding Grants	<u>56,000</u>	<u>24,424</u>	<u>80,424</u>
	<u>272,956</u>	<u>120,247</u>	<u>393,203</u>

7. Grants payable

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Research	25,499	-
Educational	3,575	-
Care Grants	127,382	117,890
Emergency Grants	60,500	20,000
Active Case Finding Grants	<u>56,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>272,956</u>	<u>137,890</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Grants	<u>272,956</u>	<u>137,890</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

8. Overhead

	Management £	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	51,828	365	484	14,963	67,640
Research	8,638	61	81	2,494	11,274
Educational	1,440	10	13	416	1,879
Emergency Grants	20,155	142	188	5,819	26,304
Care Grants	43,190	304	403	12,469	56,366
Active Case Finding Grants	18,715	132	175	5,402	24,424
	<u>143,966</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>1,344</u>	<u>41,563</u>	<u>187,887</u>

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the period ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Three trustees were reimbursed travelling expenses totalling £146 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020 Nil).

10. Staff costs

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Wages and salaries	109,061	35,443
Other pension costs	<u>2,369</u>	<u>739</u>
	<u>111,430</u>	<u>36,182</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.12.21	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20
Administration	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments more than £60,000.

The Charity considers its Key Management Personnel comprises its Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. None of the Trustees were paid during the period. The Chief Executive Officer had remuneration of £56,656, pension contributions of £1,700 and employers' national insurance of £6,602.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	5,579
Additions	<u>942</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>6,521</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	292
Charge for year	<u>1,989</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,281</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	<u>4,240</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,287</u>

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Market value	
At 1 January 2021	774,514
Additions	140,404
Disposals	(124,432)
Revaluations	<u>66,659</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>857,145</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	<u>857,145</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>774,514</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2021 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2021	66,659
Cost	<u>790,486</u>
	<u>857,145</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

13. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>19,288</u>	<u>3,105</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Taxation and social security	3,592	3,293
Other creditors	<u>29,904</u>	<u>7,509</u>
	<u>33,496</u>	<u>10,802</u>

15. Movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	659,880	304,653	(96,881)	867,652
Recruitment/fundraising	100,000	(100,000)	143,000	143,000
Research and Development	200,000	(25,499)	(174,501)	-
Care Grants	200,000	(56,000)	(144,000)	-
Assisi Grants	150,000	(127,382)	(22,618)	-
Emergency Grants	-	-	30,000	30,000
Active Case Finding Grants	-	-	240,000	240,000
Training	-	-	10,000	10,000
Capital Funding	-	-	15,000	15,000
	<u>1,309,880</u>	<u>(4,228)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,305,652</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,309,880</u>	<u>(4,228)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,305,652</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	537,575	(307,140)	74,218	304,653
Recruitment/fundraising	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Research and Development	-	(25,499)	-	(25,499)
Care Grants	-	(56,000)	-	(56,000)
Assisi Grants	-	(127,382)	-	(127,382)
	<u>537,575</u>	<u>(616,021)</u>	<u>74,218</u>	<u>(4,228)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>537,575</u>	<u>(616,021)</u>	<u>74,218</u>	<u>(4,228)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

15. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,309,880	(650,000)	659,880
Recruitment/fundraising	-	100,000	100,000
Research and Development	-	200,000	200,000
Care Grants	-	200,000	200,000
Assisi Grants	-	150,000	150,000
	<u>1,309,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,309,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,539,610	(305,562)	75,832	1,309,880
	<u>1,539,610</u>	<u>(305,562)</u>	<u>75,832</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,539,610</u>	<u>(305,562)</u>	<u>75,832</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>

The designated funds are:

Recruitment/fundraising

This designated fund is to ensure there are funds available to cover the next twelve months costs.

Research and Development

This designated fund is reserves that have been set aside for future research and development into leprosy

Care Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that the care grants for the following year are met. This will be adjusted as appropriate to meet future annual commitments

Assisi Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that annual grant commitments can be met for the following year.

Emergency Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that emergency grants are available to those that require urgent assistance

Active Case-Finding Grants

This is a designated fund for finding new projects that are considered worth funding.

Training

This designated fund has been set aside for training costs.

Capital Funding

This designated fund has been set aside for capital projects.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

16. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

17. Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(4,228)	1,309,880
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,989	292
Losses on investments	(74,218)	-
Interest received	(50)	(206)
Dividends received	(17,948)	(10,194)
Increase in debtors	(16,183)	(3,105)
Increase in creditors	<u>22,694</u>	<u>10,802</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(87,944)</u>	<u>1,307,469</u>

18.. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>537,776</u>	<u>(79,301)</u>	<u>458,475</u>
	<u>537,776</u>	<u>(79,301)</u>	<u>458,475</u>
Total	<u>537,776</u>	<u>(79,301)</u>	<u>458,475</u>

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	291,273	1,360,922
Gift aid	28,411	3,467
Legacies	<u>199,142</u>	<u>164,821</u>
	518,826	1,529,210
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	751	-
Investment income		
Dividends received	17,948	10,194
Deposit account interest	<u>50</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>17,998</u>	<u>10,400</u>
Total incoming resources	537,575	1,539,610
Expenditure		
Raising donations and legacies		
Marketing	143,197	81,241
Online fundraising costs	456	126
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,989</u>	<u>292</u>
	145,642	81,659
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	9,536	5,934
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	272,956	137,890
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	109,061	35,443
Pensions	2,369	739
Rent and utilities	16,543	8,167
Telephone	383	481
Postage and stationery	6,127	4,052
Sundries	1,269	346
IT support costs	<u>8,214</u>	<u>3,482</u>
	143,966	52,710
Finance		
Bank charges	1,014	533

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 25.3.20 to 31.12.20 £
Finance		
Other		
Insurance	1,344	313
Governance costs		
Accountancy and Professional	<u>41,563</u>	<u>26,523</u>
Total resources expended	<u>616,021</u>	<u>305,562</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	(78,446)	1,234,048
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>7,559</u>	<u>5,065</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(70,887)</u>	<u>1,239,113</u>

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ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188749

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020
for
ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

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for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020**

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ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

Reference and Administrative Details for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

Board of Trustees

Very Reverend Fr Michael Copps OFM (Spiritual Director; ex officio)
Mr Michael Forbes Smith (Chair of Trustees) (to serve until May 2023)
Mr Christopher Wyatt FCA (Hon. Treasurer) (to serve until May 2022)
Sister Helen McMahon FMM (Hon. Secretary) (to serve until May 2022)
Ms Margaret Hood (to serve until May 2023)
Dr Gosia Brykczynska (to serve until May 2022)
Mr Philip Newill (to serve until May 2023)
Mr Paul Leavy (stood down 14 May 2020)
Ms Claire Tuhey (to serve until May 2022)
Prof Robin Graham-Brown (to serve until May 2023)
Prof Noel Gill (to serve until May 2022)
Mr Nicholas Hall (appointed 14th May 2020; died 7 December 2020)
Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara (nominee of Bishops Conference of England and Wales; appointed 12th November 2020)

Director

Mr Kieran Kettleton (retired 24th November 2020)

Mrs Clare McIntosh (appointed 9th November 2020)

Administrator

Miss Sheila Pereira

Brief details about each of the current Trustees are as follows:

Chair of Trustees

Michael Forbes Smith KHS. A former British soldier (1971-78), diplomat (1978-2004; Ambassador to Tajikistan 2002-4) and Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2006-12). Both on overseas postings and at home, Michael has served in various ministries and offices in his local Roman Catholic parishes.

Hon Secretary

Sr Helen McMahon FMM. A Franciscan Missionary of Mary since 1956. Teacher in Catholic schools in deprived areas of London 1962-78. Brentwood Diocesan team 1980-86. Regional Superior for Scotland and the North of England 1986-1992. Official of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Vatican City, Rome 1992-2006. Honorary Secretary of SFLG since 2006.

Hon Treasurer

Chris Wyatt is a Chartered Accountant with more than 40 years of International auditing, accounting, and corporate banking experience.

Trustee

Dr M (Gosia) Brykczynska, RN. Retired Paediatric Oncology Nurse and Nursing Lecturer at the Royal College of Nursing Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies. Author of many textbooks. Currently European President of The International Association of Catholic Nurses (SICIAMS).

Trustee

Father Michael Copps A member of the Friars Minor (OFM) since 1965. From 1981 to 1990 he was Guardian and Novice Master in the community in Chilworth, Surrey. From 1990 to 1999 he was a Parish Priest in Nottingham and was Guardian of the community from 1994-1997. He was Parish Priest in St Antony's, Forest Gate 1999-2001 and then in the same role in St Francis, Stratford from 2002-2005. In 2005 he was elected Provincial of the friars in this country and served until 2014. After another period as Parish Priest in Stratford, was elected Custos in 2018.

Trustee

Noel Gill. An infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM, worked at the national infectious disease surveillance centre for England (1980- 2020), leading the HIV & STI team. He is currently assisting the COVID-19 emergency response.

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

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Trustee

Professor Robin Graham-Brown KC*HS. A (mostly) retired Consultant Dermatologist at University Hospitals of Leicester and the Gibraltar Health Authority (1983-2018); Editor, British Journal of Dermatology (2000-2004); President, British Association of Dermatologists (2005-2006) and Dowling Club (2009-2010); Robin combined active clinical practice with research, teaching, authorship and clinical management at Trust Board level; he is active in his local parish and in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; he is chair of trustees of a Hospice in the East Midlands.

Trustee

Margaret Marie Elizabeth Felicia Hood has served on the SFLG committee for over 20 years. She is also a committee member of several other Roman Catholic charities and is a member of the Order of Malta.

Trustee

Claire Tuhey. A former British diplomat, (1976 - 2010). Extensive home and overseas experience, culminating in serving as Private Secretary to Des Browne, MP, in his capacity as the then PM's Special Envoy to Sri Lanka, (2008-2010), and Senior Management Officer & HM Consul Mumbai, (2005-2008). Volunteer with the Guild since 2011, subsequently a trustee. Actively involved in the British expatriate and local communities overseas and have helped local parish community when at home.

Trustee

Paul Leavy. After graduating in Chemistry, Paul worked in information science at Thomson companies for 30 years, communicating with overseas offices, and gaining IT and interpersonal skills. Upon retirement, he became a volunteer at the Guild, subsequently taking over as Administrator for 3 years, and so acquired knowledge of the many leprosy centres supported by the Guild. Paul is also a volunteer at Westminster Cathedral.

Trustee

Philip Newill. Catholic. Bank Clerk with NatWest Bank (1971-2009); member of Legion of Mary (1982-2020); Volunteer with St Francis Leprosy Guild (2000-2020).

Trustee

Cecilia Taylor-Camara was the Senior Policy Adviser in the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. She was the strategic lead on migration, racial justice and human trafficking. She was the key advisor on migration to the Bishops Conference and assisted in developing policy and strategy in this area. A significant part of her brief was to work on combating human trafficking and raising awareness of this crime. She also represented and advocated on behalf of the Bishops Conference, with appropriate international institutions, Government, Parliamentary and Local Government departments and agencies. Her work focused on tackling the root causes of social exclusion, particularly the stigmatization of migrants.

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Report of the Trustees for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

The St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) was re-constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1188749) on 25th March 2020. This is therefore the first Annual Report of the CIO (see below for details). In line with Charity Commission practice, the Annual reports of the former SFLG Unincorporated Association (charity number 208751) are no longer available on their website but are available on the SFLG website at www.stfrancisleprosy.org.

INTRODUCTION

The St Francis Leprosy Guild was founded on 23rd October 1895 to provide care for people suffering from the progressive, transmissible and then incurable disease of leprosy. We are a Roman Catholic charity but have never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of our beneficiaries, nor of race, colour, gender or age. Our primary activity remained largely unchanged, essentially stipendiary payments to leprosy villages, hospitals, clinics or communities that treat or care for people affected by leprosy and their dependents, until changing circumstances in recent years required us, as it has other NGO's, to re-consider our priorities and activities.

Long term decline in our fundraising base led Trustees in 2017 to commission a report on increasing voluntary income by an external charity fundraising consultancy. Its recommendations informed our Strategic Review "A Pilgrimage of Hope" launched in November 2017. The Fundraising Plan 2018 based on it was approved by Trustees in February 2018. The Guild's first professional Director was then recruited, with the remit to undertake a major donor recruitment and fundraising campaign, launched in January 2019, which Trustees acknowledged would be costly in the short term.

Once a truly effective cure for the disease became available, distributed free of charge by the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1991, there were impressive advances in leprosy control worldwide. However, since the millennium new cases reported to the WHO have remained stubbornly at around 200,000 annually. In response, the WHO launched its 2016-2020 Global Leprosy Strategy "Accelerating Towards a Leprosy-Free World" whose thrust is unlikely to change in the near future.

In order to re-focus the Guild's own strategy in line with the changing leprosy landscape Trustees, working with the Director, approved a new Grants Policy in September 2019, providing for three levels of funding for the leprosy organisations we support. The first would continue our traditional support of leprosy sufferers and their dependents who still need our help. The second, our response to the changing landscape of leprosy, would support multi-year projects that concentrate on primary health care and case-finding leading to early diagnosis and treatment, mostly in remote areas where leprosy remains endemic. The third was funding research where we would support applied research in the fields of diagnostics, treatment and the reduction of transmission of the disease. In order to facilitate the roll out of these new ventures, it was decided to designate funds within the 2020 accounts for those purposes and for fundraising/recruitment. Governance changes included a decision by trustees in November 2019 to re-constitute the Guild as a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

This is the first Annual Report of The St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) as a newly constituted Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO). Previously constituted as an Unincorporated Association (charity registration no. 208741) it was registered by the Charity Commission on 25th March 2020. In line with Charity Commission practice the Annual Reports of the former Charity have been removed from their website but are available on the SFLG website at www.stfrancisleprosy.org. The dissolution of the SFLG Unincorporated Association and the transfer of funds to the SFLG CIO took place on 11th June 2020.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020**

Objectives and activities

Objectives and Aims

The Objects of the SFLG CIO, as defined in the Constitution approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th May 2020, are:

1. funding organisations giving relief and assistance to persons with leprosy or disabled as a result of leprosy, their families and dependents throughout the world;
2. funding activity towards prevention and control of the disease of leprosy, including relevant investigations and research of the causes, treatment and prevention of this disease; and
3. carrying out or funding the professional education of those engaged in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of leprosy.

These objects are not materially different from those set out in the Charity Commission Scheme of 24th June 2003 for the former SFLG Unincorporated Association.

In our activities as described below, and in the distribution of our funds, the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission including on public benefit.

Significant Activities

Review of Activities

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, whose effect on our activities is outlined below and which had a devastating impact on several of the leprosy organisations we support worldwide, we continued to develop our recruitment and fundraising campaign and the implementation of our operational strategies with some success.

Relief and Assistance

In 2020 we provided relief, assistance, rehabilitation, training and education of people suffering from leprosy and their dependents through supporting 29 different projects across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Funding for these activities was provided through our traditional Annual Maintenance Grants (AMGs) to "Centres" or partner organisations such as hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and communities with which we have had a long-term relationship. The more rigorous reviews of them carried out in 2018-19 reflected the increased level of accountability demanded by donors and charity regulators and resulted in a significant reduction in the number of partner organisations who were eligible for funding. It was pleasing to note that almost all the 2020 applications were of a satisfactory level of information and detail. The applications were reviewed and awards recommended by Trustees with several years' experience of the Guild's application process, assisted by the electronic AMG application system introduced in 2017. Where necessary, further information was sought from partner organisations before deciding whether to recommend an award. All recommendations were confirmed by the AGM in May following which disbursement commenced.

Where grants were awarded in 2020:

Africa:	9 Centres totalling £32,500
India	11 Centres totalling £37,000
South East Asia:	8 Centres totalling £36,500
South America:	1 Centre totalling £10,000
Total	29 Centres totalling £116,000

Towards a Leprosy-Free World

Grant Making Policy. 2020 was a pivotal year for SFLG as the decisions made by trustees in 2019 to support "key tenets" of the WHO's Strategy such as "early detection of all patients before they develop disabilities" came to fruition. Our software was updated to meet the new and any future demands for different types of funding using a Submit Software Solutions programme.

Relief and Assistance. The traditional, essentially stipendiary AMG payments will be continued where we have ongoing obligations and applicant partner organisations can meet the necessary criteria, updated in 2020. Marking these changes, these payments were re-named Assisi Grants, in honour of our name saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. 36 potential partner organisations were invited to apply for the first tranche of Assisi Grants in December.

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Early Detection and Related Projects. The Director, supported by those trustees with relevant expertise and with assistance from both Lepira and CAFOD, refined and implemented the 2019 decision to identify partner organisation that could successfully implement projects to find and treat leprosy in its earliest stages - before disability develops and before it can spread throughout the community. Such projects require significant financial support over several years. We decided to offer funding of £10,000 or more annually for three to five years for projects including specific outcomes relating to the eradication of the disease which can be monitored by the Guild and their success objectively judged. This will be a pre-condition for continued funding. We were pleased to find amongst our existing partner organisations several potential applicants for these new "Local Case Finding and Contact Management Programme Grants". Fifteen of them were invited to submit "Expressions of Interest" (EOI), the first stage of our two-tier application system, by the end of the year. The timetable should enable initial disbursements by August 2021. Accordingly, a designation of £200,000 has been made in the annual accounts.

Other Grants. We have for many years, when funds permit, funded one-off projects for specific purposes such as infrastructure development, small scale income-generating funding, vehicles, disaster relief and the like. These will continue to be available when requested, considered appropriate and with a satisfactory audit trail. In addition, we will consider funding other activities which, in our view, meet the requirements of our Objects and Mission. In 2020, when the Indian government took draconian action to prevent the spread of Covid-19, resulting in dislocation of income particularly of the poor including leprosy sufferers, we were able, with the support of Lepira, to fund a one-off emergency food distribution programme in five highly endemic and tribal districts of western Madhya Pradesh which provided nutritional support for 1,010 families of leprosy sufferers between October and December 2020 at a total project cost of £20,000.

Research Grants. The WHO's strategy also emphasised the need for further research into ending leprosy. Trustees decided that we should seek to work globally with other NGO's both to leverage our own research funds and to enable more rigorous screening, evaluation, approval and monitoring of research proposals than we could provide at present from our own resources. We therefore became an Associate Partner of the Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI). LRI is a global joint venture supported by significant leprosy organisations from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and North America. We have agreed to support a project with £20,000 funding annually for three years, in the areas of operational practice and transmission (active case-finding), being the areas most closely connected to our Programme Grants.

Education. We again provided a bursary of £500 to support the overseas elective visit, focussed on leprosy of a final year medical student

Advocacy and External Relationships

Our active cooperation with other leprosy agencies developed further. Lepira and CAFOD gave us invaluable help on our project funding policies outlined above. Most notably, our initiative on parliamentary lobbying, actively supported by Lepira and the Leprosy Mission for England and Wales, led to two meetings with Fiona Bruce MP, outgoing Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Neglected Tropical Diseases. At the second, in February, she informed us that the APPGNTD had agreed to hold a meeting specifically on leprosy in July, and invited us to prepare speaking notes for a 30-minute debate in the House around the same time. The SFLG Chair undertook to draft these with additional material provided by the other leprosy organisations. Sadly, this significant lobbying opportunity fell victim to the COVID-19 restrictions.

125th Anniversary

The first meeting of SFLG was held on 23rd October 1895. Trustees decided that, to mark our 125th anniversary the Annual Benefactors' Mass would be an enlarged occasion, to be celebrated in Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 24th October, with Archbishop John Wilson presiding as chief concelebrant. A lecture would be held in the late spring at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and a Trustees' pilgrimage to Walsingham on 11th July was agreed with the administrator Mgr Jon Armitage. All these arrangements were put on hold with the introduction of COVID-19 restrictions. In place of the Mass, a streamed 125th Anniversary Event was broadcast on Saturday 24th October via YouTube and available on the SFLG website, introduced by the Chair, with an update on our work, a brief celebration of the work of Kate Marsden, the nursing heroine who was the moving spirit behind the founding of the Guild, and a moving prayer and blessing by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ of Farm Street.

A Mass to celebrate the end of our 125th Anniversary year will now be held at Southwark Cathedral on 30th October 2021, at which Archbishop John Wilson has again kindly agreed to preside as chief concelebrant.

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Fundraising/Donor Recruitment Policy

Following the successful 2019 donor recruitment and fundraising campaign, our long-term strategy to encourage more supporters to join us continued with spring and autumn campaigns using both inserts and press advertisements. The pandemic did influence our income in 2020 as churches closed and some diocesan newspapers ceased circulation.

Overall, however, our results have been encouraging. Since January 2019 over 1,000 new donors have donated £130,000 in over 1,500 gifts, indicating long-term support for SFLG. Legacies for the calendar year 2020 were almost £250,000 more than in 2019 (2020 £319,821; 2019 £71,358), possibly related to the regrettably large number of COVID-19 deaths. This underlined the need to introduce a designated Legacy Reserves Fund which will provide a cushion to even out these largely unpredictable annual sources of income and permit them to be included in forward planning. The introduction of a newsletter in addition to the spring Annual Review ensured contactable donors were reminded of our activities and resulted in an encouraging number of additional donations. At the end of the year, improvements to the online giving platforms were being planned, together with consideration of other potential sources of income to be explored when appropriate. No complaints were received about any aspect of fundraising in the reporting period.

Volunteers

Significant elements of SFLG's operations are carried out by the Trustees and by other volunteers who provide their services free. In the opinion of the Trustees it is not practical to quantify the value of the services provided.

Safeguarding

Although SFLG has no staff in direct contact with leprosy sufferers, vulnerable adults or children, the prime purpose of the partner organisations we support is the daily care of such persons. The Board of Trustees requires that all those conducting projects on our behalf must undertake to comply with SFLG's Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct first approved on 10 January 2019. All the partner organisations we worked with in 2020 confirmed in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents (see website). This will continue to be an absolute requirement for any future potential partner organisations before disbursement of funds can be approved.

Financial review

Financial position

Transfer of Funds

Following the dissolution of the SFLG Unincorporated Association, £1,287,501 was transferred to the newly constituted SFLG CIO on 11th June 2020.

Accounting Practice

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Results for the Period 11th June - 31st December 2020

Income 11th June to 31st December. Total income for the period 11th June-31st December 2020 was £1,539,610 . Donations were £1,364,389 , legacies £164,821. Trust income was low at £10,400, for reasons outlined above.

Expenditure 11th June to 31st December. Expenditure for the period 11th June to 31st December totalled £305,562. £137,890 was awarded in grants to 29 leprosy "Centres". Costs of raising funds was £87,593 and administration costs, including recruitment was £80,079.

The Balance Sheet shows total funds for the period of £1,309,880.

We maintain close attention to the control, and where possible reduction, of our annual operating costs.

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Financial review

Investment policy and objectives

While we refine and implement the plans outlined above, the Board of Trustees has determined that we should continue to hold funds in investments until we are ready to disburse them to best effect. The value of our investments at 31st December 2020 was £774,514. During 2020 we incurred net realised and unrealised gains of £75,832 reported in the SOFA for 2020.

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for SFLG's investment strategy. The funds are managed by Brewin Dolphin and the Guild takes advice from Brewin Dolphin investment professionals to help maximise the return on its investments and to ensure that the investment strategy remains fit for purpose whilst ensuring adherence to an ethical investment policy which is relevant to the charity's objects and constitution. The Board of Trustees consider that the charity has adequate risk management, reporting, and approval procedures in place.

The determination and allocation of annual grants made by SFLG is the sole responsibility of the Board of Trustees

Reserves policy

SFLG holds only unrestricted reserves, with its policy objectives to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves that would enable us to maintain a continuity of activity together with the ability to adjust in a measured way to significant changes in the external economic environment and demands for the grants provided by SFLG.

The Accounts Working Group recommended in December 2019 that the fundraising/ recruitment funding (£100,000 for 2020-21) should be designated in the accounts, as should agreed programme grants. A designated applied research and development fund (£200,000) was also recommended. In November 2020 the Board of Trustees consolidated its decisions on designating funds, reflecting 2020 experience and anticipating future expected expenditure as follows:

Recruitment/fundraising:	£100,000 annually
Research and Development	£200,000 to be replenished at the Board's discretion
Programme Grants:	£200,000 annually, adjusted as appropriate to meet future grant commitments
Assisi Grants:	£150,000 annually, adjusted as appropriate to meet future grant commitments
Total:	£650,000

In addition it was decided that an amount of £100,000 should be maintained in Unrestricted Reserves against the unlikely event of the CIO having to be wound up.

At its November 2020 meeting, trustees also concluded that a Legacy Reserve Fund was needed to even out the fluctuations in legacy income and permit its use to some degree in forward planning. They have now decided that this should be maintained in the Unrestricted Reserves and set at £100,000 for the 2021 financial year. Thereafter it should be adjusted annually to reflect the difference between the seven-year rolling average and the lowest annual legacy income in that period. Should legacy income fall below the seven-year average, the Fund could be used to offset any shortfall in budgeted expenditure that resulted.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Charity constitution

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation that was established on the 25 March 2020.

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Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

Charitable Structure.

We changed our charitable status from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation (CIO), registered by the Charity Commission on 25th March 2020 and adopted by the SFLG Annual General Meeting on 14th May 2020. This Annual Report and Accounts covers the period from 25 March 2020 to 31st December 2020. In consequence of the change of Charitable status the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts of the former charity were not required by the Charity Commission but are publicly available on our website, as are a full set of accounts for the calendar year 2020. Completing the administrative process involved in the change of charitable status was complicated and time-consuming. The Trustees are grateful to the Hon Treasurer, Director and Administrator for the many hours they spent ensuring the transition was successful.

Appointment of Trustees. Under our CIO Constitution up to 12 Trustees may be appointed, on the basis of personal recommendation and previous experience, for terms of three years, but may not be re-appointed for a fourth term until after an interval of at least one year. They are briefed on the activities of the Guild and their responsibilities as Trustees by the existing Trustees. They manage the affairs of the SFLG CIO and exercise individually and jointly the powers set out in the Constitution. The Provincial or Custos of the Order of Friars Minors is Spiritual Director and a Trustee ex officio. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) may nominate a Trustee to represent them. Paul Leavy stood down as a Trustee on 14 May 2020, following seven years devoted service as a trustee and before that two years as Administrator, but remained a member of the Grants Sub-Committee. Nicholas Hall was appointed a Trustee at the May AGM and served until, sadly, he died very suddenly on 7th December, having already proved a stalwart supporter of SFLG. May his soul rest in peace. Ms Cecilia Taylor-Camara was confirmed as the CBCEW nominated Trustee at the November Board meeting.

Meetings. In 2020 Six Board of Trustees meetings were held, that in May being also the Annual General Meeting. An Assembly is planned to take place every year following the Annual Benefactors' Mass when donors and others interested in our activities can hear a report of the year's activities and pose questions. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic all the meetings of the charity from our registration as a CIO have been held virtually by zoom, including the AGM on 14th May which adopted the CIO Constitution and all subsequent meetings of the CIO Board of Trustees. These arrangements proved entirely satisfactory.

Other Governance Matters. A Trustees Skills Audit and a Risk Register together with a Risk Management protocol were completed.

Offices. We had been concerned that the offices rented from the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) in St Charles Square were too large for our needs even before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in staff and trustees operating almost entirely remotely from home, save for some accounting work, where data held on computers in the offices could not be accessed remotely (an upgrade to permit remote working was being installed at the end of the year). It was therefore decided to take the opportunity of the 30 September 2020 break point in our lease to give notice. While some progress was made in seeking possible alternative small office facilities, Covid-19 restrictions made viewing difficult and no decision had been taken by the end of the year.

Staff. Recognising the increasing demands of the current recruitment and fundraising campaign, the expansion of our work and our aspirations to continue the trajectory realised so far, we reinforced our executive team. Kieran Kettleton, our Director for three years, retired in November. The Board of Trustees are grateful for his commitment to SFLG and his contribution to bringing forward our new strategies during his tenure. The Board decided that his replacement would have a wider remit as a full time CEO taking over the whole range of SFLG's current and future activities including fundraising, programme delivery, communications and day-to-day management and to propose and deliver SFLG's agreed future strategic development. Clare McIntosh, a senior marketing and commercial director who has also founded and run a charity was selected and formally took over on 24th November.

The Charity Commission have granted an audit dispensation under Regulation 34(3)(b) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Commencement of activities

The Charity was established on the 25 March 2020 and commenced activities on the 11 June 2020.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020**

Trustees' responsibility statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

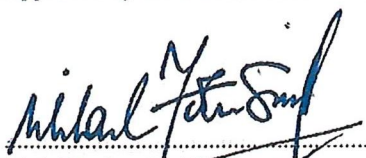
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on *9th December 2021* and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr M Forbes Smith - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Francis Leprosy Guild**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Francis Leprosy Guild (the Trust) for the period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



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10 December 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £
Income and endowments from		
Donations and legacies	2	1,529,210
Investment income	3	10,400
Total		1,539,610
 Expenditure on		
Raising funds	4	127,902
 Charitable activities	5	
Care Grants		151,694
Emergency Grants		25,966
 Total		305,562
Net gains on investments		75,832
NET INCOME		1,309,880
 Total funds carried forward		1,309,880

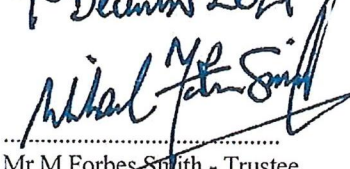
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Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	10	5,287
Investments	11	774,514
		779,801
Current assets		
Debtors	12	3,105
Cash at bank		537,776
		540,881
Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,802)
Net current assets		530,079
Total assets less current liabilities		1,309,880
NET ASSETS		1,309,880
Funds	14	
Unrestricted funds		1,309,880
Total funds		1,309,880

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr M Forbes Smith - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Notes	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	16	1,307,469
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,307,469</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,579)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(774,514)
Interest received		206
Dividends received		10,194
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(769,693)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>537,776</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>537,776</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs have been allocated on a 50:50 basis between raising donations and legacies and grants. The support costs between grants has been allocated on a grant payable basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

2. Donations and legacies

	£
Donations	1,360,922
Gift aid	3,467
Legacies	164,821
	<u>1,529,210</u>

The St Francis Leprosy Guild was previously set up under Charity Number 208741.
On the 11 June 2020 all the net assets were transferred to this new CIO Charity.
The amount which is included in donations above was £1,287,501.

3. Investment income

	£
Dividends received	10,194
Deposit account interest	206
	<u>10,400</u>

4. Raising funds

Raising donations and legacies

	£
Marketing	81,241
Online fundraising costs	126
Depreciation	292
Support costs	40,309
	<u>121,968</u>

Investment management costs

	£
Portfolio management	5,934

Aggregate amounts	<u>127,902</u>
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5. Charitable activities costs

	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Care Grants	117,890	33,804	151,694
Emergency Grants	20,000	5,966	25,966
	<u>137,890</u>	<u>39,770</u>	<u>177,660</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

6. Grants payable

	£
Care Grants	117,890
Emergency Grants	20,000
	<u>137,890</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the period was as follows:

	£
Care and Emergency Grants	<u>137,890</u>

7. Support costs

	Management £	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	26,358	533	156	13,262	40,309
Care Grants	22,400	-	133	11,271	33,804
Emergency Grants	3,952	-	24	1,990	5,966
	<u>52,710</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>26,523</u>	<u>80,079</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2020.

9. Staff costs

	£
Wages and salaries	35,443
Other pension costs	739
	<u>36,182</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

Administration	<u>2</u>
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The Charity considers its Key Management Personnel comprises its Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. None of the Trustees were paid during the period. The Chief Executive Officer Clare McIntosh had remuneration of £8,333 and pension contributions of £250.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
Additions	<u>5,579</u>
Depreciation	
Charge for year	<u>292</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>5,287</u></u>

11. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Market value	
Additions	<u>774,514</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>774,514</u></u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

12. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u><u>3,105</u></u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£
Taxation and social security	3,293
Other creditors	<u>7,509</u>
	<u><u>10,802</u></u>

14. Movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,309,880	(650,000)	659,880
Recruitment/fundraising	-	100,000	100,000
Research and Development	-	200,000	200,000
Programme grants	-	200,000	200,000
Assisi Grants	-	150,000	150,000
	<u>1,309,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,309,880</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,309,880</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

14. Movement in funds - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,539,610	(305,562)	75,832	1,309,880
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,539,610</u>	<u>(305,562)</u>	<u>75,832</u>	<u>1,309,880</u>

The designated funds are:

Recruitment/fundraising

This designated fund is to ensure there are funds available to cover the next twelve months costs.

Research and Development

This designated fund is reserves that have been set aside for future research and development into Leprosy

Programme Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that the programme grants for the following year are met. This will be adjusted as appropriate to meet future annual commitments

Assisi Grants

This designated fund is to ensure that annual grant commitments can be met for the following year.

15. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2020.

16. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,309,880
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation charges	292
Interest received	(206)
Dividends received	(10,194)
Increase in debtors	(3,105)
Increase in creditors	10,802
Net cash provided by operations	<u>1,307,469</u>

17.. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 25.3.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	-	537,776	537,776
	-	537,776	537,776
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>537,776</u>	<u>537,776</u>

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020**

£

Income and endowments**Donations and legacies**

Donations	1,360,922
Gift aid	3,467
Legacies	164,821
	1,529,210

Investment income

Dividends received	10,194
Deposit account interest	206
	10,400

Total incoming resources	1,539,610
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Expenditure**Raising donations and legacies**

Marketing	81,241
Online fundraising costs	126
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	292
	81,659

Investment management costs

Portfolio management	5,934
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Charitable activities

Grants to institutions	137,890
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Support costs**Management**

Wages	35,443
Pensions	739
Rent and utilities	8,167
Telephone	481
Postage and stationery	4,052
Sundries	346
IT support costs	3,482
	52,710

Finance

Bank charges	533
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Other

Insurance	313
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Governance costs

Accountancy and legal fees	26,523

Total resources expended	305,562
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Net income before gains and losses	1,234,048
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ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 25 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

	£
Realised recognised gains and losses	
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	75,832
Net income	1,309,880