



# OPERATION INTERNATIONAL

2021 Annual Report

This report explains OIUK's objects, aims, major activities planned, and which groups will use and benefit from the charity's services.

The report includes a risk management statement which also refers to compliance with the applicable national standards.

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## Information about OIUK

Charity Name: Operation International UK

Charity registration number: 1189 398

Company registration number: CE 021 784

Financial Year End: 31 December 2021

Registered Office Address: Office 7, 35-37 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JN

## Trustees

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Ms Samantha Matin

Dr Jennifer Watt

## Our Aims and objectives

### Purposes and Aims

Our charity's purposes are as follows:

The advancement of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, amongst underprivileged communities in any part of the world by:

- (a) Providing free surgical and medical care to patients in need of such care;
- (b) Training local medical professionals; and
- (c) Assisting with the development of a sustainable medical infrastructure.

The relief of poverty of children living in underprivileged communities in any part of the world, including in particular children living in orphanages, in such ways as the charity trustees shall think fit.

The advancement of education of such children in such ways as the charity trustees shall think fit.

### The focus of our work

Our main objectives continued to be to deliver safe surgical care, free at the point of use. We aim to do this by gathering a team of clinicians and surgical equipment and partnering with a hospital in a lower or middle income country (LMIC) to organise a week-long trip to that hospital. During that trip we are allocated local staff and operating theatres with which we deliver a high volume of surgical procedures to the local population who have been notified of our arrival in advance and travel far and wide to reach us.

### Who benefits from our services?

Two thirds of the world's population do not have access to safe, timely and affordable surgery. There are 1.1 million Specialist Surgeons worldwide, yet less than 20% of those are in LMICs. Africa and South East Asia are particularly affected. Given that population in LMICs represents almost 50% of the world's population, LMICs are massively underserved when it comes to the provision of surgery.

### **The Impact of Covid-19**

The global covid-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented disruption to economies and societies globally. This disruption has curtailed a range of activities, from local fund-raising to delivering surgical healthcare abroad.

Two of our trustees are surgeons working in the UK whose primary focus has been to maintain a minimum standard of care in their respective hospitals throughout 2021. Massive staff sickness and isolation precluded any extra-curricular activity, and we were forced to cancel a surgical mission in 2021. We do however plan to deploy a small team of clinicians for a mission in Q4 2022/2023.

### **Financial Review**

Against the backdrop of the covid-19 pandemic it has not been possible to hold any in-person fundraisers or run any surgical care missions.

We have been able to get the basic infrastructure of our charity established as follows:

1. We have established a 'gofundme' charity fundraising page (<https://gofund.me/25170bcb>)
2. We have made a high-level plan to run a surgical mission in Q4 2022
3. We have devised covid-19 safety protocols to minimise infection risk while operating a mission
4. We have updated our website, safeguarding policy, and working-overseas policy to reflect the changes related to the Covid-19 pandemic

### **Principal Funding Sources**

We envisage that our principal funding source will continue to be grants from our affiliated charity, Operational International, incorporated in the USA (<https://www.operationinternational.org>).

We also aim to organise in-person fundraisers in 2023 and raise funds from ticket sales and raffle draws.

Finally, we aim to submit grant applications after we have run a mission and may demonstrate a track record of activity.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered as a charity on 7 May 2020. The company has a constitution which established the objects and powers of the CIO and is governed under its articles of association.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the CIO are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the constitution a trustee will serve until i. the trustee dies, ii. if the CIO ceases to exist; or iii. The trustee sends notice of resignation to the charity trustees provided that there shall be at least one trustee after the notice of resignation takes effect.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the accounts.

Due to the nature of the charity's work, the trustees seek to ensure that the needs of this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body, as well as the more traditional business and medical skills.

### Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks and associated mitigants are outlined in the 'Working Overseas' and 'Safeguarding' policy documents that are both available on the trust website (oiuk.uk). These policies are reviewed every two years and updated where necessary.

Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks to the CIO. In other instances, the charity will rely on the risk management procedures of the volunteer's employer. For example, the Director of the charity has been designated as the safeguarding lead to ensure rapid response to any safeguarding concerns. All clinical volunteers are also required to have undertaken hospital-delivered safeguarding training within two years of joining a surgical mission. This ensures a uniform understanding of overall safeguarding responsibilities. We believe that this requirement, in conjunction with familiarly with our specific safeguarding policy, offers a sufficient control against safeguarding risks.

### Organisational Structure

The CIO has three trustees who meet quarterly and are responsible for strategic direction and day-to-day management.

## Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both the national and the international areas of surgical best practice.

The CIO also has an affiliate relationship with Operation International Ltd (OI Ltd), who have provided financial and organizational support to establish OIUK. The chair of Operation International UK is a member of the Board of Directors of Operation International Ltd.

## Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are required to prepare statements of receipts and payments for each financial year. As there has been no activity in the CIO in the prior financial year, the financial report is net zero.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Financial Statement

I report on the accounts of the OPERATION INTERNATIONAL UK for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees

consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011

(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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



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- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date : 14 May 2022

OPERATION INTERNATIONAL UK  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
				2021	2020
Notes	£	£		£	£
Income					
			-		
From donations	3,407	-		3,407	0
Total income	3,407	-		3,407	0
Expenditure					
Independent Examiner fee	240			240	
Total expenditure	240	-		240	0
Net movement in funds					
	3,167	-		3,167	0
Total funds brought forward	0	-		0	0
Total funds carried forward	3,167	-		3,167	0

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,407	-	3,407	0
<b>Total current assets</b>		3,407		3,407	0
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2	(240)	-	(240)	0
<b>Net current assets</b>		3,167	-	3,167	0
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds		3,167	-	3,167	0
<b>Total funds</b>		3,167	-	3,167	0

## 1 Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### 1.2 Fund accounting

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

### 1.3 Income and expenditure

**OPERATION INTERNATIONAL UK**  
**Balance Sheet and Notes to Accounts**  
**For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

All income and expenditure have been recorded on an accrual's basis.

**2. Creditors due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examiner fee	240	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0</b>

**3. Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

**4. Trustees remuneration and expenses**

No remuneration and expenses directly or indirectly out of funds of the Charity were paid or payable for the year to any Trustees or to any person or persons known to be connected to any of them.

**5. Related party transactions**

There have been no transactions with related parties in the year.

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