

# SMALL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARITIES NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1191805

## Details

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**Other names** SIDCN

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-10-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

**Activities:** Activities to help small charities working overseas to deliver their services

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,650	£8,574	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,426	£1,378	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,853	£492	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,097	£791	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amber-faye Shotton		2022-09-04
Anna Ferron Brooker		2025-12-03
Anna Mendrek		2025-12-03
Awaz Raof		2025-12-03
Caterina Cedolini		2024-01-26
Corey James Karaka		2023-09-22
Elizabeth Ann Bird		2022-07-10
Janine Edwards		2023-08-19
Marlene Kawira Kinyua		2023-09-22
Olivia White		2020-10-11
Yan Chen		2025-12-03
Zahrah Ali		2025-12-03

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# Accounts

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**Small International  
Development Charities  
Network (SIDCN)**

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

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	Marlene Kawira	(appointed Sept 2023)
	Caterina Cedolini	(appointed Feb 2024)

# 2024 Impact Report

## Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN)



**Pictured:** Collage of images shared by SIDCN members (more details on back page)

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# Our Vision

An inclusive world supporting healthier, sustainable and empowered communities around the globe.

# Our Mission

Connect, strengthen and champion small charities internationally so they are better able to support the communities they serve.

# Our Values

Community, Inclusivity, Integrity, Excellence

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# A Note From the Board Chair

*SIDCN started in 2016 as an online collective of small NGOs creating a space to support each other in their work in often challenging environments. It has since grown to a community of over 2,400 members collaborating, sharing and supporting one another. We embarked on 2024 with clear objectives to amplify the collective work of our members and ensure that as many voices as possible were heard.*

*We've put out monthly blogs, continued to hold regular network meetings, engaged MPs, held the biggest SIDCN Fest yet, and secured multi-year funding to create our first funded part time role! It is amazing to see how much we have achieved in 2024 alone. This global network of people who want to strengthen communities, shift the power, and improve everyone's safety and wellbeing is so incredibly powerful. And we are just getting started!*



**- Amber Shotton**

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# 2024 by the Numbers

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## 4

podcasts produced through newly  
launched 'Radical Change' podcast

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## 9

education forums held, plus multiple  
country-specific support groups

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## 51

countries are  
represented in the network

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## 58

weekly calls held to connect,  
encourage and support the network

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## 2513

volunteer hours  
supporting SIDCN's work

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# Our Working Groups

The incredible team at SIDCN is made up of countless volunteers and a small number of part-time paid global freelancers. Members of our Board of Trustees and dedicated volunteers carry out work through our four strategic objectives, which have established working groups. They are: Amplify, Connect, Influence, and Sustainability & Admin.

## Amplify

This year saw the successful launch of “The Radical Change” podcast, an innovative way to share the stories of the often unseen, yet essential work that members of our network are tackling. Timely conversations are happening about power, equity, and so much more in this forum. It is all documented so that as many people as possible can learn and grow from a variety of perspectives. Amplify has increased member blogs, and continues to share excellent newsletters that keep the network informed. We are proud to continually demonstrate how members foster equitable partnerships, as well as champion knowledge sharing and capacity building within the network.

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## Connect

In many ways, the heartbeat of SIDCN are the weekly calls held for the network to connect, share, learn, and support one another. These continued successfully across 2024. We saw our biggest SIDCN Fest yet, with over 230 registrants, and engaged participation. In addition to offering seven paid member speaking opportunities, we saw two incredible expert speakers that enabled us to dig into the Principled Power Protocols. These tools were developed to explore power in development contexts and the relationship between intent and actual impact.

***"There have been so many opportunities to learn and grow as a small organisation. I feel we are more confident in shifting the power to our in-country partners, and we have improved our policies, communications, networking and fundraising, as a result of our involvement in SIDCN."***

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# Influence

Team Influence has been at the forefront of our advocacy efforts, responding to government papers, supporting members to engage with new MPs post-election, and working closely with the UK Alliance. We have been involved in dialogue to shape policy change, and have raised SIDCN's profile in influential spaces - with invites to speak with International Development Committee experts and to attend FCDO events, as well as participate in discussions with major philanthropic institutions. We are contributing valuable insights drawn from our network, and addressing how partnerships need to restore the credibility of international development and regain the trust of the Global South through prioritising local ownership and empowerment.

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# Sustainability & Admin

This team has enabled us to secure three years of crucial funding from Bond and the FCDO, allowing us to recruit three part-time freelancers from the Global North and South. These roles have contributed significantly to marketing, member engagement, and communications, ensuring capacity is reallocated to team Influence and core operational activities such as finance, broadening funders, and event planning.

***"SIDCN has been an incredible resource and inspiration for me, as a leader of a small organisation, to grow personally and professionally. But it is much more than that. I feel connected to like-minded souls who provide moral support... I am privileged to be a part of this wonderful network and am more than happy to repeatedly shout about its benefits."***

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**Pictured:** SIDCN Leaders Olivia Barker White; Marlene Kawira Kinyua; Corey Karaka; Lucas Mee

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# Thanks to our Team, Supporters, Partners and Funders

Our Board, Team, and incredible community of volunteers enable us to achieve more than organisations twice our size.

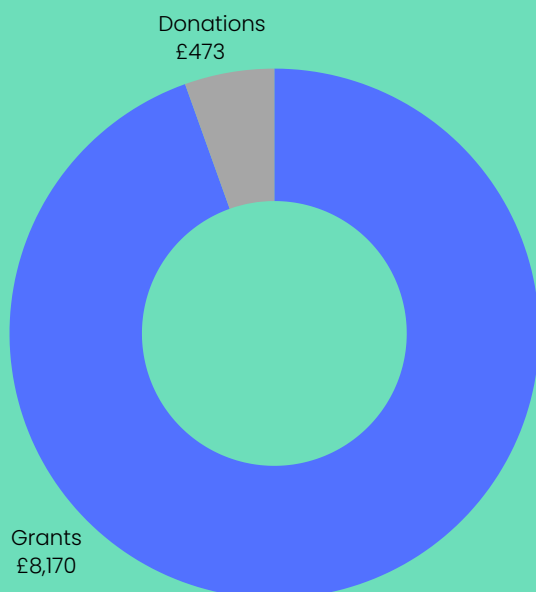
We cannot thank our community and supporters enough for donating their time, talents, and money to our work that impacts so many small organisations.

## Our Funders and Supporters

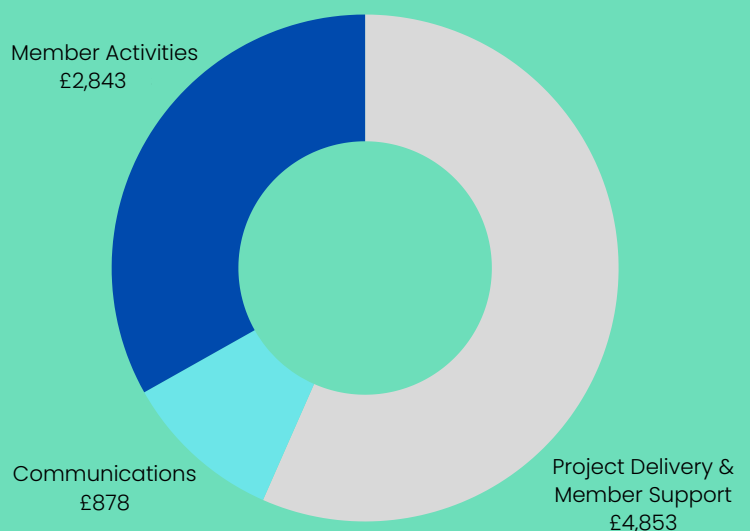
- [Bond](#) through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- [Chris Knott Insurance](#)
- [Fair Collective](#)
- A special thank you for the ongoing support of our anonymous regular giver...you know who you are!

**100% of our budget is spent on support to our members**

## Our Income



## Our Expenditure





[www.sidcn.org](http://www.sidcn.org)



**Pictured:** Various SIDCN team and volunteers hard at work!

## Charity Activities Pictured on Front Cover

- Carers Worldwide
- a little bit of HOPE
- Forever Angels
- S.A.L.V.E. International
- Uphill Trust
- Kids Club Kampala
- Ecologia Youth Trust
- PHASE Worldwide
- The Vanessa Grant Trust

**With thanks** to Elizabeth Pfiester for designing and compiling this report.

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Year Ended 31st December 2024

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	936	7,707	8,643	2,422
Investments		7	-	7	4
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>943</b>	<b>7,707</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>2,426</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	632	7,942	8,574	1,378
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>632</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,574</b>	<b>1,378</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>311</b>	<b>-235</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1048</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>					
Total funds (Cash) brought forward		2,715	-	2,715	1,667
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds (Cash) carried forward</b>		<b>3,026</b>	<b>-235</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>2,715</b>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024 £	2023
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank	- 2,793	2,715
<b>Total assets held at year end 31st Dec 2021</b>	<b>- 2,793</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	3,026	2,715
Designated	-	-
Restricted funds	- 235	-
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>2,715</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees or SIDCN and signed by:

**Name:** Amber Shotton  
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**Signed:** *Shotton*  
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**Date of approval:** 09/06/2025  
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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

#### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal.

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

#### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	473	-	473
Grants	463	7,707	8,170
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest	7	-	7
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>7,707</b>	<b>8,650</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	570	-	570
Grants	1,852	-	1,852
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest	4	-	4
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,426</b>

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### 3 Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Advertising, marketing and communication	49	830	878
Freelance fees	-	4,456	4,456
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-
Members activities	472	2,372	2,843
Operational cost	112	285	397
Other expenditure	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-
	<u>632</u>	<u>7,942</u>	<u>8,574</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Advertising, marketing and communication	1,111	-	1,111
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-
Operational cost	183	-	183
Other expenditure	-	-	-
Professional fees	84	-	84
	<u>1,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,378</u>

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### 4 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1st Jan 202	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31-Dec-24
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	2,715	943	-632	-	3,026
	<u>2,715</u>	<u>943</u>	<u>-632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,026</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
BOND & UK Alliance grant	-	7,707	-7,942	-	-235
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,707</u>	<u>-7,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-235</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>2,715</u>	<u>8,650</u>	<u>-8,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,791</u>

#### Fund description

BOND & UK Alliance grant Grant given to support 'British Overseas NGO's for Development' (Bond).

#### Funds in deficit

BOND & UK Alliance grant This grant is an annual grant running from April to March, paid quarterly, the overspend in the third quarter, will be covered by the grant income in the fourth quarter. Due to these accounts being on a cash basis the fourth quarter grant has not been recognised as income during the year.

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	Caterina Cedolini	(appointed Feb 2024)	
	Edward Morgan	(resigned July 2023)	
	Paul James Crook	(resigned Dec 2023)	
	Mylen Dorato Namocatcat	(resigned Jan 2023)	
	Alex Emma McDonald	(resigned Jan 2023)	

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### Our Objectives

SIDCN's vision is an inclusive world supporting healthier, sustainable, and empowered communities around the globe.

We support this by connecting, strengthening, and championing Small International Development Charities so they are better able to support the communities they serve.

We represent and connect thousands of small organisations across the UK and around the world, wishing to offer mutual support and amplify their voice.

### Public benefit

SIDCN benefits the public through activities to help small charities working overseas to deliver their services.

### Chairs report

**It's been another busy and successful year for SIDCN and we continue to be amazed by the level of support received to continue our network, from members, to volunteers through to supporters and sponsors. However, the biggest success of 2023 was the first SIDCN Festival during Small Charity Week.**

As a network of over 2400+ small charities that work in different sectors and regions of the world, we share a common vision of creating a more just, equitable, and sustainable world for all. We believe that small charities (not-for-profits) have a unique role and bring significant value, as they are often closer to the communities they serve, more responsive to their needs, and more innovative in their approaches. We also believe that small charities have a lot to learn from each other and that by CONNECTING, working together, we can AMPLIFY our voices and INFLUENCE all stakeholders.

### ***New Membership***

In 2023 we agreed to broaden our reach and use the network to influence, amplify and connect letting anyone sign up for membership (whether an organisation or individual) but capture data so we can engage groups/individuals appropriately and enable SIDCN to monitor and evaluate interest, need and impact. There are now two types of membership via the website:

**Voting Member** = Active Member of the SIDCN Facebook group – e.g. Individuals working with or for Small International Development Charities

**Associate Member** = Active interest in the sector e.g. **Corporate, Student, Government**

We continue to have an active Facebook group who are constantly providing a source of peer support and advice to each other, as well as monthly and ad hoc virtual peer group meetings. It is dedication and generosity that enables our ability to make a positive contribution to the Small Charity sector.

Over the past year, SIDCN has achieved key milestones and continued to implement initiatives, all aimed at empowering our community and advancing our cause. These continue to be delivered under our four core working groups of; Connect, Amplify, Influence and admin/sustainability.

#### **Our peer network at its best:**

The Facebook group has 100s'lof posts that begin:

" Good morning, does anyone have experience of...."

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### Connect Working Group

We continue to have a group of passionate volunteers who serve as admins in our thriving Facebook group. This team efficiently manages various tasks, including vetting new members, addressing flagged posts, and promptly responding to questions, fostering an inclusive and supportive online space.

We continue to not only gather important insights into the experiences of our members through the connect group but it also provides us with an important channel to update our members with information.

We continue to build upon the work started in 2022 by launch our first SIDCN Festival “SIDCN Fest” during Small Charity Week 2023.

### SIDCN Festival Line up in 2023



**SIDCN'S SMALL CHARITY FEST**

FREE ENTRY

Peer Learning  
Speakers  
Networking  
Workshops

21.06  
2023  
ONLINE  
ALL DAY

Sponsored by

**Festival Programme – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

Welcome	10am – 10.30	Arrival, welcome, introduction to the day and opening remarks SIDCN (Olivia Barker White)
Managing Risk & Ensuring Best Practise	10.30 am – 11.00 am	Managing risk and ensuring best practise when working internationally Charity Commission (Tom Yih)
	11.00 – 11.15 am	Insurance & Risk Management Q&A Chris Knott Insurance (Neil Franklin)
		<b>Networking / Comfort Break</b>
Engaging the Public and Changing Attitudes	11.30 am – 12.20pm	Public engagement with global development and small organisations Development Engagement Lab (Jennifer Hudson and Molly Anders)
CONNECT -Peer Networking Lunch	12.30 pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break with peer networking - Incl. themed breakout rooms SIDCN (Claire Hardy /Julian Page)
Localisation & Shifting Power	1.30 pm – 2.20pm	Shifting the power in international development One World Together (Niki Banks and Leela Shanti)
		<b>Networking/Comfort Break</b>
Telling your Story	2.30 pm – 3.20pm	Ethical storytelling for small international development charities Chance for Childhood (Vicky Ferguson)
		<b>Networking /Comfort Break</b>
SIDCN Update	3.30 pm – 4.00pm	Exciting updates from SIDCN including: new content, resources and future plans SIDCN (Amber Shotton)
Close	4pm – 4.05pm	Close



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### Amplify Working Group

We successfully launched our website [www.sidcn.org](http://www.sidcn.org) at the SIDCN Fest 2023 with great excitement. This also included the launching of a new SIDCN Logo. Huge thanks to Lorelle (Great Good) who helped us to navigate these changes.

Another initiative that brought our community closer together was our efforts to share member stories through our multiple channels. We started featuring these inspiring stories on our website, allowing visitors to connect with the real-life impact of our members and their work. Additionally, continuing to create engaging newsletters and social media use to showcase member stories, to foster a sense of unity and empowerment.

These activities have refuelled our energy as a volunteer-led charity, and we look forward to building upon these successes in the year ahead.

Moving forward we want to hear the voices of smalls and are committed to creating more opportunities to hear from our members. We recognise that smalls time is valuable (and usually volunteered) making it less likely for them to find the resources to share their stories for free. We have made a commitment to make a financial contribution to each member who submits a blog or speaks at an SIDCN event to ensure that these opportunities are more accessible. We are also committed to ensuring that speaking opportunities are diverse and reflect our global community of members, actively encouraging members in the UK to share or nominate their colleagues and partners outside of the UK.

### Influencing Working Group

#### ***FSI International Learning Programme legacy***

At the start of the year, we heard about the sad news that the FSI was to close, alongside Small Charities Coalition in 2022. The FSI was a close sector ally of SIDCN and had successfully delivered a project funded by UKAid to support small international charities – which SIDCN members had supported. After extensive negotiation by our Chair of Trustees, Amber Shotton, we were able to secure access to the FSI legacy learning from the International programme. We look forward to giving access to this valuable resource to our members over the coming months.

#### ***Response to the UK Government's white paper***

We continued to work towards global change with regards to the 'Shift the Power' movement.

In the summer of 2023, the UK government put out an international development white paper and call for evidence. As a network of charities, we are deeply committed to global solidarity, and whilst we appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the government's white paper, we were also hampered by the short timeframes given and language used within the paper constraining our ability for substantive consultation. As a result, we opted to use a series of polls to gain input from our network (receiving 150 responses to polls). Some of the key findings were:

1. Prioritise Local Ownership and Empowerment. Projects should be co-developed with local communities, fostering locally-led initiatives that are tailored to the unique needs and context of each community. The UK should actively support capacity-building efforts, enabling Global South countries to take the lead in defining their own development priorities, removing bottlenecks, ensuring funding reaches the communities it is intended for and is designed to transition from aid dependence to self-sufficiency.

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2. Equitable Partnerships are central to regaining trust. The UK should recognize and address power imbalances in development cooperation. This entails engaging Global South partners as equals in the decision-making process, sharing resources and responsibilities, and ensuring that the benefits of development projects are distributed fairly. Transparent and accountable governance of these partnerships is essential.

3. Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building that empowers Global South countries to lead their own development efforts. This involves providing access to relevant information, technical expertise, and training that builds local capacity. Collaboration should focus on sharing best practices and lessons learned, enabling local growth and supporting them in setting functional structures with an aim of sustainability.

In addition, the UK government needs to;

Reinforce cultural sensitivity and have contextual understanding, and respect local cultures and norms.

Ensure inclusive Decision-Making noting the UK's commitment to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) principles in practice, ensuring marginalized and vulnerable groups play a key role in decision-making processes at every stage.

Employ a strengths-based approach that values the perspectives, experience and knowledge of local partners and communities and ensures they are considered.

Adopt a more coherent approach to policy, ensuring foreign policy, trade, and aid strategies are aligned to support equitable partnerships and sustainable development. In doing so, the UK can set an example for other countries in fostering trust and cooperation.

By implementing these principles and listening closely to the many small, local CSOs that are closest to development efforts, can the government build a more credible and effective system.

### UK Alliance



SIDCN is a member of the UK Alliance alongside England (Bond), the national networks of Scotland (Scotland's International Development Alliance), Northern Ireland (CADA), the South West of England (SWIDN) and Wales (Hub Cymru Africa).

“The UK Alliance unites the sector allowing it to achieve greater impact on collaborative advocacy, shared learning, collective strategising and problem solving. Together and apart, the UK Alliance provides a platform for dialogue between our members and allies, which allows us to collate and disseminate data, evidence opinions on mutual areas of interest, sharing them into regional and

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global debates and policy fora. As the UK Alliance we provide specialist support to all sizes of organisation and recognise the important contribution that small and micro-organisations make to a strong civil society.

As a collective, the UK Alliance has over 3,500 members (including diverse organisations of all sizes) and a wider, direct reach of 47,000 people within the UK's international development sector. Together, we reach 22,500 individuals with our direct communications about the work we do, our activities and events, and the opportunities we provide to convene, collaborate and learn. We directly build the capacity and resilience of thousands of UK-based organisations whose work impacts tens of millions of people in lower- and middle-income countries.”

SIDCN has continued to build upon our relationship with UK Alliance to be formally recognised within the alliance and form part of a multi-year grant application to FCDO to continue our work within the partnership. This grant will enable SIDCN to supplement its current volunteer-led work with additional paid resource.

### **Financial Summary**

During the year we received £24,22 in grant funding and donations. We are grateful to Bond (through FCDO UK Aid) for their contribution to the running of our organisation enabling SIDCN to begin to plan projects and campaigns for 2023 (including A Small Charity Week event and upgrade to our website and branding).

### **A continues huge thank you to our regular giver!**

As an infrastructure support organisation it is rare to be gifted income from individual supporter, as our services are second tier, directed to supporting small charities directly delivering support and therefore do not have the immediate emotional appeal that other charitable causes do.

### **Thank you – you continue to know who you are!**

At the end of the year SIDCN held £2,715 of unrestricted funds to be spent on charitable purposes in the future.

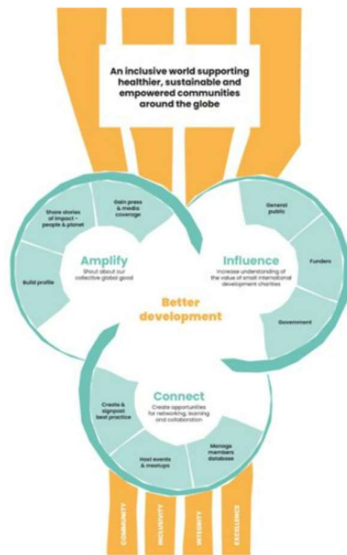
# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Trustees Annual Report

### Our Theory of Change

#### THEORY OF CHANGE



#### **Connect**

1. Manage members database
2. Host events and meetups
3. Create and signpost best practice

#### **Amplify**

1. Build profile
2. Share stories of impact - people & planet
3. Gain press and media attention

#### **Influence**

1. General public
2. Funders
3. Government

#### STRATEGIC STATEMENTS



#### Values

Community

Inclusivity

Integrity

Excellence

#### Vision

An inclusive world supporting healthier, sustainable and empowered communities around the globe

#### Mission

Connect, strengthen and champion Small International Development Charities so they are better able to support the communities they serve.

### Governance

At the end of 2023, SIDCN has a board of 6 Trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year to set the vision, lead on strategy and, along with the working group volunteers, carry out the aims and public benefit of the charity.

# Small International Development Charities Network

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In early 2023, our interim Chair Amber Shotton, agreed to make the role more permanent which was ratified at our January AGM. As the year progressed two Trustees were due to step down in 2023 and kindly supported the remaining trustees in a large-scale recruitment process.

The board agree to actively recruit new Trustees and to put in place wraparound support including buddying, external and internal training too. We had an overwhelming number of applications c.20 and successfully appointed four trustees and some additional volunteers too.

A big thank you to Ally, Mylen, Ned and Paul, who stood down in 2023, for their work as Trustees and continued support at SIDCN.

### ***Compliance***

Trustees are recruited to the board by invitation, open advertisement and through our network. Applicants complete a vetting and approval process with the existing board.

### **Volunteer Appreciation**

As a volunteer-led organisation, we are ever grateful for the passion and energy that our volunteers provide throughout the year, whether it is a response to a peer query, supporting a short research project, sharing your skills and knowledge or regularly hosting virtual peer groups - we thank you for your time and skills.

However, we would like to shine a light on two volunteers of SIDCN, whose unwavering energy continues to amaze us. Claire Hardy and Julian Page, are two of our most active 'Connect' working group volunteers. They ensure weekly brag basket is shared and that our Friday morning meet ups run each week without fail, plus support major events such as SIDCN's Festival hosting the lunchtime session with warmth and welcome, energy and joy. It is our volunteers that are the lifeblood of SIDCN, but also make it the wonderful network of support that it is.

### **New Partnerships and Collaborations**

We want to make a special thank you to Chris Knott Insurance and Thrive recruitment for supporting our very first SIDCN Fest during Small Charity Week. We are also hugely grateful for our first 2 corporate sponsors and look forward to building on these collaborations in the future.

**Lead sponsor: Chris Knott Insurance** - Chris Knott Insurance is an independent insurance broker based in Hastings, East Sussex. Since 1983, their teams have been helping businesses and individuals across the UK to find tailored cover for their specific needs. As Charity Insurance specialists, the CKI team works closely with clients in order to find the right cover at the right price, so you can focus on supporting your cause. Find out more: [www.chrisknott.co.uk/sidcn](http://www.chrisknott.co.uk/sidcn)

**Thrive Charity Recruitment** - If you're looking to recruit take a look at Thrive as an alternative to expensive Agency fees. Thrive's service is like having your own in-house Recruitment Team. On average companies who use Thrive save around 60% on their hire costs. Find out more: [www.thrivecharityrecruitment.com](http://www.thrivecharityrecruitment.com)

### **Future Plans and Vision**

Looking ahead, our members remain at the heart of everything we do, and their input will guide our future endeavours. Priority is given to actively listening to their valuable feedback and suggestions to shape our initiatives effectively. We want to hear from members and will issue an annual survey in the new year.

# Small International Development Charities Network

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We continue to enhance our digital presence with a new YouTube channel which holds recordings from the SIDCN Fest 2023 and education forum sessions. Few continue to update the Website and mailing list, enabling seamless access to information and resources. Our commitment to clear and transparent communication through a regular Newsletter, keeps our supporters informed and engaged. Increasing our social media presence on key platforms such as LinkedIn enables us to connect and influence a broader audience, extending our reach and impact. Engaging new supporters and building relationships within the wider sector continues to be integral to our commitment to raise the voice of smalls around the world.

We know that organisational resilience continues to be a challenge for smalls including SIDCN as a volunteer-led organisation. We continue to look for ways to engage more volunteers and partners to support our efforts.

[www.sidcn.org](http://www.sidcn.org)

### Get involved

<p><b>Participate in the Facebook group</b></p> <p>Connect, share, discuss.</p> <p><a href="#">Join the group</a></p>	<p><b>SIDCN Connect</b></p> <p>Every Friday at 8:30am GMT. Join the Facebook group or email <a href="mailto:info@sidcn.org">info@sidcn.org</a> for Zoom details.</p>	<p><b>Thematic Meetups</b></p> <p>Join one of the sector-specific or country-specific networking groups. Get in touch with <a href="mailto:janine@sidcn.org">janine@sidcn.org</a> if you want to add your group to this list</p>
<p><b>Education Forum</b></p> <p>Education Forum was born out of a desire to have more direct conversations about education programmes, school runnings and all things regarding education supporting charities. Members contribute to the success of the group and no one person leads it with sessions running every 6 weeks or so.</p> <p>To get involved, please email <a href="mailto:claire@imovetheworld.co">claire@imovetheworld.co</a> with your name, charity, email address and the topic you are interested in learning more about - you will be added to the list to inform of the next session.</p>	<p><b>Working in Bangladesh Networking Group</b></p> <p>A group for individuals working/volunteering for a small charity (or non-profit) which operates in Bangladesh. The group meets quarterly, via Zoom to share learnings, network and provide support.</p> <p><a href="#">Join the group</a></p>	<p><b>Working in Kenya Networking Group</b></p> <p>This group provides space for sharing learning and insight, and provides a structure for networking and collaboration between charitable/community organisations working in Kenya, regardless of country of registration.</p> <p>To get involved, please email <a href="mailto:janine.edwards@pfpf.global">janine.edwards@pfpf.global</a> with your name, organisation, role and email address.</p>

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2023

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	2,422	-	2,422	1,852
Investments		4	-	4	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>1,853</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	1,378	-	1,378	492
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>1,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>492</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>1,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1361</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>					
Total funds (Cash) brought forward		1,667	-	1,667	306
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds (Cash) carried forward</b>		<b>2,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>1,667</b>

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2023

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023 £	2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank	2,715	1,667
<b>Total assets held at year end 31st Dec 2021</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>1,667</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	2,715	1,667
Designated	-	-
Restricted funds	-	-
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>1,667</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees or SIDCN and signed by:

Name:

AmberShotton

Signed:



Date of approval:

20/09/2024

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2023

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

#### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal.

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

#### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2023

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	570	-	<b>570</b>
Grants	1,852	-	<b>1,852</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest	4	-	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,426</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	-	-	-
Grants	1,852	-	1,852
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest	1	-	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,853</b>

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2023

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 3 Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Operational cost	183	-	<b>183</b>
Professional fees	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing and communication	1,111	-	<b>1,111</b>
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	84	-	<b>84</b>
Other expenditure	-	-	-
	<hr/> 1,378	<hr/> -	<hr/> <b>1,378</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Operational cost	256	-	256
Professional fees	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing and communication	236	-	236
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-
Other expenditure	-	-	-
	<hr/> 492	<hr/> -	<hr/> 492

**SMALL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARITIES NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191805

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1191805



# **Small International Development Charities Network**

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

**Year Ended 31st December 2022**

# **Small International Development Charities Network**

**Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Trustees Annual Report

Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN) was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity number 1191805) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on the 14th October 2020.

The Trustees of SIDCN present this report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## Reference and Administrative Details

**Registered Charity Name** Small International Development Charities Network

**Registered Address** 75 Shoveller Drive  
Apley  
Shropshire  
TF1 6GQ

**Email Contact** [info@sidcn.org](mailto:info@sidcn.org)

**Web Address** <https://www.sidcn.org>

<b>Trustees</b>	Amber-faye Shotton	(appointed Sept 2022)
	Elizabeth Bird	(appointed July 2022)
	Olivia White	
	Edward Morgan	(resigned July 2023)
	Paul James Crook	
	Janine Edwards	(appointed April 2023)
	Mylen Dorato Namocatcat	(resigned Jan 2023)
	Alex Emma McDonald	(resigned Jan 2023)
	Claire Collins	(resigned Nov 2022)

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## Trustees Annual Report

Our vision is an inclusive world supporting healthier, sustainable, and empowered communities around the globe.

We support this by connecting, strengthening, and championing Small International Development Charities so they are better able to support the communities they serve.

We represent and connect thousands of small organisations across the UK and around the world, wishing to offer mutual support and amplify their voice.

### Public benefit

SIDCN benefits the public through activities to help small charities working overseas to deliver their services.

## Chairs Report

### Introduction

As we reflect on the past year's journey, SIDCN is overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering support from its community of members and volunteers. From the active Facebook group of over 2400 members who constantly provide a source of peer support and advice to our dedicated member volunteers that lead the numerous weekly, monthly, and ad-hoc virtual peer group meetings. Your dedication and generosity have been the driving force behind our successes and the positive impact we've made to support the Small Charity sector.

We are also hugely thankful to those partners and funders that have supported us over 2022 providing support, partnership, and collaboration enabling us to deliver our mission to connect, strengthen and champion small charities internationally so they are better able to support the communities they serve. With your continued support, we have been able to support our small charity peer-led community enabling members to create lasting change and uplift communities they strive to empower.

Together, we forge ahead, united in a shared vision of a brighter, more compassionate world. Thank you for being the heart of SIDCN's success.



### Overview of the Year

Over the past year, SIDCN has achieved key milestones and continued to implement initiatives, all aimed at empowering our community and advancing our cause. These have been delivered under our three core working groups of; Connect, Amplify and Influence.

# Small International Development Charities Network

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### Connect Working Group

One highlight was the bringing of more dedicated and passionate volunteers who now serve as admins in our thriving Facebook group. This team efficiently manages various tasks, including weekly brag basket posts, vetting new members, addressing flagged posts, and promptly responding to questions, fostering an inclusive and supportive online space. Moreover, recognizing the importance of responsible digital engagement, we successfully devised and implemented a comprehensive social media policy to guide our online interactions.

In our commitment to fostering stronger connections with our members, we continue to organize regular Friday morning meetings, ensuring that our trustees actively participate in gathering invaluable feedback and insights directly from the community. This engagement allowed us to better understand our members' needs and as well as successes.

To enhance membership experiences, we dedicated efforts to redefine the concept of a "member" within SIDCN and to encourage a deeper sense of belonging and greater engagement with our organisation. Furthermore, recognizing the significance of an informative online presence, we began to plan the refresh of our website and the importance of curating new compelling content, to ensure that we provide future visitors with relevant and engaging information about the work and initiatives of our members.

**What is member? What does it mean?**  Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN)

In order to broaden our reach and use the network to influence, amplify and connect – We propose to let anyone sign up to membership (whether organisation, individual) but capture data so we can engage groups/individuals appropriately and enable SIDCN to monitor and evaluate interest, need and impact.

**Voting Member** = Active Member of the SIDCN FB group  
**e.g.** Individuals working with or for Small International Development Charities

- Sign up to our Newsletter
- Updates **e.g.** Charity Commission, FCDO, etc
- Share stories via FB and CIO's comms assets **e.g.** Linked In, Newsletter
- Represent your voice and opinions with stakeholders **e.g.** Government, Public
- Attend the AGM and actively shape activities
- Get involved with Working Groups and Board

**Associate Member** = Active interest in the sector  
**e.g.** Corporate, Student, Government

- Sign up to our Newsletter

\*Image is taken from our AGM slide deck

In pursuit of strategic collaborations, we engaged with partners like the Development Engagement Lab, whose enlightening presentation on public perceptions of charities offered valuable insights to our members and enriched our collective understanding of the sector. These partnerships prove instrumental in widening our reach and influence. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to building on these successes and making an even greater difference to our members.

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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### Amplify Working Group

This group undertook a successful review of our existing website that has led to the decision to revamp the site along with the domain name in 2023. Agreeing that it was important to build on the momentum after the impactful #smallbutmightycampaign, which resonated deeply with our supporters and drew new advocates to our work.

Another initiative that brought our community closer together was our efforts to share member stories through multiple channels. We started featuring these inspiring stories on our website, allowing visitors to connect with the real-life impact of our members and their work. Additionally, continuing to create engaging newsletters and social media use to showcase member stories, to foster a sense of unity and empowerment.

These activities have refuelled our energy as a volunteer-led charity, and we look forward to building upon these successes in the year ahead.

### Influencing Working Group

One of our key accomplishments was actively representing the SIDCN community at essential Government meetings, such as the Reducing Bureaucracy Roundtables. This provided us with a platform to advocate for positive changes and streamline processes that benefit the communities we serve.

In our commitment to driving global change, we had the privilege of contributing to the 'Shift the Power' research, in collaboration with prestigious international universities, including Manchester in the UK. This involvement allowed us to share valuable insights and contribute to shaping policies that empower local communities for the future. We will continue to educate both ourselves and members on this important global solidarity movement, and encourage new members from across the world, especially those from racialised communities, into SIDCN, to increase the diversity of the voices we represent.

As part of our efforts to strengthen partnerships and collaborations, we proudly represented SIDCN at the Bond Alliance, collaborating with organizations like SWIDN, Hub Cymru, Scotland International Alliance, and CADA. These alliances helped us amplify our members voices whilst working collectively towards common goals.

A significant highlight of our advocacy work was the signing and supporting of a crucial letter addressed to the Chancellor, urging him to prioritize protecting the poorest both at home and overseas while also safeguarding the aid budget. This united call demonstrated our commitment to making a positive difference and advocating for those who need support the most.

These campaigns have fuelled our determination to drive positive change and empower communities worldwide. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our mission, united in our dedication to creating a more just and equitable world for all.

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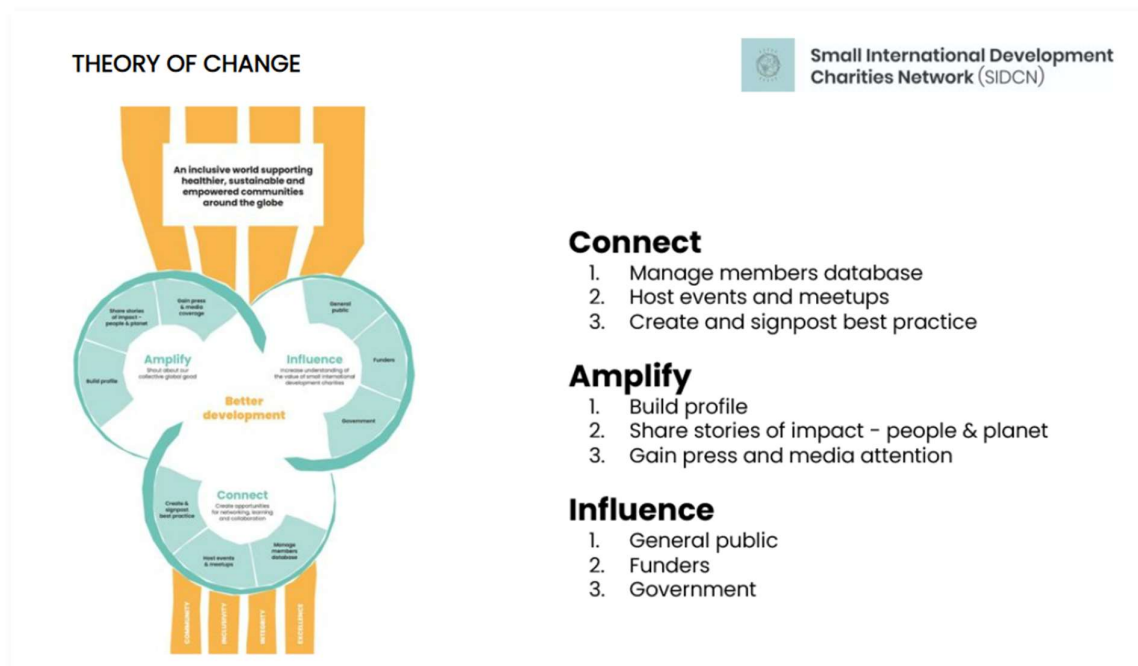
### Financial Summary

SIDCN started the year with an opening balance of £306. We received Grant funding of £1852 during the year and spent £492 on operational costs. We held £1,667 in the bank at the end of the year for future charitable purposes.

We are grateful to Bond for their contribution to the running of our organisation enabling SIDCN to begin to plan projects and campaigns for 2023 (including A Small Charity Week event and an upgrade to our website and branding).

A huge thank you to our regular giver. As an Infrastructure support organisation we are especially pleased to receive any gifted income from individual supporters as our services are second tier, directed to supporting small charities directly delivering support, and therefore do not have the immediate emotional appeal that other charitable causes do. Thank you!

### Our Theory of Change



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# Small International Development Charities Network

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## Trustees Annual Report

### Governance

At the end of 2022, SIDCN has a board of 6 trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year to set vision, lead on strategy and, along with the working group volunteers, carry out the aims and public benefit of the charity.

Claire Collins, a founding trustee, stepped down in November 2021. We recognise and thank Claire for all the work she has done and help to get SIDCN established. In July 2022, Elizabeth Bird joined the Board as Treasurer and has played a vital role throughout the last 6 months of joining the team to develop our financial planning, including successfully submitting our first-ever financial account to the Charity Commission (2021 accounts). Whilst a rolling Chair has been used through 2022 it was clear that a formal Chair was required to ensure that the Strategy for SIDCN could be implemented. In late April 2022 Amber Shotton kindly volunteered to work alongside SIDCN to support the implementation of the Strategy. Amber had worked with SIDCN previously, whilst at the FSI, and agreed to project manage upon her return to the sector from a sabbatical. In September 2022 she was asked to join the Trustee Board and agreed to hold an interim Chair of the Board.

### Compliance

Trustees are recruited to the board by invite, open advertisement and through our network. Applicants complete a vetting and approval process with the existing board.

### Volunteer Appreciation

As a volunteer-led organisation, we are ever grateful for the passion and energy that our volunteers provide throughout the year, whether it is a response to a peer query, supporting a short research project, sharing your skills and knowledge, or regularly hosting virtual peer groups - we thank you for your time and skills.



### Partnerships and Collaborations

We want to make a special thank you to Cranfield Trust who have supported SIDCN to develop its strategy in 2022 and create our theory of change too.

# Small International Development Charities Network

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## Trustees Annual Report

### Future Plans and Vision

Looking ahead, our members remain at the heart of everything we do, and their input will guide our future endeavours. Priority is given to actively listening to their valuable feedback and suggestions to shape our initiatives effectively. We want to hear from members! In addition to this, several other priorities lie on the horizon. We aim to enhance our digital presence with further updates to the Website and mailing list, enabling seamless access to information and resources. Our commitment to clear and transparent communication will be strengthened through a regular Newsletter, keeping our supporters informed and engaged. Increasing our social media presence on platforms like LinkedIn and Twitter will help us connect with a broader audience, extending our reach and impact. Engaging new supporters and building relationships within the wider sector is integral to our growth and effectiveness.

As we strive to make a greater difference to our members and the world, building organizational capacity remains a core objective, empowering us to address challenges with renewed strength and resilience. We know that this is a continuous challenge for volunteer-led organisations and will continue to look for ways to engage more volunteers to support our efforts.

With renewed energy, we embark on the next chapter, united in our pursuit of positive change and a brighter future.

### Amber Shotton

#### Chair of Trustees, SIDCN

How can you get involved? (cont'd)



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Friday Morning meetups - every Friday at 8:30am GMT  
(and every other Monday)

Thematic Meetups - e.g. Education

Join the team Trustee and Working Group positions available

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# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2022		2021	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	1,852	-	1,852	1,097
Investments		1	-	1	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>1,097</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	492	-	492	791
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>791</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>1,361</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>306</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>					
Total funds (Cash) brought forward		306	-	306	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds (Cash) carried forward</b>		<b>1,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>306</b>

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022 £	2021
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank	1,667	306
<b>Total assets held at year end 31st Dec 2021</b>	<u>1,667</u>	<u>306</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,667	306
Designated	-	-
Restricted funds	-	-
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>1,667</u>	<u>306</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees or SIDCN and signed by:

Name:

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Signed:

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Date of approval:

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# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

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#### **Assessment of Going Concern**

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#### **Incoming Resources**

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#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	-	-	-
Grants	1,852	-	<b>1,852</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,853</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	1,097	-	1,097
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,097</b>

# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2022

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 3 Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Operational cost	256	-	<b>256</b>
Professional fees	-	-	-
Advertising and marketing	236	-	<b>236</b>
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-
Other expenditure	-	-	-
	<u>492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>492</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Operational cost	121	-	121
Professional fees	84	-	84
Advertising and marketing	571	-	571
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	15	-	15
Other expenditure	-	-	-
	<u>791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>791</u>

**SMALL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARITIES NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191805

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1191805



# **Small International Development Charities Network**

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

**Year Ended 31st December 2021**

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# Small International Development Charities Network

Year Ended 31st December 2021

## Trustees annual report

Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN) was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity number 1191805) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on the 14th October 2020.

The Trustees of SIDCN present this report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Small International Development Charities Network

**Registered address** Better Space  
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London  
EC1R 3DA

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**Trustees**

Claire Collins	
Olivia White	
Jo Ashbridge	(resigned November 2021)
Edward Morgan	(appointed June 2021)
Mylen Dorato Namocatcat	(appointed June 2021)
Paul James Crook	(appointed June 2021)
Alex Emma McDonald	(appointed June 2021)

# **Small International Development Charities Network**

**Year Ended 31st December 2021**

## **Trustees annual report**

Our vision is an inclusive world supporting healthier, sustainable and empowered communities around the globe.

We support this by connecting, strengthening and championing Small International Development Charities so they are better able to support the communities they serve.

We represent and connect thousands of small organisations across the UK and around the world, wishing to offer mutual support and amplify their voice.

## **Public benefit**

SIDCN benefit the public through activities to help small charities working overseas to deliver their services.

## **Our history**

The Covid-19 pandemic had significant impacts on the Charity sector, but even greater effect on the Small International Development Sector. Whilst there was amazing community work happening through the SIDCN Facebook group, it was made clear that there was a need for a formal entity to be created, that would enable further amplification of the small international charity sector voice within the wider infrastructure sector.

The SIDCN CIO was therefore born.

Whilst the CIO and the Facebook group are two entities, both work seamlessly hand in hand to connect and influence across the International development sector.

## **Our achievements in 2021**

2021 was a big year for SIDCN. We hosted six months of “International Development Charity Meet-Ups” with the Small Charities Coalition (SCC). Under the auspices of SIDCN, members established and hosted weekly zoom meetings on a Friday morning (and every other Monday) for all members to connect with each other, engage with SIDCN, share learning and build community. These weekly meetups were said to be “an invaluable part of my week” by attendee and SIDCN member Julian Page. We also created a member-led Education Forum who meet every six weeks to share learnings, resources and peer support. An Agricultural Forum is being developed in 2022 as well as further sectoral dialogue groups are being explored.

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### **Our achievements in 2021 cont.**

Throughout the year we conducted surveys with our members and published reports with the results. We created a bank of case studies from our members to help showcase the incredible work they are doing and to help amplify their voices.

With government funding under threat for small international development charities in the UK and around the world, we raised our collective voice and made sure we were heard. Our #smallbutmighty campaign aimed to build consensus about the importance of the United Kingdom's commitment to international development spending. You can find out more about the campaign and what happens now on our website [www.sidcn.net](http://www.sidcn.net).

We Submitted Parliamentary and Named Day Questions on behalf of small international charities and continued our ongoing engagement with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), alongside this six weekly consultative sessions with FCDO were established and taken forward.

We would like to recognise and thank the donors who gave to our initial crowd funding appeal which established SIDCN as a charity and supported our work during the year.

SIDCN members formed the Advisory Board for the FCDO-funded FSI capacity building programme, and many of our members took advantage of the training sessions provided through this. Members affected by the pause and cancellation of the FCDO Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF6) came together to share information and support.

Our AGM took place late in 2021. We outlined our vision, mission and values to our members. We presented a new strategy and a new approach, outlining our Theory of Change and plans for the coming year.

### **SIDCN activities across social media**

The associated SIDCN Facebook group grew to over 2,000 members in this year and continued to connect with the community and bring them together; amplify their voices and share the great work they are doing.

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## Trustees annual report

### Future plans

SIDCN aim to develop their governance and management so that they can effectively Amplify the voice of small charities working internationally, Connect these charities through our network and Influence partners to increase advocacy and support for Small International Development Charities.

We aim to grow as an organisation over the coming years so that we can further our aims and work to achieve our vision. For 2022, we plan to continue to manage our member database, host events and meetups, and create and signpost best practise; continue to build our profile, share stories of impact, and gain press and media attention; and continue to influence the general public, funders and government and advocate on behalf of small international development charities.

### Finacial Review

SIDCN opened its bank account in March of the year with £1,000 of donated income, this allowed us to run our campaign and set up the building blocks of the charity. In the year the charity saw an income of £1,097 and an expenditure of £791. At the end of the year we held £306 in the bank for future charitable purposes.

### Volunteers

SIDCN is a completely volunteer run organisation and we do not have any paid employees. We are grateful for our working group volunteers and trustees who have met together regularly and worked tirelessly throughout the year to help SIDCN flourish. Our volunteers support our working groups and have helped to connect small charities throughout our network, amplify their voices, and influence partners to support out work. We thank all of those who are engaged in our network and recognise the vital work that these individuals and organizations do in supporting one another.

### Structue, Governance and management

At the end of 2021, SIDCN has a board of 6 trustees, who meet regularly throughout the year to set vision, lead on strategy and, along with the working group volunteers, carry out the aims and public benefit of the charity.

Jo Ashbridge, founding trustee and Chair, stepped down in November 2021. We recognise and thank Jo for all the work she has done to set up SIDCN and help get it established. In June 2021, Ned, Mylen, Paul and Ally joined the Board and have all played a vital role throughout the last 6 months of joining the team. Within the absence of Jo, we have a rolling Chair, although we are planning to recruit a formal Chair of the Board in 2022.

Trustees are recruited to the board by invite, open advertisement and through our network. Applicants complete a vetting and approval process with the existing board.

The Trustees annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board by:

**Name:**

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**Signed:**

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**Date of approval:**

# Small International Development

Year Ended 31st December 2021

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2021		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	1,097	-	1,097
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>1,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	791	-	791
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>791</u>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306</u>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>				
Total funds (Cash) brought forward		-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-
<b>Total funds (Cash) carried forward</b>		<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306</u>

# Small International Development

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>	
Tangible fixed assets	-
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at bank	306
<b>Total assets held at year end 31st Dec 2021</b>	<u>306</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>	
Unrestricted funds	306
Designated	-
Restricted funds	
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>306</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees or SIDCN and signed by:

**Name:**

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**Signed:**

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**Date of approval:**

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# Small International Development

Year Ended 31st December 2021

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

#### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal.

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

#### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	1,097	-	<b>1,097</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,097</b>

### 3 Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Operational cost	121	-	<b>121</b>
Professional fees	84	-	<b>84</b>
Advertising and marketing	571	-	<b>571</b>
Fundraising / stewardship	-	-	-
Governance	15	-	<b>15</b>
Other expenditure	-	-	-
	<b>791</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>791</b>