

Registered Charity no. 1191805



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

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2024

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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
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Shropshire
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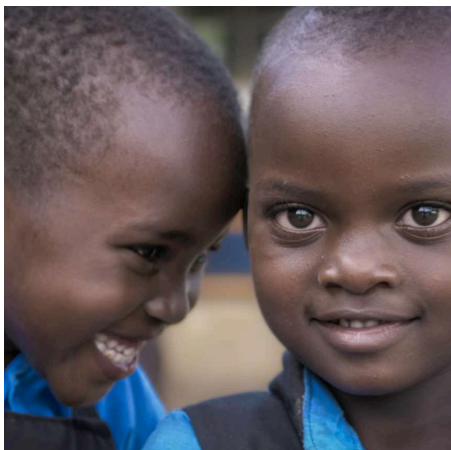
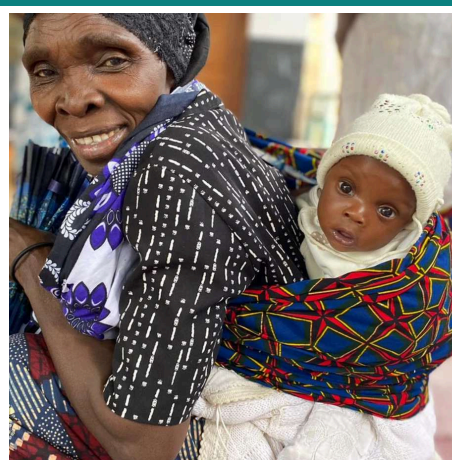
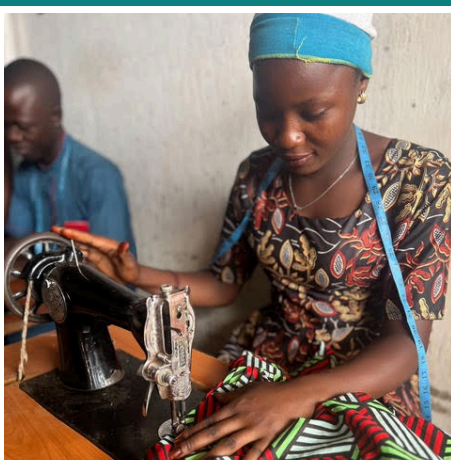
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Trustees	Amber-faye Shotton	(appointed Sept 2022)
	Elizabeth Bird	(appointed July 2022)
	Olivia Barker-White	
	Janine Edwards	(appointed April 2023)
	Corey Karaka	(appointed Sept 2023)
	Marlene Kawira	(appointed Sept 2023)
	Caterina Cedolini	(appointed Feb 2024)

2024 Impact Report

Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN)



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

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

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

2024 by the Numbers

4

podcasts produced through newly
launched 'Radical Change' podcast

9

education forums held, plus multiple
country-specific support groups

51

countries are
represented in the network

58

weekly calls held to connect,
encourage and support the network

2513

volunteer hours
supporting SIDCN's work

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.

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."



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

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.

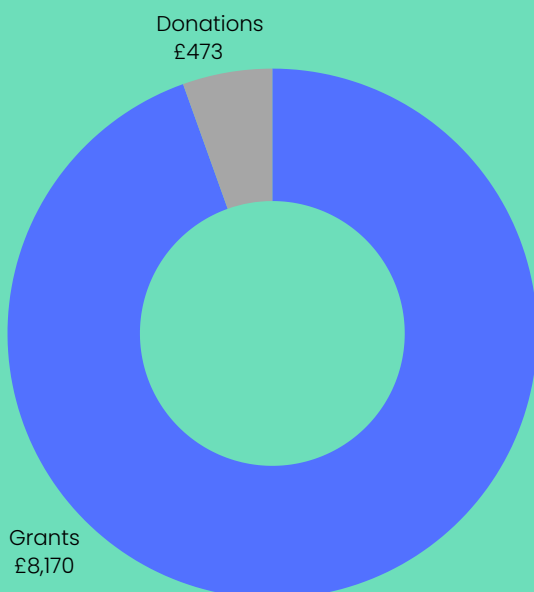
We cannot thank our community and supporters enough for donating their time, talents, and money to our work that impacts so many small organisations.

Our Funders and Supporters

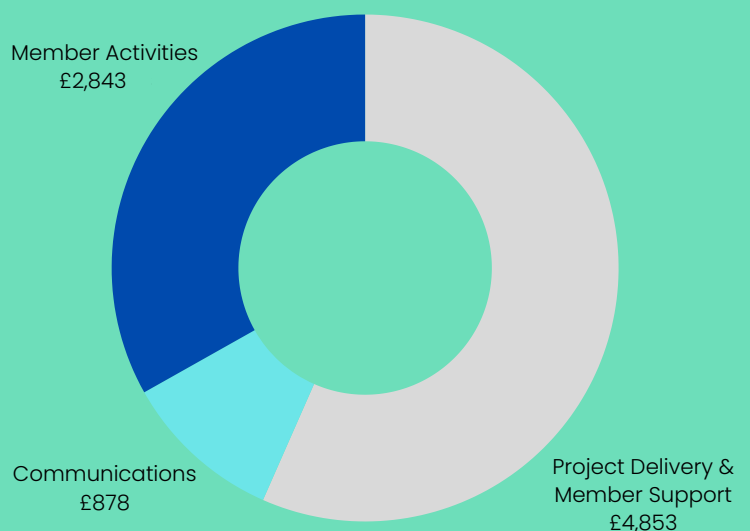
- [Bond](#) through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- [Chris Knott Insurance](#)
- [Fair Collective](#)
- A special thank you for the ongoing support of our anonymous regular giver...you know who you are!

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

Our Income



Our Expenditure





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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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Statement of Receipts and Payments

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

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

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

Name: Amber Shotton

Signed: 

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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2 Analysis of Receipts

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

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

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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
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	2,715	943	-632	-	3,026
	<u>2,715</u>	<u>943</u>	<u>-632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,026</u>
Restricted Funds					
BOND & UK Alliance grant	-	7,707	-7,942	-	-235
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,707</u>	<u>-7,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-235</u>
Total Funds	<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.