



Life Beacon

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

An account of Life Beacon International's Charity activities in the year 2023.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

It is with immense gratitude and honour that I share with you the impact and accomplishments of Life Beacon International over the past year. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of our ever-evolving world, our commitment to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development set by the United Nations in 2015 to ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 continues to guide and shape our diverse projects we undertake each year.

Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 17 are not just benchmarks; they resonate deeply with the core of our mission. Life Beacon stands as a beacon of hope, and we remain steadfast in our dedication to making a lasting difference in these critical areas. By aligning our projects with these goals, we aim to make a meaningful impact on the most pressing issues affecting communities worldwide.

The urgency of our work becomes apparent when we reflect on the sobering statistics that highlight the stark realities facing the youth in our communities globally. In the UK alone, where we operate from, about 36% of the world's unemployed population are young people, with over 169 million young people earning less than \$2 per day. The problem is even greater among the Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) group.

Despite the challenges, our focus on youth has yielded positive outcomes. This year, we are especially proud of the strides we've made in the realm of education. Through our initiatives, we have been dedicated to providing access to quality education, empowering individuals to break the chains of poverty and build a brighter future.

The establishment and launch of the University of Ghana Life Beacon Club mark a significant milestone in this journey, and it's a testament to our unwavering commitment to educational empowerment. In the spirit of collaboration and collective action, I am thrilled to report that our efforts have not gone unnoticed. Life Beacon International, with its network of dedicated changemakers, has positively impacted over 10,000 people worldwide.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we acknowledge that the road ahead is long, and there is much more to be done. The challenges we face require continued dedication, innovation, and collaboration. Our dedication to the Global Goals fuels our determination to continue working tirelessly, leaving no stone unturned until we witness a world where all young people have the opportunity to thrive.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors, partners, and the incredible Life Beacon International team. Your belief in our vision fuels our passion and propels us forward. In the coming year, we renew our pledge to create a better, more sustainable world through diverse projects.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey toward a brighter, more sustainable future. Together, with your continued support, we will amplify our impact, foster positive change, and we can be the change we wish to see in the world.



Dr Ruby Appiah-Campbell (PhD)
Chairperson





Organisational Profile

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Our Mission

Our mission is to support, educate, and empower young people and volunteers, while promoting a sustainable future for all. We prioritise key areas of education, wellbeing, and faith, working at the individual, group, and community levels to foster positive change and resilience as we strive to create a more sustainable, equitable, and thriving society.

Vision

Provide sustainable education, well-being, and overall living for young people around the world, now and for the future.

Core Values

1. Integrity
2. Continuous personal development
3. Inclusion
4. Empathy
5. Creativity

OUR MODEL

Life Beacon International's model is centered around young people. Our goal is to transform the lives of marginalised young individuals through their peers. We believe this demographic is best suited to lead our projects and realise our vision and mission, given their lived experiences.

This lived experiences enables them to understand the challenges faced by young people globally and determine the most effective ways to reach and create a lasting impact on their lives.

Moreover, this approach offers young volunteers the opportunity for personal development as they contribute to achieving the organisation's goals.



Children and youth in
lack of access to welfare,
mentoring and education



Children and youth
accessing welfare and
educational
interventions.



Children and youth
growing into confident
adults thriving for
sustainable lives



Responsible adults
facilitating more sustainable
development interventions in
their communities to impact
more children and youth

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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**Faith-Based Department
Coordinator-
Rev Nana Yaa Nsiah Appiah**



**Mum and Child Department
Coordinator-
Ms. Dinah Naa Aryeh**



**Wellbeing Department
Coordinator-
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**Enterprise Department
Coordinator-
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Coordinator-
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VOLUNTEERS

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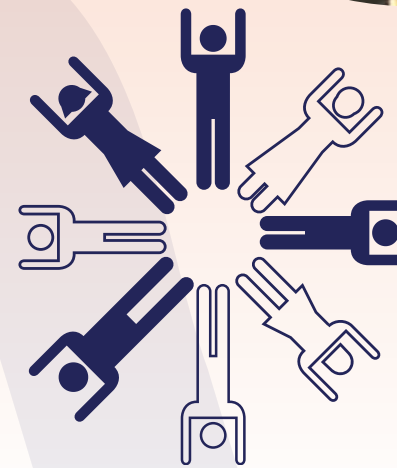
At LBI, our key focus is ensuring volunteers grow personally while making a positive impact on society. We evaluate their progress to measure program effectiveness and track their development. By prioritising skill-building and leadership, we empower volunteers to be agents of change in their communities. Our streamlined evaluation process reflects our commitment to high standards in volunteer engagement, fostering an environment where individuals not only benefit from our initiatives but also contribute to positive societal change.



In 2023, our volunteers gained recognition through prestigious awards, underscoring their exceptional contributions and the impactful outcomes of our initiatives. This accolade serves as a testament to the dedication and effectiveness of our volunteer community in driving positive change.



Our volunteers achieved significant academic milestones in 2023, with several successfully completing PhD, master's, and undergraduate courses. Their academic accomplishments highlight their dedication and perseverance, reflecting the success of our support programs in fostering educational excellence.



Our diverse volunteer base, comprising students, working professionals, and parents, plays a pivotal role in the success of Life Beacon. As both contributors and beneficiaries, we support them in advancing their education, careers, and overall well-being.



Since its inception in October 2020 with a modest team of 10 volunteers, LBI has experienced exponential growth, currently boasting 32 short-term and 48 long-term volunteers as of December 2022. The long-term volunteers play a vital role, collaborating closely with coordinators to drive the activities of Life Beacon's departments.

OUR **IMPACT** IN FIRST 3 YEARS OF EXISTENCE AS A CHARITY SINCE 2020



+11,927

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES
REACHED WORLDWIDE



+80

VOLUNTEERS WORLDWIDE



+30

INTERVENTIONS



+10

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Our
Works in
2023

Our Work in 2023

- Going to University Project- Loughborough Student Union (LSU)
- Entrepreneurial Mindset Project
- Mental Health Awareness Project
- Capacity Building Projects
- Mother at Birth Project



SYDNEY

HONG KONG

AMSTERDAM

LISBON

MONTREAL

SANTIAGO

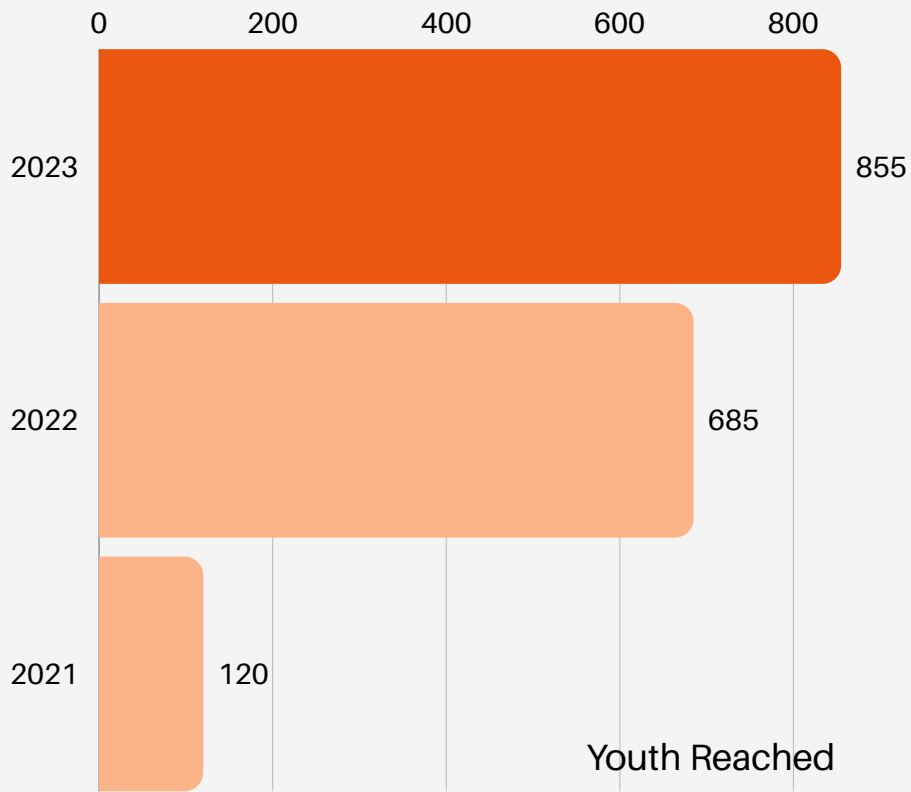
GOING TO UNIVERSITY (GTU) PROJECT

The GTU project was established and officially implemented in 2021 to ignite the desire of secondary school leavers and final year high school students to pursue higher education. The goal is to ensure that the right and adequate information needed for such students is made available and accessible, making it easier for them to transition into the university system. An array of subjects is addressed during these student meetings, fostering highly engaging and interactive discussions.

The Going To University Project serves as a forum where we engaged high school students in discussions about college life and how to navigate it successfully right from the beginning, helping them adjust to the college environment. In 2023, we visited three high schools: De Lisle School and Limehurst Academy in March, and Rossall School and De Lisle School again in November. The topics covered during these visits included discovering one's preferred courses, the university application process, independent living, managing one's finances, and the benefits of further education.

In March 2023, our mentoring department, in collaboration with LSU Action and LBI volunteers, conducted workshops at Limehurst Academy and De Lisle College on the 6th and 15th. They virtually engaged with approximately 360 year 7-10 students from Limehurst Academy via Microsoft Teams on the 6th. On the 15th of March, another session was held with De Lisle Year 10 students. Both sessions aimed to encourage students to start thinking ahead about the future option of studying at university and its associated benefits.

Additionally, on the 1st of November and the 28th of November, the team visited Rossall School in Fleetwood and De Lisle College in Leicestershire, respectively.



THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED FROM THIS PROJECT HAS HAD A 612.5% INCREASE SINCE 2021!



ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET PROJECT

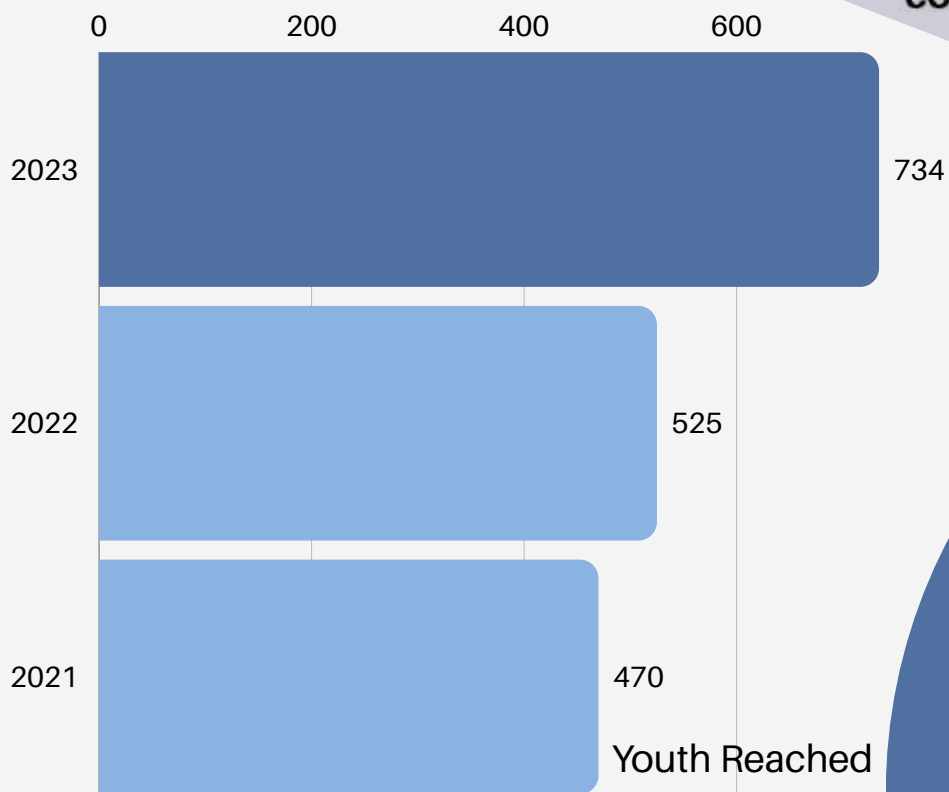
The Entrepreneurial Mindset Project stands as a strategic avenue facilitating the development of an entrepreneurial mindset among young people. It serves as a comprehensive platform for skill acquisition, business idea incubation, and the realisation of entrepreneurial ventures. This project assumes a pivotal role in coaching, mentoring, advising, and training young talents within the entrepreneurial landscape, contributing significantly to their professional growth and success.

In 2023, our enterprise department collaborated with mentoring volunteers to facilitate workshops in March 8th and November 8th at De Lisle College, tailored for Year 10 and 11 students. Throughout the sessions, students actively engaged in diverse group tasks centered on identifying potential business opportunities.

Their exceptional creativity shone through as they generated fantastic ideas, showcasing remarkable enthusiasm and keen interest in entrepreneurship. The sessions further delved into the intricacies of initiating a business, elucidating the various steps involved in developing innovative business ideas, and underscored the critical importance of crafting a comprehensive business plan.

Additionally, an online session was conducted, extending its invitation to all young individuals, including Life Beacon volunteers.

The Entrepreneurial Mindset Project sessions in 2023 left a profound impact on young participants, focusing on the benefit of entrepreneurship and instilling essential skills and attitude crucial for cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset.



THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED FROM THIS PROJECT HAS HAD AN 81.9% INCREASE SINCE 2021!

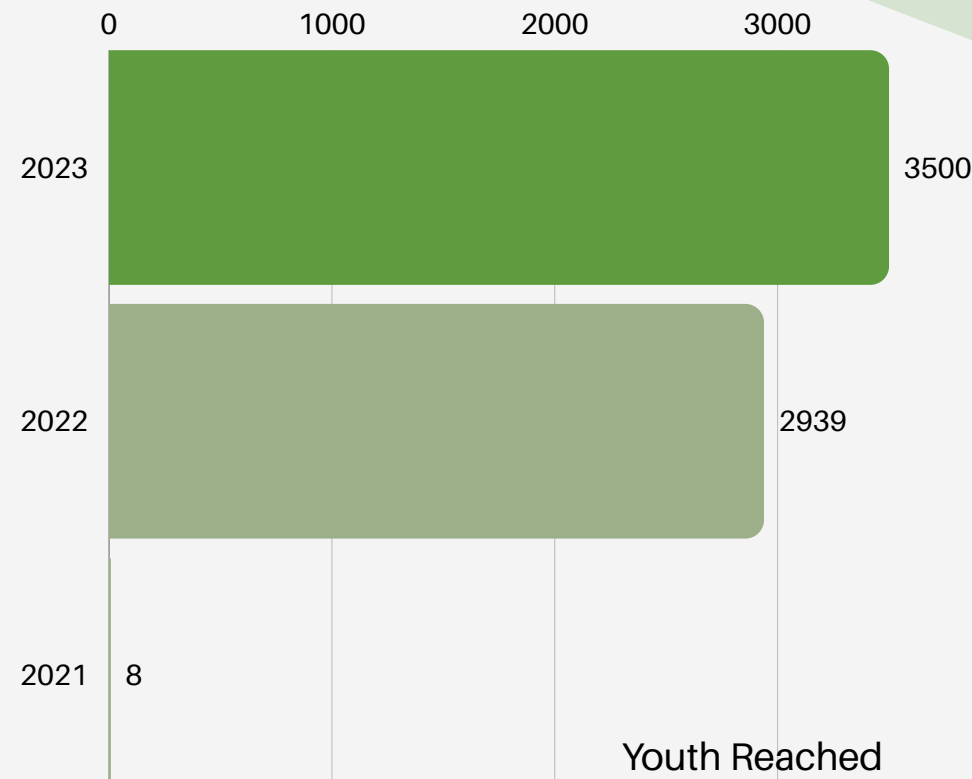


MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT

This project aims at encouraging individuals to give maximum importance to their mental health and seek help when needed, just as they prioritise their physical well-being.

Mental Health Flyer

Our primary method for raising awareness was the creation of a flyer containing essential information. Through this approach, we successfully reached out to numerous people. During Mental Health Awareness Month, we distributed flyers to enhance awareness and promote the significance of prioritising mental health.



Additionally, as part of our awareness campaign, free counseling sessions were launched in 2023 for LBI volunteers.

To complement these efforts, a variety of multimedia content is created annually to sensitize both our online and in-person audiences about the importance of mental health. In 2023, we consistently produced and disseminated this content across our various online platforms.

THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED FROM THIS PROJECT HAS HAD A 43,687.5% INCREASE SINCE 2021 !

Mental Health Free Counseling

The Wellbeing department launched the free Mental Health Counseling initiative, offering volunteers the privilege of one-on-one meetings with seasoned counselors. This program aims to make seeking professional help accessible and easy, aiming to break down barriers that often make it difficult for individuals to seek the support they need.

Free Online Counselling Sessions

LBI's Wellbeing Department is offering a brand new service to volunteers. You can now access free counselling sessions with a qualified counsellor!

BOOK YOUR SESSION!

Visit Us www.lifebeacon.org

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT

Here at Life Beacon International we strive to provide a space that enables you to be a better you.

FREE counselling sessions coming to you soon!

Wellbeing@lifebeacon.org

INVEST IN YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

This is a reminder to be kind to yourself and to take care of your mental health

CONTACT US AT: WELLBEING@LIFEBEACON.ORG

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2023

Remember that mental health is not a plague but simply a part of all of us!

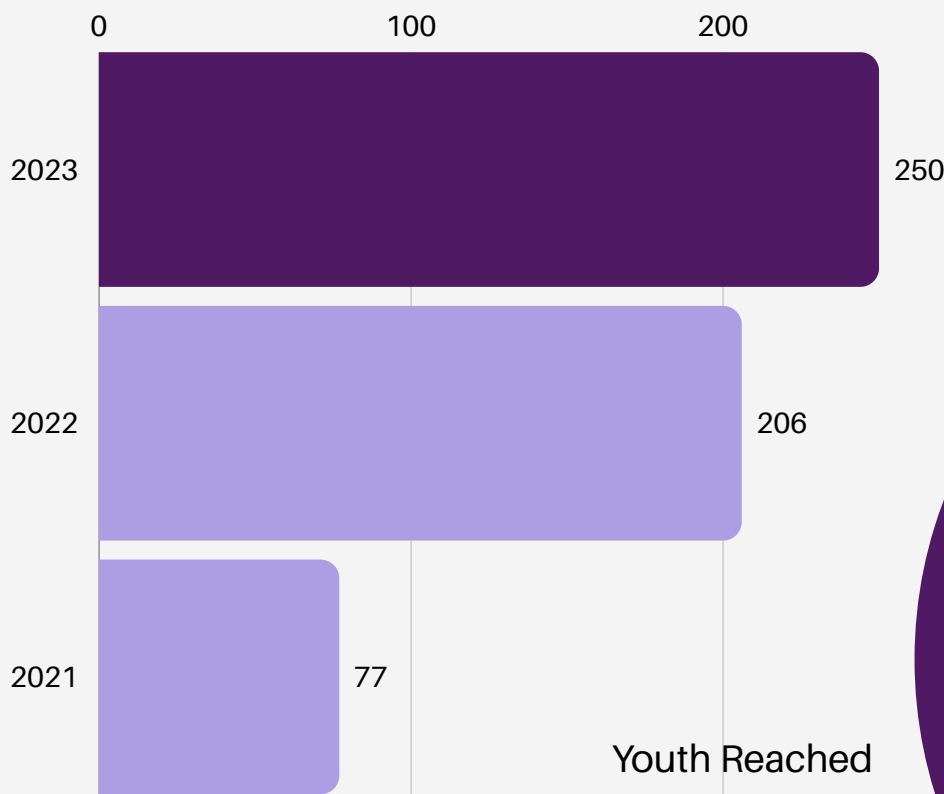
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CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

Our capacity building projects are designed to empower volunteers and external participants, facilitating their personal and professional development. Various events were organised to provide participants with the right information, skills, and knowledge. We successfully reached over 250 beneficiaries through our capacity building projects, which included the following:

Master The Art of CV Crafting:

This event aimed to guide over 100 students on writing an excellent CV to stand out. Participants were informed about what interviewers or employers look for in a job applicant's CV, including the skills and experiences they seek. After the session, we gathered feedback from participants, which was shared with our guest speaker for further insights.



THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED FROM THIS PROJECT HAS HAD A 224.68% INCREASE SINCE 2021 !

Building Strategic Relationships

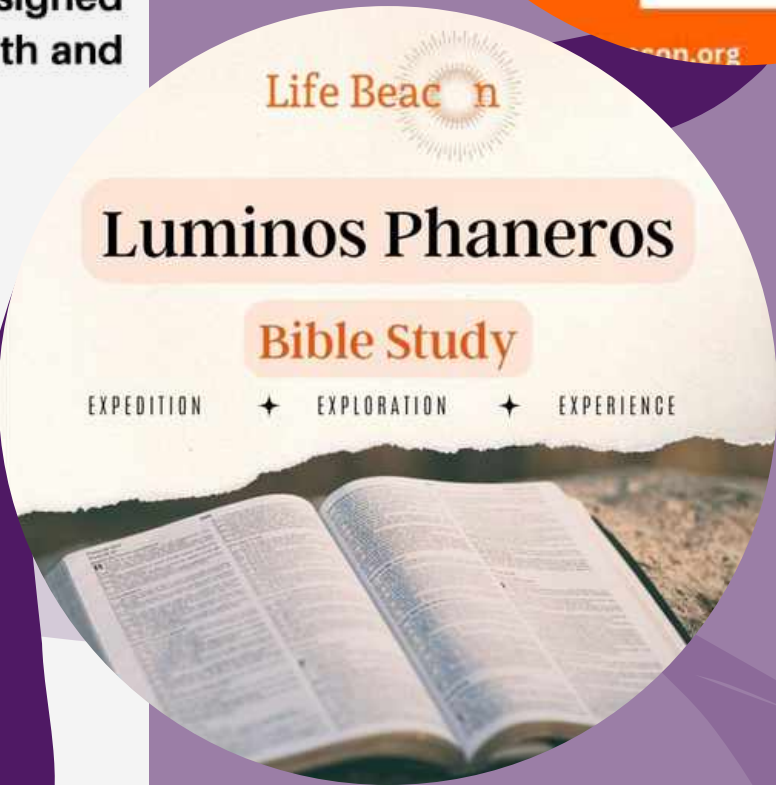
In October 2023, we hosted another event to educate young people on the importance and relevance of building strategic relationships. Participants were enlightened about the various types of relationships, the necessity of fostering good and healthy connections with others, and the strategies for creating and maintaining these relationships. The session delved into how these relationships can significantly impact their lives. A total of 24 participants actively engaged in the session.

Preparing for your Professional Exams in Accounting

The Finance Department organized an event to assist individuals in registering and preparing for their professional exams in accounting. The session, attended by 20 participants, provided valuable guidance and information on the necessary steps to navigate the process of exam registration and preparation effectively.

LBI Bible Discussions

In LBI, the spiritual growth of our volunteers is also a key goal. To facilitate this, every second Saturday of every month throughout 2023, we organised a series of Bible discussions covering various themes. These sessions were designed to assist individuals in growing in their faith and strengthening their walk with God.



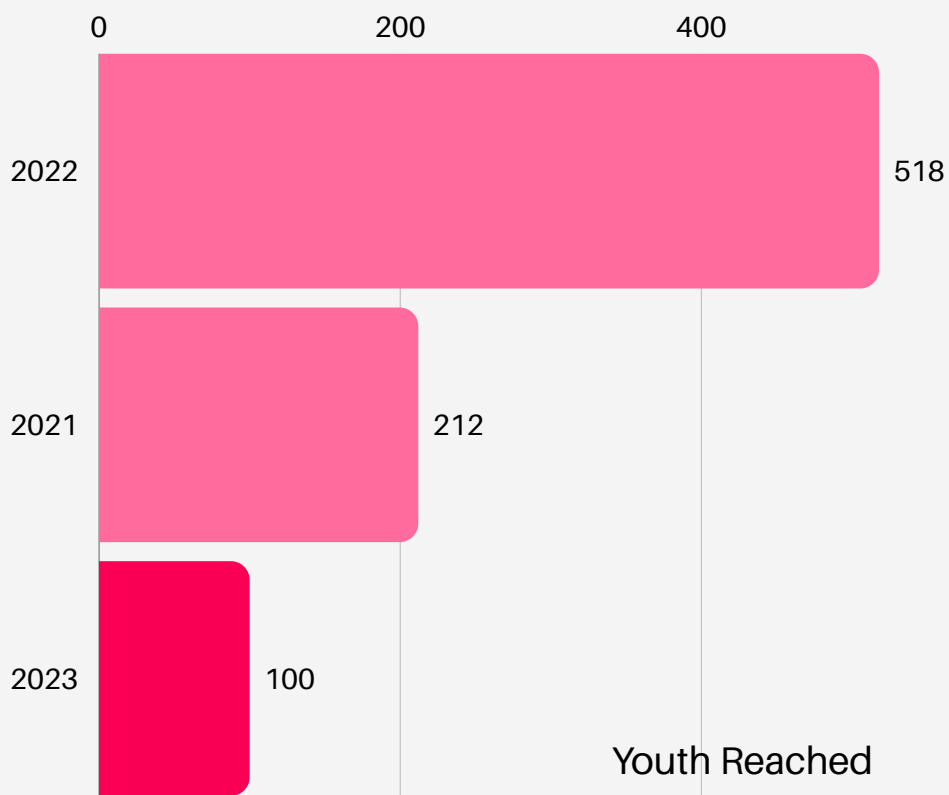
MOTHER AT BIRTH PROJECTS

At LBI, we believe in giving children a positive start in life. Our Mum and Child department plays a crucial role in bringing this vision to reality through two key projects: our Back to School project and our Mother at Birth Project.

The Mother at Birth project is implemented as our international LBI volunteers visit health facilities in underprivileged communities to provide pregnant, lactating, or new mothers and their babies with essential items for the early stages of motherhood.

On the 6th of January 2023, we reached out to over 100 mothers at a community-based health planning service facility in Chokor-Chemuna and the Mamprobi Polyclinic in the Greater Accra.

The project was conducted in two hospitals in Ghana where the women were engaged in discussions and advised on various aspects related to pregnancy. This included recommendations on the types of pomade, soaps, and other products suitable for their babies. Additionally, they were educated on the importance of attending both antenatal and postnatal check-ups. The women were informed about the available support services at different stages of their pregnancy and postnatal journey.



THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED FROM THIS PROJECT HAS HAD A 52.83% DECREASE SINCE 2021!

THIS IS BECAUSE WE STARTED FOCUSING ON THE MOST MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES WHICH TEND TO HAVE MUCH SMALLER HOSPITALS AND MATERNITY WARDS.





Implementation Mediums

- Loughborough Student Union(LSU)- Action Section
- University of Ghana Life Beacon Club (UGLBI)

IMPLEMENTATION MEDIUMS

We successfully implement our projects with the help of dedicated LBI volunteers worldwide. We establish various structures to ensure the sustainability of projects and the availability of volunteers in the geographical locations we aim to impact.

LSU Action

In the UK, we initiated a philanthropic society within the Loughborough University Student Union. This student-led club, known as LBI LSU Action, recruits students annually to support LBI in implementing key projects such as "Getting ready for University" and the "Entrepreneurial Mindset." The club operates with its own leadership committee, adhering to student union requirements, and appoints a new board every year. LSU Action has served as an effective medium for project implementation for the past three years.



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA LBI CLUB

The University of Ghana Life Beacon International Club was launched on June 10, 2023, with a similar purpose as the LSU Action in the UK. This student-led club was created in accordance with the University of Ghana Club regulations, and in 2023, it became the primary medium through which LBI thrives in supporting, educating, and empowering young individuals in the key areas of education, well-being, and faith. The club currently boasts over eighty members, six executives, and four committees with dedicated committee heads. Throughout the year, the club implemented various projects and events, including the Master the Art of CV Crafting Event and Building Strategic Relationship Event, as mentioned earlier.



Finance



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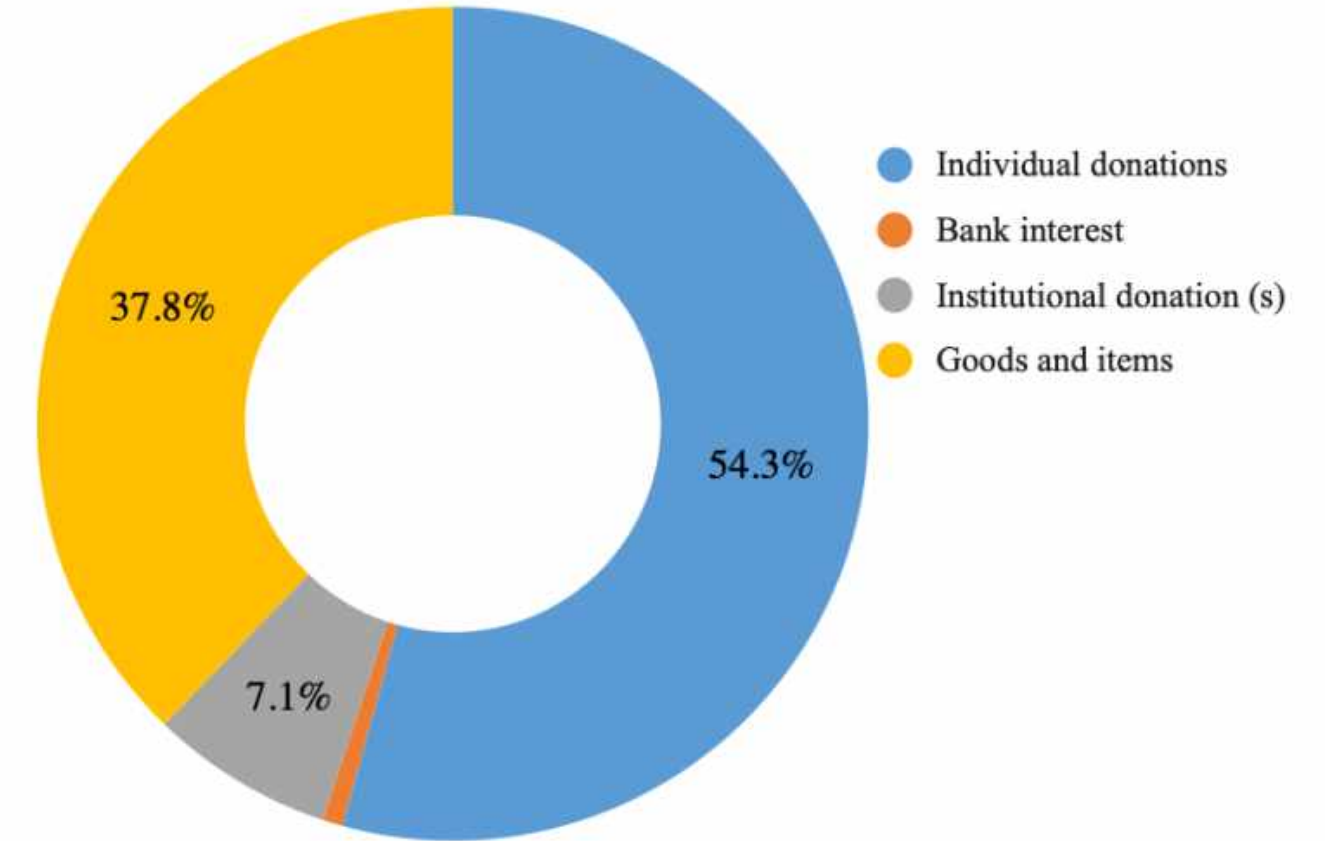
FINANCES AT A GLANCE

3 -YEAR FINANCES

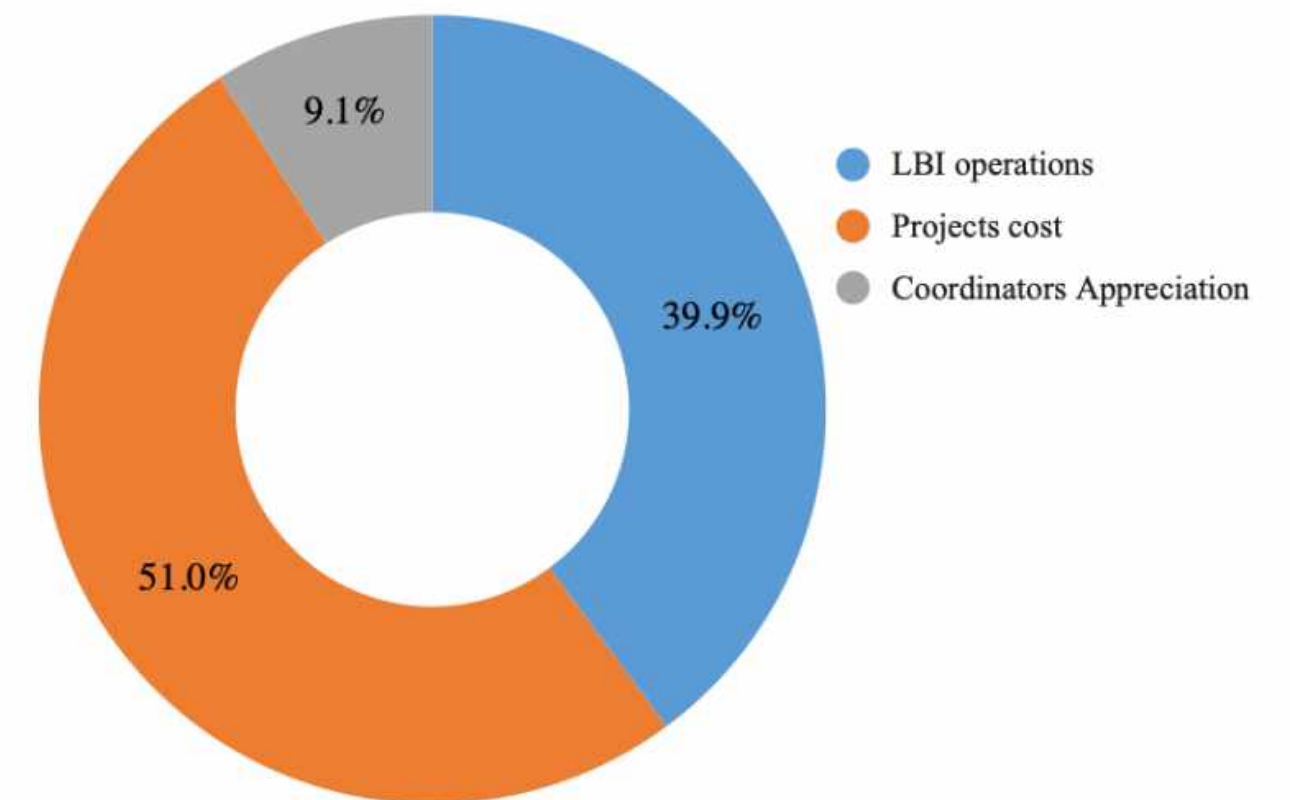
	2021 £	2022 £	2023 £
Fundraising	560.65	3,889.35	0
Individual Donations	2,722.55	2002.91	3,803.23
Institutional donations	1,010.86	5,210.71	500
Grants	4,320	-	-
Bank interest	0.01	7.91	55.4
Refund/compensation	-	218.50	-
Donated goods and items	2100	2500	2650
Total income	10,714.07	13,829.38	7,008.63
Life Beacon International Operations	1,301.42	1,707.59	2,594.49
Projects cost	6,320.34	10,669.38	3,321.61
Marketing	112.24	38.90	-
Team Bonding	203	-	-
Coordinator's Appreciation	-	541.72	591.64
Total expenditure	7,937	12,957.59	6,507.74

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Income



Expenses



CROWDFUNDING & DONATIONS

In July 2023, our organisation enthusiastically launched the Back to School Crowdfunding campaign, a dynamic initiative aimed at mobilising financial support for our upcoming back-to-school project. Leveraging the power of our various social media platforms, we embarked on a strategic and engaging fundraising effort to ensure the success of this important initiative. This campaign serves as a testament to our commitment to providing educational resources and opportunities to those in need, and we extend our sincere gratitude to our community for their unwavering support in making this endeavor a reality.

Utilising a variety of methods, Life Beacon International actively engages with the public and cultivates strategic relationships with stakeholders to support our projects. Through effective communication, community outreach, and innovative partnerships, we aim to build a strong network that amplifies our impact and ensures ongoing support for all initiatives. Our commitment to transparent interaction fosters trust, making us a catalyst for positive change in the communities we serve.

We received donations from Loughborough Business School in preparation for our project. The items included fifty-six exercise books, fifty water bottles, one hundred and seventy-eight pens, and sixty-one American thermal mugs.

Additionally, on December 21st, we received items from the Loughborough Students Union. All these donations greatly contribute to our efforts and are instrumental in the success of our projects.



Join Us

As we reflect on the milestones achieved and the impact made throughout the year, we invite you to join us on our journey of positive change. Your support is the catalyst for transforming dreams into reality and creating lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

Thanks to our Donors, Volunteers, Followers on social media and Beneficiaries for making 2023 impacts a reality.

VOLUNTEER WITH US:

Life Beacon Volunteers help spread the word about Life beacon at events and occasions around the UK.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, www.lifebeacon.org/join-us

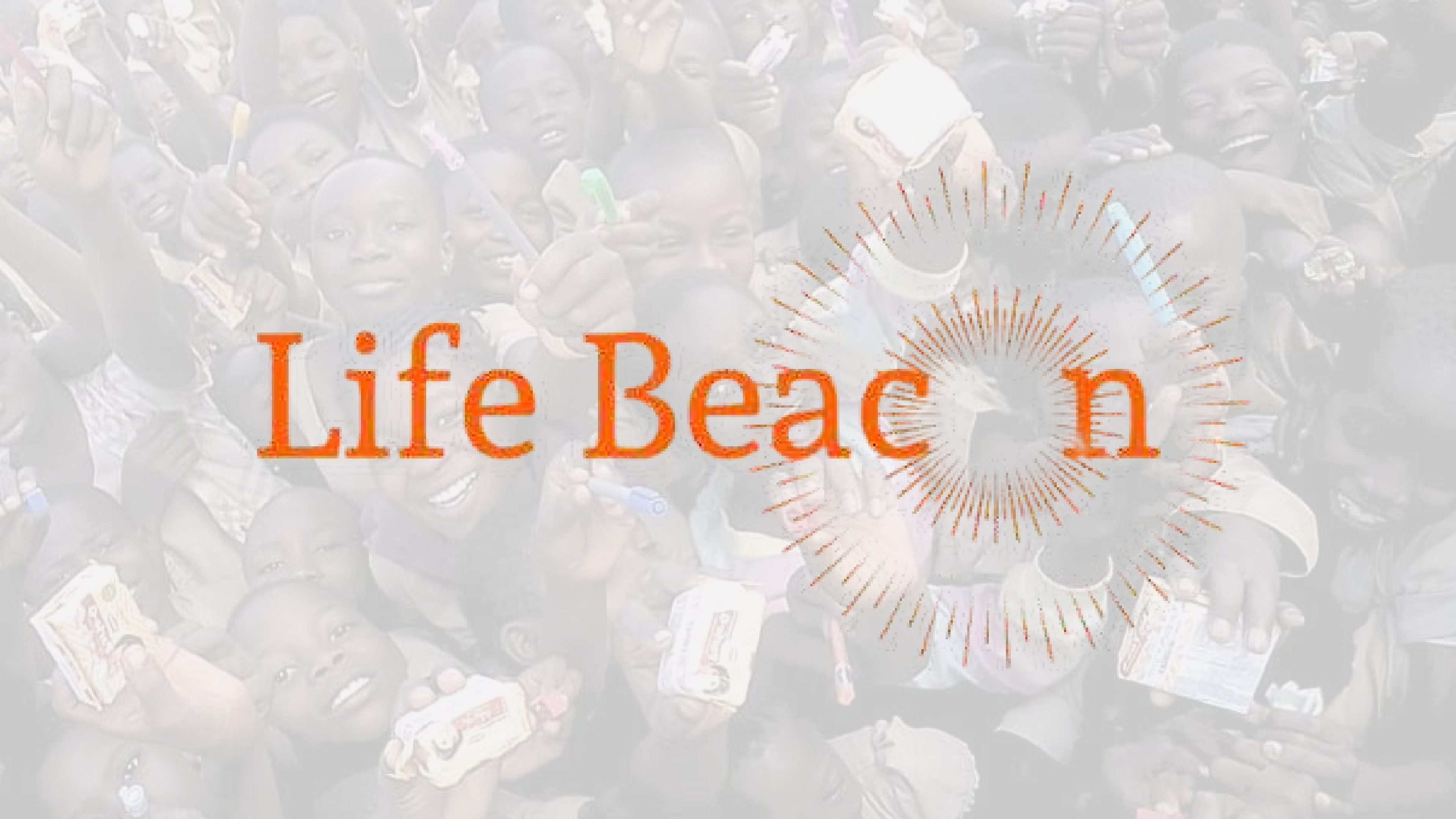
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit us at lifebeacon.org or

Scan the QR Code



Life Beacon is a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom (1192953).

A large, dense crowd of African children, mostly of elementary school age, are shown from the chest up. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. Many of the children are holding up small, rectangular cards or pieces of paper. Some of the cards have text and images on them, including one that says "LIFE BEACON" and another that says "LIFE BEACON" with a picture of a person. The children are wearing various types of clothing, including t-shirts, tank tops, and headbands. The background is a solid light blue color. The text "Life Beacon" is written in a large, orange, serif font across the middle of the image. To the right of the text is a graphic of a sunburst or starburst, composed of many thin, orange lines radiating outwards from a central point.

Life Beacon

Charity number: 1192953

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL

Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

**LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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NATWEST BANK

EXAMINER

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Letchworth Garden City
Essex
SG6 4ET

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER

1192953

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

The Trustees, for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993 as amended and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity. The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES, AIMS AND ORGANISATION OF THE CHARITY

The principal activities of the charity continue to be the provision of charitable activities. The objects of the trust ("the objects") are:

1. The objects of the Charity are to carry on activities which benefit the young people and in particular (without limitation) to any member of the community that would want to engage with education/training activities.
2. We aim to empower young people to achieve their dreams and to transform their communities through mentoring and education.
3. The organisation encourages and equips young people with the skills and resources necessary to become successful entrepreneurs, fostering innovation and economic growth in communities.
4. Counselling Services: Life Beacon offers mental health and wellbeing counselling to support the emotional and psychological health of young people, addressing the increasing need for mental health resources in society.
5. Faith Programs: Through Bible study and other faith-based initiatives, Life Beacon works to empower youth spiritually, integrating faith as a tool for personal growth and positive societal change.
6. Mum & Child Programs: This program focuses on supporting both mothers and their children, with an emphasis on ensuring that young people have the resources and care needed for a sustainable life, even from before birth.

THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ORGANISATION DURING THE PERIOD WERE:

During the period of January 2023 to December 2023, the charity has actively involved in the following activities.

1. Going to University (GTU) Project- In March 2023, our mentoring department, in collaboration with LSU Action and LBI volunteers, conducted workshops at Limehurst Academy and De Lisle College on the 6th and 15th. They virtually engaged with approximately 360 year 7-10 students from Limehurst Academy via Microsoft Teams on the 6th. On the 15th of March, another session was held with De Lisle Year 10 students. Both sessions aimed to encourage students. Both sessions aimed to encourage students to start thinking ahead about the future option of studying at university and its associated benefits. The team also visited Rossall School in Fleetwood and De Lisle college in Leicestershire, respectively.

2. Entrepreneurial Mindset Project- In 2023, our enterprise department collaborated with mentoring volunteers to facilitate workshop in March 8th and November 8th at De Lisle College, tailored for Year 10 and 11 students. Throughout the sessions, 209 students actively engaged in diverse group tasks centered on identifying potential business opportunities. The Entrepreneurial Mindset project sessions in 2023 left a profound impact on young participants, focusing on the benefit of entrepreneurship and instilling essential skills and attitude crucial for cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset.

3. Mental Health Awareness Project- Our primary method for raising awareness was the creation of an accessible essential information. Through this approach, we successfully reached out to 561 people. During Mental Health Awareness month, we distributed flyers to enhance awareness and promote the significance of prioritising mental health. As part of our awareness campaign, free counselling sessions were launched in 2023 for LBI volunteers.

To complement these efforts, a variety of multimedia content is created annually to sensitize both our online and in-person audiences about the importance of mental health. In 2023, we consistently produced and disseminated this content across our various online platforms.

The wellbeing department launched the free mental Health Counselling initiative, offering volunteers the privilege of one-on-one meetings with seasoned counsellors. This program aims to make seeking professional help accessible and easy, aiming to break down barriers that often make it difficult for individuals to seek the support they need.

4. Capacity Building Project.

i. **Master the Art of CV** – This event guided 120 students on writing an excellent CV to stand out as part of the session, participants were educated on what employers look for in job applicants

ii. **Building Strategic Relationships** - In October 2023, we hosted another event to educate young people on the importance and relevance of building strategic relationships. Participants were enlightened about the various types of relationships, the necessity of fostering good and healthy connections with others, and the strategies for creating and maintaining these relationships. The session delved into how these relationships can significantly impact their lives. A total of 24 participants actively engaged in the session.

iii. **Preparing for your professional Exams in Accounting:** The finance Department organized an event to assist individuals in registering and preparing for their professional exams in accounting. The session, attended by 20 participants, provided valuable guidance and information on the necessary steps to navigate the process of exam registration and preparation effectively.

iv. **LBI Bible Discussions** – In LBI, the spiritual growth of our volunteers is also a key goal. To facilitate this, every second Saturday of every month throughout 2023, we organised a series of Bible discussions covering various themes. These sessions were designed to assist individuals in growing in their faith and strengthening their walk with God

5. **Mother At Births Projects** – On the 6th of January we reached out to over 100 mothers at a community-based health planning service in Chokor-Chemuna and the Mamprobi Polyclinic in the Greater Accra. The project was conducted in two hospitals in Ghana where the women were engaged in discussions and advised on various aspects related to pregnancy. Additionally, they were educated on the importance of attending both antenatal and postnatal check-ups. The women were informed about the available support services at different stages of their pregnancy and postnatal journey. These included recommendations on the types of pomade, soaps and other products suitable for their babies. Baby essentials including diapers, wipes, soaps, pomade, sponge and many more were donated to the new born babies.

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

1. Our Vision is to provide sustainable education, wellbeing, and overall living for young people around the world, now and for the future.
2. To encourage students to start thinking ahead about the future option of formal education and its associated benefits.
3. Our immediate plan for the coming year is to continue with our existing project and venture into research-based initiatives.
4. Expand our digital presence.
5. Explore talents through student internship and placement programs.

Income Generation

The charity was able to raise a total of £10,714 from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Risks

The factors that may affect the Charity's delivery of its objectives include:

- a) Reputation of Charity and the relationship with the community.
- b) Ability to generate enough funds to successfully complete the identified projects for the charity.

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL produces an annual plan for delivery against its objectives. This plan sets out the targets for the year and is then broken down to a work plan. LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL has developed a strategy, which specifies how it will deliver the key programmes of work. The strategy also identifies targets and performance indicators.

RESERVES POLICY

The Charity aims to build reserve which will enable it to meet its average annual operational need. The Trustees review the reserves held by the Charity on a regular basis to ensure that an appropriate level of funds is held to meet the above policy of the Charity going forward.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

A Board of Trustees governs the Charity. New Trustees are selected by the Board of Trustees and are subject to re-election every five years. At 31 December 2023, the Board had 2 Trustee(s) and 80 Volunteer(s).

The Board meets quarterly a year to agree key policy decisions, set the strategy for the charity and oversee its performance. At present the Board has committee members who are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the charity. None of the board of trustees is being remunerated.

All Trustees receive the handbook for Trustees provided through the Charity Commission. Each Trustee will have an induction programme by other Trustees and receive an information pack on the Charity and its finances. Beyond this the Charity follows the code of practice for governance produced by the Governance Hub.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which comply with the Charities Act 1993 as amended

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

They include:

- A strategic plan and annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, in particular variance from budget; and
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable Charity and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 as amended. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charitable Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO EXAMINER

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant information of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee to make himself/ herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

EXAMINER

In line with the provision exemption in the Charities Act 1993 as amended, the trust decided to appoint an examiner, which will review the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. In accordance with this appointment, E&E ACCOUNTING AND TAX SERVICES LTD was appointed as examiner.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Dr Ruby Appiah-Campbell on behalf of the trust.

Trustee

25 January 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

E&E ACCOUNTING AND TAX SERVICES LTD
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25 January 2024

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Notes			
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources		7,009	-	7,009
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	2	7,009	-	7,009
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities:				
Community Projects /Other Resources Expended Governance		(7,145)	-	(7,145)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3	(7,145)	-	(7,145)
Net income/(expenditure)		(136)	-	(136)
Funds brought forward		4,995		4,995
Net movement in funds and funds balance carried forward as at 31 March 2023		4,859	-	4,859

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Total £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand		5,059
		5,059
CREDITORS: amount falling due within one year		
Accruals - Accountancy fee	5	(200)
Net Current assets/(Liabilities)		4,859
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,859
FINANCED BY:		
Unrestricted funds		4,859
Restricted Funds		-
TOTAL FUNDS	6	4,859

For the year ending 31 December 2023, the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Accounts was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Dr Ruby Appiah-Campbell
Trustee
25 January 2024

**LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (2005), the Charity Act 1993 and applicable UK accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

Under FRS 1 the Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charity is below the threshold specified in Appendix 2 of the FRS1.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in Note 2.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The grant income where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received, the income is accrued.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a floor basis and other overheads have been allocated on the basis of the head count.

Community project costs are those costs incurred directly in support of the objects of the Charity. The community project cost includes other support costs incurred in support of the objects of the Charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with governance arrangement of the Charity, which relate to the general running of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. The basis of allocation for support costs and governance costs has been explained in Note 3.

**LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023**

Note 2. TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income	2023
Un-restricted:	
General Donation	3,803
Donated goods and Items	2,650
Institutional Donation	500
Bank interest	55
	7,009

Note 3. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Operational Cost	2,594		2,594
Charitable Donations	437		437
Project costs	3,322		3,322
Welfare	592		592
Accountancy	200		200
	7,145	-	7,145

The trust allocates all costs as shown in the table above. Costs are allocated between direct costs and support costs based on the actual expenditure and nature of transactions.

Note 4. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments and no out of pocket expenses were paid during the year (2023: £nil)

Note 5. CREDITORS: amount falling due within one year

	2023
This is made up as follows:	£
Other Creditors (Accountancy Fee)	200
	200

Note 6. Total Funds

	2023
	£
Reserve brought Forward	4,995
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(136)

Note 7. TAXATION

LIFE BEACON INTERNATIONAL is a registered charity and is thus exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charge has arisen in the year.