



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 04.05.2023 To 31.08.2024

Charity name: Saving Lives International

Charity registration number: 1202953.

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ To advance the education of health and care professionals in India and Nepal through the delivery of a structured training programme that has been successfully trialled in several centres across both countries.</li><li>◆ To advance health and save lives by strengthening disaster medicine disciplines that support the full disaster management cycle, particularly through capacity-building initiatives focused on preparedness and response in low- and middle-income countries.</li><li>◆ To relieve need, debility, and hardship caused by natural or man-made disasters, by providing medical aid and rehabilitation support to affected populations.</li></ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><i>Advancing the Education of Health and Care Professionals in India and Nepal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Developed disaster medicine modules and syllabus in collaboration with Indian partners.</li><li>◆ Worked with the Nepal Association of Emergency and Disaster Medicine (NADEM) to seek government approval for course content and delivery standards.</li><li>◆ Delivered instructor and provider training in Pre-Hospital Trauma Care in India and Nepal, with UK faculty support from the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC), Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCS Ed).</li><li>◆ Delivered Emergency Drill training, supported by the "Aide Memoire" booklet, in SRIHER (Chennai) and NADEM (Kathmandu).</li><li>◆ Held curriculum development meetings with SRIHER (Chennai), Saswad</li></ul>

		<p>Pharmacy College (Pune), and Armed Forces Medical College (Pune).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Secured endorsement of SRIHER, Chennai as the first international centre to deliver the Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Course of FPHC, RCS Ed.</li> <li>◆ Proposed the integration of disaster preparedness training into pharmacy education and community outreach curricula.</li> </ul> <p><i>Advancing Health and Saving Lives through Disaster Medicine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Four trustees and six expert volunteers from the UK and India contributed to the Nepal Disaster Medicine Conference (February 2024) and delivered the country's first international Pre-Hospital Trauma Care course.</li> <li>◆ Donated essential medical training equipment and 400 "Aide Memoire" Emergency Drill manuals to NADEM's training centre to build capacity.</li> <li>◆ Partnered with the Ministries of Health in Nepal and Bhutan to co-develop national disaster medicine training roadmaps.</li> <li>◆ Submitted a formal proposal for training in Bhutan following an initial development visit and follow-up meetings with the Ministry of Health.</li> <li>◆ Launched collaboration with the Centre for Health Studies of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries (UK) to develop an international course in disaster and conflict medicine.</li> </ul> <p><i>Relieving Hardship and Need Arising from Disasters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Coordinated the donation, processing for quality and dispatch of two truckloads of PPE, including over 600 boxes of FFP3 respirators, for conflict-affected regions. Equipment was donated by a local business and Public Health Northampton.</li> </ul> <p><i>Organisational Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Opened operational bank accounts and appointed two trustees as signatories and finance governance leads.</li> <li>◆ Transferred legacy funds from the Rotary Club of Birmingham to the new SLI CIO account.</li> <li>◆ Held the official launch of Saving Lives International CIO at the House of Lords (September 2023), attended by Rt Hon</li> </ul>
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		<p>Andrew Mitchell MP, ambassadors, and healthcare and academic leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Expanded the Advisory Board with UK-based experts in disaster and emergency medicine.</li> <li>◆ Launched the SLI website, registered for Gift Aid, and set up a JustGiving fundraising platform.</li> <li>◆ Signed an MoU with the Centre for Health Studies, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, for collaborative work for an international disaster medicine course. For LMICs.</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their duties and in planning and reviewing the charity's activities for the year. The charity's work in advancing disaster medicine education for low- and middle-income countries clearly and providing disaster relief support demonstrates the public benefit as set out under the purposes of Saving Lives International.</p>

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity and the Difference Made</p> <p>Between May 2023 and August 2024, Saving Lives International (SLI) made significant progress in strengthening disaster preparedness and emergency healthcare capacity in LMICs, notably in India and Nepal.</p> <p><i>Education and Capacity Building</i></p> <p>SLI piloted disaster medicine training modules with partner institutions, achieving endorsement from FPHC, RCS Ed, for its Pre-Hospital Trauma Care course. Health professionals in India and Nepal benefitted from structured training, with Nepal hosting its first international delivery of the course. Pharmacy and paramedical education were</p>

		<p>also targeted for future integration of disaster preparedness training.</p> <p><i>Health and Disaster Response</i></p> <p>SLI supported strategic engagement with the Ministries of Health in Nepal and Bhutan to develop national disaster medicine roadmaps. Equipment donations and emergency training guides enhanced local capacity in Nepal. A new collaboration was initiated with the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries to create a globally relevant course in disaster and conflict medicine.</p> <p><i>Organisational Growth</i></p> <p>The charity strengthened its governance and financial systems, launched public communications tools, and formed new academic partnerships. SLI's formal launch at the House of Lords raised its profile and credibility. It achieved financial sustainability through successful fundraising campaigns led by trustees.</p> <p><i>Wider Benefit to Society</i></p> <p>SLI's work has built greater awareness of disaster readiness, enhanced frontline healthcare preparedness, and supported resilient health systems in disaster-prone areas. Its partnership-driven model is now being extended to Bhutan and other potential LMIC contexts.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Financial Review and Outlook for Sustainability</p> <p>In August 2023, Saving Lives International received £23,776 from the Rotary Club of Birmingham as its initial operating capital. Since then, the charity has focused on programme delivery and building a sustainable fundraising base.</p> <p>Trustees, notably Dr Peter Patel and Dr Manish P. Patel, led successful fundraising efforts supported by personal networks and community patrons. From September 2023 to August 2024, the charity received £40,506 in major donations, including</p>
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		<p>contributions from local businesses and the Kullu–Kanyakumari fundraising campaign.</p> <p>After all operational costs, the charity held a balance of £59,568 as of August 2024. With a planned minimum reserve of £15,000, SLI is well-positioned to support programme delivery and growth in disaster medicine training in LMICs over the next three years</p> <p>SLI remains committed to careful financial stewardship and ongoing fundraising to maintain and expand its impact.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>Reserves Policy</b></p> <p>The trustees have adopted a reserves policy to safeguard the financial stability of Saving Lives International and ensure the continuity of its educational and humanitarian programmes.</p> <p>As of August 2024, the charity holds total funds of £59,568. A minimum of £15,000 has been designated as unrestricted reserves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Provide a buffer against income fluctuations or unforeseen funding delays.</li> <li>♦ Ensure continuity of operations and programme delivery in periods of financial uncertainty.</li> <li>♦ Support responsible, long-term financial planning.</li> </ul> <p>The reserves policy is reviewed annually to ensure it aligns with the size, commitments, and risk profile of the charity. Trustees are confident that current reserves are adequate to support ongoing and planned activities while maintaining resilience.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Saving Lives International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission on 04.05.2025. It is governed by a constitution dated 04.04.2023. The CIO's charitable objects are the advancement of disaster medicine education and health, the saving of lives, and the relief of those in need due to disasters, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Appointment of Charity Trustees</p> <p>The founder trustees of Saving Lives International CIO were selected from individuals with prior involvement in humanitarian work through Rotary or other NGOs, and from expert volunteers with leadership, teaching, and practical experience in disaster medicine. Trustees are appointed with due regard to the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary for the effective administration of the CIO. Where possible, a majority of trustees will have qualifications or equivalent experience in medicine, dentistry, public health, allied health professions, or disaster risk management. If such expertise is not available within the trustee body, suitably qualified advisors are appointed to guide the charity's work.</p>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Saving Lives International
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202953
Charity's principal address	14 Belwell Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham B74 4AL

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity up to Aug 2024**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Pankaj Vithalbhai Patel	Chair		
2	Prof James Patrick Kingsland OBE			
3	Dr Stuart Guy			
4	Dr Andrew David Hardie			
5	Mr Stephen Patrick Fletcher			
6	Dr Manish Pankaj Patel			
7	Dr Amit Shah			
8	Wg Cdr Ankur Pandya			
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**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Pankaj V Patel	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		

# Saving Lives International

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August 2023 - August 2024

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<b>Total Non-Profit Income</b>	<b>64,595.49</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£64,595.49</b>
TOTAL	£64,595.49
Expenditures	
Bank charges	1.20
Office/General Administrative Expenditures	621.91
Other Miscellaneous Service Cost	4,404.29
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£5,027.40</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£59,568.09</b>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Saving Lives International

On accounts for the year  
ended

August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 18/06/25

Name:

Shamir Patel

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Accountant

Address:

8 Marwood Croft, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B74 3JU

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## Notes for Trustees

### 1. Background and Formation

- ◆ *Saving Lives International (SLI)* originated as a humanitarian initiative under the Rotary Club of Birmingham, rooted in disaster relief efforts led by Dr Peter (Pankaj) Patel.
- ◆ As the scope and complexity of the programme expanded, it became clear that the governance requirements exceeded the capacity of the Rotary Club's trustees.
- ◆ With mutual agreement, the Rotary Club supported the formation of Saving Lives International CIO as an independent charity, to be led by professionals in global health, medicine, and disaster response.
- ◆ *Saving Lives International CIO* was officially registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4th May 2023.

### 2. Banking and Financial Reporting Period

- ◆ Following registration, steps were taken to establish a dedicated charity bank account, which was successfully opened in August 2023.
- ◆ Accordingly, this financial report covers the period from August 2023 to August 2024.

### 3. Income Summary

- ◆ On 25th August 2023, the charity received legacy funds of £23,776.00 from the Rotary Club of Birmingham into its new account.
- ◆ An additional £40,506.00 was raised through donations and fundraising activities up to April 2024.
- ◆ Total income recorded for the period amounts to £64,595.00, with **net income** reported as £59,568.00, after accounting for expenditures.

#### 4. Expenditure Summary

- ◆ **Total expenditure** for the period was **£5,027.00**, which includes:
  - **£621.91** for website development costs.
  - **£1.20** in bank charges.
  - **£4,404.29** for the development and delivery of *disaster medicine training programmes* in **Nepal and India**.

#### 5. Volunteer Contribution and Use of Funds

- ◆ All **volunteers**, including **medical professionals, trainers, and development partners** involved in the design, development, and delivery of *disaster medicine training programmes*, contributed their time and expertise **without receiving any form of direct or indirect remuneration or personal benefit**.
- ◆ The trustees confirm that all charitable funds have been used solely to support the objectives of *Saving Lives International CIO*, in line with its charitable purposes.