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## President's Annual Report

Dear SCOT member,

Human beings are resilient. Spanish flu did not wipe us out and neither will Covid 19. Similarly, Tamils have faced untold problems in Sri Lanka, but we will survive and thrive.

The Tamil diaspora is a very successful and influential force to be reckoned with. We need to pool our resources together, focus on the big picture and work on game changing projects. SCOT is reaching out to other organisations in the UK and abroad, and working across the North, East & Malaya ham in Sri Lanka.

Four years ago, SCOT made the decision to focus on Education, Employment and Empowerment, and it's beginning to pay dividends. A detailed list of our projects can be found in the Project Officer's Report but here are some highlights:

- The English Teacher training programme, though significantly affected by Covid 19 "shows a gradual increase in the percentage of students passing (Grades A, B, C & D) in *all* the 12 Educational Zones of Northern Province". This is just the start as the master plan, delayed by C19, is yet to be implemented.
- The recent national-fifth-standard results showed very pleasing improvements in performance of the children from the Tuition centre in Eachalampathai, a remote village in Trinco, funded by SCOT.
- Coconut oil mill project, based in Palay, had a difficult start due the pandemic and also due to the lack of entrepreneurial & managerial skills. But I am pleased to say that it is back on track with our partner in Sri Lanka stepping in to provide the required skill sets.
- Cattle registration project: SCOT funded Phase 1 of this project to register, officially unrecognised cattle; approximately half-a-million of them in Batticaloa. At completion the income of the cattle farming community in the district will increase by Rs 343 million per annum, which will set up a platform for other value-added services. This a significant project with a huge impact.

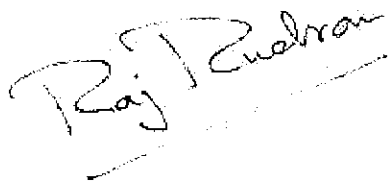
If we empower people and give them the opportunities to improve their lives, they will. Employment is at the core of what we are doing, and our Critical Success Factors (CSFs) to achieve this are capacity building, low-cost finance, and the development of supply chains and marketing channels.

Our future programmes will address the above CSFs and specifically include, among other projects, the completion of the cattle registration project, manufacturing of concrete blocks for buildings and paving (based in Mullaithivu), and IT as an enabler for the development of supply chains and marketing channels.

While our New Year event was very successful in raising funds for our services, unfortunately we have had to cancel our dinner/dance for the second year running, due to the pandemic. I Take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in-person soon in a SCOT event.

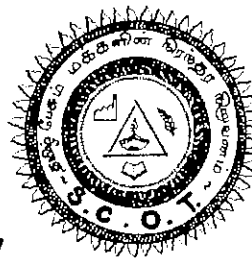
Season's greetings and best wishes to you and your loved ones, from me and the General Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj M Rudran', with a horizontal line underneath.

Raj M Rudran.

31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021.



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## **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT) Project Officer's Report 2021**

By no means has covid-19 made our mission any easier, so allow me to extend our gratitude to our dear members, donors and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need, especially during this very difficult year.

SCOT began 2021 with a great passion to deliver the 3Es, education, employment, and empowerment projects. Despite the challenges we, and everyone around the world faced, SCOT remained true to their goals, allowing all our mission statements to be continued at the standard we have observed even before Covid. Focussing and succeeding in raising enough funds to support our ongoing mission whilst meeting emergency Covid-19 requirements.

This only speaks to the strengths of SCOT as we have once again adapted to maximise our limited resources to meet the unique demands of those in need. Only the full support and contribution from all our members and general council made these achievements possible. Below shows the number of families and organisation who have benefited from your invaluable support (some projects are listed below).

This year will hold a whole host of new challenges, one that we look forward to meeting head on where we can continue to deliver our vision of - **Education, Employment and Empowerment. (3E's)**. It is important we harness our limited resources, have a structured approach and focus on projects that will make a material difference to our people in order to achieve maximum efficiency.

To name a few in the recent past, SCOT has;

- Continued with Northern Cooperative Development Bank (NCDB) supporting Pachchilaipalli Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (MPCS) to enhance the coconut oil production.
- Worked with "AEDU Batticaloa" in providing a boat with a motor to the people of Koralaipattu, South DS division, being affected by flood during rainy season.
- Aided the Livestock Ear Tagging program – SCOT is working with Pledge To Restore Sri Lanka. A non-profit organisation to help, mainly, the poor cattle farmers. Tagging delivered via the Veterinary Surgeons.
- SCOT continues its support with educational expenses for three children's home in and around Batticaloa.
- After School Extra classes – SCOT is solely funding extra classes for school children from year 5 - year 11 in Trincomalle, Muthur and surrounding villages.
- SCOT purchased and organised the delivery of medical equipment for emergency COVID -19 management at

- ✓ Batticaloa Teaching Hospital – 1no High Nasal Oxygen Therapy unit and ancillaries.
- ✓ Trincomalle District General Hospital – Non-Invasive Ventilator (BIPAP/CPAP).

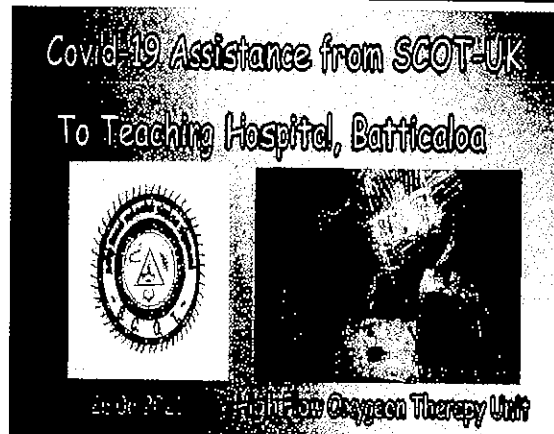
(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT is in 2020/21 the Treasurer's report).

To further deliver this we need you, those who are willing to share their time and skills with SCOT for our people. From generation to generation, we have followed our journey with a dream – become a member and become part of our community, where inter-generational ideas can be supported, and enable us to collectively make the right decision for our people, become a sponsor of our events and promote our services for our people. The more we do, the more we can change someone's life.

Mr Jude Swampillai  
Project Officer  
31<sup>st</sup> of October 2021



**Above:**  
Livestock Ear Tagging  
(Batticaloa & Trinco)



**Above:** Covid-19 HFO Donation to Batticaloa

**Below:** Boat with motor to Korallpattu DS



**Below:** Trinco Education Project



**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 274499**

**Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 August 2021**

**AG London Consultancy Ltd**  
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# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2021**

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**Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Standing Committee of**  
**Tamil Speaking People**  
**Year ended 31 August 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Mrs N Thiruvassagam ACMA

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Date: 31 October 2021

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2021

		2021	2020
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>			
Donations and legacies	4	19,627	19,627
Other trading activities	5	3,300	3,300
Investment income	6	41	41
Other income	7	<u>2,402</u>	<u>2,402</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>25,370</u>	<u>25,370</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of other trading activities	8	101	101
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>23,200</u>	<u>23,200</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>23,301</u>	<u>23,301</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>2,069</u>	<u>2,069</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		2,069	2,069
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward as previously reported		44,791	44,791
Prior year adjustment		-	-
Total funds brought forward as restated		<u>44,791</u>	<u>44,791</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>46,860</u>	<u>46,860</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities



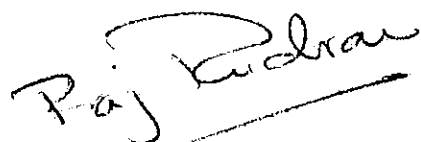
# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2021

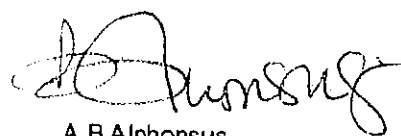
		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	9,940	10,340
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>37,402</u>	<u>34,844</u>
		47,342	45,184
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	<u>482</u>	<u>393</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>46,860</u>	<u>44,791</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>46,860</u>	<u>44,791</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds:			
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>46,860</u>	<u>44,791</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		46,860	44,791
<b>Total charity funds</b>	16	<u>46,860</u>	<u>44,791</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31st October 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



R Rudran

Trustee



A B Alphonsus

Treasurer

The notes on pages 5 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2021**

### **1. General Information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 28 Avonmore Gardens, London, W14 8RU.

### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### **3. Accounting policies**

#### **Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **Fundraising costs**

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising and staging of special fundraising events.

#### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2021**

### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2021

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations</b>				
Earmarked donations	9,978	9,978	9,286	9,286
General donations	40	40	470	470
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
<b>Subscriptions</b>				
Subscriptions	9,609	9,609	9,390	9,390
	<u>19,627</u>	<u>19,627</u>	<u>19,146</u>	<u>19,146</u>

### 5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Dinner dance	-	-	6,815	6,815
New Year event	3,300	3,300	486	486
	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>7,301</u>	<u>7,301</u>

### 6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	4	4	56	56
Other interest receivable	37	37	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

### 7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid tax rebate	2,402	2,402	2,415	2,415

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2021

### 8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Dinner dance	-	-	4,151	4,151
New year event	101	101	-	-
	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>4,151</u>	<u>4,151</u>

### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Projects funding (note 11)	22,520	22,520	25,736	25,736
Easter Disaster Victim relief	-	-	-	-
Emergency relief	-	-	-	-
Support costs	-	680	-	1,197
	<u>22,520</u>	<u>23,200</u>	<u>25,736</u>	<u>26,933</u>

### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£	£
Projects funding (note 11)	22,520	-	22,520	21,736
Easter Disaster Victim relief	-	-	-	2,000
Emergency relief	-	-	-	2,000
Governance costs	-	680	680	1,197
	<u>25,736</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>23,200</u>	<u>26,933</u>

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2021

### 11. Analysis of project funding

	2021 £	2020 £
Hari Children Home	1,000	1,000
Thilagavathiar Mahalir Illam	1,000	1,000
Vivekananda Girls Home	1,000	1,000
Covid 19 Relief (Note 12)	13,290	9,200
NCDB-Coconut Oil Mill Project	-	4,386
Miliddy-Urani-Rehabilitation	-	2,900
AEDU Batticaloa –Flood relief and Easter victims rehabilitation	750	3,700
Caritas EHED Scholarship	780	600
Outru Valiulaga Kalaingargal Manndram	1,200	1,200
English Teachers' Training Project via British Council	-	750
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b><u>22,520</u></b>	<b><u>25,736</u></b>

### 12. Covid-19 Relief Include the following:

General Hospital Jaffna	4,290	-
General Hospital Batticaloa	4,290	-
General Hospital Trincomalle	4,290	-
Grama Niladhari AllPallai Area	-	500
Tea Leaf Trust Nuwara-Eliya	-	1,200
World Tamil Cultural Centre	-	2,000
AEDU Batticaloa	-	1,500
OfERR Mandapam Eelam refugees and Rehabilitation Centre	-	2,000
De La Salle Brothers Mannar	-	2,000
	<b><u>13,290</u></b>	<b><u>9,200</u></b>

# Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2021

### 13. Independent examination fee

The independent examination is an honorary work as such no fee is payable.

### 14. Staff costs

There were no employees in the charity as it is run by its trustees, as such no cost.

### 15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

### 16 Analysis of charitable funds Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Prior year adjustment £	At 31 August 2021 £
General funds	32,848	25,220	(22,5216)	(1,076)	-	34,471
Designated Fund Kathiresan memorial Scholarship Fund	9,704	-	( 780)	1,076	-	10,000
Designated Fund English Teachers Training Project	2,239	150	-	-	-	2,389
Designated Fund Covid 19 Relief Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>44,791</u>	<u>23,571</u>	<u>(25,736)</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>46,860</u>

# **Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>17 Debtors</b>		
Other debtors	-	100
Income tax recoverable	<u>9,940</u>	<u>10,240</u>
	<u>9,940</u>	<u>10,340</u>
<b>18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other creditors	<u>482</u>	<u>393</u>
<b>19. Analysis of net assets between funds</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current assets	47,342	45,984
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(482)</u>	<u>(393)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>46,860</u>	<u>44,791</u>