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46 Years of Service

President's Annual Report

Dear SCOT member,

SCOT was founded as an aftermath of 1977 ethnic violence in Sri Lanka. Having completed 46 years serving the underprivileged Tamil Speaking people in Sri Lanka, as a non-political organisation we will be having the 47th Annual General Meeting in January 2024.

Since the last AGM we have had 6 General Council (G.C) meetings. In addition, close to the fund-raising events like the annual Charity Dinner/Dance and the Tamil New Year Lunch/ lecture, we have several event sub-committee meetings. During the COVID 19 pandemic we had virtual AGM and fund-raising events. Now we have re-started the face-to-face AGM and for this accounting year that ended in August 2023 we have had a Dinner/Dance and a Tamil New Year celebration face to face. From these events we generated a net income of around £6,000 (vide details in Treasurer's accounts). Our Charity Dinner/ Dance in December 2023 was also a resounding success both in fund raising and as a dinner /dance, but I am refraining from reporting further as it is outside this accounting year. In addition, for the first time in December 2022 a Christmas appeal through crowd (Just Giving) funding was launched. This appeal generated about £2,300. This was matched by SCOT pound for pound and a little more and a total of about £4,900 was distributed equally to 7 districts in the North, East and Hill country to provide dry rations and milk powder for our underprivileged.

During this annual accounting year, projects that SCOT funded are listed in project officer's report. Adding some narration to some of them, may I say, in the Northern Province SCOT funded Ayurvedic herbal plants mapping project in Delft, with a view to make it more productive. This is being carried out in collaboration with Jaffna university. In Mannar district we supported to establish a concrete slabs and concrete posts making industry and created employment for the physically disabled affected by ethnic violence. We are delighted to say it is self-funding now. Annually we are funding additional tuition classes in Muthur, in Trincomalee district and

extra tuition classes for children in 3 orphanages in Batticaloa district. These extra tuition for the underprivileged children is paying dividends in leaps and bounds, as confirmed by recent national examination results. Total funds provided for projects in this accounting year is around £12,500. In addition, about £4900 was provided as emergency funding for dry rations and milk powder.

Work with us to help the downtrodden, you know when you do so you receive a fulfilment, a joy that money cannot buy. Follow our charity activities in our website (www.scot.uk.org.uk). Encourage your adult children and friends to join SCOT. Be the agent to get one SCOT member, our membership forms can be downloaded from our website or contact us for the membership forms. Send the completed forms to me (antoncanagasabey@btinternet.com) or to SCOT secretary Mr. Sivakumaran (rst_sivam@yahoo.co.uk). Having sent the form, they can set up the standing order themselves and inform us. Please attend our fund-raising events. It is very laborious to organise these events and then spending hours communicating to sell tickets. Your help of buying these tickets and attending, lightens our work and rewards us to be of more to help our people. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating for our charity work to continue.

This year's AGM will be held at one of the popular restaurant "Virunthu" (113 Field End Rd, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 1QG) on Sunday the 21st January 2024 commencing at 10 a.m. On conclusion of this AGM, we are hosting "Driving SCOT forward" a strategy meeting to explore ways we can further SCOT's delivery of service to the needy in our homeland. We greatly value your contribution and ideas , so that we can understand our members' desires to help our people and be able to deliver more effectively. A Sri Lankan lunch will be served at a subsidised rate of £10 per head after this AGM at the same venue. Please RSVP me or Mr Sivakumaran on the emails given above so that the G.C can make the necessary arrangements. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in-person at this AGM and lunch.

Yours sincerely

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 7/12/23

Dr.Anton Bala Canagasabey

SCOT-President



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Project Officer's Report 2023

We are immensely grateful to our dear members, donors, advertisers and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need.

Global and local economic situations combined with global geopolitics has had adverse effects on the education and employment of everyday, hardworking people in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Due to the previous implementation of projects, such as evening classes and employment support-projects, SCOT was able to mitigate the effects of those burdened by these external factors.

Despite the challenges we, and everyone around the world, faced SCOT remained true to their goals in focussing and succeeding to raise enough funds to support our ongoing mission whilst meeting emergency requirements.

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.

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

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

- Scientific medicinal plant mapping at delft- a project to undertake baseline on medicinal plants in Delft with the intention of establishing herbal garden and preventing their depletion.
- Continued with Northern Cooperative Development Bank (NCDB) supporting Pachchilaipalli Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (MPCS) to enhance the coconut oil production.
- Working with "We Can" (Concrete block project- Mannar) charity which improves the livelihood of people through creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities, women and eligible youths. They also help families living under the poverty line and provide female-led families with financial, social and psychological support.
- SCOT continues to support three children's home in and around Batticaloa with their educational expenses.
- After School Extra classes – SCOT is sole funder of extra classes for school children from year 5 - year 11 in Trincomalee, Muthur and surrounding villages.

(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT is in 2022/23 the Treasurer's report).

To further deliver this positive action 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, enabling 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



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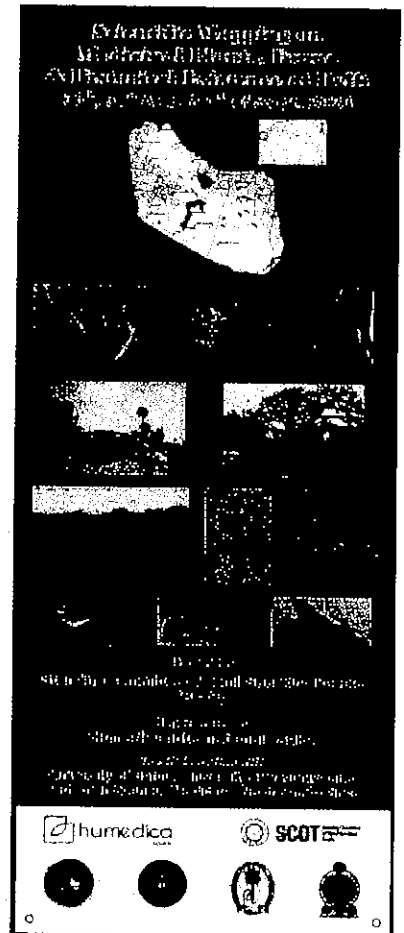


Above: Emergency dry ration supply (Trinco, Batticalo, Manar, Mullaithivu & Hill country)



Above: We Can "concrete blocks" manufacturing factory.

Below: Scientific medicinal plant mapping at delft.



Below: Award Ceremony for students Hari Illam in Batticaloa



On side: Yoga award ceremony for Vivekananda home students In Batticaloa



CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 274499

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 August 2023

AG London Consultancy Ltd
SVS House, Oliver Grove, London, SE25 6EJ

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

Year ended 31 August 2023

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 2023.

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').

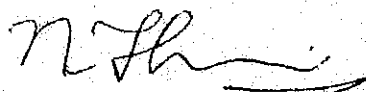
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: 24 November 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2023

		2023	2022
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
		£	£
	Note		
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies	4	15,341	15,341
Other trading activities	5	14,705	14,705
Investment income	6	478	478
Other income	7	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,750</u>
Total income		<u>33,274</u>	<u>33,274</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of other trading activities	8	9,349	9,349
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>16,157</u>	<u>16,157</u>
Total expenditure		<u>25,506</u>	<u>25,506</u>
Net income		<u>7,768</u>	<u>7,768</u>
Net movement in funds		7,768	7,768
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward as previously reported		51,898	51,898
Prior year adjustment		-	-
Total funds brought forward as restated		<u>51,898</u>	<u>51,898</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>59,666</u>	<u>59,666</u>

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

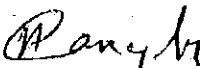
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Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors	17	12,613		12,450
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>47,293</u>		<u>37,402</u>
		59,906		52,382
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>240</u>		<u>484</u>
Net current assets			<u>59,666</u>	<u>51,898</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>59,666</u>	<u>51,898</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds:				
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>59,666</u>		<u>51,898</u>
Total unrestricted funds		59,666		51,898
Total charity funds	16		<u>59,666</u>	<u>51,898</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24th November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Dr A B Canagasabay
Trustee


A B Alphonsus
Treasurer

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2028

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 69 Lincoln Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7RH.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Earmarked donations	2,260	2,260	5,223	5,223
General donations	2,880	2,880	-	-
Miscellaneous	331	331	-	-
Membership				
Subscriptions	9,870	9,870	9,205	9,205
	<u>15,341</u>	<u>15,341</u>	<u>14,428</u>	<u>14,428</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Dinner dance	7,450	7,450	-	-
New Year event	7,255	7,255	1,455	1,455
	<u>14,705</u>	<u>14,705</u>	<u>1,455</u>	<u>1,455</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	387	387	19	19
Other interest receivable	91	91	-	-
	<u>478</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid tax rebate	2,750	2,750	2,510	2,510

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2023

8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Dinner Dance Expenses	4,289	4,289	-	-
New year event	<u>5,060</u>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>129</u>
	<u>9,349</u>	<u>9,349</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>129</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Projects funding (note 11)	10,866	10,866	12,925	12,925
Easter Disaster/Victim relief	-	-	-	-
Emergency relief	4,900	4,900	-	-
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320</u>
	<u>15,766</u>	<u>16,157</u>	<u>12,925</u>	<u>13,245</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Projects funding (note 11)	10,866	-	10,866	12,925
Emergency famine relief (note 12)	4,900	-	4,900	-
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>320</u>
	<u>15,766</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>16,157</u>	<u>13,245</u>

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11. Analysis of project funding

	2023 £	2022 £
Hari Children's' Home	1,000	1,000
Thilagawathiyar Mahalir Illam	1,000	1,000
Vivekananda Girls Home	1,000	1,000
One Child Foundation	350	-
We Can Products (Concrete Blocks Project- Mannar)	2,500	2,000
Nambikkaiyin Veedu (Sea Cucumber Project)	2,000	3,000
AEDU Batticaloa –Flood relief and Easter victims rehabilitation	-	-
Caritas EHED Scholarship	491	-
Ooutry Valaiyulaga Kalaigergal Mantram	2,525	3,775
Pledge to Restore Foundation	-	1,150
Total Funding	<u>10,866</u>	<u>12,295</u>

12. Emergency Famine Relief include the following:

Vivekananda Illam Vaharai	700	-
Trincomalle -Rotary Club	700	-
Mannar GS Division MN/73	700	-
Tea Leaf Trust- Nuwara-Eliya	700	-
ADEU-Batticaloa	700	-
Mulaithivu - Thimpili GS Division	700	-
Muthur- Palikudiruppu GS Division 3191	700	-
	<u>4,900</u>	<u>-</u>

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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 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Prior year adjustment £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	39,409	33,274	(25,045)	(461)	-	47,177
Designated Fund Kathiresan memorial Scholarship Fund	10,000	-	(461)	461	-	10,000
Designated Fund English Teachers Training Project	2,489	-	-	-	-	2,489
	<u>51,898</u>	<u>33,274</u>	<u>(25,506)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>59,666</u>

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	2023 £	2022 £	
17 Debtors			
Other debtors and prepayments	1,340	-	
Income tax recoverable	<u>11,273</u>	<u>12,450</u>	
	<u>12,613</u>	<u>12,450</u>	
18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors	<u>240</u>	<u>484</u>	
19. Analysis of net assets between funds			
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	59,906	59,906	52,382
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(240)</u>	<u>(240)</u>	<u>(484)</u>
Net assets	<u>59,666</u>	<u>59,666</u>	<u>51,898</u>