

NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100556

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2014-12-19 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity is established: 3.1 to prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering; the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; the advancement of education and community development in any part of the world (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") through the provision of financial assistance, training programmes and development of sustainable projects and in any other manner which the trustees determine. 3.2 to promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world by all or any of the following means: a) Monitoring abuses of human rights; b) Obtaining redress for the victims of human rights abuse; c) Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse; d) Research into human rights issues; e) Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters; f) Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law; g) Commenting on proposed human rights legislation; h) Raising awareness of human rights issues; i) Promoting public support for human rights; j) Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations; k) International advocacy of human rights; l) Eliminating infringements of human rights.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of

religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Education/training, General charitable purposes, Grant making

Who the charity helps: General public, Specific areas of deprivation

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £17,071 | £21,355 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|
| Debbie Barlow | | |
| Elaine Fleming | | |
| Fionnuala Anderson | | |
| Jane Scott | | |
| Mr Brendan O'Reilly | | |
| Mr Ruaidhri O'sandair | | |
| Mrs Lucia Collins | | |
| Ms Sabine Antal | | |
| Tina Creaney | | |
| William Brooks | | |

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Accounts

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income from: | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 17,071 | 18,822 |
| Total income | | 17,071 | 18,822 |
| Expenditure on: | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 21,355 | 11,500 |
| Total expenditure | | 21,355 | 11,500 |
| Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds | | (4,284) | 7,322 |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2024 | | 23,243 | 15,921 |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2024 | | 18,959 | 23,243 |

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

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | £ | 2023 £ | £ |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 18,958 | | 23,242 | |
| | | <u>18,959</u> | | <u>23,243</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | <u>18,959</u> | | <u>23,243</u> |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | <u>18,959</u> | | <u>23,243</u> |
| | | | <u>18,959</u> | | <u>23,243</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on 25 July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

R O'Sandair
Chairperson

J Scott (Honorary Treasurer)
Vice-Chairperson

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

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1.1 Accounting convention

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At the time of approving the financial statements, the management committee have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the management committee continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the management committee in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds | Unrestricted funds |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Donations and gifts | 17,071 | 18,822 |
| | <u>17,071</u> | <u>18,822</u> |
| Donations and gifts | | |
| GAYE | 9,359 | 10,173 |
| NICVA (gift aid) | - | 185 |
| NIPSA General Council | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Charitable Trust | 57 | 62 |
| Sundry donation | 155 | 320 |
| Conference raffle | - | 582 |
| | <u>17,071</u> | <u>18,822</u> |

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Charitable activities | Charitable activities |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Direct costs | | |
| Centre for Global Education | 11,500 | 11,500 |
| Tools for Solidarity | 9,855 | - |
| | <u>21,355</u> | <u>11,500</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>21,355</u> | <u>11,500</u> |

4 Description of charitable activities

Charitable activities

The provision of grants to organisations for projects which will prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering and to promote human rights throughout the world.

5 Management Committee

None of the management committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

| | At 1 January 2024 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 December 2024 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | 23,243 | 17,071 | (21,355) | 18,959 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Previous year: | At 1 January 2023 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 December 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | 15,921 | 18,822 | (11,500) | 23,243 |
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NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100556

Accounts

Charity registration number NIC100556

**NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | | |
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| Management Committee | I Boersma S Antal L Collins R O'Sandair J Scott E Dawson M Loughran T Creaney W Brooks S Conlon | (Appointed 1 June 2023) (Appointed 1 June 2023) (Appointed 1 June 2023) (Appointed 1 June 2023) (Appointed 1 June 2023) (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| Charity number | NIC100556 | |
| Principal address | 54 Wellington Park Belfast Northern Ireland BT9 6DP | |
| Independent examiner | GMcG Lisburn Century House 40 Crescent Business Park Lisburn BT28 2GN | |
| Bankers | Unity Trust Bank 4 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB | |

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NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The management committee present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity is established to prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering and to promote human rights throughout the world.

The main project during the year in furtherance of the Charity's objectives were:

- A project with the Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon.

The management committee have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon

Project Partners: Centre for Global Education (Belfast) and the Women's Program Association (Lebanon).

Grant received: £11,500.00 on 19 January 2023 (Year 2 of 2).

Project Delivery Dates: 01 March – 31 August 2023.

Project Aim:

- To provide educational and psycho-social support services to 100 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children aged 6-14 years in Mar Elias refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon.

Project Objectives:

To provide 100 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children, aged 6 to 14, with:

- Psychosocial care to help address mental health problems among the child participants caused by the severe social and economic problems in the camp.
- Formal education knowledge and skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Life skills that build their self-confidence and enable them to deal with the pressures and demands of life in the camp.
- Two field trips outside the camp to leisure facilities to escape the often stressful living environment in Mar Elias.
- A safe and structured play environment inside the camp which supports formal sector learning, cultural events, arts and crafts, and fun.
- A snack every day for the duration of the programme.

Project Location: The project was delivered in Mar Elias Refugee, Beirut, Lebanon.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Project Delivery

The project was delivered over a period of six months (March to August 2023) to 100 Palestinian and Syrian children aged 6-14 years. The children were divided into four groups of 25 and attended the Women's Program Association from Monday - Friday, 8.30am to 12.30pm. Each group was facilitated by a trained member of the WPA team with the necessary skills and experience to deliver education activities and psycho-social support. The children received training in key areas of the curriculum: Mathematics, English, Arabic, literacy, numeracy and arts and crafts. Each child received a snack every day and was taken on two field trips outside the camp to leisure facilities where they could play and have fun.

Project Outcomes

Formal Education

The children received classes every day from 8.30am – 12.30pm that covered key areas of the schools' curriculum including Arabic, English, Mathematics and Life Skills. The children attended English, Arabic, and Maths classes that were specifically tailored to their needs and designed to make learning engaging and fun. The English classes introduced them to the basics of the English including vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills. Through interactive activities, games, and storytelling, the children developed their language abilities while also gaining an appreciation for different cultures and ways of communication. In the Arabic classes, the children explored their native language in depth. They learned to read and write Arabic, delving into its rich history and literature. This not only strengthened their language skills but also fostered a sense of cultural identity. Mathematics classes were a space for the children to discover numbers and problem-solving. Through hands-on activities and creative exercises, they grasped fundamental mathematical concepts, improving their analytical skills and critical thinking. These classes aimed to make mathematics less intimidating and more enjoyable, instilling a love for numbers and logic.

Arts and Crafts

All of the children had the opportunity to participate in classes focused on arts and crafts, including drawing, wall murals and paper crafts. Artistic expression was encouraged that allowed children to unleash their self-expression, imagination, creativity and develop their fine motor skills. The classes also observed international days such as Refugee Day on 20 June in which they produced art and had discussions on the life of a refugee. The paper crafts often complemented the core curriculum subjects (literacy and numeracy) and resulted in colourful wall murals.

Day Trips

Project Nour provided two day trips over the duration of the project for the 100 children. They were taken to Playtown, a leisure facility for children where they could have fun in a safe environment as well as get creative and build friendships. This outing was met with enthusiastic participation, fostering not only enjoyment but also aiding in the development of social skills. For the second trip, the children were taken to Al-Awali river to cultivate a sense of adventure and appreciation for the outdoors, promoting teamwork and unity. The outing facilitated a deeper connection with nature, camaraderie with peers, and instilled valuable life lessons on cooperation and environmental conservation.

Cultural Activities

The children had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities including traditional dance which is a central element of Palestinian and Syrian life. Dabka is traditional Palestinian song and dance that young people learn from an early age. The project marked special occasions such as Mother's Day, Eid Al-Adha, and International Dance Day, fostering a sense of cultural heritage, community, and inclusivity.

Evaluation

In May 2023, CGE Director, Stephen McCloskey, visited Mar Elias to meet the project staff including: May Khashan (Project Co-ordinator); Imad Alawneh (Mathematics teacher); Siham Zammar (Life skills teacher); Aline Howejeh (Arabic teacher); Salwa al-Haj Hassan (Life skills teacher) and Maya Moussa (English teacher). He also visited the Women's Program Association head office and met with Leila Kaissa (Director) to discuss and plan the programme in 2024.

Next Steps

The Centre for Global Education received a two-year grant of £23,000 (£11,500 per annum) from NIPSA's Developing World Fund to continue the programme in Lebanon. Year one of the programme will be delivered from 1 May to 31 October 2024.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Management Committee has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial review

The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £7,322 (2022 - £2,325 net outgoing resources), resulting in unrestricted funds of £23,243 (2022 - £15,921). The management committee is satisfied with the financial result for the year and with the level of reserves at the year end.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution.

The management committee who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

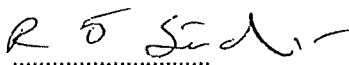
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|-------------|-------------------------|
| D Crilly | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| I Boersma | |
| R Clifford | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| S Antal | |
| S Bell | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| L Collins | |
| R O'Sandair | |
| B O'Reilly | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| A Trainor | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| J Scott | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| E Dawson | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| M Loughran | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| T Creaney | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| W Brooks | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| S Conlon | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |

Members of the management committee are appointed as required and in accordance with the constitution. Up to six members are elected at the annual NIPSA delegate conference and up to four members are appointed from members of the General Council of Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance.

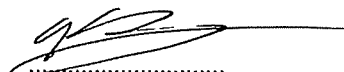
Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Members of the management committee are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The management committee's report was approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by:



R O'Sandair
(Chairperson)



I Boersma
(Vice-Chairperson)

Date: 28/2/24

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

We report to the management committee on our examination of the financial statements of NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the management committee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee members concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities 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
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

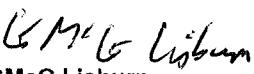
NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

**TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING
WORLD FUND**

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


GMcG Lisburn

Century House
40 Crescent Business Park
Lisburn
BT28 2GN

Dated: 28.08.24

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | | Unrestricted funds | Unrestricted funds |
|---|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ | £ |
| <u>Income from:</u> | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 18,822 | 19,375 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
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| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
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| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
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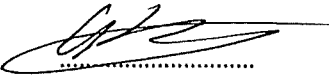
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

| Notes | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Debtors | 1 | | 1 | |
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| | <u>23,243</u> | | <u>15,921</u> | |
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| | | <u>23,243</u> | | <u>15,921</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on 28.8.24 and are signed on their behalf by:


 R O'Sandair
 Chairperson


 I Boersma
 Vice-Chairperson

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1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds | Unrestricted funds |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Donations and gifts | 18,822 | 19,375 |
| Donations and gifts | | |
| GAYE | 10,173 | 11,464 |
| NICVA (gift aid) | 185 | 239 |
| NIPSA General Council | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Charitable Trust | 62 | 52 |
| Sundry donation | 320 | 120 |
| Conference raffle | 582 | - |
| | <u>18,822</u> | <u>19,375</u> |

3 Charitable activities

| | Charitable activities | Charitable activities |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Centre for Global Education | 11,500 | 11,500 |
| Tools for Solidarity | - | 10,200 |
| | <u>11,500</u> | <u>21,700</u> |
| | <u>11,500</u> | <u>21,700</u> |

4 Description of charitable activities

Charitable activities

The provision of grants to organisations for projects which will prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering and to promote human rights throughout the world.

5 Management Committee

None of the management committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The management committee present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity is established to prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering and to promote human rights throughout the world.

The main project during the year in furtherance of the Charity's objectives were:

- A project with the Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon.

The management committee have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon

Project Partners: Centre for Global Education (Belfast) and the Women's Program Association (Lebanon).

Grant received: £11,500.00 on 19 January 2023 (Year 2 of 2).

Project Delivery Dates: 01 March – 31 August 2023.

Project Aim:

- To provide educational and psycho-social support services to 100 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children aged 6-14 years in Mar Elias refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon.

Project Objectives:

To provide 100 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children, aged 6 to 14, with:

- Psychosocial care to help address mental health problems among the child participants caused by the severe social and economic problems in the camp.
- Formal education knowledge and skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Life skills that build their self-confidence and enable them to deal with the pressures and demands of life in the camp.
- Two field trips outside the camp to leisure facilities to escape the often stressful living environment in Mar Elias.
- A safe and structured play environment inside the camp which supports formal sector learning, cultural events, arts and crafts, and fun.
- A snack every day for the duration of the programme.

Project Location: The project was delivered in Mar Elias Refugee, Beirut, Lebanon.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Project Delivery

The project was delivered over a period of six months (March to August 2023) to 100 Palestinian and Syrian children aged 6-14 years. The children were divided into four groups of 25 and attended the Women's Program Association from Monday - Friday, 8.30am to 12.30pm. Each group was facilitated by a trained member of the WPA team with the necessary skills and experience to deliver education activities and psycho-social support. The children received training in key areas of the curriculum: Mathematics, English, Arabic, literacy, numeracy and arts and crafts. Each child received a snack every day and was taken on two field trips outside the camp to leisure facilities where they could play and have fun.

Project Outcomes

Formal Education

The children received classes every day from 8.30am – 12.30pm that covered key areas of the schools' curriculum including Arabic, English, Mathematics and Life Skills. The children attended English, Arabic, and Maths classes that were specifically tailored to their needs and designed to make learning engaging and fun. The English classes introduced them to the basics of the English including vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills. Through interactive activities, games, and storytelling, the children developed their language abilities while also gaining an appreciation for different cultures and ways of communication. In the Arabic classes, the children explored their native language in depth. They learned to read and write Arabic, delving into its rich history and literature. This not only strengthened their language skills but also fostered a sense of cultural identity. Mathematics classes were a space for the children to discover numbers and problem-solving. Through hands-on activities and creative exercises, they grasped fundamental mathematical concepts, improving their analytical skills and critical thinking. These classes aimed to make mathematics less intimidating and more enjoyable, instilling a love for numbers and logic.

Arts and Crafts

All of the children had the opportunity to participate in classes focused on arts and crafts, including drawing, wall murals and paper crafts. Artistic expression was encouraged that allowed children to unleash their self-expression, imagination, creativity and develop their fine motor skills. The classes also observed international days such as Refugee Day on 20 June in which they produced art and had discussions on the life of a refugee. The paper crafts often complemented the core curriculum subjects (literacy and numeracy) and resulted in colourful wall murals.

Day Trips

Project Nour provided two day trips over the duration of the project for the 100 children. They were taken to Playtown, a leisure facility for children where they could have fun in a safe environment as well as get creative and build friendships. This outing was met with enthusiastic participation, fostering not only enjoyment but also aiding in the development of social skills. For the second trip, the children were taken to Al-Awali river to cultivate a sense of adventure and appreciation for the outdoors, promoting teamwork and unity. The outing facilitated a deeper connection with nature, camaraderie with peers, and instilled valuable life lessons on cooperation and environmental conservation.

Cultural Activities

The children had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities including traditional dance which is a central element of Palestinian and Syrian life. Dabka is traditional Palestinian song and dance that young people learn from an early age. The project marked special occasions such as Mother's Day, Eid Al-Adha, and International Dance Day, fostering a sense of cultural heritage, community, and inclusivity.

Evaluation

In May 2023, CGE Director, Stephen McCloskey, visited Mar Elias to meet the project staff including: May Khashan (Project Co-ordinator); Imad Alawneh (Mathematics teacher); Siham Zammar (Life skills teacher); Aline Howejeh (Arabic teacher); Salwa al-Haj Hassan (Life skills teacher) and Maya Moussa (English teacher). He also visited the Women's Program Association head office and met with Leila Kaissa (Director) to discuss and plan the programme in 2024.

Next Steps

The Centre for Global Education received a two-year grant of £23,000 (£11,500 per annum) from NIPSA's Developing World Fund to continue the programme in Lebanon. Year one of the programme will be delivered from 1 May to 31 October 2024.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Management Committee has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial review

The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £7,322 (2022 - £2,325 net outgoing resources), resulting in unrestricted funds of £23,243 (2022 - £15,921). The management committee is satisfied with the financial result for the year and with the level of reserves at the year end.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution.

The management committee who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| D Crilly | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| I Boersma | |
| R Clifford | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| S Antal | |
| S Bell | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| L Collins | |
| R O'Sandair | |
| B O'Reilly | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| A Trainor | (Retired 1 June 2023) |
| J Scott | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| E Dawson | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| M Loughran | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| T Creaney | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| W Brooks | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |
| S Conlon | (Appointed 1 June 2023) |

Members of the management committee are appointed as required and in accordance with the constitution. Up to six members are elected at the annual NIPSA delegate conference and up to four members are appointed from members of the General Council of Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Members of the management committee are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The management committee's report was approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by:

R O'Sandair
(Chairperson)

I Boersma
(Vice-Chairperson)

28 August 2024

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NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

We report to the management committee on our examination of the financial statements of NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the management committee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee members concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities 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
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

GMcG Lisburn

Century House
40 Crescent Business Park
Lisburn
BT28 2GN

Dated: 28 August 2024

NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

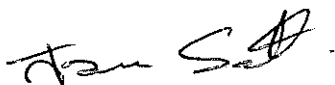
| | <u>Note</u> | <u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> £ | <u>2020</u> <u>Total</u> £ |
|--|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | | | |
| <i>Income and Endowments From:</i> | | | |
| Donations and legacies: | | | |
| GAYE | | 12,105 | 12,208 |
| NICVA (gift aid) | | 376 | 286 |
| NIPSA General Council | | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| NIPSA Retired Members Group | | - | 200 |
| Charitable Trust | | 57 | 57 |
| Other Donations | | - | 776 |
| Other trading activities: | | | |
| Conference quiz and donations | | - | - |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| | | 20,038 | 21,027 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| <i>Expenditure On:</i> | | | |
| Raising funds | | - | - |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 16,000 | 28,000 |
| Other costs | 4 | - | - |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| | | 16,000 | 28,000 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| <i>Net Income and Movement in Funds</i> | | 4,038 | (6,973) |
| | | ===== | ===== |
| <i>Reconciliation of Funds</i> | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 14,208 | 21,181 |
| Net movement in funds | | 4,038 | (6,973) |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| <i>Total Funds Carried Forward</i> | | 18,246 | 14,208 |
| | | ===== | ===== |

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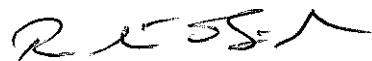
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | <u>Note</u> | <u>2021</u> £ | <u>2020</u> £ |
|--|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Current Assets</i> | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 18,245 | 14,208 |
| Trade debtors | | 1 | - |
| <i>Current Liabilities</i> | | | |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 5 | - | - |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| | | 18,246 | 14,208 |
| | | ===== | ===== |
| <i>Funds of the Charity:</i> | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 6 | 18,246 | 14,208 |
| | | ===== | ===== |

These financial statements were approved by the management committee on 1 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Jane Scott
Chairperson



Ruaidhri O'Sandair
Vice-Chairperson

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2. Accounting Policies

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 profit or loss.

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

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds which are available for use at the discretion of the management committee, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and 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 trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Income Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Fundraising costs are those costs incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund is recognised as a charity by H. M. Revenue and Customs. It is exempt from income tax as all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

3. Charitable Activities

Charitable activities consist of grants made to the following organisations:

| | <u>2021</u> £ | <u>2020</u> £ |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Centre for Global Education | | |
| - Educating Refugees | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| - Psycho-Social Support | - | 12,000 |
| Tools for Solidarity | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | <u>16,000</u> | <u>28,000</u> |

4. Other Costs

| | <u>2021</u> £ | <u>2020</u> £ |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accountancy | - | - |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Accruals and deferred income | - | - |
| | ---- | ---- |
| | - | - |
| | ==== | ==== |

6. Movement in Funds

| | <i>Balance at</i> <i>1 January</i> | <i>Incoming</i> <i>Resources</i> | <i>Outgoing</i> <i>Resources</i> | <i>Balance at</i> <i>31 December</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | <u>2021</u> | <u>Resources</u> | <u>Resources</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | 14,208 | 20,038 | 16,000 | 18,246 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total Funds | 14,208 | 20,038 | 16,000 | 18,246 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

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| Committee Members: | Roisin Madine Mark McCloskey Eamon Doherty Gerry Malone Ian Boersma Roger Clifford Sabine Antal Siobhan Bell Jane Scott Lucia Collins Ruaidhri O'Sandair Denise Crilly John McKeegan Brendan O'Reilly | Retired June 2021 Retired June 2021 Retired June 2021 Retired June 2021 Elected June 2021 Elected June 2021 Elected June 2021 Elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 Re-elected June 2021 |
| Address: | C/O NIPSA Harkin House 54 Wellington Park Belfast BT9 6DP | |
| Charity Number: | NIC 100556 | |
| Independent Examiner: | John McVeigh & Co Chartered Accountants 61 Malone Road Belfast BT9 6SA | |
| Bankers: | Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB | |

***NIPSA GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING WORLD FUND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021***

1. Objective and Activities

- 1.1** The Charity is established to prevent or relieve poverty, sickness, disease or human suffering and to promote human rights throughout the world.
- 1.2** The main projects during the year in furtherance of the Charity's objectives were:
- (i) A project with the Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon.
 - (ii) A project with Tools for Solidarity to provide income generation and support for artisans in Njombe, Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

2. Achievements and Performance

- 2.1 Centre for Global Education - Project Nour: Educating Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Beirut, Lebanon.**
- 2.1.1 Project Partners:** Centre for Global Education (Belfast) and the Women's Program Association (Lebanon).
- 2.1.2 Grant received:** £11,000.00 in February 2021 (Year 2 of 2)
- 2.1.3 Project Delivery Dates:** 01 June – 30 September 2021.
- 2.1.4 Project Aims**
- To provide educational support services to 100 children aged 6-13 years unable to attend school and suffering from the acute effects of trauma caused by exposure to severe poverty in the refugee camp of Burj Barajneh.
 - To provide psychosocial care to help address mental health problems among the child participants caused by the severe social and economic problems in the camp.
 - To provide a hot meal to every child daily for the duration of the project.
 - To provide the children with eight field trips outside the camp to leisure facilities, parks and nature reserves to escape the often stressful living environment in Burj Barajneh.
 - To provide a safe and structured play environment inside the camp which supports formal sector learning, cultural events, arts and crafts, and fun.

2.1.5 Project Objectives:

To provide 100 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children, aged 6 to 13, with:

- Formal education in a community setting, which will enhance their understanding of key areas of the schools' curriculum including literacy and numeracy;
- Psychosocial support and stress management to help alleviate mental health problems caused by poverty and trauma;
- Family workshops to enable parents to extend psychosocial support into the household;
- Life skills that build their self-confidence and enable them to deal with the pressures and demands of life in the camp;
- Eight x one-day field trips over the duration of the programme to leisure facilities and parks to play and have fun.

2.1.6 Project Location: The project was delivered in Burj Barajneh Refugee, Beirut, Lebanon.

2.1.7 Project Delivery

The project was delivered over a period of four months (June to September 2021) to 100 Palestinian and Syrian children aged 6-13 years. They were divided into four groups of 25 and attended the Women's Program Association from Monday - Friday, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Each group was facilitated by a trained member of the WPA team with the necessary skills and experience to deliver education activities and psychosocial support. The children received training in key areas of the curriculum: Mathematics, English, Arabic, literacy, numeracy and arts and crafts. Each child received a hot meal every day and was taken on two field trips per month outside the camp to leisure parks and nature reserves where they could play and have fun.

2.1.8 Project Outcomes

Formal Education

The children received classes every day from 9.30am - 12.30pm that covered key areas of the schools' curriculum including Arabic, English, Mathematics and Life Skills. The classes enabled the students to learn key formal sector skills in a community setting when they are unable to attend school. The training was facilitated by staff of the Women's Program Association.

Arts and Crafts

All of the children had the opportunity to participate in classes focused on arts and crafts, including drawing, wall murals and paper crafts. The activities were delivered using active learning methodologies that involved regular interaction between the facilitator and the children.

Day Trips

Project Nour provided two day trips per month to the 100 children to leisure facilities, nature reserves and to the river for swimming. It provided them with an opportunity to escape the pressured environment of Burj Barajneh which lacks safe play facilities and is a densely populated, concrete environment that limits the children's capacity to enjoy their childhood.

Receiving a hot meal

One of the Women's Program Association's many achievements in Burj Barajneh has been the creation of Soufra, a catering business that produces food in the camp and sells it at subsidised prices. A vertical garden on the roof of the WPA building grows a range of vegetables that sustains Soufra's catering activities. The children participating in the programme received a hot meal every day made possible through Soufra and NIPSA's support.

Cultural Activities

The children had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities including traditional dance which is a central element of Palestinian and Syrian life. Dabka is traditional Palestinian song and dance that young people learn from an early age. The children also composed and acted out role plays focused on important social issues such as street children and homelessness.

2.1.9 Evaluation

In September 2021, CGE Director, Stephen McCloskey, visited Burj Barajneh to meet the project staff including: Mariam al-Shaar, Director of the Women's Program Association; Tahani Charif, Project Manager, Sabrine al-Shaar, Project Co-ordinator, and the facilitators and young people. The main purpose of the visit was to evaluate the project activities and its outcomes, and plan for a future iteration of the project.

2.2 Next Steps

The Centre for Global Education has secured a new two-year grant of £23,000 (£11,500 per annum) from NIPSA's Developing World Fund to extend this programme in Lebanon from 1 February 2022 to 31 July 2023.

2.3 Tools for Solidarity – Income Generation and Support for Artisans in Njombe, Southern Highlands of Tanzania

2.3.1 Tools for Solidarity is a not-for-profit charity organisation in Belfast. TFS is based on volunteering work and welcomes local and international volunteers. TFS goal is to support artisans in the poorest parts of the world (mostly in Africa) by providing high quality hand tools, electrical tools and sewing machines. Currently TFS has two sewing and tools centres in Tanzania including one running since 2007.

2.3.2 Our partner in Tanzania is the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), a governmental organisation. Together with SIDO, Tools for Solidarity established a centre based in Njombe region Southern Highlands of Tanzania. TFS submitted a funding application to NIPSA in January 2020 to support the development of this new centre, and received the funds in two stages, in February 2020 and January 2021.

2.3.3 The main objective of the project is to support and develop programmes to assist the artisan sector in both rural and urban areas of the Southern Highland Zone. The primary focus will be to support artisans within both Njombe regions by supplying tools, sewing machines, machinery, training and backup service support. The project will target those people within the community who face extra barriers to income generation. These are rural and urban poor, with a focus on women, youth, vocational training centres (VTC) and people with disabilities (PWD).

2.3.4 In September 2020 TFS sent a container, funded by NIPSA, with 329 sewing machines, around 4500 hand tools, 23 starter kits (carpentry, auto-mechanic and building), 50 electrical tools and 9 pieces of heavy-duty machinery that arrives in Tanzania two months later. The project officially started in November 2020 – when SIDO hired the workshop coordinator, Janeth Mwangala – but the centre opened its doors in February 2021. After opening, SIDO hired another mechanic, Michael Kakwale.

2.3.5 In January 2021, two members of TFS staff travelled to Tanzania for three months to assist with setting up the NASTC centre. Without the generous help of NIPSA this would not have been possible. TFS used the funds received mainly to set up the workshop – this includes buying materials to build shelves and work tables, add extra security to the door and the windows, get electricity in the workshop, build a small grinder room, etc.

2.3.6 There were three main purposes of the visit:

- 1. To build and set up the workshop*
- 2. Meetings with district officials to promote the project in Njombe region and neighbouring regions.*
- 3. Training of staff*
 - in tools refurbishment and maintenance
 - sewing machine repair
 - the administration part of the project

2.3.7 TFS staff managed to deliver on time the training in tools refurbishment and administration but unfortunately ran out of time regarding the sewing machine repair training. TFS requested one of the mechanics to come from the MSTC centre (Mwanza Sewing Training Centre) that TFS and SIDO Mwanza had set up in 2007. Emmanuel Pama, Junior mechanic at MSTC, came in Njombe from May 2021 to September 2021 to help with the sewing machines repair training and with the first training session delivered to artisans at the NASTC centre. It was very pleasing to see this successful transfer of knowledge from one TFS project to another.

- 2.3.8 In 2021 NASTC allocated 98 sewing machines to artisans including 1 sewing machine to a person with disabilities (free of charge). The staff sold 600 hand tools and about 35 electrical tools and pieces of heavy-duty machinery.
- 2.3.9 The NASTC centre also organised 3 training sessions and trained 80 artisans during 2021 in dress design, business skills and sewing machine maintenance. Each tailor receives food free of charge during the training course, and an allowance for transport and accommodation for artisans coming from far away.
- 2.4 The Management Committee has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

3. *Financial Review*

- 3.1 The management committee is satisfied with the financial result for the year and with the level of reserves at the year end.

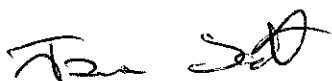
4. *Structure, Governance and Management*

- 4.1 The Charity is governed by its constitution.
- 4.2 Members of the management committee are appointed as required and in accordance with the constitution. Up to six members are elected at the annual NIPSA delegate conference and up to four members are appointed from members of the Council of Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance.

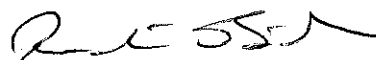
5. *Responsibilities of the Management Committee*

- 5.1 Members of the management committee are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the management committee on 1 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Jane Scott
Chairperson



Ruaidhri O'Sandair
Vice-Chairperson

NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100556

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of NIPSA Global Solidarity and Developing World Fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 - 12.

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

As the charity's management committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as committee members concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

JOHN McVEIGH & CO

Chartered Accountants

We have completed our examination and have no concern in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


John McVeigh (Senior Statutory Auditor)

*For and on Behalf of
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Date: 1 September 2022