



# Annual Report 2021

Using playschemes as a force for inclusion and a means to deliver essential social, medical, education and family-support services



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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period from January 1st 2021 to 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Charity number 1172163

Principal address: Albany House, 6-8 Woodbridge Meadows, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1BA

### Trustees

- Mr. Ric Law (Chair)
- Mr. Adrian Abbott (Hon Treasurer)
- Mr. Adam Edwards
- Dr. Penny Gibson
- Mrs. Sue Haworth-Edwards
- Mr. Andrew Nowak

#### Patrons

- Mr. Christopher Brewer MBE
- Mr. Damon Hill OBE
- Mr. Ken Tyrrell

### Hon Independent Accounts Examiner

Mr. Samuel Spriggs

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **OBJECTIVES AND AIMS**

### The charitable objects as set out in the Trust Deed are:

1. To advance education and promote and protect health among people living in Africa, in particular children and young people with disabilities, through the provision of grants, items and services and by such other means as the trustees may determine.



2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law.) The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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 the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. 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 trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees are content that the activities of the charity during the reporting period comply with the requirement for those activities to be of public benefit.

Trustees are recruited in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines laid out in document CC30. As vacancies arise, new trustees are sought and recruited with regard to skills and experience and the appropriate vetting and interview procedures are applied. All new trustees will be given a full induction prior to assuming their duties.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Date: 23/08/2022





### **OUR MISSION**

To work with communities to explore causes which exclude disabled young people. To challenge conventional attitudes and practice, to inform, inspire and deliver change because we believe that an approach that includes disabled children will be better for all children.

### **OUR VISION**

Disability Africa is working towards an inclusive global society in which the attitudes of the non-disabled are no longer barriers to the life-chances of those with impairments; where equity of opportunity exists for disabled people and societies recognise the benefits to all of inclusive thinking and action.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Disability Africa aims to create a 'replicable template' which improves outcomes for disabled young people primarily by promoting their inclusion in their communities and delivering or supporting local services to meet that primary objective.

### Key targets for the UK team and our African partners are that they have sufficient capacity to:

- 1. Support local partners in Africa to improve and expand their skills to the point that they are confident to, and capable of, growing and initiating new Inclusion Projects.
- 2. Promote a demonstrably successful 'template' to other development actors and support them to replicate the template.
- 3. Expand rollout of Inclusion Projects to other countries.

Due to the pandemic (funding uncertainties and impossibility of travel) our plans were inevitably delayed – during 2021, we were primarily focused on target 1 above. Particularly 're-energising' local teams to re-open projects after covid restrictions were lifted. In May, we recruited a new member of staff to the DA UK team. This additional capacity along with covid restrictions being relaxed, will ensure that we are able to progress on all three targets in 2022.

2021 was a year in which we were able to 'bounce back' much better than anticipated. This was largely down to keeping fundraising to reasonable levels, while maintaining staff teams and outreach services at all 4 projects in Africa.

In 2022, we will continue to improve the quality of the schemes, seek to expand existing projects and seek new partnerships, particularly with our new project partners in Zambia and the education authorities in Kenya where our goal is to gain official recognition of our projects as valuable alternative education for disabled young people. At the time of writing, global inflation is presenting challenges and expansion may need to be slowed, our priority will be existing projects. However, we anticipate growth of delivery across all our projects – in particular in Kenya, where we have expanded the number of days we are open from 3 days/week to 5 days/week.

These post-covid times are far from settled but we remain optimistic and determined. These times require us to re-double our efforts to support those who are left behind.

Ric Law, Chair Disability Africa



### WHAT WE DO...

As an organisation centred on the simple but life-supporting principle of Inclusion, we found 2020 a very difficult year. Having prided ourselves on bringing people together since 2011, suddenly we were told that social gatherings and interaction were dangerous and that keeping people apart would save lives. Fortunately, we were still able to offer isolated disabled children with essential services, and in 2021, we were delighted to begin the year in a much more positive way. All programmes returned to normal, and our projects were able to run at full capacity once again.

We were concerned that the pandemic had caused an already vulnerable group, disabled young people, even greater challenges – in 2020, 94% of families we surveyed said things had got difficult or very difficult since the pandemic. Due to the stigma surrounding disability, disabled young people are routinely isolated. They are left behind – deprived of social interaction, education, healthcare and the most basic human rights.

- Disabled children are 4 times more likely to be abused compared to non-disabled children.<sup>1</sup>
- Disabled children are 10 times more likely to be out of school.<sup>2</sup>
- Literacy rates for people with impairments is 3% worldwide - just 1% when considering women and girls.<sup>3</sup>

### PLAYSCHEMES are at the core of our model

# So why playschemes?

- They can be run easily by local people, with little expertise, at a minimal cost.
- Are hubs where staff assess children and deliver social, education and medical support in addition to proven benefits of play for disabled children.
- Playschemes are a powerful intervention which help us deliver our two-step approach raise awareness of the rights and needs of disabled children within their communities and develop and deliver services to meet those needs.
- Playschemes immediately bring disabled children out of isolation and into a safe supportive environment.
- Significantly improve the mental health of disabled young people.
- Ease pressure on their families.
- Offer appropriate educational experiences for disabled children.
- A safe place where disabled children's welfare and happiness is prioritised.

Working with local communities we mobilise sustainable local management of our projects so that change is led from within the community – we have active projects in Kenya, The Gambia, Sierra Leone and Zambia - dismantling barriers and creating Inclusive Communities.

# Using this approach in 2021 we delivered more than 15,000 visits to disabled children...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Key Facts on Disability. World Health Organisation. Available at: <u>https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/disability-and-health</u>. (Accessed 2022.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2,3</sup> Still left behind: Pathways to inclusive education for girls with disabilities. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Available at: https://reliefweb.int/report/world/still-left-behind-pathways-inclusive-education-girls-disabilities. (Accessed 2022.)



### PLAYSCHEMES ARE A FORCE FOR INCLUSION AND HUBS FOR...

Medical support



There is a lack of affordable, accessible, quality healthcare in most African countries. Playschemes allow staff to informally assess children's health and offer a safe child-friendly place for the delivery of outreach medical services. Our model of support has experience supporting disabled children with first aid as well as access to vital life-saving medical treatment – for example referring to surgery and then the aftercare required, collecting medicines, and attending appointments with children. We also work with local healthcare professionals, like General Practitioners, Surgeons, and Physiotherapists to ensure children receive the support they need.

Protect, preserve and prioritise the health and welfare of disabled children.

# Inclusive Education

By running playschemes, we are improving the non-existent participation of disabled children in education by ending their isolation. Playschemes are fun, stimulating and an immersive educational environment. We also work with schools...

- Supporting disabled children with classroom assistants
- Helping to train teachers
- Providing school materials for disabled children who cannot afford them
- Encouraging non-disabled pupils to become advocates for their disabled peers
- Demonstrating a replicable model for Inclusive Education

## Parent support

Our parent support programmes include meetings and social work-style home visits. Information about impairments and available services can be shared in a safe forum to reassure parents and, in turn, parents can share experiences, support each other, and reconnect with their community. Playschemes also give parents, especially mums and sisters, breaks from caring and time to pursue their own education or employment, helping alleviate poverty.

> Feeding programme

It's just simple... children get a meal every day they come to playscheme reducing pressure on family resources and simply making sure the child is nourished. This means they have energy and capacity for play and learning. Our Medical Officer in Kenya reports that without food, children will not get the most out of their physio sessions. The meal may be the only food the child gets in the day. Partners also identify children who need extra support and provide their family with food. Ensuring children have sufficient food helps to reduce inequality, advances health and improves educational outcomes.



### ON POVERTY...

Poverty is complex and systemic but the root cause of poverty for disabled young people is their exclusion: Poverty is imposed on them by excluding them and isolating them from community life. We help to change this by promoting inclusion and providing real solutions, but we know change doesn't happen overnight.

Our most important work to alleviate poverty is raising awareness of the rights and needs of disabled children – this will gradually encourage communities to think about how they can include disabled children. Currently, disabled people around the world are in poverty due to *the negative attitudes and actions of non-disabled people*. The fundamental solution is to be found – not in traditional attempts to alleviate poverty - but in strategies to promote inclusion.

Our projects continue to contribute to many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGS). The SDGs are designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". We directly address the goals of No Poverty, Zero Hunger, *Good Health and Well-being, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Communities and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.* 

### **ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT IN 2021**



The Gunjur Inclusion Project (GIP) covers the Kombo South region of The Gambia. It is Disability Africa's oldest and largest project; the GIP has been running since 2012. It started as a small playscheme, run from a local pre-school with some ancillary programmes. It has registered 203 disabled young people with a full range of services throughout the Kombo South region.

Supporters of Disability Africa may recall significant difficulties with the Gunjur Inclusion Centre's roof. Work started in 2021 to fix these problems so that we can have a Centre of Inclusion in The Gambia which would house a lively playscheme, community engagement activities, physiotherapy workshops, and a facility from which we can work with other social, education and medical services to train them on inclusion and safeguarding disabled young people. The centre will reopen in 2022. But that has not stopped the team who have continued with the outreach programme - taking the playscheme to communities in Kombo South albeit on a smaller scale to disabled children's homes or using community

sites – for example local schools. This year, 69 children were supported through our Outreach Play Programme. Not only is this a way to end a child's isolation but it helps to maintain a positive relationship with the family in the absence of a centre and while some COVID restrictions were in place.

### Finding 500 in The Gambia

The teams also use the outreach work to 'find' and register new disabled children. Disabled children are often hidden away due to the strength of stigma. Building, and then maintaining, a compassionate and professional relationship with new families is critical. It is based on the very real and practical support that we can offer through something as simple as a playscheme.

In the absence of formal structures to register disabled children, the work it takes to find disabled children should not be underestimated.



Below, a disabled child and his siblings get a home visit from our Deputy Playleader – Rohey – as part of the outreach programme. Rohey and the child interact through play and his siblings see how much he is valued and the care and attention that disabled children deserve. The child will



come to our playscheme when he is old enough – until then, we will continue to visit him in his home.

The outreach programme also supports disabled children into school. This year, the team almost doubled the number of disabled children supported in school from 16 to 27. Many schools have one teacher to very large classes, so being able to provide one-to-one support for 27 children is real progress.

Our Medical Support Programme (MSP) in The Gambia worked with 66 disabled young people – including visits to the doctor, first aid at home and provision of medication. The MSP also provides general oversight of the safeguarding, welfare and health of all the children who come to playscheme making sure that everyone is safe, happy and healthy.

### An example of work in The Gambia

An example of safeguarding, well-being, and medical support that we provide... People around the market reported that a disabled young woman – 'R' – had not been seen for a while and when she did appear, she was malnourished. The existence of the Gunjur Inclusion Project means that there was someone the community could go to so that she could be visited – her welfare can be monitored by our home visits – providing social contact, food and health care as needed.

### Sierra Leone



**Our Sierra Leone Inclusion Project is based in Makeni**, Sierra Leone's fifth biggest city - the project started in April 2019. Across the year, around 100 children attended our playscheme. We recorded more than 6,000 visits across all our programmes at the Sierra Leone Inclusion Project. Traditional dances, gardening, sports days and music activities have all taken place to provide children with a fun, stimulating and educational environment. We have received reports of children who have been nonambulant, beginning to walk unaided. Other children have learned to talk after interacting with others at the playscheme. Some children have reached a stage where they can be supported in schools after making significant progress at the playscheme.

Our Social Worker, Fatmata, is now engaging with

the Ministry of Social Welfare while supporting schools and families to ensure that disabled children's education, development and well-being is prioritised and understood. Fatmata plans



training for staff at 15 schools on the practical application of inclusion as well as monitoring progress of disabled children in the schools. Indeed, one young person who found school very challenging, has been supported in an apprenticeship with a tailor – an environment more conducive to his development and a place he can gain real skills and paid employment. These are early days - prejudices take a while to change while best practise takes a considerable time to implement – but early indicators are very positive.

Our Physiotherapist in Sierra Leone worked with 48 disabled children delivering tailored exercises for individual children, manual therapy to relieve stiffness and education and advice to children, families and the playteam. We also purchase mobility aids for children who need them. Our partners reported that the Physiotherapist was, *"intrigued by the happy parents who welcomed them for coming to see and help their children. Mr. Bangura explained the process to them; as the team always does. He said every parent should also be a physiotherapist in their own right (for their child) and they should be able to perform basic exercises on their children at home to* 



maintain improvement on every child's physiotherapy needs. Staff used toys to engage each child during the activities to distract them positively."

Twice a month a General Practitioner visits the playscheme to provide treatment and refer children to appropriate services. This level of support is unprecedented in Makeni and is a practical way to make sure that disabled children's health is prioritised and that their families have the capacity to provide the right care with the right information that they otherwise would not be able to receive or afford.

### Our work in action in Sierra Leone

As part of our innovative playscheme, the SLIP team has been working with the children to plant some crops in the garden. A report in 2021 stated, "*The introduction of the SLIP children's* garden was a very useful tool in developing their ability to plant and harvest different crops and we also taught them how to identify any crop we planted such as groundnuts, corn/maize, potato leaves and cassava leaves which is called an intercropping garden. Some children can identify a great deal of the crops whilst others struggle. The children planted the crops with some supervision from staff in September and harvested them on the 8th of December 2021. All the crops provided a good meal for the Children at SLIP."

# Kenya

Malanga is an isolated, rural area in Kilifi County, Kenya. We started playschemes for disabled children at Bahati, Yembe and Malanga Primary Schools in 2017. We then added another site in 2019 at Ngamani Primary School. The Malanga Inclusion Project

#### runs our busiest playschemes which delivered 8,077 visits last year to 128 disabled children.

Disabled children get regular visits through the week from our Medical Support Officer and fulltime physiotherapist – Grace. As well as delivering 870 physio sessions in 2021 she provided a range of services including setting and plastering simple fractures, treating infections and monitoring nutrition of children who attended the playschemes and assisted children in accessing further medical care.





Florence - our Family Support Officer – has very close and warm relationships with parents. Florence works with parents to educate a whole community and raise awareness of the rights of disabled children. Neighbours and elders of the community are invited to different family homes of disabled children where support meetings take place. This allows the parents to be seen and their challenges to be heard and understood. Offers of practical and emotional support from their immediate community are often forthcoming. The community begins to understand and value the parent and their disabled child. Neighbours even provide food. Disabled children are often placed in 'orphanages' when parents feel too isolated and helpless -Florence works to support such families so

their disabled child is not sent away from their families and the community where they can be better supported.

### Our work in Kenya

A story about Elina\* from our project partners... Elina is 14 and she has been coming to our playschemes running in Bahati and Ngamani since she was 9 and since DA started working in Kenya. Elina has a physical impairment – Cerebral Palsy - and while she is at playscheme she gets physio sessions with Grace. In fact, she had 48 physio sessions last year. When Elina started, she found it difficult to walk, speak or use her hands but the staff have seen how now she walks, speaks and happily plays with other children. She attends the playscheme nearly every week. Because of a playscheme, she is out and about, playing with others and having fun. She is being seen in her community and no longer isolated. As well as this, her family get a break from caring and maybe a chance to work, confident that their daughter is safe, happy and being looked after.

The team at Malanga also support Elina and her family with food that the family struggle to provide. Famine and food insecurity in the region means the vulnerable are just made more vulnerable.

\*Name has been changed

Kawama is a township within Ndola, Zambia's third largest city in the industrial Copperbelt region. Kawama is a Peri-urban



area lying on the outskirts of the urban area of Ndola but retaining rural characteristics.

After being one of our most long-standing partners, our partnership with Wukwashi Wa Nzambi (WWN) amicably ended in 2021. WWN elected to focus more on running a school and physiotherapy programmes and did not feel able to support our planned expansion of play-based projects. To better focus the **Kawama Inclusion Project** on the Playscheme as the central strategy for inclusion and







the hub from which all services are delivered, Disability Africa began a partnership with the Ex-Mayors' Association (EMA). WWN were kind enough to continue their support groups which ran at their 'pre-covid levels', and gradually handed over the project to EMA in December.

Our primary aim in this year was to establish a strong partnership with EMA and the local people so that we could renew our vision of our play-based template to reach as many disabled young people with our life-supporting services. At the time of writing, EMA has made a strong start delivering a service to 40 disabled children 3 days/week. They have delivered more than 500 child visits in their first five months of operation.

### A HUGE THANKS TO...

We are, as always, extremely grateful to individuals and trusts who support our work. We continue to be deeply indebted to Mr Chris Brewer for all the support he offers as Patron of Disability Africa and to his family trust, the CP Trust who have supported DA from the start. Their ongoing support funds much of our core costs in the UK and allows the vast

majority of other donors' funds to be directed to our Africa projects

We are enormously grateful to those trusts who have given grants or pledged grants over more than one year. These donations allow us to develop projects with confidence and make a significant difference to our ability to plan ahead.

### Our supporters in 2021...

The Allan & Nesta Ferguson **Charitable Trust** Ann and Christopher Fielden **Charitable Trust** ARCAID **Beatrice Laing Trust** Birchley St Mary's Third World Group Cauda Trust Chalk Cliff Trust Clark Charitable Trust **CP Trust CRH Trust** De Brye Charitable Trust Dr Richard Solomons' Charitable Trust

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MPM Charitable Trust Paul Lunn-Rockcliffe Trust Rhododendron Trust SMB Charitable Trust Souter Charitable Trust Stanley Grundy Foundation Sterry Family Foundation The Community of the Presentation Trust The Paulson-Ellis Charitable Trust Tula Trust W F Southall

Sincere thanks to you all on behalf of our Project Partners, families and all the children you have supported in 2021.



### FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### Income

With a combination of generous support from existing funders, and success in attracting new ones through new initiatives, 2021 saw a gratifying increase in grants and donations of nearly 30%. This included a £44,000 special grant to enable the refurbishment of the charity's children's centre in The Gambia which had been largely unusable for children's activities since before the pandemic.

### Expenditure

Following the Covid pandemic, playschemes re-opened progressively, starting with Sierra Leone in November 2020 and Kenya in January 2021. Without a Centre, Gambia was a bit slower to get going. In overall terms, Expenditure increased by just over 40%, but this included £35,000 of refurbishment costs for the Gambia centre. During the previous year, the charity started to provide lunchtime meals for the children as it became apparent during the pandemic that many were under-nourished due to the pressures on families. This feature of our service was expanded across all projects during the year. We are very grateful to several charitable trusts which have enabled this additional service to be provided.

As mentioned elsewhere, there were no monitoring trips to the projects due to all the pandemic restrictions. Instead, regular documentary, photographic and video evidence was provided by the schemes to demonstrate what was happening with the children. Thus, there were no travelling costs incurred.

Earlier in the year, due to the reduced level of work, it was decided to delay appointing a second UK member of staff. (In 2020, the three members of staff had been put on furlough. The two junior members subsequently resigned). The re-opening of the schemes and the need to increase funding levels led to the appointment of a second member of staff in May 2021.

#### Result

Whilst overall Income was over £42,000 higher than in the previous year, overall Expenditure was over £48,000 higher, resulting in a slightly lower surplus of £24,500.

Total Bank balances amounted to just over £150,000 with grants received in advance accounting for nearly £30,000.

### **Cash Balances**

The costs Budget for 2022 is just under £250,000 due to the expansion of all the projects, as outlined in the Trustees' Report. The end of year cash balances for 2021, represent a little over 7 months' expenditure based on that Budget. This is close to the target level and the trustees believe that the charity's current financial situation, together with the anticipated results from future fundraising activities will maintain the charity's sustainability.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees believe that the current policy of aiming to hold a minimum of 6 months' expenditure in reserves, is still appropriate for the charity.



### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance of public benefit published.

### Independent Examination of Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

The trustees are satisfied that the charity meets the requirements for an Independent Examination.



### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Disability Africa for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 16 to 22 below.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 25/08/2022

Name: Mr Samuel Spriggs



### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

DISABILITY AFRICA

**REGISTRATION NUMBER -1172163** 

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes Un	restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	L Total	Jnrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	Total
		Funds £	funds	fotal £	Funds £	Funds £	fotat £
Income and endowments from:							
Grants	3	75,600	98,267	173,867	72,104	62,996	135,100
Donations and Gift in Kind	4	14,980	-	14,980	11,258	-	11,258
Total	-	90,580	98,267	188,847	£83,362	£62,996	£146,358
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	10,800	-	10,800	11,083	-	11,083
Charitable activities	6	5,976	147,554	153,530	6,337	98,688	105,025
Total		16,776	147,554	164,330	£17,420	£98,688	£116,108
Net Income (Expenditure) before T	ransfers	73,804	(49,287)	24,517	65,942	(35,692)	30,250
Transfers between funds	8	(58,163)	58,163	-	(25,078)	25,078	-
Net movement in funds		15,641	8,876	24,517	£40,864	(£10,614)	£30,250
Reconciliation of funds:							
Brought forward balances		100,601	-	100,601	59,737	10,614	70,351
Fund balances carried forward		116,242	8,876	125,118	£100,601	£ -	£100,601



### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### DISABILITY AFRICA REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1172163 BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		DALANCE SHEL			AS AT 31/12/2020
FIXED ASSETS	2		490		
Tangible Assets	2		180		1,114
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	2,751		757	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		151,348		138,730	
		154,099		139,487	
<b>CREDITORS</b> (Amounts Falling					
Due Within One Year)	10	29,161		40,000	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/A	SSETS		124,938		99,487
NET ASSETS			£125,118		£100,601
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	8		116,242		100,601
Restricted Funds	8		8,876		-
			£125,118		£100,601

Signed:

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Ric Law Chairman Date: 25/08/2022



### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISABILITY AFRICA REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1172163 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

### **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Accounting convention (a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

#### (b) Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

#### **Income and Endowments**

Voluntary income, including donations, gifts and legacies are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where the charity receives assistance in the form of donated services, such incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable and measurable. Where donated services are recognised an equivalent amount is included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, when the event takes place). Amounts received in respect of events which have not taken place are deferred to future periods.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.



Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

No government grants have been received.

#### Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants are made to partner organisations in Africa with the requirement for full accountability of expenditure, the records for which are checked on a monthly or quarterly basis by the charity's staff, and audited during their periodic visits to the projects.

Costs of generating funds are those incurred in attracting voluntary income and incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities costs are those incurred in providing the services to disabled children in Africa.

All Governance requirements were dealt with by trustees and the director on a voluntary basis, with no costs incurred.

The charity has incurred expenditure in respect of support costs which are allocated to activities on the bases set out in the Notes to the Accounts.

#### **Assets and Liabilities**

The charity has minimal fixed assets consisting of IT and office equipment and furniture. Items are written down over 3 years.

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.



#### DISABILITY AFRICA REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1172163 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

					2020	
	Furniture &			Furniture &		
	Equipment UK	Total		Equipment UK	Total	
	£	£		£	£	
2 FIXED ASSETS						
Gross Book Value Balances at 1st January 2021	6,912	6,912		6,912	6,912	
Additions in period	270	270			-	
Gross Book Value Balances at 31st December 2021	£7,182	£7,182		£6,912	£6,912	
Depreciation Balances at 1st January 2021	5,798	5,798		4,276	4,276	
Depreciation charge for period	1,204	1,204		1,522	1,522	
Depreciation Balances at 31st December 2021	£7,002	£7,002		£5,798	£5,798	
Net Book Values at 31st December 2021	180	£180		£1,114	£1,114	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
3 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIE Grants received from Trusts and Foundations	S 75,600	98,267	173,867	72,104	62,996	135,100
Grants received norm musts and roundations	75,000	90,207	175,007	72,104	02,770	155,100
	£75,600	£98,267	£173,867	£72,104	£62,996	£135,100
4 VOLUNTARY INCOME						
Donations from Individuals and other supporters *	14,980	-	14,980	11,258	-	11,258
Totals	£14,980	£ -	£14,980	£11,258	£ -	£11,258
* including Gift Aid						
					2020	
5 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Staff costs	9,530		9,530	9,785		9,785
Support costs - Note 7	1,270		1,270	1,298		1,298
						611.000
Totals	£10,800	£ -	£10,800	£11,083	£ -	£11,083
6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Grants to Disability Africa (The Gambia)		58,214	58,214	-	16,476	16,476
Grants to Other service providers		53,603	53,603	-	45,520	45,520
Staff costs		35,737	35,737	-	36,692	36,692
Field trips to African projects Support costs - Note 7	5,976	-	- 5,976	- 6,337	-	6,337
	2,770		-,	0,007		-,
	£5,976	£147,554	£153,530	£6,337	£98,688	£105,025

All the grants to support the work in African countries are paid to our partner organisations in-country. These are either NGO's or CBO's who each have a Board of Trustees. The organisations are all formally registered according to the relevant laws.

We agree budgets in advance and closely monitor how the money is spent but all expenditure is controlled by the local trustees.

Staff costs are for the UK - based Project Development officers who develop, support, monitor and evaluate each of the projects.

As a result of the pandemic restrictions, no monitoring trips to projects were possible during the year but these will resume as soon as conditions allow.

These trips are a crucial element of the Disability Africa methodology. Before we establish any project we visit the area under consideration and ensure that we meet the key personnel within our prospective partner organisations, together with relevant community leaders and local government officials wherever possible. We go through the proposed project in detail to ensure that our prospective partners fully understand the DA model and how it works. During this process the project leaders are made aware of the records and documentation that will be required to be scrutinised by us before grants will be



confirmed. Field trips enable us to support our partners with further direction and training, and audit the supporting documentation behind the figures submitted by each project.

As Restricted income was only for the direct costs of projects, all support costs, except for travel insurance, have been allocated against Unrestricted income. For 2021, there were no travel insurance costs.

#### DISABILITY AFRICA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>2020</b> Total
7 SUPPORT COSTS	<u>Alloc'n</u>						
Property costs	Staff time	1,080		1,080	1,080		1,080
IT costs	Staff time	1,163		1,163	1,163		1,163
General office costs	Staff time	520		520	278		278
Staff costs and fees	Staff time	2,383		2,383	2,446		2,446
Insurances	Туре	896		896	1,146		1,146
Depreciation	Time	1,204		1,204	1,522		1,522
		7,246	£ -	£7,246	£7,635	£ -	£7,635
Allocated to:							
Charitable Activities		5,976		5,976	6,337		6,337
Generating Funds		1,270		1,270	1,298		1,298
-		£7,246	£ -	£7,246	£7,635	£ -	£7,635

Travel insurance is all allocated to Charitable activities. As there were no trips in 2020, all insurance costs were allocated to I Other costs on a Staff time basis as the same staff perform all functions.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
8 FUNDS	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
Balances b/f	100,601	0	100,601	59,737	10,614	70,351
Movements in	90,580	98,267	188,847	83,362	62,996	146,358
Movements out	(16,776)	(147,554)	(164,330)	(17,420)	(98,688)	(116,108)
Transfers	(58,163)	58,163	0	(25,078)	25,078	0
Balances at 31st December 2021	116,242	8,876	125,118	100,601	0	100,601
Consisting of:						
Fixed Assets	180	0	180	1,114	0	1,114
Debtors	2,751	0	2,751	757	0	757
Cash at Bank	113,311	38,037	151,348	138,730	0	138,730
Creditors		(29,161)	(29,161)	(40,000)	0	(40,000)
Totals	116,242	8,876	125,118	100,601	0	100,601



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#### DISABILITY AFRICA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds		Total
9 DEBTORS						
Insurance prepayments	834		834	482		482
Gift Aid debtor	1,060		1,060	275		275
Trip Exps re 2022		857	857			
	1,894	857	2,751	£757	£ -	£757
10 CREDITORS						
Grants received in advance	29,161		29,161	40,000	-	40,000
	£29,161	£ -	£29,161	£40,000	£ -	£40,000

11 COMMITMENTS

During the year, a solution to the roof problems at the Gunjur Inclusion Centre, alluded to in the Trustee' Report, was devised and costed. Funding to support it was found. Work commenced in September and has continued into 2022. Once this has been completed and the Centre is 'dry', other refurbishments will be necessary. The situation will be reviewed once the costs of these are known, but they are expected to be manageable. Additional Funding will need to be raised, but the target is for all work to be completed by the end of 2022.

12 DONATIONS IN KIND

None

13	TRUSTEE	REMUNERATION	AND	BENEFITS
	None			

- 14 TRUSTEE EXPENSES None
- 15 TRUSTEES DONATIONS A total of £1260 was donated by Trustees without conditions (2020 - £360)
- 16 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FEES None

#### 17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS None requiring disclosure

18 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS Salaries (One/Two Staff)	45.086	46.006
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Social security costs - NEST	2,563	2,918
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total	£47.649	£48,924
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See Notes 5,6 & 7

Employment allowance has been applied against National Insurance contributions

#### 19 REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Nil