

**CATARACTS ARE CURABLE - THE GAMBIAN PROJECT  
DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD 30 APRIL 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Cataracts are Curable – The Gambian Project, also known as Cataracts are Curable, was incorporated on 30 April 2019 and achieved registration with the Charity Commission on 1 June 2020.

Company registration number: 11971279 - Charity registration number 118727

The registered and principal address is 1 Royston Drive, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1HL.

The Directors, who are also Trustees, who have served throughout the year were:

Violet Phillips – Chair

James Phillip – Treasurer

Alice Bailey – Secretary

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**

Cataracts are Curable - The Gambian Project is a Company Limited by Guarantee, which does not have a share capital and pays no dividends. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a public benefit entity.

All administration is carried out by the Trustees, who receive no remuneration. Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

Cataracts are Curable has no employees.

The Trustees have structured the charity to avoid risk. As a public benefit entity, all administrative and governance costs are kept to a minimum and donations and grants only made when sufficient donations have been received.

The Trustees consider the greatest risk is from corruption in The Gambia and consequently maintain the utmost vigilance. Grants are given to the Gambian National Eye Health Programme (NEHP), a department of the Gambian Health Service, who are responsible for organising 'Cataract Camps' and ensuring satisfactory clinical care standards are maintained. Cataracts are Curable receive detailed clinical reports including photographs. Furthermore, the Trustees endeavour to attend cataract camps when they are able.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the charity are to improve the health of the poor of The Gambia by:

- (1) The funding of operations to remove and replace cataracts.
- (2) The provision of equipment for ophthalmic medical procedures.

Having due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have determined that carrying out the following activities enables the charity to achieve its objectives:

- (1) The funding of 'Cataract Camps'.
- (2) The provision of ophthalmic equipment.

## ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD

During this first period a considerable amount of time was spent in administration, opening bank accounts, applying for charity status and development of the website. Nevertheless, we did get off to a flying start.

The first cataract camp to be funded by the charity took place in August 2019 in Basse in the Upper River Region. Fifty operations were carried out by Ebrima Dukereh and we received the clinical report on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The camp was attended by Alasana Touray and Sarjo Kanji of the NEHP in Kanifing.

Funds for a second camp were sent to The Gambia in October and a further fifty operations were performed in small batches and completed in December.

In addition, we have been able to procure a slit lamp microscope, donated by Eye Tech Optical to Alasana Touray and ten universal trial frames to the Sheikh Zayed regional Eye Care Centre (SZRECC) in Kanifing. Six of these were donated by Bio Engineering Services and four purchased by our own funds.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Details of the charity's income and expenditure, including accounting policies are given in the attached financial statements.

It is the aim of the Trustees to keep costs to a minimum in order to provide funds for as many cataract operations as possible. Money is raised in advance and as soon as sufficient funds have been acquired for a particular project, a grant is made or donation given to an independent organisation in The Gambia. No commitment is made without sufficient funds being available; consequently, it is the opinion of the Trustees that there is no need for a reserve fund to be maintained.

So far, donations have been received mainly from friends and family. The next big challenge is to obtain money from other organisations and the general public. Now registered with the Charity Commission we are able to approach funding charities who have an interest in overseas projects and also give talks to local organisations such as the Round Table and Rotary Club.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on .....  
And signed on their behalf by

*18<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

*Violet Phillips*

Violet Phillips  
Chair

**CATARACTS ARE CURABLE- THE GAMBIAN PROJECT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**At 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Bank & Cash Balances	2,965
Debtors	293
	<u>3,258</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>3,258</u>
represented by :-	
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	
Unrestricted Funds	<u>3,258</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2019 in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with s394 and s395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on accounting and reporting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on.....  
and signed on their behalf by



Violet Phillips  
Chair

*18<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

**CATARACTS ARE CURABLE - THE GAMBIAN PROJECT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES including INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 30 APRIL 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>	1c			
Donations	2a	4,310	3,812	8,122
Gift Aid		923	500	1,423
		<b>5,232</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>9,544</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	1d			
Raising Funds		144		144
Charitable Activities	3a	1,830	4,312	6,142
		<b>1,975</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>6,287</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) for the period</b>		<b>3,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,258</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>3,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,258</b>



**CATARACTS ARE CURABLE- THE GAMBIAN PROJECT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 30 APRIL 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1a Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a going concern basis, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 and the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees confirm that the charity is a public benefit entity.

**1b Currency**

Currency transactions are recorded at the rate of exchange received when the transaction takes place. No foreign currency funds are held.

**1c Income**

Income, including donations and gift aid, is accounted for on a receivable basis, when the charity can be reasonably certain of the charity's legal entitlement.

Donations in kind have been included at estimated market value. Volunteer time has not been included.

**1d Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis including irrecoverable VAT.

Costs have been directly allocated to an activity where possible. Support costs have been allocated as a proportion of total expenditure on charitable activities.

**1e Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted Fund can be used for any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted Funds have been given to the charity for a particular purpose to be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

**2 ANALYSIS OF INCOME**

**2a Donations & Legacies**

	£
Donations from individuals	6,210
Donations from partner organisations	379
Donations of equipment	1,533
	<u>8,122</u>

**3 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE**

**3a ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Donations £	Grants £	Support Costs £	Total £
Cataract Operations		4,007	88	4,095
Provision of Ophthalmic Equipment	2,002		45	2,047
	<u>2,002</u>	<u>4,007</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>6,142</u>

All donations and grants have been made to the NEHP (National Eye Health Program) in The Gambia. Grants are given to fund Cataract Camps carrying out operations in rural areas of The Gambia.

**3b ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	Cataract Operations £	Ophthalmic Equipment £	Total £
Administration	64	32	96
Finance	25	-	37
	<u>89</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>133</u>

**4 RESTRICTED INCOME MOVEMENTS**

	In £	Out £	C/FWD £
Cataract Operations	2,879	(2,879)	-
Ophthalmic Equipment	1,433	(1,433)	-
	<u>4,312</u>	<u>(4,312)</u>	<u>-</u>