

GVI CHARITABLE TRUST

2015 IN REVIEW



AWARENESS | IMPACT | EMPOWERMENT



Letter from our Trustees

2015 has been a challenging year for charities in the UK and indeed across the world. Our passion and determination to help others both domestically and internationally is put under the spotlight in times of economic and political instability.

In the UK, the quick and controversial fall of Kids Company served as a stark reminder that the public and indeed authorities are not always on the side of the charity. Not without merit the public is curious, questioning and often sceptical about the way charities are run and to whom they are accountable. As we rely on the public for financial assistance then we must answer to them when these questions arise.

Here at GVI Charitable Trust we have a commitment and responsibility to be transparent about the way we act. To be transparent about where and how money is spent. Who we are helping and why.

We have a commitment to be more transparent about the ways we identify those that need help and the ways in which we help them. To communicate with those we help so we know they are receiving the aid they need rather than the aid we think they need. It means we need to communicate with our patrons and supporters, understanding their views and concerns as they help us to grow. It means we are more transparent about our mistakes but will also be proud and vocal about our successes.

And so here is the report for 2015. The year that charities are perhaps under more pressure than ever, we break our record for most money raised. This means we are answering those questions and shows you trust us to spend that money wisely, to get it to the right people and to communicate back to you what this money achieved.

For this we are incredibly proud and honoured.

Thank you for that continued support and trust.

Henry Walton

Trustee



2015 in Review

2015 has been a year of change, growth and renewed- inspiration for the GVI Charitable Trust. During the course of the year we have recruited new staff, had a new trustee instated and raised a record breaking £279 884, a 42% increase from 2014.

We would like to thank all of our donors for their contributions, without you none of our work would be possible.

Thanks to your tremendous support we have been able to offer support to 22 projects in 13 different countries. The work that we do on is very broad in its focus, but it all serves to achieve our objectives of promoting and contributing to conservation efforts, advancing education and offering relief from hardship, poverty and distress.

2015 was a tough year in a number of the locations where we have partners, but most notably in Nepal. In April and May a series of massively devastating earthquakes caused widespread destruction. The road to recovery for Nepal is long and we are doing our utmost to offer support where we can.

2015 was also a year of building here at the Charitable Trust. We focused on construction projects in a number of locations. In Costa Rica we were able to assist a school in Roncador to build a cafeteria, which is a government requirement, re-build a classroom and fix an entire playground. The construction

projects in Kerala, India have been extensive. Thanks to generous funding from the Anna Crossman Trust, 14 brand new houses and a playground have been built. We also started on the construction of a toilet block at one of our partner schools, due to be complete in February 2016. On slightly smaller scale, we have completed upgrades and construction in South Africa, Fiji and Nepal.

Our conservation projects have also been well supported this year. In Karongwe, South Africa funds were used to purchase new quad bikes to give the anti-poaching team more mobility. We were also able to help fund a de-horning operation in an effort to reduce the number of rhinos killed for their horns. In Thailand we have continued to provide funding for the elephant project in Chiang Mai and the shark project in Phang Nga.

It has been a wonderful, challenging year and we thank you for your commitment to helping us achieve our goals in 2015. As we embark on a new year and a new phase in our growth plan, we hope that you will continue to support all of our work- by raising your voice and by making a financial contribution.

Together we can all work on building a global network of people, united by their passion to make a difference. I hope you will continue to stand with us.

Kate Robey

Operations Manager



Structure, Governance and Management

The GVI-Charitable Trust (GVI-CT) is governed by a board of three trustees who are guided by the Trust Deeds as submitted to the Register of Charities in 2005.

The GVI-CT is a registered UK charity with the Charities Commission.

Our charity number is 1111494.

A note on the recipients of funds:

Once proposed recipients of funds are reviewed and agreed by the Trustees. These are usually, but not limited to, long-standing project partners of GVI.

The GVI-CT ensures that all recipients of funding are vetted and that the long-term goals of the projects are both sustainable and realistic. Funding is awarded for conservation and research, humanitarian aid, education and community development.

We do not accept unsolicited requests for money. Funding is only given after consultation with local communities, organisations and other stakeholders being consulted. This is to ensure that there are long term plans in place and to ascertain the sustainability of each project.



Our Story, Mission and Objectives

Our Story:

The GVI-Charitable Trust is a non-governmental organisation founded in the UK in 2005. We partner with local organisations on an array of projects in 13 different countries. Working with local partners puts the power in local hands and fosters local participation. Through these partnerships, we aim to improve facilities, provide resources, protect environments and fund education and training opportunities.

Our Objectives:

The objectives as set out in the Trust Deed are as follows:

- To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- To advance education and research for the benefit of the public in the conservation; protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- To relieve sickness and preserve and promote the good health of persons;
- To relieve poverty, financial hardship and distress.

The GVI Charitable Trust has raised money for a number of causes as outlined above in 2015. In each case the GVI Charitable Trust is duly diligent with how funds are used.

Our Mission:

We aim to reach these objectives by following our mission, which is summed up as

**Building a global network of people united by their
*passion to make a difference.***

So, how do we plan on realising our mission?

Well, it's simple. We work through the networks that GVI has created and built over the years.

Part of these networks are local and grassroots partner organisations. We are guided by these local partners and provide financial assistance to them through the GVI-Charitable Trust. These partners are chosen because they have demonstrated a commitment to their communities in the work that they do.

GVI, in conjunction with our partners, delivers the services and resources that have been deemed necessary and to be in line with the objectives set out in the Trust Deeds.



When working with partners and selecting new partners, we are always guided by our mission to create empowered and more aware communities through education, training and resource development.

We believe that it is only through local participation and leadership that projects can be successful.

These are our guiding principles:

We are a non-religious, non-political charity that works to achieve our objectives through high-quality local partnerships.

In all of the work that we do, we are always guided by these three key objectives:

1. Awareness: To increase cultural understanding and awareness of global issues
2. Impact: To make long term, sustainable contributions towards key global and local issue
3. Empowerment: To equip our team with the knowledge and ability to further contribute towards key global and local issue.

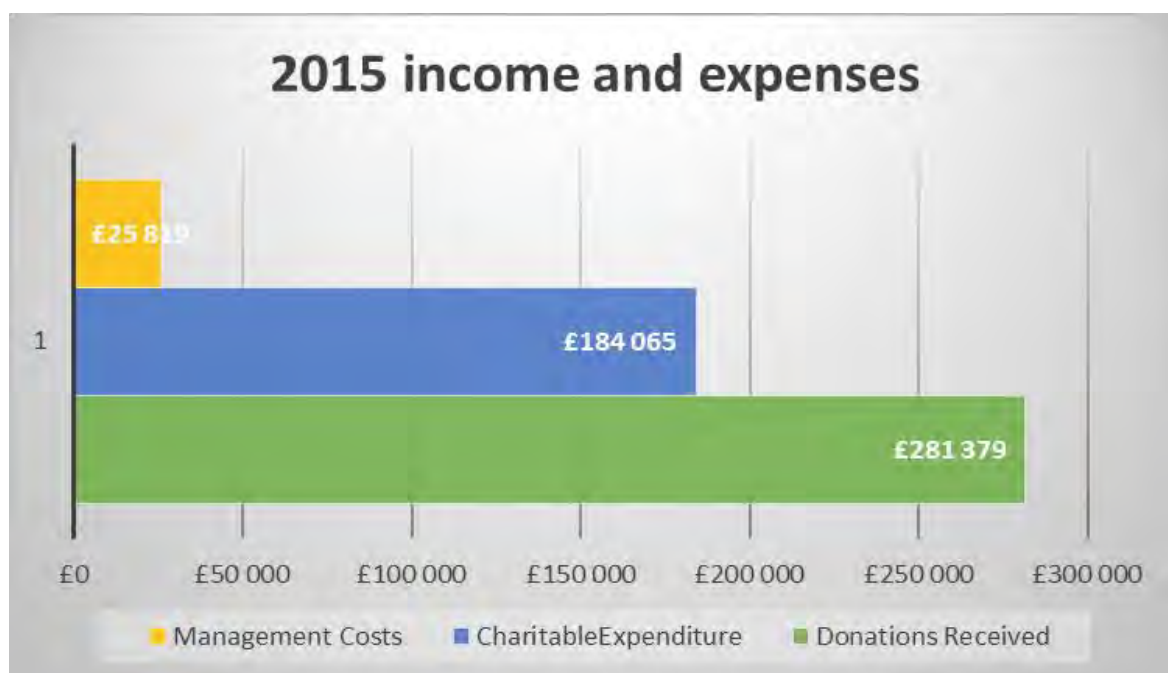
This is our promise to our projects:

- We will collect donations on behalf of our partners.
- We will seek new avenues to generate donations.
- We will endeavour to offer financial support for the continuation of their work, without making them solely reliant on the GVI- Charitable Trust. Where possible we will assist in creating income generating activities.
- We will market and promote the GVI- Charitable Trust and the work that our projects undertake so that we can spread awareness.
- We will offer operational support and advice to our projects where needed.
- We will always act within the bounds of our values and guiding principles.



2015 At a Glance

2015 was a successful year for the GVI-Charitable Trust. We raised a record amount of donations, up by 42% from 2014. We saw an influx of funds for the Nepal project after the devastating earthquakes there. There was also an influx of funding to our construction projects in India.



Our funds fall into two categories, as follows:

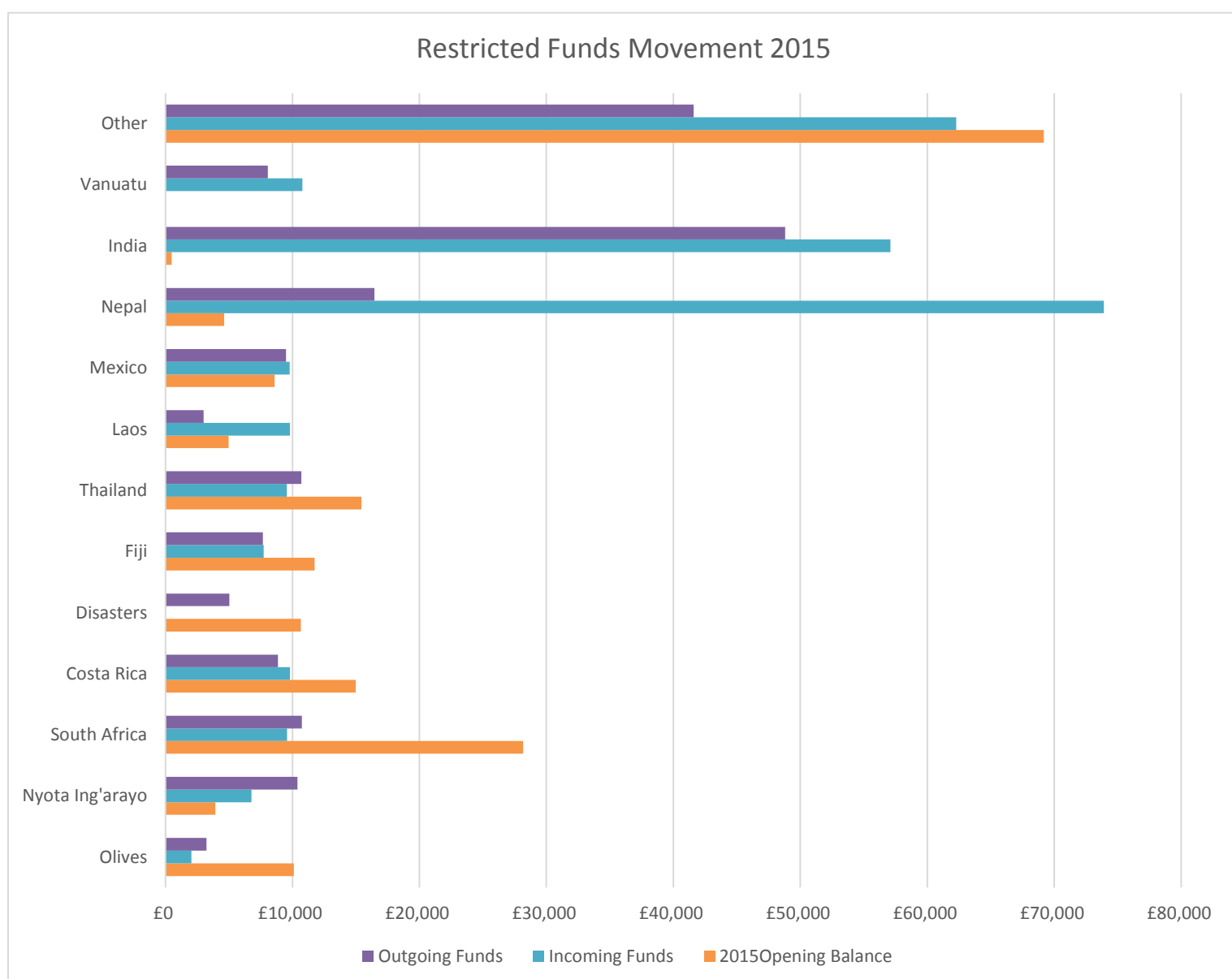




The funds that are donated to the GVI- Charitable Trust are predominantly allocated for specific, restricted projects in South Africa, Costa Rica, Seychelles, Kenya, Mexico, Thailand, Laos, Nepal, India, Fiji, Australia, Brazil, the USA and the UK.

Our restricted funds are only used for the specific projects that they are donated for. For a more detailed outline of what the funds are used for, you can refer to the following section, which outlines how funds have been used in 2015.

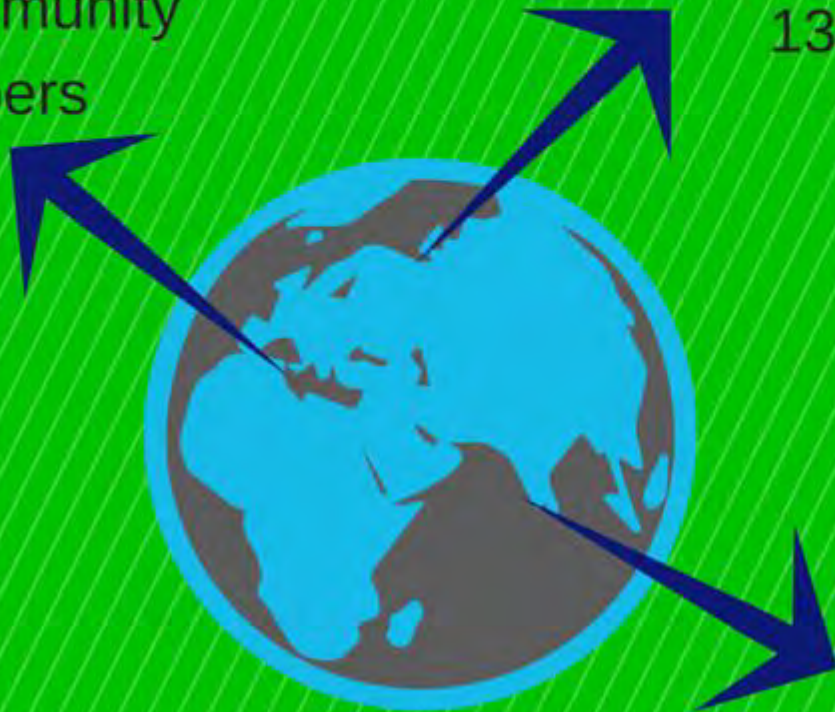
The unrestricted funds are used to cover administrative and staff costs related to the running of the GVI- Charitable Trust. Our unrestricted funds are made up of a combination of gift-aid claimed, donations and a 10% reinvestment deducted from all incoming funds.



Our impact in 2015

Worked with 9502
local community
members

27 projects in
13 countries



121 locals
employed
by GVI



56
school facilities
refurbished



442226 hours
dedicated to
teaching



2062
species
recorded



635 people
taught at
environmental
workshops

DISASTER RELIEF



PERSONAL APPEALS

£70 154.42

raised to support the Nepal
Earthquake relief and
recovery.

£8065

donated to Vanuatu after
Cyclone Pam

Staff & volunteers
hosted 19 fundraising
challenges, raising
£78 472.4



GRANTS

We raised
£91 994

from grants in 2015

ALUMNI FUNDRAISING

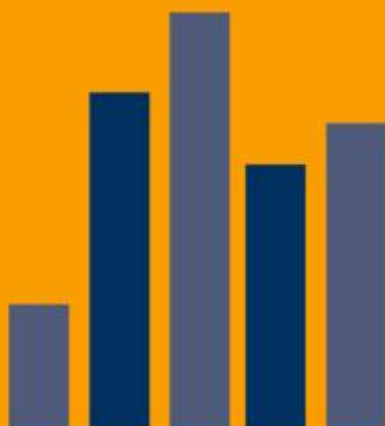
Owen, an ex-Fiji staff
member, walked 1027miles
for Fiji.

Rebecca hosted a Curry
Night for Nepal.

Danielle ran 100km in the
Australian summer heat for
rhino conservation.

PROJECTS

Supported 22 projects in 13
countries with
£203 883





Disaster Relief

2015 saw two major disasters hit regions where we work, or where we have previously worked.

At the end of April, Nepal was hit by a devastating series of earthquakes that left large swaths of the country completely devastated. Funds flooded in from all over the world and were put to use immediately to help communities in need.

Our initial relief work focused on getting food, water and basic supplies to devastated communities. In the months after the quakes, we focused on supplying building materials, school supplies and helping with infrastructure projects. Recovery and rebuilding continue into 2016.



We raised a total of £70 155.

In Vanuatu, Cyclone Pam tore through the island nation, wreaking havoc. Our historic ties with Vanuatu meant that we had connections on the ground so that we had a way to send funds for the relief efforts. We assisted the *Wan Smolbang Theatre School* with funding for their rebuilding. All of their staff lost homes and possession, and we were happy to be able to offer assistance in their reconstruction.



We donated £8065 from our disaster relief fund.





Alumni Fundraising

Owen Doel

A GVI Alumni and ex-staff member in Fiji, Owen Doel, embarked on an epic journey walking the circumference of Wales to raise money to build a vocational training centre in Dawasamu District where we work.

Owen walked an incredible 1027 mile during the course of July and August raising £7370 for the construction of the training centre. The centre is due to be built during 2016.

Rebecca Thornton

Rebecca was a volunteer in Nepal when the earthquakes hit. When she got home she was motivated to do something to carry on helping, so she decided to host a Curry Night for Nepal. She wanted to share with her local community the traditional Nepali foods and it turned out to be a huge success. She raised £1000 in only one evening!

Danielle Ridgeway

Danielle, an alumni based in Australia, raised £200 for our Rhino fund after she decided to run 100km over the month of December ending with a community fundraising BBQ.





Grants

The Anna Crossman Trust for Kids in Kerala (ACT)

ACT donated an incredible £53 983 to the GVI India projects during the course of 2015.

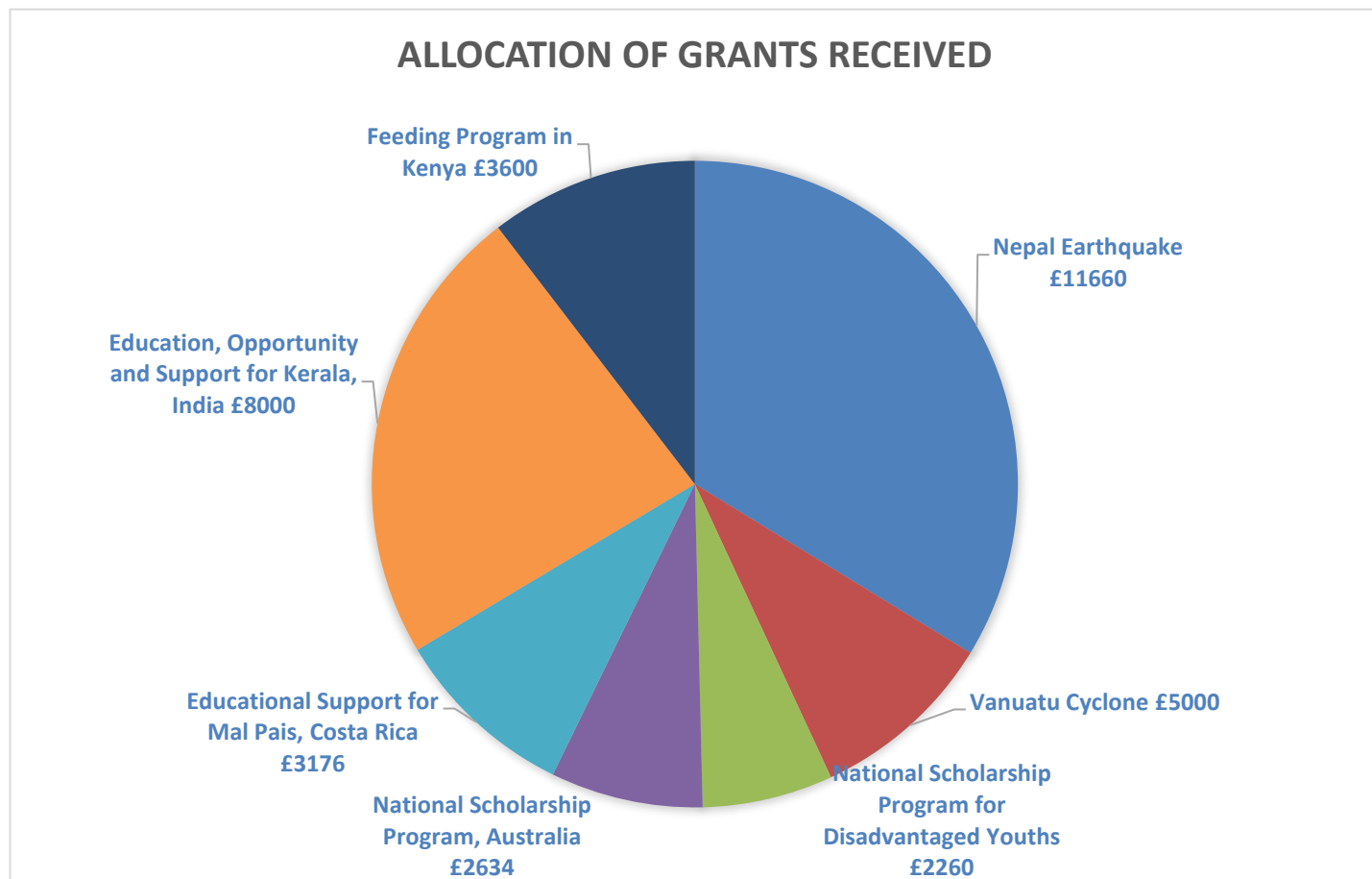
- 13 brand new homes were constructed
- A playground for the children who live in Santhom Slum
- Scholarship support for students at Auxilium School
- Salary support for the staff at Pratyasha Bhavan
- Construction on a toilet block at St Louis school was started.





Global Giving Partnership

Via Global Giving we have received £34 566 in funding which has been allocated to the following projects:



In Field Fundraising

The amazing staff and volunteers in the field are responsible for the majority of our active fundraising. Each project is responsible for hosting 2 challenges each year, and year and year they never disappoint.

2015 was no different and we saw some great challenges and fundraising happening at all of our different hubs.

Highlights from our 2015 CHARITY CHALLENGES



**Run for Rhinos raised
£718
for a dehorning rhino
operation.**



**Kukulan's Crossing
raised £1563
for dog therapy**



**Rice Threshing
raised £1010 for
Nepal**



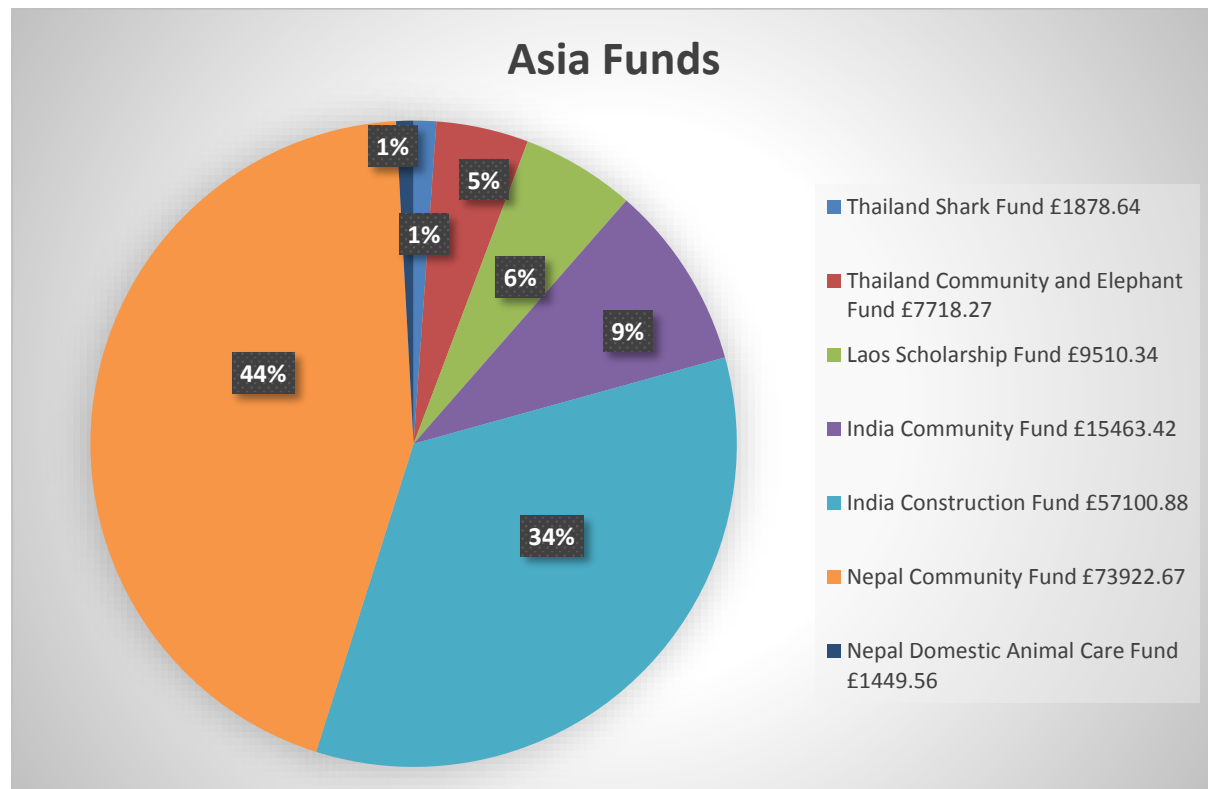
**5am for 5 days
raised £10 343
for scholarship support.**



ASIA



On the continent of Asia we support 7 projects in four countries- Thailand, Laos, India and Nepal.



Thailand

SHARKS

Together with our partners, Shark Guardian, we have been very busy in the Phang Nga area promoting safe shark interaction in our Whale Shark Code of Conduct campaign. We have put informational posters up in all of the dive and tourist-boat shops. These posters provide information about how to safely interact with the sharks so that they are not harmed or negatively affected by the constant interaction with humans and boats.

We were also involved in the Thailand *eShark* project and the educational

awareness campaigns that accompanied the data collection. This involves visiting schools and organisations and educating them on shark populations in the area, the importance of sharks in the eco-systems and safe interaction with sharks.

We are also working on producing and distributing posters on the harmful effects of the shark finning trade which will discourage local and tourist population of Khao Lak from contributing to this environmentally detrimental activity. This project will carry on into 2016.



ELEPHANTS

Our elephant project welcomed a baby to the forest! Baby Wan Mai was born on 17 February 2015 and he represents the third generation of a single family in the forest.

It is an incredibly exciting development because it gives us a chance to study the

family interactions and record data on elephant growth and behaviour.

Our field teams and mahouts were also involved in training workshops and conferences during the course of the year. These events represent an exciting opportunity for getting the word out about what we are doing and creating awareness for our work and our project.

Laos

We had a busy and productive year in Luang Prabang during the course of 2015 and our project here continues to go from strength to strength. We continue to provide educational support and access to education and opportunities.

Here is what we were able to achieve during the course of 2015:

- ✓ We have sponsored 6 students at Xayadeth English College, including one Novice Monk.
- ✓ We have sponsored 14 students at the Mekong English Centre
- ✓ We have sponsored 2 Novice Monks at Monk School
- ✓ We have sponsored 1 Novice Monk at Chinese School
- ✓ We sponsored 9 students who have come from rural Laos to seek better access to education in the city, with uniforms, school supplies and school fees. We also provided basic needs support in the form of money for rice for the whole year.
- ✓ We paid for the classroom rental for our 2 new female-only English lessons with a total of 35 students who have been rescued from abusive situations.
- ✓ Classroom rental fees for 2 novice-monk English classes was covered for 4 months.
- ✓ Purchased both the teacher and student sets of the Cambridge certified Face to Face Starter, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced textbooks.
- ✓ We used funds to buy 8 brand new lap tops to use in our novice-monk classes, female-only workshops, children's classes and adult English lessons.

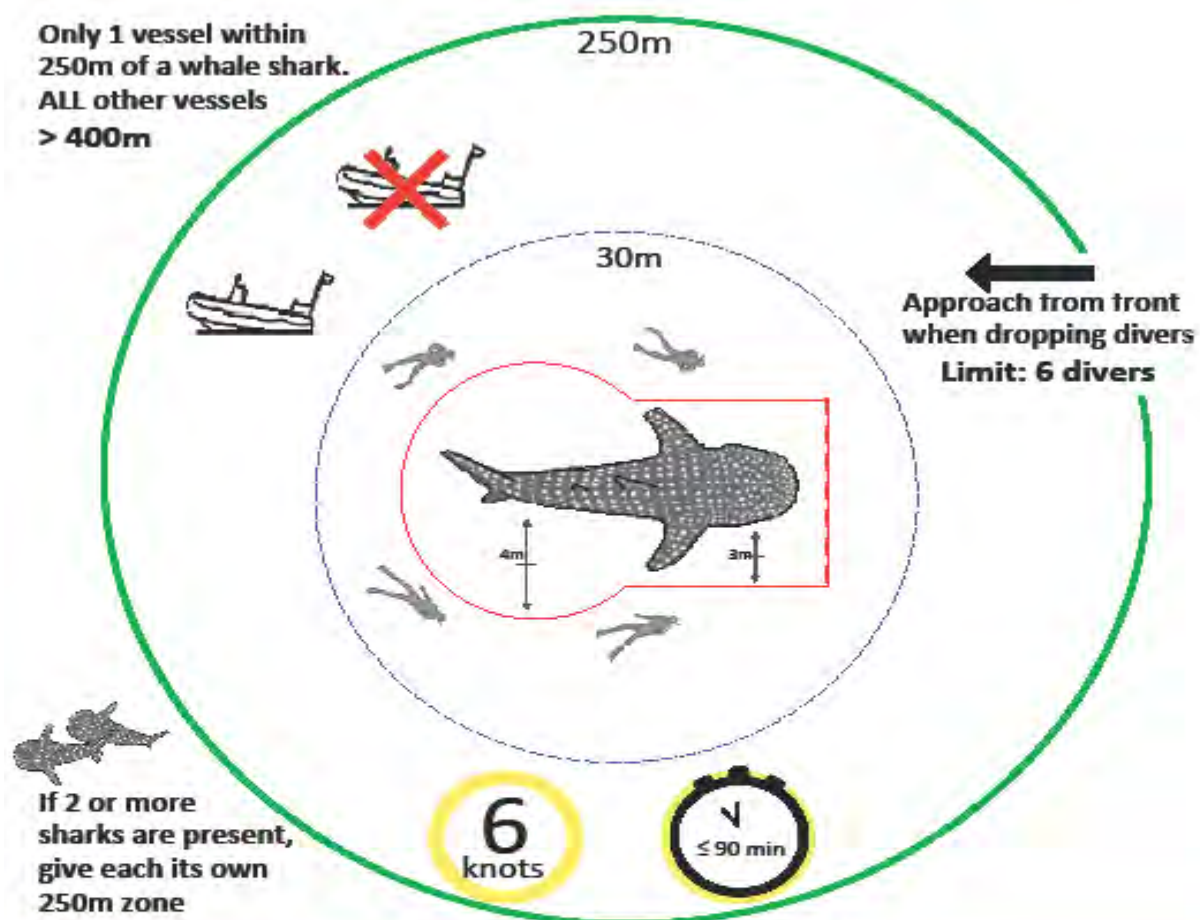
It is wonderful to see how your donations have such a positive impact for all of our students and inspire them to learn, engage and grow.



Whale Shark Code of Conduct

Protecting whale sharks for our future

Only 1 vessel within
250m of a whale shark.
ALL other vessels
> 400m



DO NOT touch,
ride, or chase



NO flash
photography



NO underwater
propulsion devices



DO NOT feed



DO NOT restrict their
movement or behaviour



DO relax and enjoy if
they approach you

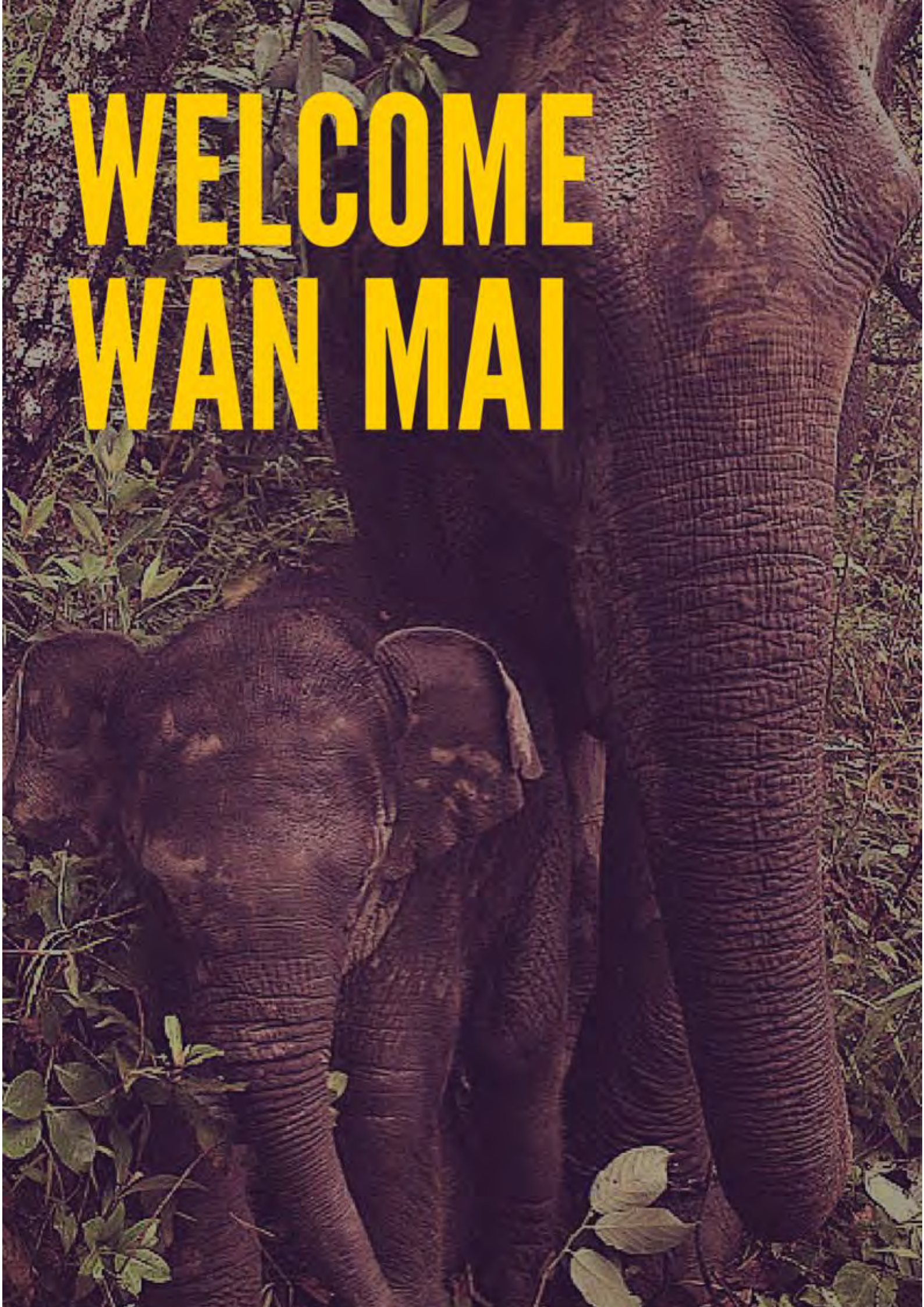


Shark Guardian
www.sharkguardian.org



Global Vision International
www.gvi.co.uk

**WELCOME
WAN MAI**







India

Our community project has gone from strength to strength this year thanks in large part to a grant awarded via Global Giving. This extra funding has had a huge impact and allowed us to contribute towards work that would otherwise not be possible.

A major project that we completed was the scabies eradication project in the Palliruthy Relief Settlement. The residents living in the settlement were suffering terribly and with the extra funding we were able to get them treatment, sterilise their clothes and bedding and purchase soap that will help relieve their skin.

Other projects that we are now able to work on:

- ✓ Repairing hand looms to provide women with income generating tools
- ✓ Improvements to the Raksha sensory room
- ✓ Re-doing the Cottolengo Gardens
- ✓ Repairing the vocational rooms at Palliruthy Relief Settlement
- ✓ Hosting a team building day for staff from Palliruthy Relief Settlement

Our construction project in Santhom Slum was incredibly busy during the course of 2015 thanks to generous funding from the Anna Crossman Trust and we are so happy with the huge progress that has been made.

- ✓ Finished construction of 14 houses in Santhom Slum
- ✓ Built a series of pathways in the slum
- ✓ Constructed a playground complete with swings, sea-saws roundabouts and benches
- ✓ Started construction on an entire toilet block at St Louis school

Nepal

Nepal had an incredibly hard year in 2015, but the support of our community was tremendous.

After the earthquakes that hit in April and May, Nepal was left devastated. Many people lost their homes, all of their belongings, their livestock and their livelihoods.

Thanks to your donations we were able to distribute **400 emergency packs** consisting of

- ✓ First aid essentials
- ✓ Water purification tabs
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Clothes

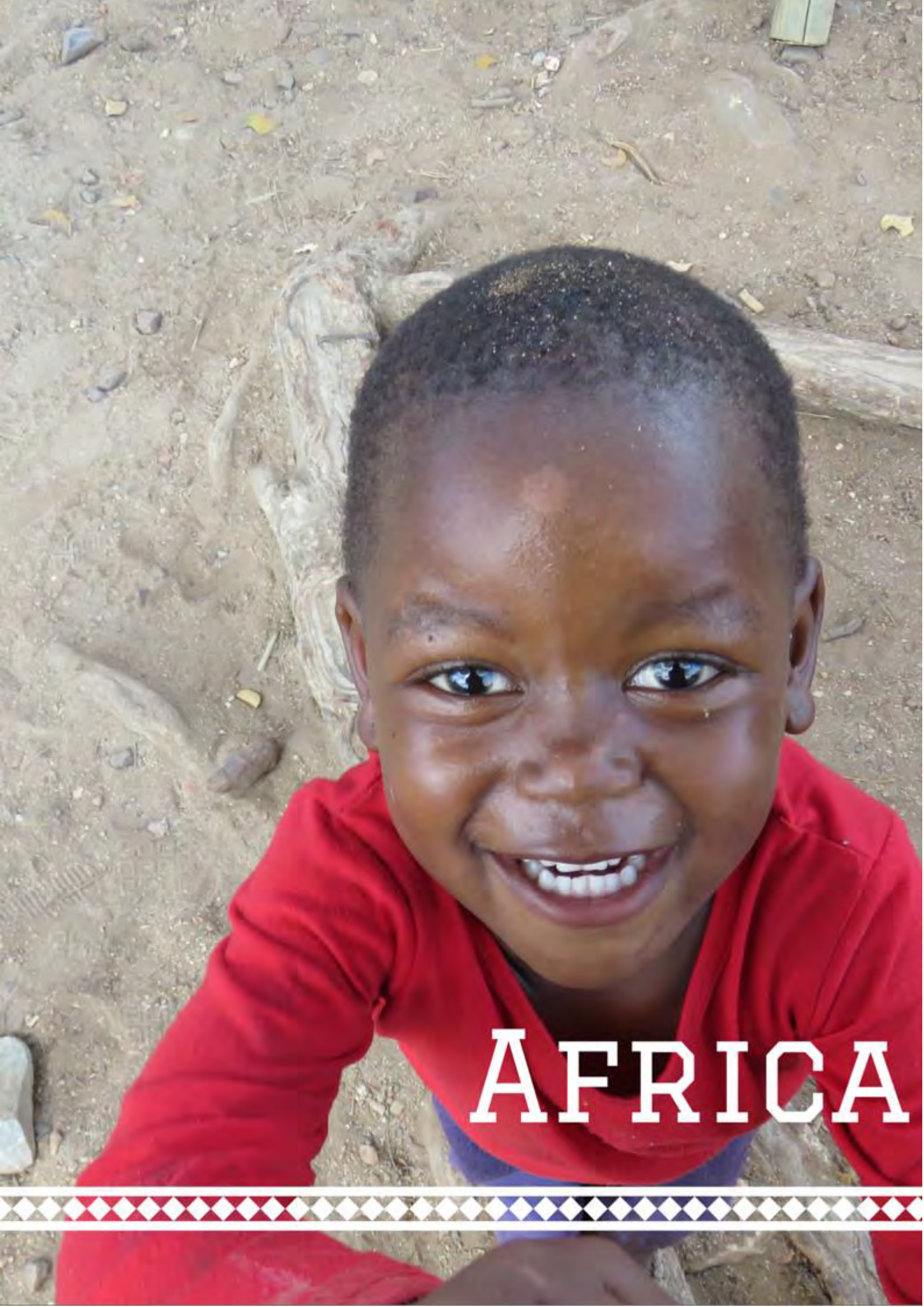


- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Materials to build shelters.

After the initial relief effort was done, we had the chance to discover where the greatest needs were. Some of the projects that we have supported since then are

- ✓ Distributing 200 school bags filled with all of the essentials that children needed to get back to school.
- ✓ Rebuilding of a community shelter at Barpak.
- ✓ Installing an emergency gate at Sawa Kendra to provide a safer method of evacuating the school.
- ✓ Handing out quilts with our partners from *Himalayan Encounters*.
- ✓ In 2016 we have plans in place to build an Early Learning Centre to replace one that was destroyed in Bandipur.

More projects will be initiated in 2016.

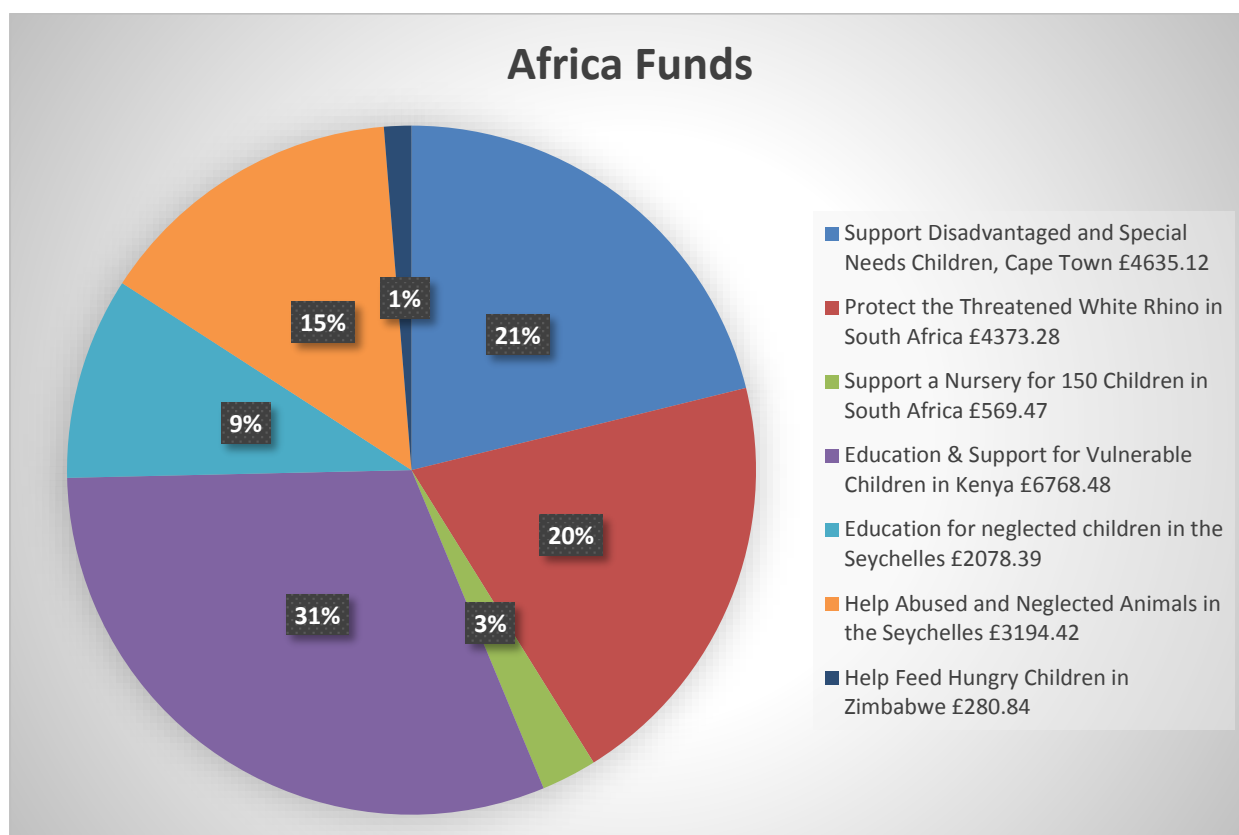


AFRICA





Our projects in Africa are predominantly focused on community work. We have a total of 7 projects in South Africa, Kenya, the Seychelles and Zimbabwe



South Africa

CAPE TOWN

Our partnership with *IkhayaIethemba* and *Nceduluntu Educare Centre* continued to flourish in 2015. This year we were able to repair leaking roofs, assist Mama Lumka with purchasing a brand new washing machine for the care centre and supplying the special needs children with nappies. A highlight of the year was the Mad Makeover, which saw a team of enthusiastic and hardworking volunteers transform the special needs children's room in the space of 48 hours. They cleaned and painted, hung curtains and new bedding and generally made the room much more comfortable and homely.

At the *Nceduluntu Educare Centre* we were able to lay a new floor, which makes a huge difference and helps us get them one step closer to getting registered by the South African government.



LIMPOPO

Further north our rhino conservation project went from strength to strength. During the course of the year we raised enough money for 2 major projects. We were able to buy a set of much needed quad bikes. This gives the rangers so much more mobility during their patrols. Towards the end of the year we made the very tough decision to dehorn the remaining rhino's at Karongwe. We were able to contribute towards this operation by hiring the helicopter that was needed to track and dart the animals.

Kenya

GVI used to have a strong presence in Kenya, but at the end of 2014 they had to make the hard decision to stop sending volunteers there due to political instability. We have continued our support of the projects through the Charitable Trust.

Thanks to our alumni, Global Giving grants and individual donors we have been able to commit to offering financial assistance to our partner schools until September 2016. This means that Olives and Precious Visions can continue their school feeding program and pay for staff salaries until, at least, then and hopefully well into the future.

Seychelles

Our projects in the Seychelles were very quiet during the course of 2015. Our weekly snorkelling and swimming trips carried on throughout the year, and are the highlight of the week for many. The highlight of the year was the annual Creole Christmas Day where we were able to spoil the children with fun, games, an amazing feast and a visit from Father Christmas!

Towards the end of the year we sent the remaining funds for the final stage of the instillation of the solar panels at the President's Village.

Zimbabwe

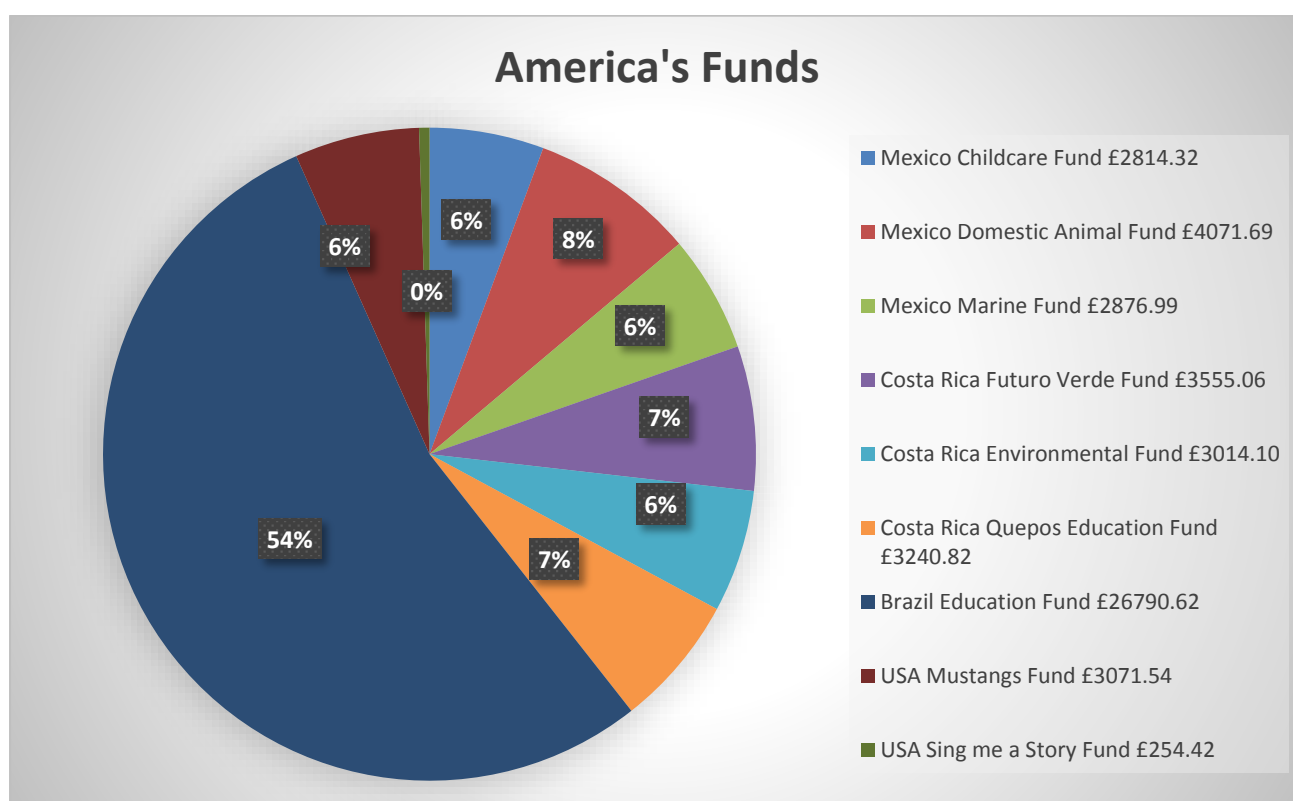
Zimbabwe is in the grips of the worst drought in many years. Our partners at Marula School have been through a hard year in terms of seeing student's concentration, attendance and in some instances, health, deteriorate due to lack of proper nutrition. We have been able to continue to sending funding to our partners. This ensures that the students are provided with a meal of pap, a traditional ground maize porridge dish, with a tomato salsa every day.



THE AMERICA'S



We have 9 different projects and partners in South, Central and North America.



Mexico

Community

The GVI Charitable Trust supports 3 partners in our community work in Playa del Carmen, Save the Children (*Ludoteca*, or Toy Libraries), the Integral Care Centre and Coco's Animal Rescue.

This year we have been able to contribute the following to these 3 partners,

- ✓ 2 digital cameras for the *Ludoteca*
- ✓ Drinking water and a much needed doorbell for *Ludoteca*
- ✓ A MIC-KEY button, a specialized device for enteral feeding for one of the children at the Integral Care Centre
- ✓ 6 months of dog therapy for all of the children who attend the Integral Care Centre
- ✓ 30 Chairs, and paint to decorate them, for the *Ludoteca*.
- ✓ Breakfast and lunch food for 40 children that participated in a summer course run by GVI
- ✓ Rental of tarps to provide shade for the children attending the outdoor summer school



- ✓ Sponsorship of the complete construction of a room in the new Coco's Animal Welfare clinic.

Marine

Our marine research project located at Pez Maya supports local NGOs with additional funds that are desperately needed to help them perform their jobs more effectively.

During 2015 we contributed the following,

- ✓ A GoPro camera to help document underwater surveys
- ✓ 2 new laptops for recording and storing data
- ✓ Renewed dive insurance for research divers
- ✓ Underwater paper for recording and taking notes while diving

Costa Rica

Community

The community projects that we support in Costa Rica both focus on offering extra opportunities for access to education for children. Our biggest project in 2015 was in the community of Roncador. GVI has been working with the Roncador Primary School for over a year as part of their community development and teaching program. There was an obvious need identified and that was that the school desperately needed upgrading. The cafeteria was sharing space with a classroom, the playground was overgrown and neglected and there simply wasn't enough space due to buildings being uninhabitable. This is what the team in Costa Rica did,

- ✓ Cleared out the over-grown and weed-ridden back section
- ✓ Removed a blister-creating concrete fence
- ✓ Levelled and re-floored the outdoor area to make it safer and more child-friendly
- ✓ Put in a swing set for the students
- ✓ Washed and painted classroom interior and exterior walls
- ✓ Repaired the roof, riddled by termites in the GVI English classroom
- ✓ Re-plastered and painted the classroom walls
- ✓ Cleaned, repaired and organised the new cafeteria building
- ✓ Draining ditch was dug to prevent flooding

Conservation

On the opposite side of Costa Rica, GVI runs a conservation base in Tortuguero National Park. The project is primarily a research station that monitors species sightings and biodiversity, mainly focusing on turtles, jaguars, canal birds and spider monkeys. The park is a hot-spot for



poaching, and, as a result funds are allocated to the park rangers who are employed by the Ministry of Environment and Energy to patrol the park. Typically funds are used to

- ✓ Increase the number of rangers on duty, especially during turtle nesting season
- ✓ Assist the rangers with purchases such as fuel and food rations
- ✓ Providing research equipment to the rangers so that they may gather data

Brazil

We have been in partnership with Grandmother Clara's Dream Educational Community Crèche based in the slum of Mata Escura in Salvador since 2010. This project is of vital importance in the community that is rife with violence, drugs and poor facilities. During the course of the year we have been able to support the school by,

- ✓ Covering the salary of the school teacher for the whole year
- ✓ Covering the yearly wages for the school cook
- ✓ Covering the salary for the school assistant
- ✓ Providing every student with a piece of fruit and a meal every day. On average we have 50 students each month attending
- ✓ Paying for repairs of the building and replacements of everything needed
- ✓ Providing a safe haven for 50 children every month to come and learn, play and eat.

USA

MUSTANGS

The Wild Horse Rescue Centre (WHRC) based in Florida is working to rescue, protect, rehabilitate and re-home abused and neglected mustangs, horses and mules.

This year the WHRC has:

Brought to their rescue centre,

- | | |
|------------------|----------|
| ✓ 16 mustangs | ✓ 4 dogs |
| ✓ 7 wild donkeys | ✓ 2 pigs |
| ✓ 1 mini-mule | |

This meant that they had a record number of animals living on their property,

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|-------------|-----------|
| ✓ 49 horses | ✓ 16 dogs |
| ✓ 9 donkeys | ✓ 3 pigs |
| ✓ 1 mule | |

And a waiting list for another 10 horses trying to come in.



The WHRC was also able to adopt out into new, loving and stable homes,

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|-------------|----------|
| ✓ 12 horses | ✓ 4 dogs |
| ✓ 7 donkeys | ✓ 1 pig |

It was a busy year indeed and not without its challenges. One of the biggest challenges the centre faced in 2015 was trying to create a sanctuary for some of the animals who cannot be adopted. This is usually due to the animal having experienced severe trauma and/ or being too old. There are currently 14 animals that fit into that profile.

The team at WHRC has been working on this and during the course of 2015 we have

- ✓ Cleared out some trees, dug a pond and drainage ditches to make more space
- ✓ Erected fences
- ✓ Finished off the barn to make more work space
- ✓ Created 2 sets of pens for working and gentling the wild horses

SING ME A STORY

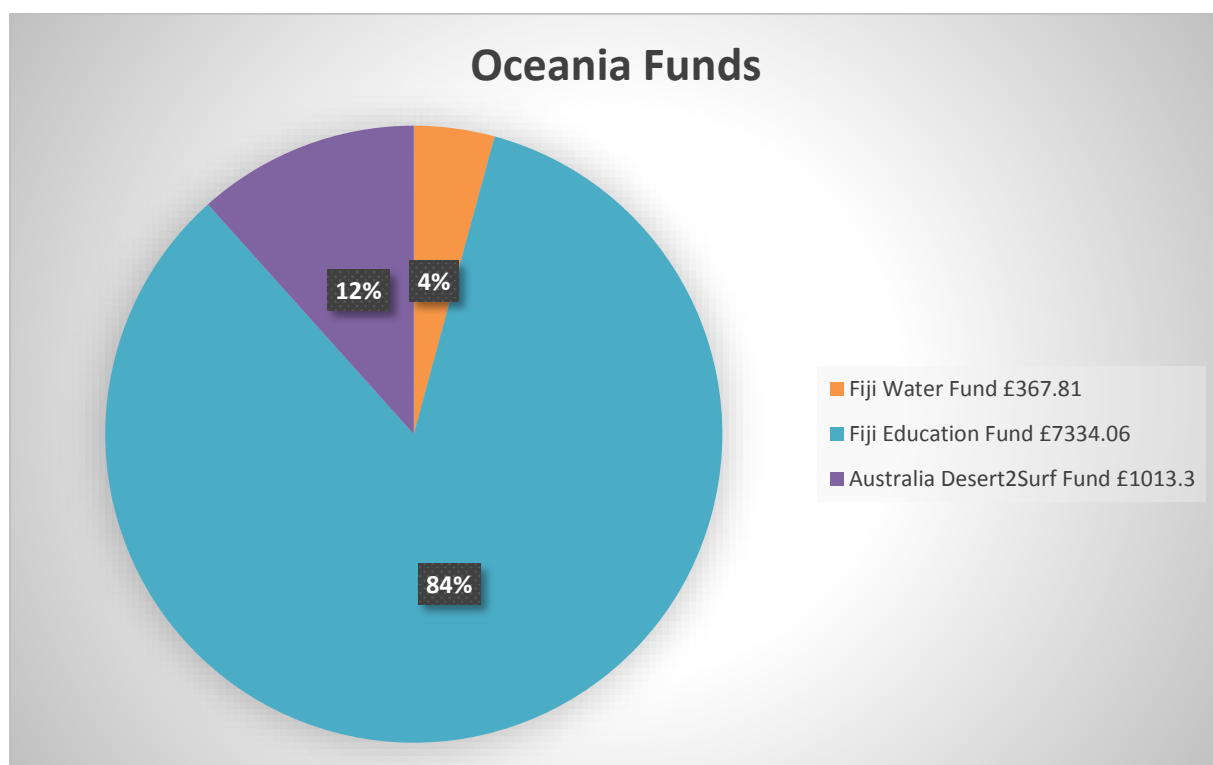
The Sing Me a Story Foundation (SMAS) is another US partner that we support with fundraising. Towards the end of 2015 we have started exploring how SMAS and GVI can further partner up in the new year to bring the therapeutic power of stories and songs to children that GVI works with. We are excited to announce that in 2016 GVI Costa Rica and SMAS will be teaming up in the community of El Cocal.



OCEANIA



We currently support projects in Fiji and Australia in the Oceania region.



Fiji

Our projects in Fiji have really gone from strength to strength during the course of 2015.

In the first half of the year we welcomed the Stelly's school group to Fiji. During their time on base they worked on four projects in the Dawasamu District. The impact that they had was huge- 2 primary schools, 1 secondary school, 1 village and over 400 people benefited.

The work that Stelly's School and GVI carried out achieved the following:

- ✓ Improved sanitation and hygiene for 195 secondary school students through the provision of waterless composting toilets
- ✓ Added a collection system so that 5,200 litres of water can be safely stored for drinking
- ✓ Ensured a safe and consistent source for drinking water for the 175 people of Silana Village
- ✓ Improved the classroom environment for 195 secondary school students and 58 kindergarten students
- ✓ Promoted early childhood development and learning through play by creating outdoor play areas for 58 kindergarten students.



The second half of the year saw us adding electricity to the library. The library has been an amazing space since its inception in 2014 and we have really seen the literacy project take off. By adding electricity points and lights we are now able to work in the library, with the Fijian teachers, after school hours.

This helps us develop an environment that is entirely collaborative, which is essential. We are now able to conduct research, create resources and share expertise together. More than that, we are also able to host workshops for adult education, community health talks and women's empowerment after hours.

Our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiative in the schools have been going tremendously well throughout the year. Tippy Taps have been installed in all the school and extensive lessons have been given about the importance of good hygiene and hand washing.

Australia

Our partners in Australia, Desert2Surf carried on their work with marginalised communities in rural Australia.

In July of 2015 a team of volunteers travelled to the Northern territory to host three separate Stand Up and Lead sessions in three different communities. We had a great turn out and all of the youngsters had great days out on the water, learning how to paddle, having fun and being encouraged to engage in positive physical activity.

These trips serve to find candidates for the end of year Trip South which is held in November of each year. For the first time in seven years, the Desert2Surf team had to make the tough call to postpone the trip. The reason for the last minute postponement was because the trip leader had a scheduling conflict with work and study commitments. Once our designated leader was unable to attend, the younger participants were left without a leader, and were unable to travel.

The Desert2Surf team has managed to see the silver lining in this situation:

"Once the disappointment of postponing Trip South 2015 began to diminish, Desert2Surf personnel realised that having to postpone a trip because our leader had 'work/study' commitments is actually a cause for some celebration! One of Desert2Surf's aims is to skill up the youth with whom it works to be competitive in the job market and in seeking further education!"



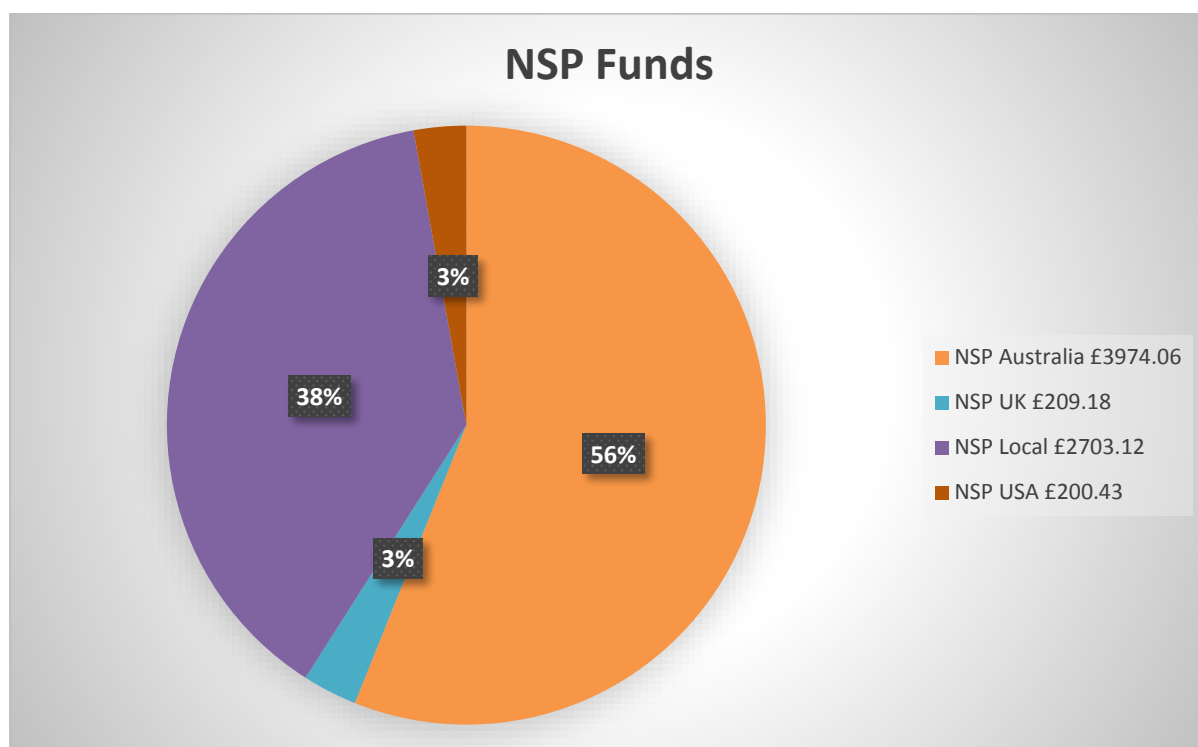


GLOBAL





National Scholarship Programs



Our National Scholarship Program saw a number of students being offered the opportunity to travel with GVI in 2015.

We had **5 Australian scholars join us in Asia**. This is in conjunction with our partner, *The Foundation for Young Australians*. FYA offers the opportunity to deserving and motivated students from rural shires to travel to Asia to learn more about the countries, people and culture. We had students travelling to Thailand, Nepal and Fiji in 2015.

Tammy, who describes herself as always having a passion for social justice, the environment and community development travelled to Phang Nga in Thailand. This is what she had to say,

“This is a phenomenal opportunity to learn about another country in many ways, like their health and education system, culture and physical environment. I can bring back my experiences and share the things I have learnt, whilst also urging other young people to contribute within their community but also consider undertaking one of the many immersion opportunities offered to them.”

Over in the **UK we contributed toward 10 students** from Tyne Metropolitan College in the North East of England to travel to our Playa del Carmen hub in Mexico. They were responsible for fundraising for part of their program fees and the trust donated £250 to each student.

This is what the trip leader had to say after they got home,



“The positive impact for our learners participating in our overseas trip last year has been considerable. Our students grow and develop in many significant ways and return home with both unforgettable personal experiences and a great sense of pride from contributing to the welfare of others. This, in turn, boosts their own sense of well-being, self-confidence and self-esteem and has without doubt, led to many of our learners, feeling less daunted and more able to face future challenges with regards to prospective employment or applying to study at higher-education.”

This year, **GVI has contributed numerous spots to local people to join the National Scholarship Programs** in the locations where they work.

This year we had scholars who joined our projects in Mexico, Seychelles, Fiji, Thailand and Laos. The NSP is offered:

- An all-expenses paid 1- 6 month internship, depending on the candidate
- Leadership training
- A chance to learn the skills that are offered at that particular base (for example, a diving qualification and scientific research skills on our marine bases.)
- Interaction and learning from GVI staff and volunteers, who come from all over the world
- A chance to improve their English (depending on location)

The scholar is expected to:

- Stay on the project base as a volunteer intern for the agreed upon time
- Be involved in the day to day activities of the base
- Have a basic understanding of English
- Have a strong interest in the work of the project (for example, have an interest in pursuing a career in tourism, capacity building, community development, conservation, scientific research, or whatever the focus of the project is)

Here's what our GVI Fiji hub had to say about the program and the impact that it has on the participants' lives,

“Since 2013, GVI Fiji has provided opportunities to local candidates to join the Marine Conservation Expedition with the aim to further inspire and equip locals with the tools and skills required to reach their full potential in the fields of Marine Science and Conservation. Capacity building is a key focus of GVI's long- term objectives and the National Scholar Program allows students to gain the relevant training and practical field experience that is otherwise rarely available. In June 2015 GVI Fiji partnered with the University of the South Pacific (USP), to give high performing marine science undergraduates the opportunity to join the Marine Research Program for 4 to 12 weeks on Caqalai Island, in the Lomaiviti group.



As local marine scientists, the scholars are the future custodians of the reef and the skills gained on the program help build stronger environmental leaders, as well as enabling candidates to form a global network with like---minded participants from all over the world.”



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Trustee Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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