



#### **Dear Supporters, Friends and Family,**

2020 started off with lots of excitement and great ideas as we prepared to celebrate our 15th anniversary, however this was short lived with the unknown global pandemic around the corner.

In March 2020 the board of trustees and management team had to act quickly and respond to the unknown pressures of COVID-19. Most of our work and projects live day to day while transitioning into a sustainable long term project and overnight with global lockdowns being enforced we began emergency management like never before.

Our team had to make some very tough choices like most other charities and businesses but I am delighted that although we have had to take a step back on some of our work every single project we run around the world survived the year of crisis.

As a charity our team worked hard to ensure we provided emergency support which included funding PPE, food parcels and setting up a free emergency domestic abuse hotline as we found increased abuse due to lockdowns and loss of employment. Although a challenging time all our team became much closer and although having to support more from home WhatsApp, Skype and many other digital platforms became our friend to keep us moving forward.

At the start of 2020 I was able to visit our newly launched projects around a very amazing aboriginal community and although it's been a testing start for this project we have managed to help them through the pandemic and I am excited to see how this project will grow post COVID. As CEO I remained in Cape Town, South Africa through lockdown to ensure we could provide more support to the projects and working in our industry I was able to go out into local townships to see how local community members pulled together. We launched a campaign for the unsung heroes through social media, this was such an amazing part of the year for us as we got to meet some incredibly selfless and amazing people. A few to note was the head-teacher in London going to other schools and helping deliver food parcels to those students that are living in poverty. Then we had the founder of a township school, Tyler, who worked non-stop to keep the school running and the families safe through a very long lockdown in South Africa. This is only two of so many amazing people that I have had the pleasure of meeting or hearing about.

In September we turned 15 and although it was scaled down, we still made an exciting announcement through social media as we decided to change our name to Action Change! This comes as we grow as an independent charity and we feel this name really does showcase who we are and what we are about, our mission, impact and projects all remain the same but it is a new era for us that we are very excited about.

It's certainly been a challenging year and our spending has been much higher than anticipated as well as income slightly affected by the pandemic, we are expecting 2021 to be similar but we are confident that we will survive and focus on 2022 when we hope the world has found a solution for us to live with this terrible virus.

We wish everyone well and hope you have all stayed safe through this unprecedented year and we thank you for all your support.

All the best,

T. Rowell

Tyrone J Bennett FCMI CMgr CEO / President





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### **About Us**

Action Change (formally GVI Trust) was established in 2005 from the request of alumni that volunteered with Global Vision International. As an independent charity we fundraise and support communities and conservation projects across the world to tackle global issues. 2020 brought about our 15-year anniversary as well as a name change to become Action Change! Our vision and mission remain the same and after working with our team to combat the effects of the year we are excited see what the future holds.

### Our Team

Tyrone Bennett - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shayle Havemann - Chief Operating Officer (COO) Heidi King - Chair of Board of Trustees Phil Day - General Trustee Abigail Hine - General Trustee

#### **Staff Team**

Tilda Christensson - Head of Project Development (Africa)
Carly Kruyer - Donor and Fundraising Manager
Daniel Sitarenios - Partner Operations and Communications Manager
Chelsea Geach - Fundraising & Operations Intern
Ashley Bradley - Creative Consultant (Brand and Design)
Jason New - SEO and Technical Expert

#### **Staff Team**

Replacement: Fundraising and Operations Intern Chelsea Geach was successfully appointed in August 2020

End of Contract: Head of Project Development (Africa)
Tilda Christensson stepped down from her role on 30th October 2020

End of Contract: Fundraising & Donor Relations Manager Carly Kruyer stepped down in October 2021

End of Contract: Operations Manager
Daniel Sitarenios stepped down from the role in September 2020

## Where we worked in 2020



## Impact in

#### 800 food parcels

provided to families affected by COVID

900 meals provided to school children and their families across all projects daily for 2 months

3 hospitals supported, providing PPE and oxygen supplies to help fight COVID

400 reusable menstrual hygiene packs distributed to girls in rural areas across the world

#### **5** communities

were equipped with masks, sanitizers and temperature checkpoints to allow them to continue working safely

## 47 community workers were trained

in appropriate first aid response as well as training in COVID-19 response and prevention

1 vermi-aquaponics system was set-up in Zimbabwe

## 50 individuals were provided with training and skills development

in their relevant fields, or general education, in order to increase employment opportunities

## We set-up and funded the WIFI for 3 projects

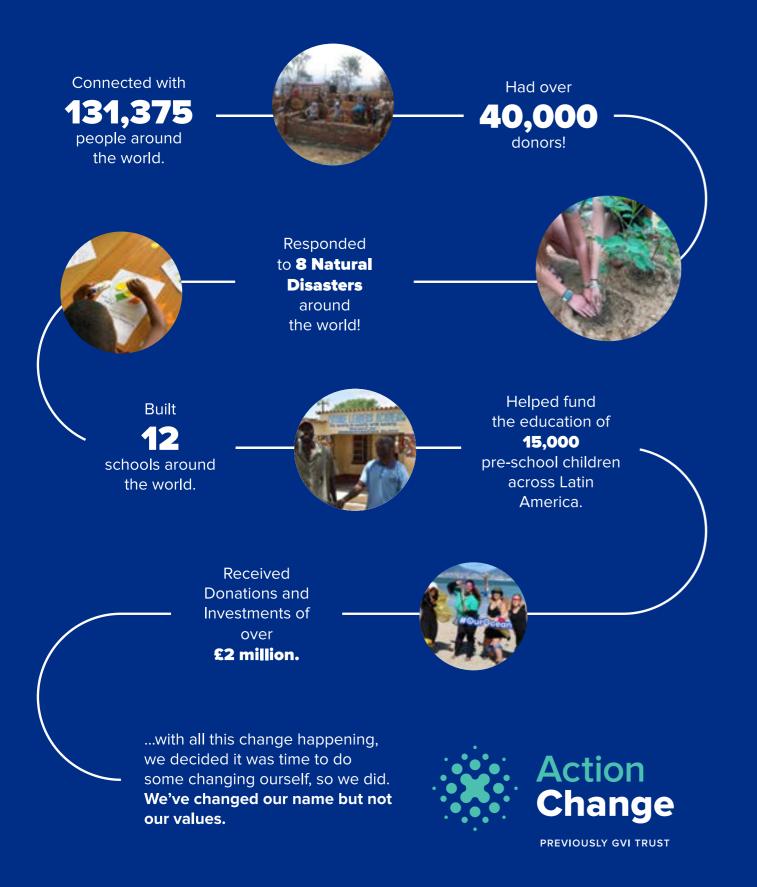
so that they could work online and reduce the effects of the lockdowns on their work

## 6 locals were provided salaries and training

so that some of our projects that were most affected by lockdown could continue their work without relying on workers from around the world

**5,500 GBP** was invested across our projects to assist equip them with PPE materials

## In the past 15 years we have...







project updates

# Health & Wellbeing

#### Ghana

- Prior to COVID-19 we trained 32 teachers across 4 schools trained in best-practice sanitation planning
  and children's first aid, which will ensure that approximately 1,000 under 10 year old students are
  supervised by staff who are trained in ensuring sanitation and hygiene so that illness/injury can be
  quickly identified.
- Once the pandemic hit the communities realised their training wasn't sufficient so a further 4 teachers
  (from 4 schools) and 2 police officers were trained in COVID emergency response and each school
  was equipped with adequate first aid and PPE kits to respond to calls. These kits are used by the police
  officers and teachers to respond to any illness in the schools or the surrounding communities.

#### **Zimbabwe**

- Our women's empowerment team in Zimbabwe set up an emergency phone line which was used by
  women who were suffering from domestic violence or abuse to reach out and receive help. This free
  phone line funded by us ran for 6 months and through it we were able to support 10 women to leave
  violent homes and provide them with rehabilitation and counselling after they had left.
- We funded approximately 300 menstrual kits containing reusable menstrual hygiene products to 300 girls from rural villages in Zimbabwe. These reusable products provide them with menstrual hygiene item for years to come, decreasing the amount of time missing school due to stigma or lack of adequate hygiene products.
- Feeding schemes were implemented across multiple projects for example: 20 girls and their families
  from our STEM project were provided with food support for 4 months as well as for our 40 girls and
  their families from our child marriages project. Aside from this a further 200 parcels per month were
  distributed across the rural communities we work in to provide support during COVID.

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- We installed a water pipeline to provide access to fresh water for 13 villages in Fiji which will directly
  improve the lives of around 1,125 community members. This pipeline allows these villages to have a
  fresh water source without solely relying on the rainwater harvesting tanks.
- Our healthcare project worked hard to increase the training and skills of 14 Community health workers
  who will assist the district nurse. 2 of these health workers also created COVID packs and flashcards
  which were used to educate and spread awareness (All whilst following COVID safe guidelines) around
  the pandemic and how to stay safe with good WASH practices to community members in over
  30 villages.



#### Peru

An emergency fund was set up in Peru to help fundraise for oxygen and PPE equipment to assist the
frontline staff at their local hospital. We were able to supply them with the resources and oxygen require
which allows the hospital to efficiently help their surrounding community of 600-1000 members from
the Piuray micro basin in Cusco, Peru

#### India

For our rehabilitation project in India, we were able to fund a physiotherapist for the full year to help the children who need it as well as fundraising and paying for the necessary equipment needed to continue efficient physiotherapy sessions for children at the school.

#### Nepal

• We continued supporting 3 schools and 1,031 female students to access adequate sanitation and hygiene services through the installation of solar pumps at the school.

#### Emergency COVID fund (Global)

- Sent PPE materials to a safe house in South Africa so staff would be equipped
- Provided stipends to 5 homeless people on our re-entry to employment course that was unable to work due to COVID restrictions. We provided a hospital in South Africa with 100 PPE K95 approved masks for frontline staff, plus a further 400 fabric masks made by our Women Empowerment program.
- The counselling room for our project in Cambodia was renovated to allow increased number of people to receive help and to allow adequate support for mental health issue during the pandemic.
- A number of feeding projects were started across South Africa and Latin America to support families who were suffering or lost their jobs.

## Education & Enterprise

Due to lockdowns being implemented in most countries, our schools suffered and had to shut their doors. We worked hard to continue providing support to all our projects and this mainly involved the upkeep of the schools and putting COVID regulations and the necessary precautions in place to ensure each child remained safe once they returned to school.

#### Laos

- Funded the salary of two local interns, one woman and one man from the local community who provide support and training to increase the number of teachers in the area.
- Provided learning material and study books to 8 children and this supported their studies and helped
- Funded scholarships for 13 students to attend schooling.
- We were also able to fund 2 women in Laos to go study in China.

#### Zimbabwe

- Funded teacher training for 11 teachers in Zimbabwe who were trained in COVID care and how to use books properly when teaching.
- Assisted 20 girls and their families from our STEM project with food parcels during the pandemic. These



#### South Africa

- All loans that were provided to local entrepreneurs were converted to grants. This allowed these individuals to continue their work without the stress of having to pay back their loan, one of the local entrepreneurs continued to employ all 18 staff members throughout the pandemic due to these grants.
- Funded scholarships for 2 South African students to take part in an online sustainable development course, and after graduating, one of the interns started working for Action Change as part of our partnerships and relationships team.
- Our women's empowerment project was started towards the end of 2020, which aims to provide IT, sewing and catering lessons to women from the community in South Africa. These skills provide income opportunities.
- We supported a feeding scheme to feed 500 children per day in an informal settlement in South Africa while the schools were closed.

#### International

We assisted 6 international ambassadors to join a virtual sustainable development internship for 4 weeks that was accredited and included a certification from the University of Columbia.

## Environmental conservation

#### Thailand

- We have provided the turtles at our base in Thailand with extra portions of nutrient-packed vegetables. There has also been a new tank for the turtles installed at the Navy base, which we are working to protect from pine needles that are blowing into the tanks.
- Due to COVID, the navy base was closed to visitors but, this has meant that we have seen the highest number of turtles return to the beaches to lay their eggs. 11 Leatherback turtles nested this is the highest number for over 20 years!
- At our elephant rescue project, our baby elephant Lah Lah was seen learning how to feed herself for the first time at the beginning of the year. Since the collapse of tourism more elephants and their owners returned to the villages. Lost incomes we needed to help support these Elephants but it does offer a great opportunity for educating owners on alternative income options to the current unethical tourism trade.
- With so much support for Asian Elephants we have started working with another project in Sri Lanka.

#### Nepal

• Postponed the building of solar power system, which will help provide rural communities with reusable energy. This is now due to be completed in October 2021.

#### Mexico

- Helping in the lab to maintain 500 coral heads from 12 different species. Collected 180kg of debris fron weekly beach cleans.
- Began emergency response to Hurricane Delta. Unfortunately, this restoration project is planned to take over 10 years to complete following the hurricane.

#### Costa Rica

- Collected over 136kg of trash from the beaches, installed over 50 sign posts and installed 4 camera traps in preparation for the beginning of jaguar and turtle nesting season.
- We also began daily turtle monitoring to try and tackle the increasing rates of poaching since COVID

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- We trained 22 volunteers and conducted 53 surveys of the reefs around Caqali, these surveys are vital to monitoring and managing the waste build up around the island and coral reefs. We also 18 dives against debris and 8 beach cleans, a total of 65.1kg of waste was collected from these activities.
- Our overfishing project set up 14 sites for long-term monitoring surveys.



#### **Africa**

• In the beginning of 2020, we set up and installed a vermi-aquaponics system at a school in rural Zimbabwe. This uses only 10% of the water normally used to produce vegetables and will provide the school with food for lunches for the children and staff who work there. We also trained 15 students and 3 teachers in climate-friendly agricultural methods so that the system can be looked after and similar projects can be pushed out to surrounding areas.

#### **Seychelles**

- We launched our marine scholars' program and trained 17 rangers in Emergency First Response (EFR):
   2 rangers gained their beginners diving qualifications and their PADI open water course, 8 rangers completed their dive refresher training and 3 rangers moved on to complete their reef fish identification and surveys technique course.
- Our reforestation project has moved focus from Seychelles to global, however, in 2020 we were able
  to maintain our nurseries and plant hardening areas as well as participate in mangrove plating sessions
  in Seychelles.

#### South Africa

- We installed and funded the WIFI at our rhino and Big 5 project so that clear connections could be
  established between the base and our anti-poaching units. We saw a huge rise in poaching when the
  lockdowns were imposed, which meant a rise in our patrols.
- We also revamped and serviced our anti-poaching vehicle and 4 quad bikes to increase their efficiency.
- 5 new camera traps were installed at the reserve.
- Our turtle rescue project had a huge year, with one of our turtles going through a massive rehabilitation
  effort once he was found washed up on our local coastline. Bob the turtle was treated for meningitis
  as well as having his stomach cleared of an incredible amount of microplastics! We are pleased to
  announce he is living out his days happily at the aquarium and will be released, hopefully, within the
  next year!
- Our conservation outreach program was put on hold due to lockdowns; however, we were still able to provide drives to 16 learners prior to COVID-19.

# Community development

#### Laos

• We funded the salary of two local interns, who are training in TEFL English teaching, lesson planning and other skills. By increasing the skill level of a number of these interns it provides them with increased employment opportunities and contributes to their income.

#### Cambodia

- We renovated a counselling room to provide mental health classes and counselling to the surrounding communities during lockdown.
- Purchased 3 laptops to be used by students for classes, studying or to use for CV creation and job opportunities.

#### Thailand

- We set up a checkpoint to check everyone's temperature as they enter the village, and have started trialling new venues in the community for health checks and support.
- We also funded the salaries for two staff members to continue to run the elephant conservation project in Thailand, as no international volunteer or staff could be there during COVID.

#### Nepal

- Vaccinated 702 dogs against rabies, in the first month of 2020 alone
- Construction began on a new, larger and more equipped site for the vets in Nepal to work from. This site includes, new, large kennels so that injured animals can stay for adequate rehabilitation until they are able to return home.
- In response to COVID, the team in Nepal switched to video outreach to help local community members triage and provide treatment remotely. They have also begun leaving food out for the community animals, who rely on scraps that are left outside of business which have had to close during the pandemic.
- For our community project in Nepal, donations have enabled the rental of a space in the community where women can go for English lessons, arts and crafts and healthcare workshops
- In response to COVID we worked with a local partner to provide over 150 families with basic food supplies for a month. We have also created educational packs for children who have been out of school for extended periods of time



#### Peru

- Opened English classes for children for the first time
- Sent funds to a local school in the community of Simatauca, which was used to buy mesh so students could build greenhouses at home during quarantine and continue to learn about native plants

#### Brazil

- Despite lockdown, our school cooks have continued to cook meals to give to the students and their families. We have also put together food and essentials parcels for families to take home.
- In response to COVID, the projects here have tried to support the community in any way they can. They have offered childcare and lessons to those children whose parents have returned to work.

#### Mexico

- Carried out 1,876 sterilisation surgeries for stray cats and dogs to avoid unwanted pregnancies and male neuters to avoid abandonment due to behavioural problems. Helped 332 dogs and 361 cats and their humans with the Rescuer Support Program and gave urgent medical attention to 603 animals
- Sponsored 12 months of internet service at the children's centre, and looking to further provide a zoom membership here.

#### Costa Rica

- Our Teaching English Project was able to move to a different, safer location which lead to a 50% increase in the number of people attending the classes
- Purchased more than 450 health snacks for children in the community
- In October, we were able to get back to work with the community. We began our free, weekly workshops ranging from health care to support for the community.
- Sent school supplies to our local primary school. These were printed supplies, so that students could continue their studies at home during lockdown.

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- We began constructing a school kitchen garden in Fiji by turning over the ground, removing the weeds and getting ready to start planting the seeds and seedlings in the garden. Whilst this was happening, the mother's group, who provides the meals for the students, have been busy getting the canteen ready for the students to use and to start serving lunch.
- Sent funds for 4 community members to attend a basic nursery management course.
- Our project in Fiji is working on waste management in the community. They have set up 24 recycling
  points, the waste from these points is collected and taken directly to the recycling centre in Suva. We
  are also working with the community on education and empowerment, so the community is invested in
  our waste management, to make it sustainable.

#### USA

- The Wild Horse Rescue centre celebrated one year at their new property with an open house, where they showcased all the good work that is done there.
- A new portable building was purchased, to be used as an education centre where visitors can learn about wild horses and what work is done at the centre.

#### Zimbabwe

- Installed a new kitchen for out three cooks who cook lunch for more than 270 students each day. Previously they were using huge pots, in seriously unhygienic conditions, but now they have a brick-built kitchen with corrugated iron roof, open on all sides, with a door to keep the goats out. Donations have also meant that the pantry was full of supplies
- In response to COVID and local lockdowns, we worked with partners to distribute food parcels to families in the community. Through generous donations, we were able to feed 280 people daily for two months through the pandemic lockdown
- We sponsored 13 women who were victims of child marriages with cosmetology training that should help them to become financially independent.
- Provided food for the families of 40 girls in rural Zimbabwe, to help protect them from child marriages. A lot of child marriages happen because of financial pressures, providing families with food helps to ease this pressure.
- Assisted 9 children in receiving identification as many orphans in Zimbabwe are living without birth certificates.

#### South Africa

- Our schools were hard hit by the lockdowns in South Africa and we majority of our efforts were focused on PPE materials and revamping the local school to become safer and equipped for when the children returned.
- We provided over 300 meals and packs to families of the children at our school in Cape Town as well as over 500 daily meals to the children in Nomzamo.
- Our women's empowerment project got up and running again and they started their sewing classes with 3 machines donated by our charity.
- On top of the maintenance and support provided to all our school during COVID, we were also able to fund new sports equipment for our township school in Nomzamo to allow them to implement sports education.

#### Kenya

- We received a donation of a water desalination plant, so we now have enough fresh water for the school
- The washrooms in the school have also been upgraded and are now more child friendly
- 5 children within the community received full sponsorship of their secondary school fees
- We provided families at home with food, whilst the school were closed due to COVID. Families were also provided with masks and sanitizers.
- Our school in Kenya welcomed 74 chickens in the grounds, which provide the community with eggs!

### 2020 Overview

We raised a total of: **£170, 939.11** We spent a total of: **£254, 588.95** 

We started off 2020 looking forward to celebrating our 15 year anniversary and the impact we have had during those years, however, things did take a bit of turn when the pandemic hit and we had to move our focus onto providing emergency relief as well as ongoing support to our partners around the world so that their projects could survive. Although it was a difficult year, we are incredibly happy that we were able to continue supporting all our projects through this time and we look forward to being able to build up these projects over the next few years.

Without our supporters around the world, we wouldn't have been able to make the impact that we did so we want to say a huge thank you to everyone and we look forward to continuing our journey and mission, with you in 2021!





### Structure and Governance

Action Change is an independent registered charity in the United Kingdom, number 1111494. In 2019 the former partnership between Global Vision International as a UK Registered company and Action Change concluded (previously known as GVI Trust).

Our Board of Trustees governs Action Change and is responsible for determining the policies, strategic direction and ensuring non conflict of interest arises between Action Change and any partner. The board meets quarterly to review the group's activities and to track progress towards strategic targets and delegates day-to-day running of the charity to a senior management team. The members of the Board are shown on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

In 2020 we had no changes to the board of Trustees. Heidi King by vote in 2018 was appointed as Chair for the Board of Trustees and remained in post throughout 2020. Our current Trustee board at the end of 2020 includes Heidi King (Chair), Abigail Hine and Phil Day. The chair of the board oversees all Trustee recruitment, with induction, orientation and training support provided by charity staff. The induction procedure aims to provide new Trustees with the information on their duties and obligations necessary to be effective within the governing body. Action Change voted for a need for independence of the charity in 2018 and this transition is now fully concluded with our new name and identity. This means the board have removed or established a clear timeline to remove any conflict of interest, shared resources with GVI Ltd. The Board of Trustees is consulted quarterly in the development of the charity's annual operating plan. Staff remuneration follows a banding structure that is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in implementing current and planning future activities. The Trustees have considered this matter and concluded:

- That the aims of the organisation continue to be charitable;
- That the aims and the work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay; and
- That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

Action Change is a registered charity with the UK Charities Commission. We do not accept unsolicited requests for money. Funding is only awarded to project partners or approved individual scholarships that have been agreed through consultation and follows our funding policy.

## **Funding Policy**

Action Change Trustees developed the current Funding Policy to include further safeguarding and protection of donated funds. In 2020 the following policy was reviewed and not amended:

#### The Action Change will:

- Ensure equality and opportunities are open to everyone globally.
- Fund community projects that support personal development and growth along with awareness of global issues
- Fund Empowerment and sustainable business
- Fund Awareness and research of International conservation protection
- Provide Funding for aspiring individuals to become global ambassadors for awareness
- Action Change holds all funding in its accounts until such a time as our project staff and/or partners request the funding for their activities.
- When a partner requests funds, they must follow these steps
  - · Complete an online Fund Request form. This form is readily available to all affected parties.
  - Once submitted the charity team will review the request and act accordingly.
- Considerations that are taken into account before releasing funds
  - Does the request match the stated objectives of the project?
  - Does the request fall within our responsible giving policy?
  - · Does the request, in any way, infringe on our Deeds?
  - · Are there sufficient funds in the account?
- Has the person making the request given enough specific information on how they will be using the funds?
- What is the time frame of the project?
- · Depending on the amount requested, the following authorisation must be obtained

#### Funds that meet the requirements of the project objective and aims:

- £0 £1,000 can be authorised by the charity admin team and processed within 7 working days of the request. Please allow for additional time for international banking
- £1,000 £4,999 needs an additional sign off by a member of the operations team and can be processed within 7 working days
- £5,000 £25,000 needs sign off by the Chief Executive, Action Change within 14 working days
- £25,000 £50,000 needs sign off by our Chief Executive, Action Change and Two Trustees within 28 days
- £50,000 + needs to be sign-off as part of a Trustee Board Meeting and should allow 45 days.

#### **Fund Tracking**

All funds where possible are transferred to a prepaid Mastercard or in country partner bank account. For one off invoice or costs the charity might make a BACs transfer directly to the supplier as per the instructions on the invoice. All cards are tracked by the Trust team and field staff are requested to complete a monthly tracking through the credit card online portal by the 5th of the following month so these expenses can be accounted for and checked against the original request. Anyone failing to meet the deadline must apply for an extension to complete the online transaction annotation by writing to the Chief Executive. The charity will put a suspension on any card that does not meet the above deadline. It will take up to 14 days to reactivate a card once the transactions are accounted for.

#### **Unrestricted Funding Use**

- Unrestricted funds are defined as funds that have been donated with no specific instruction and/ or the donor has given their permission to allow us to use funds at our discretion
- Unrestricted funds also refer to Gift Aid that the charity receives
- Unrestricted funds are allocated to GR codes.
- Unrestricted funds can be used for the following
- Payment of The Action Change's staff salary
- Purchase of any hardware or software that Action Change might need to run their operations
- Banking costs
- Annual auditing costs and;
- · Fundraising activities.

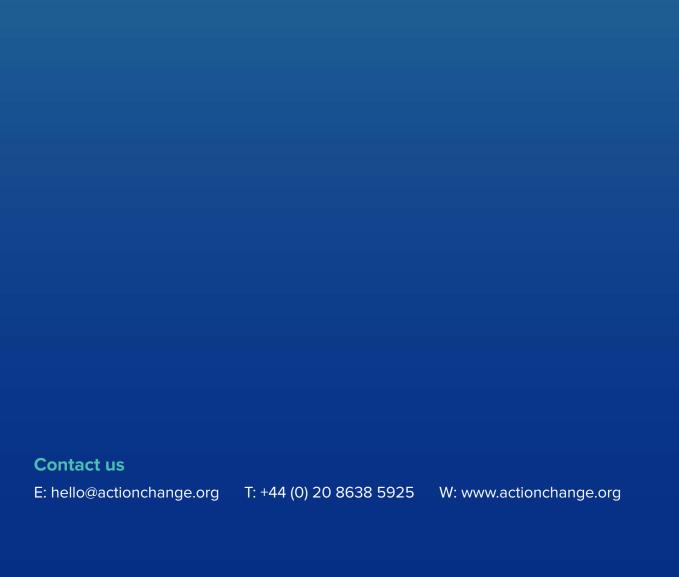
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The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed for and on behalf of the Action Change Charity trustees by Heidi King.

Name: Heidi King

Signature: Higher 2021

Date: 15 October 2021



#### GLOBAL VISION INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **GLOBAL VISION INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity as set out in the Trust Deed are, in any part of the world:

- 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 charity is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2005 that partners with local organisations on an array of projects around the world. Working with local partners places the power in local hands and fosters participation. Through these partnerships, the charity aims to improve facilities, provide resources, protect environments and fund education and training opportunities.

The charity does not accept unsolicited requests for money. Funding is only given after consultation with local communities, organisations and other stakeholders ensuring that there are long term plans in place and ascertaining the sustainability of each project.

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

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

#### Achievements and performance

The charity has successfully embarked on a journey to build the foundations and independence in 2020 whilst ensuring that it continues to support and work with all of its global projects.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

In 2019, the trustees identified and refined its projects to fit into four focus areas:

- · Education and Enterprise;
- Health & Wellbeing;
- · Conservation;
- · Community Development.

These four focus areas are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the charity has begun to work with all of its projects to ensure that they focus on a minimum of two goals and that there is clear and robust impact measuring in place. The trustees believe that in order to tackle the seventeen UN goals, it is necessary to work closely in partnership to allow projects to become self-sustainable, owned and developed by community members.

With the support of new trustees and external consultants, the charity has now created a robust operations team, project impact measuring systems and enhanced the governing and legal structure.

The charity continued to support 60 projects globally.

A more detailed review of projects and work undertaken is available in the charity's Report online at https://gvi.org/our-story/our-reports/

Financial review

Total income received during the year was £255,650 (2019 - £170,939). Included within this income were restricted funds of £80,350. During the reporting period, direct charitable expenditure amounted to £95,938 (2019 - £146,137).

General reserves at 31st December 2020 amounted to £77,370 (2019 - £45,462) which is the equivalent of approximately four months total operating costs. Restricted fund balances at the year end were £24,972 and total funds held by the charity were therefore £24,972 (2019 - £117,659)

The trustees have established a general reserves policy to ensure that the charity can maximise the programme impact for beneficiaries and maximise the value of net income. General reserves provide some protection to the organisation and charitable programme and provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. This limits the risk to the programme in the event of a downturn in some of the charity's various sources of income or an unexpected need for additional expenditure.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to fulfil its immediate obligations. GVI-CT continues to seek to control expenditure where possible without jeopardising the charity's ability to fulfil its aims and objectives.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### Structure, governance and management

Global Vision International Charitable Trust (The GVI Trust or GVI-CT) is a charitable trust constituted and governed by trust deed executed on 14th March 2005, amended in 2017.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of approving the Report were:

P Day (Appointed 20 June 2018)

A Hine

H King

The GVI-CT Trust Deeds were updated in 2017, including a move away from three life-time trustees to a Board of three to eight elected trustees who must serve a 3 to 6 year term.

Following this amendment, Jennifer Walton stepped down and Heidi King joined as Marketing and Communications Trustee together with Abigail Hine who joined as a General Trustee.

New trustees are supplied with appropriate information to enable them to fulfil their duties and, where necessary, attend independently organised training courses.

Whilst the trustees remain responsible for the operations of the charity, the day to day management is delegated to an administrator. this role was undertaken by Chelsea Geach and Daniel Sitarenois during the year. Daniel Sitarenois took over the administrator roll in full from June 2019 as Chelsea Geach was promoted to new Roll in the Gloval Vision International Charitable Trust.

#### **H King**

Trustee

Dated: 28 October 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOBAL VISION INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Global Vision International Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Garnett Oosthuizen on behalf of C Knox Accounting Services CC (MTP) SA P O Box 15764 Vlaeberg Cape Town, 8018 South Africa

Dated: 28 October 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Income from:	Notes	r	r	r	r
Donations and legacies	2	16 425	96 709	113 134	170 939
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	0	0	0	3 625
Charitable activities	4	63 925	78 590	142 515	250 964
		80 350	172 174	255 649	254 589
Net (outgoing)Incoming resources					
before transfers		-64 988	4 457	-60 531	-83 650
Gross transfers between funds		0_	0	0	0
Net Income/(expenditure) for the					
year/Net movement in funds		-64 988	4 457	-60 531	-83 650
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		77 370	24 972	102 342	237 621
Fund Balances at 31 DECEMBER 2020		12 382	29 429	41 811	153 971

The statement of financial activies includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All Income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		800		1 200
Current assets					
Debtors	9	71		77	
Cash at bank and on hand	_	102 342		162 168	
		102 413		162 245	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	10 _	-872		-800	
Net current assets			101 541		161 445
			102 341		162 645
Income Funds	4.4		04.070		4.47.400
Restricted funds	11		24 972		117 183
Unrestricted funds			77 370		45 462
			102 342		162 645

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28 October 2021 H King
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Charity information**

Global Vision International Charitable Trust is a a private trust registered in England and Wales. The address of the principal office is given in the reference and administrative information.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary a mounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

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

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Unless otherwise stipulated by a donor, a charge of 9% Marketing and Promotion of our projects, 9% Management and keeping the lights on and 1% legal and finance costs is transferred from each restricted project fund to the general reserve to account for the running costs of the charity.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

The costs of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting donations and legacies.

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

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of either an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff or upon usage of those activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers

20% per annum on a straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any ) .

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

#### Basic financial assets

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

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

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

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

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

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

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Donations and legacies				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds		
	2020	2020	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	16 425	96 709	113 134	170 939

#### 3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Funding agents	0	3 625

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 4 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	77 444	67 358
Depreciation	400	400
Direct charitable expenditure	208 399	146 436
Support costs:-		
Independent examiner's fees	1 350	1 300
Bank charges	7 954	4 378
Office expenses	1 205	987
<u> </u>	296 752	220 859
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	75 893	41 499
Restricted funds	135 600	179 359
	296 752	220 859

#### 5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration , benefits or reimbursement of expenses from the charity during the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6	Employees		
	Number of employees		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2020	2019
		Number	Number
	Trustees	4	4
	Administration and support	1	1
		5	5
		2020	2019
	Employment Costs	£	£
	Wages and salaries	77 444	67 358
	There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.	2020	2019
7	Tangible fixed assets	£	2019 £
	Computers	800	1 200
	At Cost	2 000	2 000
	Less Depreciation	-1 200	-800
8	Financial instruments		
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt Instruments measured at		
	amortised costs	102 342	162 245
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised costs	1 200	800

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9 Debtors	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:	71	77
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	872	800

**Movements** 

#### 11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity included restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

			in funds	
	Balance		_	Balances
	at 1	Incoming	Resources	at
	January			31
	2020	resources	expended	December
				2020
	£	£	£	£
Brazil	705	1 676	775	1 607
South Africa	10 473	22 499	17 492	15 479
Costa Rica	10 572	3 483	5 313	8 743
Fiji	5 731	9 455	8 819	6 367
Thailand	6 592	14 017	4 656	15 953
Laos	3 851	6 691	7 958	2 584
Mexico	6 752	4 789	4 002	7 539
Nepal	6 406	2 293	596	8 103
India	10 234	5 584	6 221	9 597
Others	101 558	185 161	260 349	26 370
	162 874	255 650	316 181	102 342

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

All restricted funds are held for the charity's primary objectives and activities, the principal of which is environmental protection, the promotion of education and relief of sickness and poverty throughout the world. In particular:

#### Brazil

In Brazil, the charity supports an independent learning center "Grandma Clara's Dream Home." The center is entirely reliant upon donations from the charity and uses funds to send a teacher to school so that she may become qualified, provide daily meals for students, provide learning resources and general maintenance to the school facilities.

#### **South Africa**

In South Africa the charity uses funds to support 3 projects.

Funding for the Gordon's Bay community project are primarily used to assist children with special needs, providing much needed resources to their home. Funding in Limpopo is used for the conservation of the endangered white rhino and to assist local crèches in the area get to a stage where they can become registered with the local government.

#### Costa Rica

In Costa Rica the charity uses funds to support 2 projects.

Funding in Jalova is used to assist local park rangers and conservation groups working in the Totuguero National Park in the area of protection and scientific research, specifically related to jaguar and turtle interactions.

In Quepos the charity continues to work to improve educational opportunities, community resources and access to additional learning opportunities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### Fiji

In Fiji the charity used funds to assist in two main areas; education for underprivileged children, providing resources such as construction and upgrades of learning areas and educational materials; fresh drinking water for communities by installing rainwater harvesting systems. The charity also undertakes some education and awareness campaigns around recycling and waste disposal and hygiene.

#### Thailand

In Thailand the charity supports conservation and community projects in Phang Nga and Chaing Mai.

In Phang Nga assistance is offered to a local conservation partner, Shark Guardian, working on shark conservation and marine education in the local area. Funds are used to work with locals on projects that help reduce waste in the area, which gets washed into the oceans.

In Chaing Mai the charity supports a wildlife programme that reintroduces Asian elephants to the forest and encourages ethical treatment of the elephants. The charity also works with the community, providing additional learning opportunities and general community uplift works.

#### Laos

In Laos the charity supports local students so that they may have access to education. This is achieved by supporting a network of temple schools and English centers as well as supporting individual students as needs arise.

#### **Mexico**

In Mexico funds are used to support three projects.

Funding in Pez Maya is used to support local partners in their marine conservation work on the Meso American Barrier Reef System.

In Playa del Carmen the charity support two community projects. Funding for one of these projects offers support to Coco's Animal Rescue who run low cost or free sterilisation drives and community education and awareness campaigns around animal care. The second project offers funding assistance to Save the Children and the Integral Care Centre. The bulk of the funding is used to secure therapies that the school otherwise wouldn't have access to.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 11 Restricted funds (Continued)

#### Nepal

The charity works with a number of grassroots projects in and around Pokhara to deliver services to vulnerable children and adults.

#### India

Funding in India is used to support the community of Fort Kochi. Support is given for education and health initiatives for disadvantaged and vulnerable children and adults. The charity supports a network of schools, special needs centers and relief settlements.

#### **Disasters**

Funding in the charity's disaster fund is used to assist in the relief and recovery efforts in areas that GVI operates, or where the charity has a connection, when disaster strikes. Funds that are distributed in the immediate aftermath of a disaster cover essential and lifesaving resources. On a longer-term scale, the charity endeavours to have enough funds so that it is able to help communities rebuild and restore their lives.

#### **Others**

The charity has worked on many other projects throughout the world and further details of these can be found on the charity's website.

Transfers included above represent operational, administrative and support costs incurred by the charity included in unrestricted funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 12 Related party transactions

- Shared working space in the GVI Limited office;
- Dedicated time from GVI staff, including support from their Alumni Services Department and all field and project staff;
- Access to resources and expertise on the ground in all locations where projects are supported;
- GVI field staff are responsible for all communication with local partners on behalf of the charity.