

**FUTURE IN OUR HANDS EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
FUND**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Summary of activities and aims

During this financial year the Charity has directed most of its support to the treatment of severely disabled children in Cameroon.

A small grant has also been provided for the education of street children in Andhra Pradesh, India. The FIOH Fund continues to alleviate poverty in the world's poorest communities by undertaking sustainable development focussing on projects which are initiated by poor people through local non-government organisations; incorporate a strong element of education and vocational training; enhance the status and involvement of women in the development process and create ecological awareness.

The FIOH Fund has an enabling and motivating approach which is based on a belief that development policies imposed on a community, without proper consultation and the active involvement of the people, can frequently compound their problems and create a climate of dependency.

The FIOH Fund has helped to empower people in peace, conflict and natural disaster situations to establish activities which are both economically and environmentally sustainable in the long term. The FIOH Fund has supported a wide variety of projects which reflect our philosophy in urban slums, leprosy colonies and poor rural areas.

The FIOH Fund has continued its support to projects in Cameroon, Sierra Leone and India.

Charity Registration and Governing Document

The Constitution was accepted at a meeting of the trustees on 6th May 1995 and the charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 13th July 1995.

Objects of Charity

1. The relief of poverty or such other charitable purposes as the Management Committee shall in duly constituted meeting from time to time direct.
2. To help establish appropriate educational and vocational training programmes, particularly, but not exclusively, for women, in sustainable development.

Powers

- a. to provide monies, goods or services either alone or in association with other body or persons;
- b. to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any persons whatsoever by way of subscription donation and otherwise provided that the project shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable objects.
- c. to borrow money or enter into other contracts on behalf of the project and subject to such consents as may be required by law charge any or all of the property of the project.

Organisation Vision and Ethos

Vision:

The FIOH Fund wishes to make a significant contribution to the alleviation of poverty and the improvement of the natural environment by:

- supporting campaigns to challenge unjust systems which contribute to poverty and environmental destruction
- entering into ongoing partnerships with like-minded organisations, groups and individuals in pursuit of this aim
- building the capacity of partners and local community groups. The Fund does not see this as a one-way process and expects to also be on the receiving end of such capacity building.
- providing practical support for poverty alleviation projects/activities.

Ethos:

The Fund adopts a motivating and enabling role in its approach which:

- supports local organisations helping poor people to set up their own projects thus avoiding as much as possible the need for foreign 'experts' and volunteers
- understands that development policies imposed on a community, without proper consultation and active involvement of the people, can frequently compound the problems of the poorest
- empowers people to actively engage in solving the challenges they face, rather than to create a dependency mentality, which may stifle sustainable development

- recognises the importance of sensitivity towards, and understanding of, local social and cultural traditions, and on the other, the benefits that can accrue to the community by simply providing the means to acquire knowledge that other communities have found helpful in their developmental activities
- encourages partner organisations in developing countries, which are currently seen as receivers of aid, to provide aid to other partners in the network and even, in the longer term, help poor communities in the 'rich' world.

Capacity Building:

The FIOH Fund has developed a policy of building the capacity of its partners who are directly involved with the development projects supported by the Fund. These partners (and other beneficiaries) are generally small, indigenous non-government organisations who currently lack the capacity to access the many UK-based international development funding sources themselves. Indeed many UK-based international development funders will make grants only via bona-fide UK registered charities. FIOH Fund UK therefore continues to play a key role in:

- collaborating with partners to identify needs and priorities and devise projects to address those needs
- facilitating the international exchange of experience, skills and knowledge (including web site development)
- identifying and accessing sources of funding
- continuous mutual learning and capacity building

Grant-making Policy

The charity will continue to support a wide range of projects that reflect capacity building, long term financial and ecological sustainability directed towards improving the quality of life and standard of living of the very poorest and marginalised people. There are no plans to engage in large projects such as immunisation programmes and the relief of large natural disasters which the trustees feel would be best undertaken by larger agencies. Despite the focus of some major grant-giving bodies on a rights-based approach, the FIOH Fund will seek to maintain a balanced approach in its grant-making policy by supporting both rights-based/empowerment projects and those which are fundamentally directed towards service delivery or incorporate an element of both. However, the charity recognises and supports projects which involve beneficiaries in the identification, management and monitoring and assessment processes. The charity is also seeking ways to support South-South networking and training and information exchange and developing educational and awareness programmes in the UK which will help people understand the many causes of poverty and environmental degradation.

Management:

Health and Safety. The FIOH Fund has a Health and Safety Policy for agency workers and others working at 48 Churchward Avenue (a private residence).

Financial Procedures. The FIOH Fund has a statement of accounting procedures and control.

Insurance. The FIOH Fund has no Public Liability Insurance currently in force, but will arrange this when UK workers are employed or when engaging in public fundraising events which require such insurance.

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Activities:

The FIOH Fund has undertaken various activities towards its aims and objectives alongside its partner organisations.

TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, CAMEROON.

The FIOH Fund made a further grant of £14,343 to enable the completion of a new treatment and rehabilitation centre for Global Rehabilitation Services. Most of this was obtained through a grant of £5,000 from the Ashworth Trust and crowdfunding using Global Giving. This grant enabled the provision of windows and doors, water and electricity supplies, toilets and drainage pipes. GLORES plans to move its activities from its current rented building to the new centre in April 2017.

GLORES organises its work in 3 major sections:

1. Prevention of disabilities through health education and encouragement of parents to vaccinate their children against diseases causing disabilities. Part of the education focuses on prenatal/postnatal care, nutrition, hygiene, genetic information and environmental pollution.
2. Physical therapy that includes therapeutic exercises, mobility training, functional re-education, occupational therapy and activity training for coping with everyday life.
3. Vocational training in 3 trades. The disabled person makes the choice of trade and is then able to undergo training in that trade for one year in a sheltered workshop environment. Younger children who cannot work are sent to local schools for their education. While the child is in school parents will take an active part in its education and prepare to take over responsibility for the child's welfare later on. After successful completion of the training disabled persons are settled in their individual group ventures or employment and there will be follow-up by GLORES for a few months after treatment and training has finished.

Once a disabled person goes through the GLORES project he or she becomes a member of the GLORES family. GLORES monitors all the outcomes of its work in order to evaluate its effectiveness and introduce improvements where necessary.

Currently GLORES work is being undertaken in a rented building in the centre of Bafoussam which does not have the space to accommodate patients for rehabilitation after their treatment.

A new and larger centre is being constructed near a major highway not far from the town which will enable both boys and girls to be both treated and accommodated during their rehabilitation. This highway is well served by public transport and taxis thus enabling a better means for parents and relatives to bring children to the centre and visit them while they are there.



SUPPORT FOR STREET CHILDREN IN ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

A grant of £700 was given to HEARTS to support the education programme for street children living in its identical home based in Guntur.



Grants:

The following grants were made by the FIOH Fund:

DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
TREATMENT CENTRE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, CAMEROON		£14,343
SUPPORT FOR STREET CHILDREN, INDIA	£700	
TOTAL	£700	£14,343

The FIOH Fund accounts are attached to this report.

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Income and Expenditure Breakdown: 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017		
Incoming resources:		
Grants/donations	Unrestricted	Restricted
Standing order donations - Mrs ODriscoll	300.00	
Standing order donations - Alan Stewart	154.00	4.00
Alan Stewart - GLORES		200.00
Standing order donations - Mrs T Stewart	110.00	10.00
Standing order donations - Mr Harold Curson	36.00	
Standing order donations - Mr Michael Thomas		32.00
M V Thomas - GLORES		2,003.00
M V Thomas	24.74	
Standing order donations - Mr P Mazotta	110.00	10.00
Standing order donations - Mrs E Thorp	30.00	
Standing order donations - Miss L Thomas	120.00	
Standing order donations - Mrs Obradovic - GLORES		315.00
Donation - St Josephs College for GLORES		263.50
Donation - G Thomas (fundraising) for GLORES centre		30.00
Donation - G Thomas (fundraising)	15.00	
Donation - K Trenerry for GLORES centre		200.00
Donation - M Kinal for GLORES centre		20.00
Donation - Mr and Mrs Robinson for GLORES centre		20.00
Georg Hansen - GLORES		75.00
Abdul Khan for Dominic Steven - GLORES		100.00
Brian Dacre - GLORES		20.00
C Durant - GLORES		20.00
D Levy - GLORES		7.00
E Barrows - GLORES		20.00
E Keen - GLORES		20.00
H Postlethwaite - GLORES		30.00
Mr and Mrs Bowles - GLORES		10.00
Mr and Mrs Davey - GLORES		100.00
Mr Tostevin - GLORES		50.00
S Kumar - GLORES	5.05	
P Warren - GLORES		100.00
B Pearce - GLORES		10.00
P O'Driscoll - GLORES	80.00	10.00
S Kundu - GLORES		25.00
S Sahu - GLORES		225.00
S Davis - GLORES		30.00
Global Giving donations - GLORES ***		5,476.42
Ashworth Trust - GLORES		5,000.00
Central Church - GLORES		35.49
Anon donations (mydonate)	17.50	
Global Giving fee		606.08
Total Grants/Donations	1,002.29	15,187.49
Untaxed interest	14.45	
Total incoming resources	£ 1,016.74	£ 15,187.49

TOTAL INCOME	£ 16,204.23	
Resources Used:		
Grants/donations	Unrestricted	Restricted
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Transfers to Global Giving - GLORES		£ 1,043.00
Overseas remittances to GLORES		£ 13,300.00
HEARTS - India - street children (via Western Union)	£ 700.00	
Charitable Expenditure	£ 700.00	£ 14,343.00
Total Charitable Expenditure	£ 15,043.00	
Management and administration		
Running costs		
Bank charges on overseas remittances - GLORES		132.00
Bank charges on overseas remittances - HEARTS	7.90	
Training/travel	61.00	60.00
Consultant	28.00	
Global Giving fee for training and administration - GLORES ***		606.08
Postage	29.70	
Publicity	57.93	
Software	18.99	
Web site	122.38	46.41
Capital equipment	72.99	
General equipment	269.94	
Stationery	66.63	
Audit	100.00	
Management and administration expenditure	835.46	844.49
Total management and administration	1,679.95	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	16,722.95	
Income less expenditure		-518.72
Balance brought forward		£ 3,381.76
Balance carried forward		£ 2,863.04
*Notes to the accounts		
Accounts are held with the Co-operative Bank and the Ecology Building Society		
**See separate sheet for remittances sent through Western Union		
*** Global Giving project (GLORES) . See separate spreadsheets		

