

Child in Need India



help the mother
help the child...

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**



Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

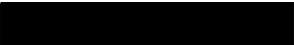
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Child In Need Institute, referred to hereafter as CINI India, is a charity based in India. Child In Need India ('CINI UK'), first registered as a charity on 11 November 1999, is an unincorporated charitable association the purposes and administration arrangements of which are designed to support the Indian organisation and are set out in our constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the charity's trustees, none of whom are remunerated, are appointed at the annual general meeting which is normally held in May or June each year.

Management

The trustees effectively form a management committee which is responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. The management committee meets on an *ad hoc* basis throughout the year in order to provide guidance to our part-time employee, to plan fund raising activities, to discuss the interests of CINI India and to coordinate with other branches of CINI International, the coordinating body of fund-raising branches outside India.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as stated in our constitution, are the relief of poverty and the advancement of education of necessitous persons residing in India, by providing financial assistance for:

- (a) the medical care and the education of infants, children and adolescents,
- (b) the further education, training and counselling of young persons
- (c) the provision of educational training of adults in family management, hygiene and nutrition, and
- (d) the maintenance and provision of medical care of mothers and their children during and after pregnancy

About Child In Need India

Child In Need India was set up in the UK in 1999 to raise funds for, and build awareness of, the work of the Kolkata-based Child In Need Institute which was established in 1974. The Child In Need Institute is an NGO that is focused on poverty alleviation and community development in the Eastern States of India (Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Assam). Its aim is to ensure that women and children understand their rights within the community and have access to good quality services relating to their health, nutrition, education and protection from abuse. Further details of CINI India's Vision, Mission and Values are set out in pages 7-14.

Activities and Achievements in 2022 and outlook for 2023

After seven years with CINI UK our Director, [REDACTED] has decided to seek new challenges and left the charity at the end of December 2022. The Trustees would like to thank [REDACTED] for the huge contribution she has made to CINI over the years in which she helped raise in excess of £1 million. A replacement also resigned after some four months. However, the trustees have recently appointed [REDACTED] as our new fundraiser.

Activities and achievements of CINI India in 2022 and the outlook for the future are provided in detail on pages 7 to 14. The trustees intend to continue raising funds in the UK to support the work of CINI India.

Financial Review

Fund raising activities in the United Kingdom raised a total of £400,895 (2021, £199,766). This included an amount of £298,320 that was given by a single anonymous donor on an unrestricted basis. There was no need for support payments from CINI International. Expenses of £26,014 (2021, £23,794) left a surplus of £374,881. This enabled us to send £351,662 (2021, £194,000) to CINI India while increasing our reserves to £38,800.

Reserves Policy

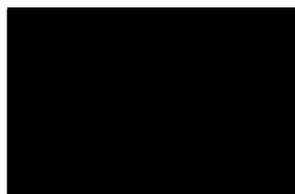
Since 1 January 2019 CINI UK has been paying the salary and expenses of [REDACTED] UK Director. This cost and the small additional running expenses are met from unrestricted donations which can be topped up, if necessary, by support payments from CINI International. [REDACTED] resigned on 31 December, 2022.

Towards the end of 2021 an anonymous donor donated a painting the sale proceeds of which were to be shared by CINI. The sale took place in December 2021 but the cash proceeds of £298,320 were not received until January 2022. This amount was unrestricted and is recorded in the 2022 accounts.

Given the uncertainty relating to the ability of CINI UK to continue to raise sufficient unrestricted funds to cover all its running costs (and also in the context of the resignation of [REDACTED] at the time of the charity's year end) the Trustees decided that it would be prudent to increase unrestricted cash reserves to the equivalent of at least a full year's outgoings, thereby ensuring that support payments from CINI International would not be required.

At 31 December 2022 cash reserves were £39,960 (2021, £16,674) of which £39,853 were unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees on 22 August, 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Trustee



Child In Need India

Letter from [REDACTED] Chair of the Trustees

Dear Friends of CINI,

Child In Need India (CINI UK) was formed in the United Kingdom in 1999 to raise funds for, and increase awareness of, the Indian-based non-governmental organisation the Child In Need Institute (CINI).

Founded in Kolkata in 1974, CINI empowers children, adolescents and women to access their rights and achieve their full potential. Working in partnership with public service providers and alongside vulnerable communities, CINI's teams deliver vital health, nutrition, education and child protection services.

The projects that CINI delivers are as diverse as the different communities it serves across the east Indian states of Assam, Jharkhand, Odhisa and West Bengal.

In Kolkata's slums CINI can be found strengthening critical public health infrastructure and making sure street connected children are safe, whilst in rural Assam its teams on tea plantations are improving maternal and child health, and tackling the root causes of complex issues like child marriage, child labour and child trafficking.

Advocacy and support for the poor and vulnerable groups that CINI supports has never been more pressing. Mothers and children that were already on the edge were pushed beyond breaking point by COVID. Post pandemic, the consequences of the virus, its lockdowns and restrictions, are still reverberating around communities and causing harm.

Hunger is increasing in India. The Global Hunger Index described the situation as "serious" in 2022, and reported a rise in both undernourishment and child wasting. Today, over one third of children under five are stunted – a result of chronic undernutrition that can impact physical and cognitive development.

As financial pressure on families has ramped up, CINI has seen a corresponding increase in child marriage, child trafficking, child labour and child exploitation. The gains made in these areas over the last few decades are now being eroded.

Action is urgently needed. CINI is engaging policy makers and is on the front line to make sure the voices of the vulnerable are heard. Its teams are assisting governments to rebuild and strengthen public services ravaged by COVID 19, and are

re-establishing structures at a local level that will enable healthy, inclusive and responsive communities to thrive.

This report outlines CINI's priorities over the next five years and presents a snap shot of some of the projects that CINI UK's generous supporters - individuals, trusts and foundations and corporations – have made possible.

Your donations to CINI UK in 2022 meant that mothers received the nourishment they needed, children got extra support so they could stay in school, and adolescents were able to imagine a future free from the curse of inter-generational poverty that has blighted their parents' life chances.

Thank you for your continued and generous support during these difficult times. It is really much appreciated, both here and in India.

 **Chair of the Trustees, Child In Need India**

Child In Need Institute

Our vision, mission & values

We believe that every child is a gift and must be treated equally with respect and dignity. CINI aims to achieve the right to health, nutrition, education and protection for all children – especially those that belong to the most vulnerable groups.

To make this happen CINI works in partnership with stakeholders and collaborates with communities to create the conditions for change.

Vision: A friendly and responsive community where children and adolescents achieve their full potential.

Mission: To ensure that children and adolescents achieve their rights to health, nutrition, education, protection and participation by making duty-bearers and communities responsive to their wellbeing.

Values

Accountability: We take responsibility for using resources effectively and efficiently, and being accountable to partners, communities and, above all, children

Collaborations: We seek to collaborate with children, parents, women, communities, governments and partners to empower children to develop into active citizens and access basic services and opportunities as a matter of right

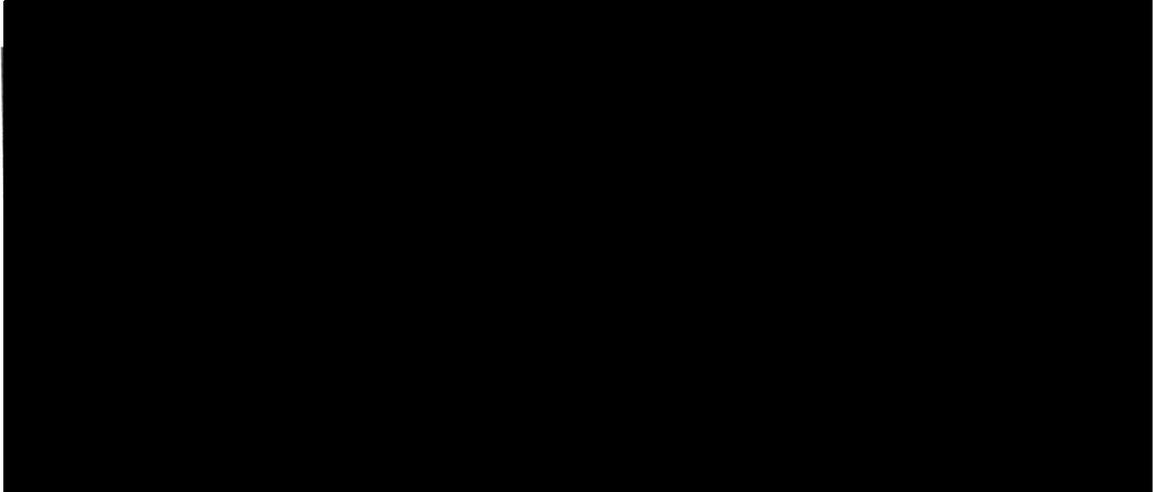
Caring: We believe in respecting each other and supporting caregivers in caring for children and preventing all forms of harm in the communities that we serve.

Integrity: We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal and organisational integrity and always act in the best interests of the child

Looking to the future

Child in Need Institute's five year strategy

In 2022 CINI published a new five-year strategy following a comprehensive consultation exercise with a diverse array of stakeholders. The strategy, covering the period 2022 – 2027, identifies CINI's priorities across health and nutrition, education and protection.



CINI will continue to focus on prevention and finding effective ways to support vulnerable and disadvantaged children, adolescents and mothers across health and nutrition, education and protection.

The consultation exercise also identified emerging concerns for children which we will be researching and dedicating additional resource to. Our priorities are described in more detail below.

Health and Nutrition

1. Promoting maternal, new born, child and sexual and reproductive health rights for a continuum of care for prevention of maternal and child morbidity, mortality and malnutrition.
2. Promoting adolescent rights and empowerment to nutrition and health including reproductive and sexual health and development.
3. Addressing evolving concern for non-communicable diseases (obesity, pre-diabetes and hypertension) and communicable diseases (tuberculosis, post COVID and HIV linked with sexual reproductive health) among mothers, children and adolescents in the communities, especially the vulnerable.

Education

1. Strengthening the education and Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) systems to enhance enrolment, retention and quality education for vulnerable children, especially girls, through the involvement of duty bearers (teachers, school authorities, local government, parents and community members) and children.
2. Delivering innovative evidenced-based programme models for improving education outcomes and protection of vulnerable children and adolescents, especially girls, with the participation of communities and young people.
3. Strengthening government policy, programmes and systems in enhancing access to education by vulnerable children, especially girls.

Protection

1. Strengthening existing government child protection systems in preventing and responding to child rights violations, maximising a preventative approach and minimising an institutional approach.
2. Preventing and responding to child protection violations to address violence against children through a CINI preventative Child Protection Model at primary, secondary and tertiary prevention levels.

Emerging concerns for children

The strategy review identified four emerging concerns for children.

1. Promoting gender equality and girls' empowerment to achieve the inclusion of all children
2. Children's rights to a sustainable environment
3. Making cities friendly to children
4. Children and technology

CINI is committed to investing in, learning about and implementing solutions in these emerging concerns so children are supported and can thrive.

Impact and achievements

At the end of another year that has been dominated by the consequences of the pandemic, CINI, and those that we support, have faced enormous challenges.

But thanks to the incredible commitment of the people that work for CINI and the benevolence of individuals, trusts and foundations and businesses, we've been able to make a difference to the lives of the most marginalised in incredible ways.

7 million	49 years	4 states
We connect with 7 million women, children and adolescents each year through our direct interventions and technical support to government	We've been supporting deprived communities experiencing multi-generational poverty for over 49 years	We work with communities living in diverse urban and rural areas in four east Indian states

The strides that CINI made in 2022 were taken alongside those that have supported our work at this critical time. In this report we've shined a light on some of the achievements documented in the latest CINI Annual Report 2021 – 2022.

This can be viewed online at <https://designecoder.in/cini-annual-report-21-22/>

Health and Nutrition

CINI has pioneered health and nutrition programmes in deprived communities for almost 50 years. In the early days CINI provided practical support to mothers, children and expectant mothers, and made sure they had access to the nourishment they needed.

36%	19%	8%
of children under 5 years old in India are stunted	of children under 5 years old in India are wasted	of children under 5 years old are severely wasted

Today, CINI continues to provide vulnerable communities with similar support, but our expertise is being leveraged to deliver training to front line public health workers to ensure they have the skills they need to support communities now and in the future.

We are also using our technical know-how to help state and national government strengthen public health systems that millions of children, adolescents and women come into contact with every year.

24497	24974	43464	232373
Pregnant women were supported by CINI's programmes	Lactating women were supported CINI's programmes	Children were supported with their health and nutrition	Adolescents were given support, advice and guidance

Raising awareness of nutrition and helping front line workers make change happen

In 2022 CINI published its Maternal Nutrition Programme Kit which showed stakeholders how our tried and tested framework for delivering effective community-based nutrition and health programmes works.

The kit sets out an operational framework which public health authorities can use to strengthen their health systems, and has information, education and communication

manuals for front line workers on health and nutrition in pregnancy and early childhood.

We've helped 173 Gram Panchayat's (GP), village level public authorities, embed health and nutrition into their development plans, and allocate budgets to do so. With our support GPs have run awareness raising events, purchased weighing machines so the health of mothers, babies and infants can be monitored, distributed nutrition supplements to mothers and children, and made small repairs to their integrated child development service centres.

Boosting immunisation against highly infectious childhood diseases

The pandemic saw a sharp fall in child immunisation rates and a rapid rise in infectious diseases – especially amongst the vulnerable groups that CINI works alongside. CINI partnered with state governments to ramp up vaccination rates in the hardest to reach communities

In 2022 West Bengal saw an almost three-fold increase in measles cases, one of the world's most infectious diseases. We ran education programmes to address vaccine hesitancy, trained and supported self-help groups, and helped citizens access public health services to get immunised.

In the poorest blocks in the state of Jharkhand, CINI worked with public authorities to build back health services hit hard by the pandemic. Our efforts to train public health teams and community volunteers led to 4,500 at risk children getting the vaccines they needed.

Collaborating with UNICEF to prevent cases of child malnutrition in Odisha

In partnership with UNICEF and in co-ordination with state government of Odisha, CINI designed and implemented a comprehensive package for the promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices which saw substantial improvements in maternal and child nutrition and health

The success of the IYCF programme in preventing child malnutrition led to the programme being rolled out in a further 23 districts of Odisha.

Bringing communities together to grow the nutritious food

Getting hold of healthy, nutritious food at affordable prices is not straightforward. We've distributed gardening kits and given training on growing healthy food to over 2,000 families.

To engage communities, bring on board local government partners and demonstrate the potential to as wide an audience as possible, we also provided gardening kits to 50 local government community centres and have given their staff training.

Parents, children and public health workers are getting in touch with nature, working together to strengthen bonds and eating healthier food as a result.

Education

Education is so important for so many reasons it's at the heart of everything that we do. CINI is supporting over 35,000 children access the support they need in order to learn, grow and thrive.

But CINI's community learning centres are about so much more giving children the chance to complete their education; they're also a safe haven for at risk children and a place that provides parents with advice on how to protect their children from danger.

2869

children aged two to five attended nursery classes at our learning centres

26127

school children aged five to 14 were given help to stay in school

6793

students aged 15 - 18 continued their education with our support

206

deaf children supported by our specialists to stay in schools

Keeping children in school is widely acknowledged as one of the best ways of preventing child marriage, and is also one the greatest child labour and human-trafficking prevention tools.

Giving first generation learners the chance to stay in school

We are enabling first generation learners get the education that their parents never had, helping children at risk of dropping out of school keep on going, and giving adolescents the opportunity to access higher education and fulfil their dreams.

Our community learning centres give children support and guidance they need to keep attending classes. This is particularly important for girls who are less likely than boys to receive an education and more likely to drop out early.

Helping communities educate their children

CINI ensures its education interventions are sustainable. We engage parents and community leaders, explain why education matters and demonstrate the ways in which communities can find the funding to make the centres possible without our support.

We celebrated with the children of Rajnagr Block, West Bengal, after leaders in 44 villages decided that they would make the financial contributions needed to run a community learning centres for themselves.

The teachers, trained by and once paid for by CINI, are now part of villages own community learning programme which is self-managed, self-funded and successful.

Encouraging nursery education

The number of children attending nursery where we work is really low and we're finding creative ways to connect communities and parents to pre-school learning.

Around 3,000 under-fives attended nursery classes at our community centres with their mothers. Attending nursery has been shown to improve a child's readiness for school, with children who receive quality learning by qualified instructors more likely to stay on in education and perform better than those that didn't.

Supporting girls stay in school

A girl child will experience many more challenges than a boy, and when it comes to getting an education it's no different. With boys prioritised and other pressures placed on girls, the chance for girls to go to school is constrained by more than just money.

CINI works with community leaders, parents and children to break down taboos and make education accessible. If money is a barrier, we advise girls and their parents about scholarships and sponsorship schemes, and help them to access them. In 2022 we helped over 3,000 adolescent girls access scholarships that meant they could continue their education.

Protection

India is strengthening its laws to protect children from harm, but challenges around their implementation mean that exploitation, violence and abuse is a harsh reality for millions.

Getting hold of data to understand the scale of the issues isn't straightforward, yet crimes against children that once went unreported are now seeing the light of day. But, a lot more work needs to be done.

Early marriage, child labour, child trafficking and child abuse (including online) impacts both girls and boys, and has life-long consequences. Poverty, a lack of employment opportunities, social norms and practices, migration and emergencies are often at the root cause of child exploitation.

CINI's human rights-based approach focuses on prevention. We're raising awareness of child protection issues amongst stakeholders, putting in place support structures and systems, and training staff on how to help a child in need.

141078

children were rescued,
prevented and responded to
with child protection support
services

3399

children called CINI's 24/7
CHILDLINE service and were
listened to, counselled and
given guidance

5814

stakeholders were trained by
CINI's child protection
specialists on how to help a
child in need

Identifying, saving and supporting at risk children

CINI identified 141,078 incidents of at-risk and victimised children and acted to prevent these children coming to further harm.

CINI's child protection activities, alongside public authorities and the police, ranged from identifying, preventing and responding to cases of early and forced marriage, protecting children from trafficking gangs and disrupting the work of traffickers, searching out and stopping child labour, preventing illegal adoption, and rescuing and supporting victims of child sexual abuse.

We provided training to police and public authorities on how to spot the warning signs of a child in danger, and how they should respond to child victims who have had the courage to come forward and ask for help.

CINI's children's homes in Kolkata provided child victims with a safe refuge to start their recovery, and we were able to remove almost 400 lost children from institutional care by re-connecting them with family members who thought they had lost their son or daughter forever.

Child Friendly Railway Stations

Thousands of children turn up at railway stations every day. Lost, bewildered and not knowing where to turn. They're easy prey for child trafficking gangs that patrol the platforms.

At Kolkata's Sealdah railway it's a different story. CINI has developed a Child Friendly Railway station and has teams on the ground supporting children and educating those that work at the station and travel through it on what they can do to help a vulnerable child.

Our model has been so successful that the Eastern Divisional Railway Authority asked us to share our experiences with staff and teams at 12 other stations.

Giving children a voice with child parliaments

Our 1,282 child ministers run 83 parliaments in cities, towns, villages and tea plantations and give children a platform to share their views. The communities children live in are now hearing what they think and what they want.

Ministers are elected by their peers to talk on topics as wide ranging as education, health, environment, employment, gender rights, disability and child rights.

Our child parliamentarians have visited public offices and police stations to raise awareness of child rights, participated in corporate away days to discuss their concerns with business leaders and spoken at international public forums like the United Nations.

Independent Examiner's Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of CINI

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 16 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



22 August, 2023

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts - Donations				
Individuals	316,543	40,309	356,852	97,236
Other Charities	5,690	38,353	44,043	102,530
Total Income	322,233	78,662	400,895	199,766
Expenditure				
Employee salary and related costs	25,240	0	25,240	23,287
Fundraising expenses, admin & travel	774	0	774	507
Total Expenditure	26,014	0	26,014	23,794
Surplus from Fundraising	296,220	78,662	374,881	175,972
Payments to CINI in India	268,000	83,662	351,662	194,000
Total Payments	294,014	83,662	377,676	217,725
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	28,220	-5,000	23,219	-17,959

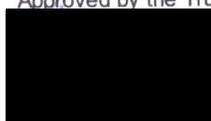
Statement of Balances

Funds brought forward	10,473	5,107	15,581	33,540
Surplus/(Deficit) as above	28,220	-5,000	23,219	-17,959
Funds carried forward	38,693	107	38,800	15,581

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		39,853	107	39,960	16,674
Total Current Assets		39,853	107	39,960	16,674
Current Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	1,160		1,160	1,094
Total Current Liabilities		1,160	0	1,160	1,094
Net Assets		38,693	107	38,800	15,580
Represented by					
Unrestricted Funds		38,693		38,693	10,473
Restricted Funds			107	107	5,107
Total Charity Funds		38,693	107	38,800	15,580

Approved by the Trustees on 22 Aug, 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Notes to the Accounts – for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

(1) Basis of preparation

Resulting from a temporary increase in the annual income of the charity to above the threshold of £250,000 these accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) consistent with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

It is anticipated that the income of the charity will drop back below the threshold of £250,000 in 2023 and accounts for that year will be prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

(2) Transition from Receipts and Payments basis of preparation of accounts

The only difference between the receipts and payments basis of accounting and reporting on a fully accrued basis is the inclusion of a creditor for tax and national insurance which amounted to £1,160 at 31 December 2022 and increased by only £66 during 2022. The Trustees are therefore agreed that there is no material impact arising from the change.

(3) Cash Flow

The Trustees are of the opinion that a cash flow statement is not required in view of the cash nature of the charity and the minor adjustment required to reflect the accruals basis of accounting.

(4) Creditors

The only creditor of the charity as at 31 December 2022 was tax and national insurance relating to the salary of the part time employee, paid in January 2023.

The Trustees have considered the treatment of the £107 of restricted donations received but not yet sent to India. They are of the view that this amount should be reflected in reserves and not as a creditor.

(5) Nature and purpose of funds

To the extent that donors request the application of their gifts to specific projects then this is specified when the funds are transferred to India. The movement on restricted funds during the year was as follows:

	Balance at 1 Jan 2022	Income	Sent to India	Balance at 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£
Sponsor a Mother	90	5,949	5,949	90
Educate a Child	17	910	910	17
Climate Change	0	2,200	2,200	0
Mallickpur	0	13,353	13,353	0
Safe Spaces	0	5,000	5,000	0
Maternal Health	0	10,750	10,750	0
Education	5,000	40,500	45,500	0
Total	5,107	78,662	83,662	107

(6) Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration from the charity and no trustee was paid any expenses.

(7) Grants Received

The charity received no grants.

(8) Expenses

The Charity pays the salary and associated costs of one part time employee (3 days).