

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

AfrAsia – Link – Global Support Link
SC 039770
84 Perth Road
Scone
Postcode PH2 6JL

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Amy Blake			
2	John Pepper	Chair		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rachael Alexander	1 st April to 1 st September

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Trust was set up by the trustees and was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 4th August 2008. The Trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Appointment and removal are in accordance with the Trust Deed, which requires that appointment is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others.

We are actively seeking new trustees – specifically one for finance and one to represent the interests of our Global South colleagues.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

1. To act as a link organisation, which offers help and support to Global South grassroots NGOs with a focus on BERUDA of Cameroon, REAL and GSYC of Nepal, BUVAD of Uganda and NARUDA of Nagaland, India.
2. Recruit volunteers for partner NGOs.
3. Raise awareness of issues facing BERUDA, REAL, BUVAD, GSYC, NARUDA and other NGOs and the work being conducted by GSL and affiliated organisations.
4. Send GSL representatives to assist with projects on the ground and liaise with local NGOs and partners.
5. Develop and build relationships with new NGOs in the Global South

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

Receiving and administrating sponsorship and donations for the BERUDA Support a Child Project (SACP), BERUDA, Nepalese NGOs and NARUDA

- * We have maintained our income at over £30,000 including £10,000 in grants
- * In the period, we received sponsorship from 14 people for the Support a Child Project – a slight downturn in support.
- * 7 people provided funds to support NARUDA's Agun Ki Project – supporting abandoned children.
- * We started a Cafe Project in Nagaland to generate funds for the Agun Ki
- * We continued a health education program in Nagaland- which has helped at least 2,000 people now.
- * We received a grant from Rotary to undertake a Bee-Keeping Project in Nepal
- * We have established a new relationship with a funder for £43,000 over three years, to support indigenous women in Brazil with an Agro-Economic project.
- * We have started and are continuing a mental health counselling course in Cameroon with BERUDA

Volunteer Recruitment

- * Due to civil unrest in Cameroon, we have not sent any volunteers. We hope to send volunteers again soon.
- * We are building our volunteer offering to cover other opportunities.
- * We have taken on a volunteer to assist in raising awareness of the charity.

Raising Awareness

- * We have kept our website up to date
- * We have continued our Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook pages and make posts most months.
- * We have a volunteer supporting us on social media

Sending Volunteers Overseas

- * As noted above we have not sent volunteers overseas.

Building a Relationship with NARUDA

- * We are continuing to assist NARUDA with the set-up of its processes and procedures.
- * We have received further funds for a health education program in Nagaland
- * We are supporting nine children in Agun Ki, NARUDA's House of Hope
- * We have financed a Cafe in Nagaland

Building a Relationship with Nepalese NGOs

- We have carried out several sustainable projects with REAL and another NGO in Nepal. These include beekeeping, education and other livelihood projects.
- We are supporting the establishment of a new NGO in Nepal – Golden Path Nepal

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

As mentioned in the previous section:

- Continuing the SACP works and we now have several children at university and in vocational training
- We started a Cafe in Nagaland
- We have built a good working relationship with REAL and another NGO in Nepal
- Supporting NARUDA, BUVAD and BERUDA with capacity building grant applications
- We have started a Health Education Project in Nagaland. Now helped over 2,000 people
- We have supported blind children and ladies in Nepal
- Finding funding for a project in Brazil
- Starting a mental health counselling course in Cameroon.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has 2 accounts with the Royal Bank of Scotland. The first account is a restricted account, which receives sponsorship and donations specifically for BERUDA including the Support a Child Project. This money is collected and held, and a lump sum transferred over to the Union Bank of Cameroon – BERUDA account on a regular basis (to save on bank charges and administration).

The second RBS account is the 'Main' AfrAsia-link/GSL account, which receives all unrestricted funds donated to AfrAsia-link/GSL. This money is then used for AfrAsia-link/GSL administration and grants or donations to BERUDA or other NGOs as they apply or need arises. When funds are received for a specific project, they are ring-fenced within this account. All spending is approved by the board prior to funds being released.

As we are a small charity with few overheads, we keep few funds in our Unrestricted account

Our income has remained stable since last year and will increase next year due to a significant project in Brazil.

Details of any deficit

We operated overall with a small deficit during the year – mostly due to a loss of SACP sponsors – but maintained a healthy balance in our bank at the end of the year.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Pepper	Amy Blake
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair of Trustees	Trustee
Date	17th Sept 2026	17 th Sept 2026