

HELPING POINT UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

- (a) The advancement of the Christian faith in India
- (b) The advancement of education and training in India
- (c) The relief of poverty sickness and distress in India
- (d) The promotion of good health in India

Summary of the main activities

Helping Point UK achieves its charitable objectives, to the public benefit, by raising funds in the UK and then distributing those funds to our sister organisation Helping Point India (HPI) to run the projects set out below (the 'Helping Point Projects').

Helping Point UK liaises closely with HPI and distributes the funds to HPI subject to being satisfied, through good reporting and accounting measures, that the funds are being properly applied by HPI to run the Helping Point Projects.

The Helping Point Projects

1. St Simon's School

This is Helping Point's main project. St Simons School is a boarding school located in Gumma, which provides an English-medium education, spiritual guidance, food, accommodation and healthcare to circa 300 pupils, of whom circa 180 board at the school.

2. The Helping Point churches

There are six churches based in: Jhola, Lowpenta, Liviri, Lohari, Gumma and Srikakulam. Between them they minister to circa 1000 people. (NB operation of the churches the churches is funded locally in India and not by Helping Point UK)

3. Jhola Children's Home

A children's home providing round-the-clock residential care, food, healthcare and spiritual guidance to 50 children who are either orphaned or whose families are unable to care for them.

4. Daycare centres

Ten educational facilities spread throughout Helping Point's regions of operation which provide additional pre- and after school education, food and healthcare to circa 1000 children from impoverished rural families.

5. The Srikakulam hostel

A boarding house hostel providing accommodation, food, healthcare and spiritual guidance to 12 former St Simon's students who are pursuing higher education studies in Srikakulam.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted?	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Elected by existing trustees

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Achievements and Performance

As for many organisations, this has been an unprecedented time due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During the first part of the financial year the projects operated as normal and were thriving and growing. For the latter part of the financial year, the projects had to close as a result of the pandemic. Children at St Simons School and Jhola Childrens home were returned to live with their parents or other relatives. The Helping Point churches and daycare centres had to close. The teachers provided remote learning assistance, to the extent possible, delivering books and learning materials to childrens' homes and calling the children on mobile phones to deliver lessons. Doing this was challenging as most children live in areas or in houses without internet and sometimes with poor mobile phone coverage.

Covid Relief Programme

The pandemic hit Helping Point's communities extremely hard. Most people in the area are manual labourers working on farms and other work settings for a daily cash in hand payment equivalent to somewhere in the region of £1 - £1.50. When strict lockdown rules were imposed in around April 2020, many people lost their livelihoods overnight and were unable to feed their families. In addition, thousands of people, originally from the area who had lost their jobs in large cities, flooded back to the region, hungry and jobless. Government assistance was patchy and inadequate.

Helping Point, in conjunction with local government, set up a comprehensive relief programme. Helping India received a lengthy letter from the Indian Home Affairs Ministry requesting it to partner with local government and granting special dispensation to Helping Point staff to deviate from the strict 'stay at home' orders in order to provide aid.

Helping Point India requested emergency funding from its international partners and set up covid relief centres from six of its sites. From there Helping Point distributed thousands of aid packages comprising food, soap, sanitiser and masks. Staff also provided information to people on measures to take to avoid the spread of covid-19. Helping Point staff stayed in close contact with St Simons and Jhola children to ensure they were safe and had adequate supplies. In some cases, staff personally delivered food and aid packages to struggling St Simons/Jhola families.

Another significant contribution to the relief effort was, upon the government's request, providing the use of St Simons school as a quarantine centre for returning migrant workers. The school was empty, as children had been returned to their families, so the government took over the premises and used the school for several weeks to shelter and care for hundreds of individuals. A blessing of this is that the government carried out some upgrades to the school to make it suitable to house the migrants, including a new toilet block, installing water purifiers and some upgrades to the electrical system.

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Infrastructure Projects

Nothwithstanding Covid, Helping Point was able to complete two infrastructure projects. The boundary wall at St Simons School was completed in late 2019. The girls dormitory block at Jhola Childrens' Home was also recently completed, having suffered a series of delays due to extreme weather events and then Covid. We are very thankful to our donors and supporters for their ongoing support at this difficult time. Due to their faithful provision, Helping Point was able to support thousands of individuals who had been very severely impacted by the pandemic - feeding, housing and otherwise providing for them. We would dearly love to resume normal services and we hope and pray we can do so before long. However as the pandemic continues on its course we recognise the need to remain responsive and agile and we will continue to support Helping Point project participants and local community members as needed in the coming months.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	At the end of of the Financial Year the Charity holds funds of £15,104
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Any excess funds are held on account until a specific need arises and allocation of funding is approved.
Amount of reserves held	The Charity had reserves of £15,104

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Helping Point UK
Registered charity number	1129989
Charity's principal address	312 Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 8YL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name
Joy Hayes
Jonathan Griffin
Paul Harrison

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name Joy Hayes

Date 30/09/2021

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Helping Point UK for the year ended 30 September 2018

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signature



Signed: Simon Chowdhury

Date: 30/09/2021

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: Chartered Accountants Australia

Address: 1 Farington house, 22 Gloucester Street, London, SW1V 2DN

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted and Endowed Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	28,839	-	28,839	28,454
Total incoming resources		28,839	-	28,839	28,454
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	(36,653)	-	(36,653)	(29,654)
Total expenditure		(36,653)	-	(36,653)	(29,654)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(Expenditure)		(7,814)	-	(7,814)	(1,200)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		22,917	-	22,917	24,117
Total Funds carried forward		15,104	-	15,104	22,917


Statement of Financial Position

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted and endowed funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Total Current Assets	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Current Liabilities:				
Creditors falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
Net Current assets	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Total assets less current liabilities	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Total net assets	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Funds of the charity:				
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted income funds	15,104	-	15,104	22,917
Total charity funds	15,104	-	15,104	22,917

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees

Signature
Print Name
Date


Joy Hayes
30/09/2021

Statement of Cash Flows

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(7,814)	(1,200)
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	 (7,814)	 (1,200)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<hr/> 22,917	<hr/> 24,117
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<hr/> 15,104	<hr/> 22,917

Notes to the Financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charity Act 2011

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the forecasts, future commitments and funding levels of the Charity and have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.3 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at bank, in hand, deposits and short-term investments. Any bank accounts in overdraft are included within the overall cash balance.

1.3 Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources or it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)

2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted and Endowed Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	28,839	-	28,839	28,454
Total	28,839		28,839	28,454

3. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted and Endowed Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Donation to Helping Point India	36,653	-	36,653	29,654
Total	36,653		36,653	29,654