



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1/4/2020** Period start date To **31/3/2021** Period end date

Charity name: **Children of Colombia**

Charity registration number: **1095987**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To raise funds for three recognised and respected organisations providing care and education for impoverished, sick and disadvantaged children in Colombia.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Funds have been raised by sponsorship, donations and fundraising events organised by donors and by the charity. Funds have been paid out to the specific foundations supported by Children of Colombia which provide support to disadvantaged young people in line with our charity's objectives.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission has been considered by the trustees. No personal benefit is received by the board, as all funds are used for the support of our three carefully chosen foundations, with whom the trustees maintain close contact to monitor developments.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

Funds were donated by a combination of regular and one-off donors, including two legacies, giving the highest value of receipts in the last ten years of the charity's history.

Children of Colombia has therefore been able to distribute almost £23,000 to Fundacion Natutama, Fundacion Social Fenix, and Hogares Luz y Vida over the year.

Children of Colombia funding has helped Fundacion Fenix to support vulnerable young women and help fund education costs, particularly in the social welfare and health care sectors. It has also helped alleviate the additional problems caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. Apart from illness – many students and their families were infected – lockdowns increased the levels of domestic violence and isolation from support groups. Funding helped pay for rent, internet and food to keep particularly vulnerable students safe and in touch with the group so they could receive essential support and mentoring and continue their studies.

Children of Colombia responded to an urgent appeal to provide equipment and medicines in the Puerto Narino area of the Amazon. The isolated area – where Natutama is based – suffered very badly from the Covid-19 pandemic with a very high rate of infection and many deaths as well as hunger caused by the collapse of tourism. Children of Colombia set up an appeal on Just Giving which raised funds to send six shipments of medical material and to distribute food to dozens of families without resources.

"I want to express to all my sincere gratitude for your donations that contributed so much to meeting urgent needs at a critical moment," (Kilyam, a qualified nurse working in the region and a member of the Fenix education programme.)

Hogares Luz y Vida has been able to maintain its care for severely disadvantaged children in Bogota, Colombia. Many of these suffer from major health problems and trauma, and most require a lifetime of care. Covid 19 greatly increased the difficulties of providing high levels of professional



		<p>health care to these particularly vulnerable young people during lockdown. Children of Colombia responded to an appeal for new specialist hospital beds which will improve the quality of life for some of the young people in their care.</p> <p>All this work has been supported by the funds raised by Children of Colombia.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Ran 2 successful Just Giving campaigns rather than 1 set as objective for the year</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Both campaigns exceeded expectations. The Amazon Appeal had no set target but raised £621.99 + Gift Aid. The Bed Appeal raised just over £3,000 (including Gift Aid, excluding Just Giving fees) far exceeding the original target of £725.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>£26,133</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>The charity maintains a reserve to cover regular costs eg JustGiving subscriptions and website maintenance.</b></p> <p><b>Funds are periodically distributed to the three foundations supported by Children of Colombia when a sufficient balance in excess of this £500 has accumulated to justify the transfer costs.</b></p> <p><b>It is our preference to move funds to the foundations as regularly as possible, to maximise the funds available to them. During the year 2020-21 however, a number of circumstances combined to leave a higher than usual balance at the end of the year. Partly this was due to the high level of donations in the year, particularly the £13,650 of legacies received. Additionally the Covid-19 pandemic affected the work of the foundations significantly. The funds are needed more than ever but we have been asked to hold them in reserve until they can be distributed effectively as staff return and work resumes. It is better to hold them in the UK than transfer them to Colombia at present due to the less than optimal rate of exchange.</b></p> <p><b>£14,000 has been transferred to Natutama and Luz y Vida in 2021/22 to date. Further transfers will continue to be made at the request of the foundations.</b></p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£500</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>n/a</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>n/a</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>n/a</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.47	<b>The charity raises funds from the public, who contribute chiefly via the charity's</b>
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)		<b>Just Giving page, or directly to the charity's bank account. Donations from individuals and organisations are the charity's main source of funds. These may include proceeds from fundraising events on the charity's behalf and occasionally legacies. The charity itself organised two appeals through Just Giving in 2020-21: an Amazon Covid-19 campaign, and a specialist bed appeal for Luz y Vida.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Declaration of trust</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Appointed by the Board</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Children of Colombia
Registered charity number	1095987
Charity's principal address	97 Kingston Road, Oxford, OX2 6RL

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ms Kate Seal	Chairman		Board of Trustees
2	Mrs Gwyneth Simmons	Secretary/Publicity		
3	Miss Bryony Simmons	Treasurer		
4	Mrs Francisca Sankson			
5	Miss Alex Raikes			
6	Ms Antonia Bonilla Mora			

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

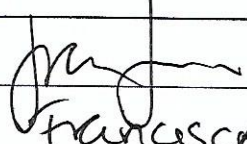
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### Other optional information

### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	LIB. MM	
Full name(s)	Antonia Bonilla Mora	Francesca Sanson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee.
Date	22 / 01 / 2022.	





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Children of Colombia

No (if any)  
1095987

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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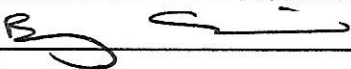
### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	26,713	-	-	26,713	13,524
Legacy	13,650	-	-	13,650	-
Gift Aid	1,070	-	-	1,070	605
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	2
Bank charges refund	-	-	-	-	3
Ebay charge refund	62	-	-	62	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>41,495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,495</b>	<b>14,133</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,495</b>	<b>14,133</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transfers to children's foundations	22,825	-	-	22,825	6,997
Website design fees	450	-	-	450	-
Bank transfer fees	245	-	-	245	105
Just Giving fees	216	-	-	216	216
Website hosting	101	-	-	101	288
Ebay charge (refunded)	62	-	-	62	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,899</b>	<b>7,606</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,899</b>	<b>7,606</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>17,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,596</b>	<b>6,527</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>2,009</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,132</b>	<b>8,536</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cleared funds in bank	26,132	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	26,132	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Bryony Simmons	16/01/2022



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Children of Colombia**

This report on the financial statements of Children of Colombia (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 'Act').

**Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the examiner**

As trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Act. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of Section 145 of the Act.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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 130 of the Act, and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 27 January 2022



