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*25th January 2017*

Dear Mr Raymond

**India Direct Charity No. 1101839**

We wish to confirm that we have carried out an independent examiners investigation on the above Charity for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and can confirm that we have given an unqualified report as to its contents based on the accounting records provided and explanations given.

If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us,

Yours faithfully,

*Andrew Melville*

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**For AAA Accountancy (North West) Limited**

Account Balances

Sterling				US Dollars (Acct opened Sept 2015)				Sterling equivalent	Total
Account	B/F	C/F	Difference	Account	B/F	C/F	Difference		
HSBC Acct 1	£1,409	£789	-£620	HSBC \$	\$0	\$14,745	\$14,745		
HSBC Acct 2	£13,444	£1,497	-£11,947						
HSBC 100 Club	£80	£1,214	£1,134						
Barclays	£2,975	£2,999	£24						
TOTALS	£17,908	£6,499	-£11,409						
Total Revenue			£62,770				\$25,000	£17,490	£80,260
Total Expenditure			£74,179				\$10,255	£7,230	£81,409
Difference			-£11,409				\$14,745	£10,260	-£1,149

India Direct Expenditure: Apr 2015 - Mar 2016

Date Range	Regular Support	Other Payts to India	Other Expenditure (inc. charges)	Comments	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	Dollars	Comments
01/04/15 - 30/06/15	14600.00	4200.00		School Expenses			
				18.00 Charges acc 2			
				51.00 Charges acc 1			
					<b>18869.00</b>		
01/07/15 - 30/09/15	14400.00	1000.00		Maintenance work			
		60.00		Education			
				200.00 2015 Golf Day deposit			
				18.00 Charges acc 2			
				51.00 Charges acc 1			
					<b>15729.00</b>		
01/10/15 - 31/12/15	14400.00	3000.00		Christmas			
		5000.00		Emergency flood relief			
				2411.00 2015 Golf Day balance			
				214.90 Reimbursement for stamps			
				18.00 Charges acc 2			
				68.00 Charges acc 1			
					<b>25111.90</b>		
01/01/16 - 31/03/16	14400.00						
				18.00 Charges acc 2			
				51.00 Charges acc 1			
					<b>14469.00</b>		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57800.00</b>	<b>13260.00</b>	<b>3118.90</b>				

\$10,205.00 Building project  
\$46.71 Charges

### India Direct Expenditure: Apr 2015 - Mar 2016

<b>TOTAL SENT TO INDIA</b>	<b>71060.00</b>
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**\$10,205.00**

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>74178.90</b>
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**\$10,254.78**

India Direct Revenue: Apr 2015 to Mar 2016

Date Range	Monthly SO Revenue HSBC acct 1	Misc. Donations HSBC acct 1	Tax Refund from HMRC HSBC acct 2	100 Club Revenue	Interest Barclays	TOTAL REVENUE	Dollars
01/04/15 - 30/06/15	9434	2194		238	6	11872	
1/7/15 - 30/9/15	9681	5751	8239	320	6	23997	
1/10/15 - 31/12/15	12757	3547		275	6	16585	\$25,000
1/1/16 - 31/3/16	8655	1354		301	6	10316	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40527</b>	<b>12846</b>	<b>8239</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>62770</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

# India Direct – Annual Report to March 2016

Charity Name : India Direct  
Website : [indiadirect.org.uk](http://indiadirect.org.uk)  
Registered Address : Mottram House, Kerridge End, Rainow Cheshire SK10 5TF  
Registered Charity No. : 1101839  
Governing Document : Declaration of Trust  
Trustees : Alex Crawford, Jenny Crawford, Mark Johnson, Helen Milligan, Martin Raymond

India Direct is a charity based in Macclesfield with the following objectives :-

- to alleviate poverty and suffering in Southern India by the provision of financial and practical assistance to locally run projects supporting children and communities
- to provide a means for such projects to become self-supporting
- to provide those in need with education and training
- to undertake these activities as a practical expression of our Christian faith

This report summarises the financial activities of India Direct from April 2015 to March 2016.

## Organisation

India Direct has been a registered charity since the end of January 2004. The charity is run by the five trustees assisted by several other people most of whom live in East Cheshire. Money raised in the UK is sent out to India where it is administered by Love and Care Charitable Trust, an Indian charity based in Chennai in Southern India, headed up by Pastor K S Martin, Mrs Annie Martin and Mr V Omega. The trust looks after 165 children housed in two children's homes, one at Chennai and the other at Poraiyar, and also provides support for 50 widows.

## Highlights

As usual India Direct has organised, and benefitted from, several fundraising events over the course of the year. Back in April 2015 we had a successful curry evening in Macclesfield, followed by several brave souls participating in the Manchester Colour Run in July, getting sponsorship for our charity. This was followed by another successful Golf Day, with the sale of India Direct Christmas cards, and a supermarket bag pack completing our 2015 fundraising efforts. We also earned significant revenue from a 100 Club which was started in early 2015.

Fundraising events don't 'just happen': they need to be planned, publicised and carried out which takes time and effort. As always we are very grateful for those people who are prepared to put the time and effort in; grateful too for the generosity of the people who support these events.

One significant event we responded to was when, in November and December 2015, Chennai was hit by the worst flooding it had suffered in 100 years. Despite Annie and Martin being flooded out of their own home, they, together with Omega and their families, organised aid for villagers in the locality of Bethel, many of whom had lost everything. We sent out £5000 as soon as we heard of the work they were doing and were thankful to be able to help in a small way.

We also saw significant progress at the building site for the new Home for the Bethel children, and would like to express our deepest thanks to those who have provided funding for this project. Without such support we would have been forced by Indian regulations to choose only girls or boys to live at the home.

2015 also saw the first Scholarships funded by our friends at Poynton High School. Whilst not being an India Direct project, the Scholarship fund has had a significant impact on the behaviour and motivation of children at the homes, and we would like to express our gratitude for their long term support.

## Staffing

Two of our trustees, Sara Rathmill and Dave Armstrong, tendered their resignation during the year. In January 2015, Sara took over as India Direct Chair, at a challenging time for our charity. We greatly benefitted from her management experience and are grateful for all she did. Sara stepped down for family reasons and we all wish her well in the future.

Dave was responsible for getting India Direct off the ground and has played a pivotal role in the life of the charity. He was on our first trip to India, in 2001, to see Martin, Annie and Omega's work firsthand and, as a professional architect, he has done much of the design work for the Bethel and Joy children's homes we support. We wish Dave well in the future and thank him for all his work for India Direct over many years.

Jenny Crawford has now taken over as Chair, with Helen Milligan continuing as Secretary and Martin Raymond resuming the role of Treasurer.

As a charity we would greatly benefit from having more trustees, and more helpers, to share the load. We have found working for India Direct to be challenging at times but also immensely rewarding, both in terms of making a real difference to the lives of needy people in India, and also being enriched through the insights we get into a culture which is very different from our own. If you would like to know more about the opportunities there are to get involved with the running of our charity then we would be delighted to hear from you.

## Finances

This has been a fairly lean year for us financially, and we have sent more money out to India than we have received.

Our regular support has dropped by almost a quarter over the last four years which is a cause for concern. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to start supporting our work on a regular basis – or indeed from any existing supporters who would be willing to increase their support.

One initiative taken during the year was to open an account in US dollars. This facilitates receiving US dollar donations as well as enabling us to finance our work in India from our dollar account when exchange rates make it beneficial to do so.

Looking forward, we will continue to support Love and Care Charitable Trust initiatives to generate revenue which will make them less dependent on us in the future. We recognise that this is a significant challenge but, in view of the challenge we face to raise sufficient funds, we consider it to be an essential strategy going forward.

## Approval

This Annual Report was approved at a trustees meeting held on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Signed :-

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J Crawford      Chairman

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H Milligan      Secretary