Company no. 03914873 Charity no. 1085096

Women and Children First UK Report and Audited Financial Statements 31 December 2021

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 D	ecember 2021		
Company number	03914873		
Charity number	1085096		
Registered office and operational address	United House North Road London N7 9DP		
Trustees	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:		
	Caroline Baker Laura Bessell Carol Bradford Priti Dave (appointed 1 April 2021) John Davis Meera Dodhia Rosalind Marsh Louise Morris Christopher Thorpe		
Chief executive officer	Mikey Rosato		
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB		
Auditors	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD		

Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Women and Children First was incorporated by guarantee on 27 January 2000. It has no share capital and is a registered charity. The guarantee of each member is limited to £1. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the members of the board of trustees are the directors of the company.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The board consists of a minimum of three trustees. The board of trustees has ultimate control and responsibility for the business and trustees serve three-year fixed terms before re-election. Trustees who have been in office for more than six years since their original appointment shall not be eligible for re-appointment, unless otherwise agreed by the trustees. In the event of a vacancy arising, new trustees are actively recruited to maintain the board's strong skills and experience.

Trustee induction and training

On appointment, each trustee is given access to a trustee web portal, where copies of key documents can be accessed, including: Memorandum and Articles of Association; 2019-2021 strategic plan; most recent statutory and management accounts; policies, procedures and manuals; job descriptions for trustees; board committee terms of reference; trustee code of conduct; and the most recent annual review. The portal also provides a calendar of board, committee meeting and major event dates and key contact details. New trustees meet with the chair and chief executive. New trustees are encouraged to undertake a formal trustee training course and funds are made available to support this, if necessary.

Quarterly board meetings and annual general meetings of trustees are held where all major and strategic decisions are made. Members of Women and Children First UK are the people elected to the board of trustees within the procedures laid down in the governing documents.

Risk assessment

The finance committee scrutinises the charity's risk register on a quarterly basis. The risk assessment identifies a range of risks and the three highest rated before mitigation/risk reduction were:

- 1) Environmental and external risks particularly the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and insurgency in Northern Ethiopia on operations;
- 2) Operational risks particularly the workload of staff; and
- 3) Financial risks particularly cashflow sensitivities and low-income projections.

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The following mitigating actions have been taken:

- Continued implementation of our coronavirus mitigation strategy save costs where possible, secure income, adapt approaches, lobby partners and move to remote working;
- Delaying activities where necessary, securing no cost extensions and adapting programme delivery to ensure safety of staff;
- Recruitment of additional staff and planning for further recruitment in 2022;
- Monthly review of cashflow and income pipeline; and
- Diversification of fundraising streams and strengthening of cost-recovery and consultancy income models.

Organisational structure

The board is supported by one committee (finance) and two advisory groups (communications and fundraising and programmes development). The membership of these committees/advisory groups are comprised of trustees, the chief executive and the finance officer, communications and fundraising team, and programmes team, attend the finance, communications and fundraising, and programmes committees/advisory groups respectively. Currently the chief executive reports to the board of trustees and leads the day-to-day running of the charity.

Staff remuneration

The finance committee carry out periodic reviews of the rates of pay for similar roles in similar size charities to ensure that pay for staff is competitive and advises the board accordingly. The board review all staff salaries annually and agree, subject to affordability, a cost of living increase in line with the government's inflation figures published in November each year.

Fundraising standards

Trustees are aware of the need to comply with the regulations from the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. In 2021, the Trust did not engage with any external professional fundraisers. Our fundraising activities were conducted by staff and volunteers. We monitor fundraising best practice and ensure we protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from intrusion, persistent approaches or undue pressure. Our policies and procedures on data protection ensure the personal data of donors is treated correctly.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which the charity is established are:

"To improve the health, nutrition and welfare of the women and children in poor communities."

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees have considered and have due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Our vision is a world where all women, children and young people can survive and thrive.

Too often women, children and young people face problems that kill them, harm them or hold them back. We believe local communities have the answers, but too often they are told what to do, treated as the problem or ignored.

Not by us.

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Our mission is to empower local communities to take action on the global health challenges facing women, children and young people.

Over the last twenty years, we have collaborated with partners to take our flagship innovation – the Participatory Learning and Action for Maternal and Newborn Health group approach (PLA-MNH) – from conception, through rigorous evaluation, to a WHO global recommendation – reaching over 12.5 million people. At scale, PLA-MNH groups could save the lives of 350,000 mothers and babies every year.

We are also currently collaborating with partners to test new models of PLA and incubate two further early stage innovations – Re-cal-I (an analogue personalised maternal, newborn and child health appointment reminder system) and Play++ (a set of toys for caregivers to stimulate child development while simultaneously promoting changes in caregiver child feeding and sanitation practices), which at scale could contribute to saving the lives of over 2.5 million more women, children and young people per year and enabling millions more to thrive.

Women and Children First's values are:

- Collaborative: We cooperate with partners communities, organisations, academic institutions and governments in LICs and internationally to act on global health challenges;
- Driven: We have a clear purpose and deliver with resilience and determination;
- Adaptable: We are open minded and responsive to change;
- Kind: We act with integrity and treat our community and each other with respect and dignity; and
- Brilliant: We set ourselves high standards and are respected as experts in what we do.

No one receives any private benefit from Women and Children First's work.

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PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2021, Women and Children First pursued its objectives by delivering ten projects:

- Amhara Project (2020 2022): Developing a Scaling Model for an SRH Demand Creation Technique (Participatory Learning and Action). Funded by the Waterloo Foundation and Medicor Foundation. Under this project we supported our partner, Marie Stopes Reproductive Choices, to adapt the PLA approach to: a) establish 60 PLA groups facilitated by family planning promoters; and b) strengthen sexual and reproductive health and family planning services. Delays due to the coronavirus pandemic and insurgency in Northern Ethiopia led to the project receiving a no-cost extension and results will be available in 2022.
- 2) Goro Project (2020 2022): Improving maternal and newborn health in Goro Woreda, Ethiopia through a simple analogue, personalised health appointment reminder system called RE-CAL-L. Funded by the Band Aid Charitable Trust. Under this project we are supporting our partner, Doctors with Africa CUAMM, to train 50 community health volunteers to provide 1,000 pregnant women with tailored reminders for recommended antenatal, delivery and postnatal contacts with a health provider. Delays due to the coronavirus pandemic led to the project receiving a no-cost extension and results will be available in 2022.
- 3) Kenya Project (2020 2022): Understanding male engagement in child health and nutrition in urban informal settlements: A formative participatory exploration. Funded by the MRC. Under this project we are providing technical assistance to our partner the KEMRI Wellcome Trust, to develop a community-based intervention to increase male involvement in child health and nutrition in urban slums. Delays due to the coronavirus pandemic led to the project receiving a no-cost extension and results will be available in 2022.
- 4) Tanzania Project (2020 2022): Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) in Zanzibar. Funded by UNICEF. Under this project we are supporting partners including the Zanzibar Primary Health Unit, UNICEF and D-Tree international to design, implement and evaluate a PLA group programme through the national community health worker system. Delays due to the coronavirus pandemic led to the project receiving a no-cost extension and results will be available in 2022.
- 5) Bangladesh Project (2020 2022): Developing an integrated community mobilisation package to prevent childhood injuries in rural Bangladesh. Funded by MRC. Under this project we are providing technical assistance to our partners BADAS-PCP and UCL, to develop a community-based intervention to prevent childhood injuries. Delays due to the coronavirus pandemic led to the project receiving a no-cost extension and results will be available in 2022.
- 6) Malawi Project (2021 2026): Innovations in Health, Rights and Development (iHeard) in Malawi. Funded by Global Affairs Canada. Under this project we are supporting partners to establish over 500 PLA groups adapted: a) to improve adolescent sexual and reproductive health; and b) for delivery by radio.
- 7) Small Projects:
 - a) funded by the Vitol Foundation and Didymus to convert our existing PLA technical assistance package into e-learning materials;
 - b) funded by the B2020 family to improve adolescent menstrual health in Oyam District, Uganda;
 - c) funded by Gilead to support Doctors with Africa CUAMM to strengthen community engagement in health and wellbeing and demand for services across Tanzania; and
 - d) funded by the UK Department for Work and Pensions Kickstart Scheme to hire a young person at risk of long-term unemployment.

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Overall in 2021 and since Women and Children First was established:

				Women,		
		Total	Lives of women,	children and		
	Total contract	population	children and young	young		
	value	reached to	people saved to	people		
		date	date*	benefiting to		
_				date**		
Amhara project	£270,000	30,000	na	6,000		
Goro project	£45,798	61,585	na	na		
Kenya project	£20,788	na	na	na		
Tanzania project	£49,980	na	na	na		
Bangladesh project	£35,572	4,000	na	1,000		
Malawi project	£738,766	-	-	-		
Small projects	£64,710	na	na	na		
Closed projects						
2001 - 2021	£9,453,813	12,213,606	6,302	391,306		
Total 2001 - 2022	£10,679,427	12,309,191	6,302	398,306		
- Project running for less than 1 year.						
* Projected based on assumption that projects implementing PLA-MNH groups will						

 Projected based on assumption that projects implementing PLA-MNH groups will result in a 34% reduction in maternal mortality and 23% reduction in neonatal mortality at scale (Prost et al, 2013)

** Projected based on number of women and adolescents attending PLA groups x 2, to account for children of attendees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2021 was £399,537 (2020: £468,097). Total expenditure for 2021 was £333,439 (2020: £513,989).

Our restricted fund balance at the end of 2021 was £112,011 (2020: £72,150). This accounted for the spending down of funds received in prior years and the receipt of new grants recognised as income, but for which the full expenditure comes at a later date. All restricted reserves are held to cover specific project costs for which the funds were raised and are not available to apply for any other purpose.

The final balance for the year of our unrestricted funds was £106,648 (2020: £80,411). The trustees have formulated a policy whereby the target range of free reserves held by Women and Children First throughout the year should equate to approximately three to six months of unrestricted expenditure to provide assurance of being able to manage the organisation effectively should funding drop significantly in the short to medium term. Accordingly, the current target is to hold unrestricted reserves of between £45,000 and £90,000 in liquid form, making them available for use when the charity needs to draw upon them. The policy and its implementation are under regular scrutiny at meetings of the finance committee and board of trustees.

The drop in income has been predominantly driven by delays in activities due to the coronavirus pandemic and insurgency in Northern Ethiopia. Our 2022 budget shows growth in income and expenditure compared to 2021, as a result of an increase in number of active projects and increase in voluntary income, with a projected surplus of unrestricted funds at the end of the year.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Strategy 2022-2024: Position, Prepare, Power-Up

Since 2000, Women and Children First has contributed to the Sustainable Development Goals by implementing more than 50 international programmes, reaching over 12.5 million people across 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Central America.

For much of our history, we have developed, adapted and rigorously tested the PLA-MNH group approach. With our partners we have established over 5,000 PLA-MNH groups, with close to 200,000 members. These groups have enabled communities to save the lives of more than 6,000 women, children and young people and have supported hundreds of thousands more to achieve their potential.

We are proud that, through collaborations with partners, we have proven the potential for PLA-MNH. It is effective, cost-effective, equitable, sustainable and scalable. It is recommended globally by the World Health Organisation. It can make a substantial contribution to global efforts to ensure women, children and young people can survive and thrive.

Position

Our history brings clarity to our role in relation to PLA-MNH in the future. We are uniquely placed to support scale-up globally, to ensure PLA-MNH reaches the communities where it can have the greatest impact.

In the past we have taken a project-by-project approach to achieve this aim. We have sought to build an evidence-base in each country, in collaboration with partners with the capacity to scale nationally, and then engaged in local advocacy to drive scale-up in collaboration with the Ministries of Health.

It has been a hard process, which – although supportive for the communities involved - has resulted in only limited reach.

This has led us to evolve our strategy. We recognise our role as an 'intermediator' – uniquely positioned between the PLA-MNH approach and governments and stakeholders, with the capacity to deliver it at scale. Essentially the small cog that helps drive the big wheels!

To best leverage this role, over the next three years, we will work to position PLA-MNH ready for scale-up in countries where it can save thousands of lives every year. We will achieve this through advocacy and working closely with national governments and their partners, supporting them in confirming its potential at national level. In support, we will offer a comprehensive package of technical assistance to transfer knowledge and institutionalise PLA-MNH. We will start in Ethiopia, Malawi and Tanzania, where we are already well placed to deliver this strategy, but will remain open to working in other countries, if the potential to institutionalise PLA-MNH opens up elsewhere.

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Prepare

Working closely with communities for 20 years has shown time and again the incredible changes they can make. This has inspired us to explore other innovations that communities can use to take action on their priority heath and development concerns.

Working on PLA-MNH has provided a blueprint for how we can work with communities to address these concerns. Collaborating closely to identify and design simple innovations > rigorously testing them > bringing those with the greatest potential to scale.

Using this blueprint, alongside PLA-MNH, we are proud to have developed a rich pipeline of new innovations which all share a basic principle of seeking to empower communities to act on their own concerns. Many of these build on the PLA platform that we know so well, whereas others are completely new, but build on our institutional capacity and experiences.

Over the next three years we will continue to incubate and guide these new innovations through the pipeline and prepare them for scale-up.

Power-up

The Women and Children First team is fortunate to have excellent staff, supportive trustees and committed ambassadors and friends.

Over the next three years we will take the opportunity to further power-up the team in readiness to work at scale. This will involve securing the funds needed and being smart about investing them to most effectively grow and motivate our team and reinforce our systems.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 30 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Carol Bradford

Carol Bradford - Chair

To the members of

Women and Children First UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Women and Children First UK (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alison Godfrey

Date: 31 May 2022

Alison Godfrey FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of: **GODFREY WILSON LIMITED** Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income from: Donations Charitable activities	3 4	176,046 35,624	160,984 26,883	337,030 62,507	426,474 41,091
Other income					532
Total income		211,670	187,867	399,537	468,097
Expenditure on: Raising funds Charitable activities		5,898 164,885	60,813 101,843	66,711 266,728	47,775 466,214
Total expenditure	6	170,783	162,656	333,439	513,989
Net income / (expenditure)		40,887	25,211	66,098	(45,892)
Transfers between funds		(1,026)	1,026	<u> </u>	
Net movement in funds	7	39,861	26,237	66,098	(45,892)
Reconciliation of funds: Total funds brought forward		72,150	80,411	152,561	198,453
Total funds carried forward		112,011	106,648	218,659	152,561

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 15 to the accounts.

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	11		466	-
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	65,829 164,489 230,318		22,932 141,942 164,874
Liabilities Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	13	(12,125)		(12,313)
Net current assets			218,193	152,561
Net assets	14		218,659	152,561
Funds Restricted funds Unrestricted funds:	15		112,011	72,150
General funds			106,648	80,411
Total charity funds			218,659	152,561

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 30 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Carol Bradford

Carol Bradford - Chair

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Women and Children First UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. In making this assessment, the trustees have considered the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the charity's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of \pounds 106,648 and a cash balance of \pounds 164,489. The charity also has a number of confirmed new contracts for 2022, a healthy fundraising pipeline, and opportunities to work with existing funders to manage cash flow in the short term. The trustees therefore consider that the charity will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

e) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and include staff salaries, contractor costs, printing and publicity, website and event costs.

Charitable activities include costs associated with the management and running of programmes and the provision of technical assistance, for instance, staff salaries, telephone and communication costs, rent, contractor costs etc.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the basis of staff time as follows:

	2021	2020
Raising funds	25%	10%
Charitable activities	75%	90%

h) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment 3 years straight line basis

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

I) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

m) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

n) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key source of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is depreciation as described in note 1(h) above.

p) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

			2020
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations	307,252	119,222	426,474
Charitable activities	24,795	16,296	41,091
Other income	, _	532	532
Total income	332,047	136,050	468,097
		<u> </u>	<u>,</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	8,037	39,738	47,775
Charitable activities	392,450	73,764	466,214
		<u> </u>	
Total expenditure	400,487	113,502	513,989
Net income / (expenditure)	(68,440)	22,548	(45,892)
Transfers between funds	46	(46)	-
		<u> </u>	
Net movement in funds	(68,394)	22,502	(45,892)

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3. Income from donations

income from donations			
	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 Total
	£	£	£
Institutional funders:	~	~	~
GAC - Malawi	31,940	-	31,940
Department for Work and Pensions	3,765	-	3,765
Donations from Trusts and Foundations:			
Medicor Foundation	110,000	-	110,000
Waterloo Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
Didymus Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Norton Rose Charitable Foundation	-	25,000	25,000
Richard Lawe Foundation	-	20,000	20,000
Sage Foundation	-	7,220	7,220
Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,500
The Tula Trust	-	2,000	2,000
Lascelles Charitable Trust	-	1,500	1,500
Mageni Trust	-	1,500	1,500
St Marys Charity Trust	-	1,000	1,000
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	500	500
Trelix Charitable Trust	-	500	500
Bergman Lehane Trust	-	275	275
Ardwick Trust	-	100	100
Rest Harrow Trust	-	100	100
Other donations:			
Individual donations	341	72,924	73,265
Corporate donations	-	4,365	4,365
Major donors		21,500	21,500
Total income from donations	176,046	160,984	337,030

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3.	Income from donations (continued) Prior period comparative:	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
		101 055		101 955
	Comic Relief/Big Lottery Fund - Oyam, Uganda	101,855 14,983	-	101,855 14,983
	Comic Relief/Big Lottery Fund - Goro, Ethiopia	14,903	-	14,903
	Donations from Trusts and Foundations:			
	Waterloo Foundation	75,000	-	75,000
	Medicor Foundation	60,000	-	60,000
	Band Aid Charitable Trust	45,798	-	45,798
	Baylor University	9,616	-	9,616
	Norton Rose Charitable Foundation	-	25,000	25,000
	Richard Lawe Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
	Souter Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000
	Mageni Trust	-	2,200	2,200
	Tula Trust	-	2,000	2,000
	Thorntons Law	-	1,500	1,500
	Reuben Foundation	-	250	250
	Harbinson Charitable Trust	-	200	200
	Other donations:			
	Individual donations	-	49,228	49,228
	Corporate donations	-	4,344	4,344
	Major donors		19,500	19,500
	Total income from donations	307,252	119,222	426,474

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
CUAMM - Tanzania KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme <i>–</i> Kenya UCL – Bangladesh UNICEF - Tanzania	35,624 - -	4,900 17,500 4,483	35,624 4,900 17,500 4,483
Total income from charitable activities	35,624	26,883	62,507

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued)

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Prior period comparative:	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Vitol Foundation - Oyam, Uganda Vitol Foundation - E learning KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme – Kenya UCL – Bangladesh UNICEF - Tanzania	4,475 20,320 - -	- 2,100 4,200 9,996	4,475 20,320 2,100 4,200 9,996
Total income from charitable activities	24,795	16,296	41,091

5. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from the Department for Work and Pensions to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 December 2021 was $\pounds 3,765$ (2020: $\pounds Nil$). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in 2021.

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6. Total expenditure

			Support &	
		Charitable	governance	
	Raising funds	activities	costs	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 9)	50,081	167,778	11,928	229,787
Fundraising	7,239	-	-	7,239
Grants paid to overseas organisations (note 8)	-	59,929	-	59,929
Project costs	-	7,868	-	7,868
Consultants	-	750	-	750
Communications	-	2,230	-	2,230
Audit and accountancy	-	-	4,500	4,500
Trustee training	-	-	357	357
Trustee meeting costs	-	-	227	227
Depreciation	-	-	234	234
Legal fees	-	-	13	13
Programme development	-	-	1,648	1,648
Administration costs			18,657	18,657
Sub-total	57,320	238,555	37,564	333,439
Allocation of support and governance costs	9,391	28,173	(37,564)	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	66,711	266,728	<u> </u>	333,439

Governance costs were £5,097 (2020: £4,865).

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6. Total expenditure - prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	2020 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	36,097	170,285	14,615	220,997
Fundraising	8,018	-	-	8,018
Grants paid to overseas organisations (note 8)	-	249,100	-	249,100
Project costs	-	10,802	-	10,802
Consultants	-	500	-	500
Communications	-	815	-	815
Travel	-	1,769	-	1,769
Audit and accountancy	-	-	4,320	4,320
Trustee training	-	-	532	532
Depreciation	-	-	1,440	1,440
Legal fees	-	-	13	13
Programme development	-	-	1,431	1,431
Administration costs	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	14,252	14,252
Sub-total	44,115	433,271	36,603	513,989
Allocation of support and governance costs	3,660	32,943	(36,603)	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	47,775	466,214		513,989

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7. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

		2021	2020
		£	£
	Depreciation	234	1,440
	Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
	Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
	Auditors' remuneration:		
	 Statutory audit 	4,500	4,320
8.	Grants payable	2021 £	2020 £
	Grants paid to partner organisations:	10.000	
	Doctors with Africa CUAMM	10,056	214,981
	Marie Stopes International	49,873	34,119
		59,929	249,100

All grants are paid to fund charitable activities being to improve the health and welfare of women and children in poor communities. The grants shown above do not include any support cost allocations.

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages Social security costs Pension costs Freelance costs	191,419 15,008 18,670 4,690	181,698 16,247 18,170 4,882
	<u>229,787</u> 2021	220,997
Number of employees in the year receiving emoluments over £60,000: £60,000 - £69,999	1	1

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9. Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were $\pounds73,062$ (2020: $\pounds73,073$).

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Average head count	4.5	4

10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	J		Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
	Cost		
	At 1 January 2021		11,064
	Additions		700
	At 31 December 2021		11,764
	Depreciation		
	At 1 January 2021		11,064
	Charge for the year		234
	At 31 December 2021		11,298
	Net book value At 31 December 2021		466
	At 31 December 2020		
12.	Debtors		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Accrued income	46,660	20,184
	Other debtors	17,657	2,748
	Prepayments	1,512	
		65,829	22,932

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13. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	667	315
Accruals	4,229	4,609
Other taxation and social security	5,615	7,389
Other creditors	1,614	-
	12,125	12,313

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	112,011	466	466
Current assets		118,307	230,318
Current liabilities		(12,125)	(12,125)
Net assets at 31 December 2021	112,011	106,648	218,659

Prior period comparative	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	72,465	92,409	164,874
Current liabilities	(315)	(11,998)	(12,313)
Net assets at 31 December 2020	72,150	80,411	152,561

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15. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Band Aid Charitable Trust - Goro, Ethiopia	14,823	-	(14,823)	-	-
Farm Radio International	-	31,940	(6,732)	-	25,208
Doctors with Africa CUAMM – Tanzania	-	35,624	(35,624)	-	-
Vitol Foundation - Development of PLA-MNH e-learning materials	7,997	-	(7,997)	-	-
Medicor Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	33,842	110,000	(63,726)	-	80,116
Waterloo Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	15,488	25,000	(33,801)	-	6,687
B2020 Family – Oyam, Uganda	-	341	(318)	(23)	-
Didymus CIO – Development of PLA-MNH e-learning materials	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Department for Work and Pensions	-	3,765	(2,762)	(1,003)	-
Total restricted funds	72,150	211,670	(170,783)	(1,026)	112,011
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	80,411	187,867	(162,656)	1,026	106,648
Total unrestricted funds	80,411	187,867	(162,656)	1,026	106,648
Total funds	152,561	399,537	(333,439)		218,659

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15.	Movements in funds (continued) Purposes of restricted funds	
	Band Aid Charitable Trust - Goro, Ethiopia	To improve maternal and newborn health in Goro Woreda, Ethiopia.
	Farm Radio International	To improve adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights in Ntchisi District, Malawi.
	CUAMM - Tanzania	The support CUAMM to strengthen community engagement in health and wellbeing and demand for services across Doctors with Africa CUAMM Tanzania activities.
	Vitol Foundation - Development of PLA-MNH e-learning materials	To develop Participatory Learning and Action for Maternal and Newborn Health (PLA-MNH) e-learning materials.
	Medicor Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	To improve sexual and reproductive health in Amhara, Ethiopia.
	Waterloo Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	To improve sexual and reproductive health in Amhara, Ethiopia.
	B2020 Family	To support menstrual hygiene in Oyam district – Uganda.
	Didymus Trust	To develop Participatory Learning and Action for Maternal and Newborn Health (PLA-MNH) e-learning materials.
	Department for Work and Pensions	To hire a young person at risk of long-term unemployment through the government Kickstart scheme.

Transfers between funds

Income was received in error as part of the Kickstart scheme. The funder confirmed the income will not be reclaimed and therefore was transferred to unrestricted funds.

The B2020 Family transfer out of restricted funds represents variances caused by exchange rate gains and losses.

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15.	Movements in funds (continued)					
		At 1			Transfers	At 31
		January			between	December
	Prior period comparative	2020	Income	Expenditure	funds	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds					
	Comic Relief / Big Lottery Fund - Goro, Ethiopia	3,957	14,983	(18,940)	-	-
	Comic Relief / Big Lottery Fund - Oyam, Uganda	39,838	101,855	(141,693)	-	-
	Band Aid Charitable Trust - Goro, Ethiopia	-	45,798	(30,975)	-	14,823
	Vitol Foundation - Development of PLA-MNH e-learning materials	-	20,320	(12,323)	-	7,997
	Medicor Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	-	60,000	(26,158)	-	33,842
	Waterloo Foundation - Amhara, Ethiopia	-	75,000	(59,512)	-	15,488
	Vitol Foundation - Oyam, Uganda	91,222	4,475	(95,697)	-	-
	Baylor University - Oyam, Uganda	-	9,616	(9,616)	-	-
	The Light Fund - Oyam, Uganda	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
	B2020 Family - Uganda	527		(573)	46	-
	Total restricted funds	140,544	332,047	(400,487)	46	72,150
	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds	57,909	136,050	(113,502)	(46)	80,411
	Total unrestricted funds	57,909	136,050	(113,502)	(46)	80,411
	Total funds	198,453	468,097	(513,989)		152,561

16. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amount falling due: Within 1 year	2,290	2,290

17. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.