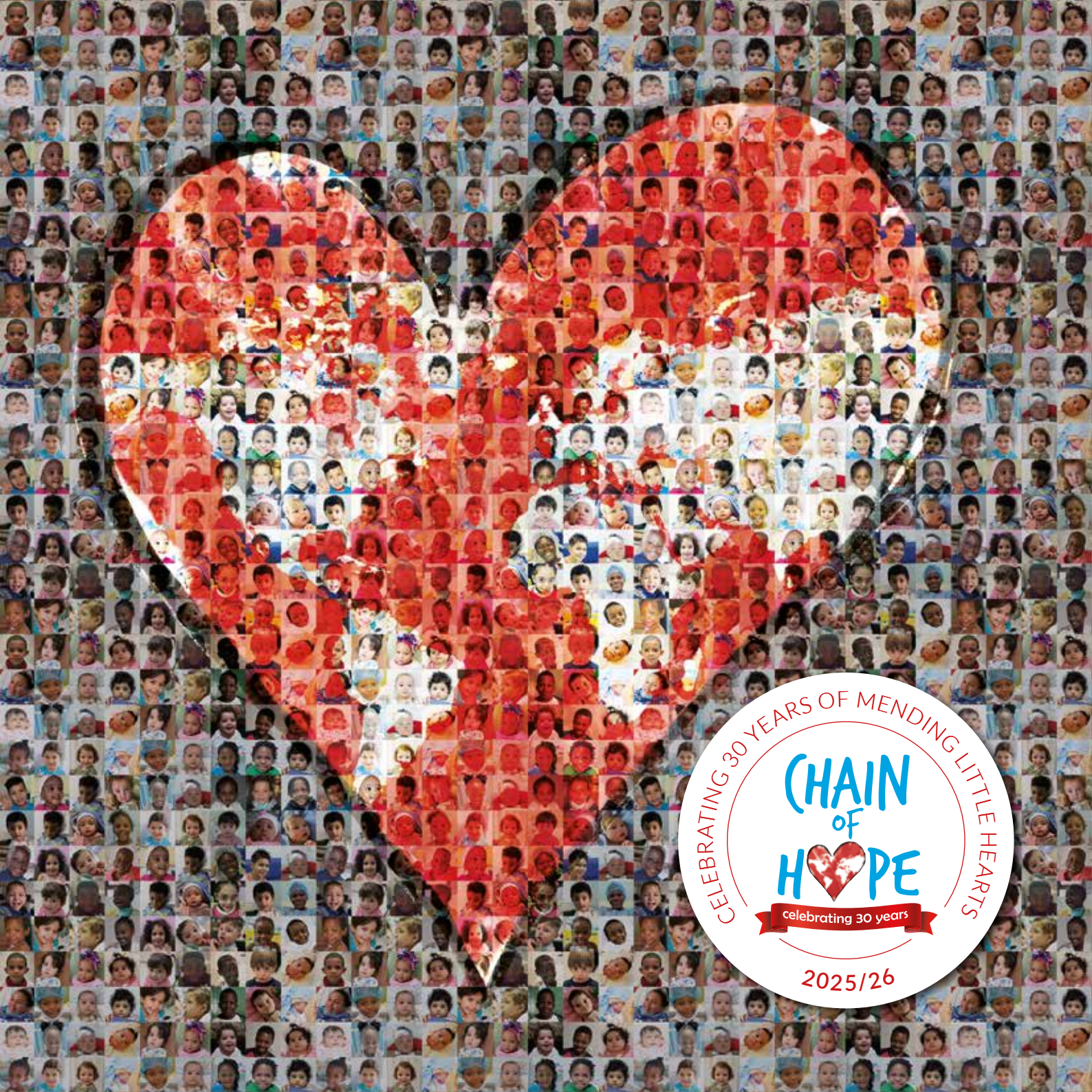
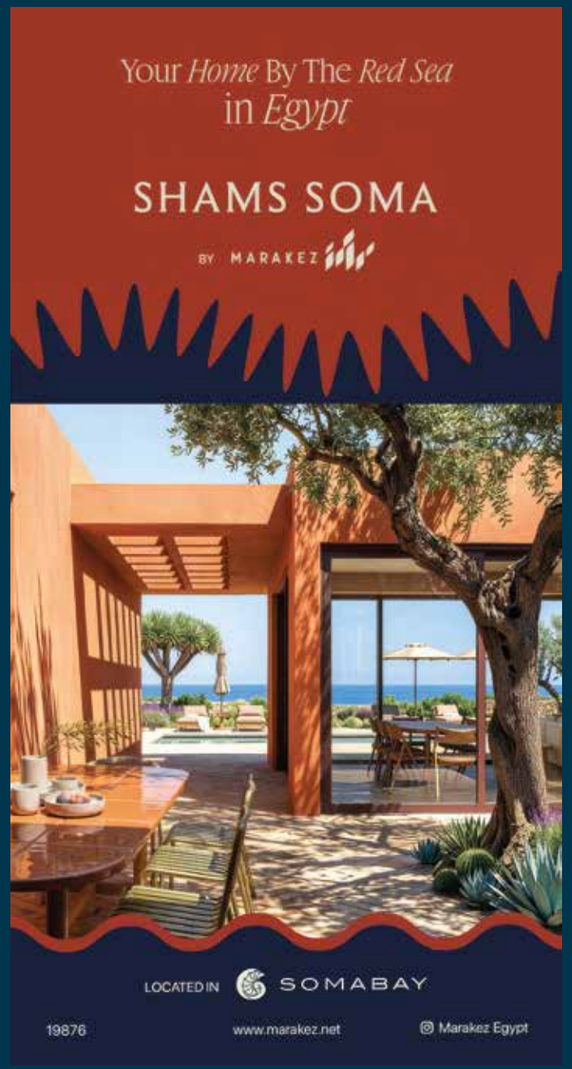
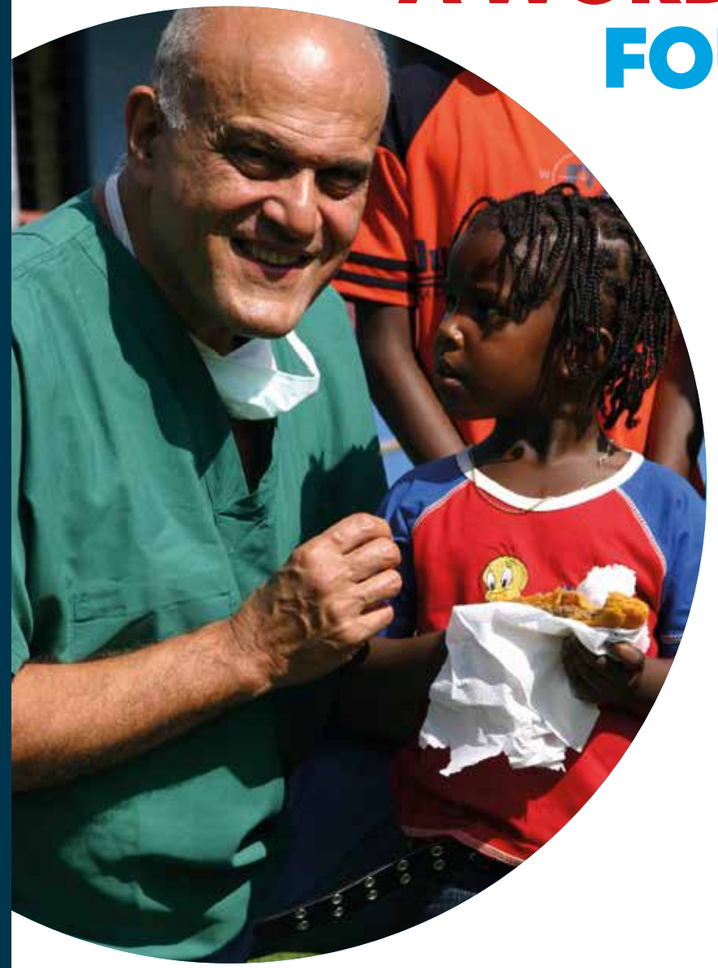

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MENDING LITTLE HEARTS
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CHAIN OF HOPE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERS





A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



"I am absolutely delighted to join in the celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the Chain of Hope. The charity has brought together an extraordinary chain of people united by one purpose: giving children and young adults with heart disease the chance of a healthy future. Our vision is to expand in serving vulnerable populations and humanity at large, establishing sustainable Centres of Excellence with integrated training and research.

It is wonderful to see how this chain of hope has grown over the past 30 years, connecting people, expertise and compassion across the world, transforming the lives of so many children and their families."

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub FRS, OM
Founder and President of Chain of Hope

OVERVIEW FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Our 30th anniversary is a moment to celebrate what has been achieved together, but also to look ahead with renewed ambition at what more can be done. For three decades, the charity has brought together world class medical expertise, local healthcare professionals, hospitals, partners, volunteers and supporters to give children with heart disease the opportunity for a healthier future.

During this last financial year, Chain of Hope mobilised 22 specialist teams around the world as well as continuing to support different cardiac centres with equipment and training. The combined work enabled a total of 322 cardiac procedures on children and young adults.

The charity also celebrated ten years of delivering cardiac missions for refugees. During the year we provided 93 life-changing procedures across a record eight missions to Amman. In response to the ongoing war in Gaza, we increased our support to this region with two dedicated missions for children evacuated from Gaza. We provided financial support to these young patients and their entire families during a critical period for them.



In Jamaica, we marked 30 years of partnership, delivering four training missions during the financial year whilst conducting 27 operations and continued to strengthen the cardiac services at the Jamaica Children's Heart Centre. In Ethiopia and Uganda, our work increasingly focused on building local capacity alongside delivering specialist treatment.

In September 2025 we conducted our first surgical mission to the Uganda Heart Institute in 10 years.

Our commitment to sustainability is central to the future of Chain of Hope. Essential equipment was provided to cardiac centres in Ethiopia, Uganda and Jamaica, while specialist training opportunities helped develop the skills and expertise of cardiac professionals from partner countries. In Jamaica we established a national curriculum for a cardiac module at the intensive care school at the University of Technology based in Kingston.

We also continued to respond to humanitarian need, supporting cardiac teams and hospitals in Lebanon, Palestine and Ukraine, as well as continuing our ongoing support of critical supplies to the Aswan Heart Centre, Egypt.



None of this happens in isolation. **Our impact is the result of people coming together around a shared purpose.**

We are enormously grateful to our medical volunteers, whose expertise, time and commitment remain at the heart of our work, and to our Staff, Trustee Board, Advisory Committees and Gala Ball Committees for their leadership, guidance and unwavering support.

Thirty years have shown what can be achieved when expertise, partnership and generosity come together. As we begin our next chapter, that collective spirit will remain at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who continues to be part of the Chain of Hope family.



Emma Scanlan
Chief Executive Officer, Chain of Hope

10 YEARS OF DELIVERING EMERGENCY CARDIAC CARE TO REFUGEES IN JORDAN



The financial year 2025-26 was the 10th year since Chain of Hope started its humanitarian project in the Middle East to bring children from war torn countries to Jordan for treatment.

During this past financial year, Chain of Hope delivered eight life-saving missions in Jordan, funding 93 life-changing cardiac operations for children living with congenital heart disease.

During these missions children were treated from Gaza, Yemen, Syria and Iraq.

Three missions were conducted at Al Khalidi Hospital in partnership with Gift of Life Amman and Riley Children's Hospital, while a further five missions took place at Jordan University Hospital in partnership with Gift of Life International.

The missions at Al Khalidi Hospital were led by Dr Mark Turrentine and Dr Khaled Salaymeh. At Jordan University Hospital, international volunteer teams were led by Chain of Hope's Vice-President, Professor Victor Tsang.

Later in the year, Dr Kiet Tran from Skåne University Hospital, Sweden, led his first mission with Chain of Hope completing seven complex procedures on children from Gaza alongside Dr Michael Oketcho from the Uganda Heart Institute and Dr Iyad Alammouri from Jordan University Hospital. Our final mission of 25-26 was led by Dr Vaughn Starnes from LA Children's Hospital, USA.

Dedicated Gaza Missions

A significant focus of Chain of Hope's work in the Middle East this year was supporting children affected by the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Two of the eight missions were dedicated exclusively to treating children evacuated from Gaza, resulting in a total of 19 complex procedures on children suffering from heart disease.

Chain of Hope worked closely with many partners including Children Not Numbers and Kinder relief to facilitate the safe evacuation of these children, enabling them to travel to Jordan for life-saving cardiac treatment. In partnership we helped fund these little patients and their families accommodation, food and further medical treatment where needed.

Bilal from Gaza

One-year-old Bilal was evacuated from Gaza for the specialist heart surgery he needed. He was born with Tetralogy of Fallot (ToF), a congenital heart condition that affects the structure of the heart and the flow of oxygen-rich blood through the body, and which requires urgent surgery in the first year of a child's life.

In November 2025, Bilal was among the children treated during Chain of Hope's first dedicated mission to care for children evacuated from Gaza, conducted at Jordan University Hospital.

His surgery was led by Dr Kiet Tran of Skåne University Hospital, Sweden, working alongside Dr Iyad Al-Ammouri of Jordan University Hospital. The procedure was successful, and by the following morning Bilal was awake and ready for his breakfast.

Chain of Hope ICU nurse Emor Miller was there to give Bilal his morning feed and support him as he began his recovery. Bilal could only be accompanied to Jordan by his mother and sister, while his father and extended family remained in Gaza. His recovery therefore took place far from much of his family, who were waiting for news of his progress.

For Bilal, the mission provided access to the surgery he needed and the opportunity to begin his recovery with his mother and sister by his side.





30 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES IN JAMAICA

2026 marks 30 years of Chain of Hope mending little hearts in Jamaica. Over three decades, we have worked alongside local healthcare professionals to provide life-saving cardiac care for children with congenital heart disease, while helping to build sustainable paediatric cardiac services for the entire island.

During the year, four life-saving training missions were delivered at Bustamante Hospital for Children, resulting in 27 cardiac procedures. Three of these missions were delivered in collaboration with our long-standing partner, Gift of Life International. By bringing together local and international medical volunteers, with the international volunteers supporting the local medical team, providing training whilst they carried out complex procedures, these missions enabled children to receive specialist treatment closer to home, surrounded by their families and communities.

The programme also welcomed two new volunteer cardiac leaders: Dr Anders Mats Synnergren, paediatric cardiac surgeon from Great Ormond Street Hospital and Dr Michal Galeczka from the Silesian Centre for Heart Diseases, Poland. Their specialist expertise strengthened patient care and created further opportunities for training and knowledge sharing with local teams.



Beyond mending young hearts, Chain of Hope continued to invest in the future of Jamaica's cardiac services. Critical medical equipment was donated to the Jamaica Children's Heart Centre, helping the local cardiac team deliver specialist care, improve patient outcomes and sustain vital services long after each mission had ended. The donation included eight ECG machines to support rapid assessment of the heart's electrical activity, a Sonosite ultrasound system to provide detailed cardiac imaging, a diathermy machine to help surgeons control bleeding during procedures, and five defibrillators for immediate intervention in life-threatening cardiac emergencies. Together, these equipment strengthened the cardiac centres' capacity to diagnose, treat and monitor patients safely, both during missions and throughout the year.

Hurricane Melissa Emergency Response

Chain of Hope also responded to urgent humanitarian needs following Hurricane Melissa, donating 51 patient monitors to support disaster response and recovery. At a time of considerable demand and disruption, the donation helped cardiac facilities maintain essential services and strengthened their resilience for the future.



A HEART REPAIRED, A DREAM REIGNITED

Twelve-year-old Akeem dreams of one day playing football in some of the world's biggest stadiums.

A talented young player and passionate Manchester City supporter, football has always been at the heart of his world.

But while playing the sport he loves, Akeem suddenly collapsed. His dreams of a future on the pitch were thrown into uncertainty.

Following assessment by the cardiac team at Bustamante Hospital for Children, Akeem was diagnosed with a ventricular septal defect (VSD) – a hole in the wall separating the heart's lower chambers. He needed surgery to repair his heart and give him the chance to return to the life he loved.

With the expertise of Chain of Hope Trustee Professor Victor Tsang and volunteer surgeon Dr Anders Mats Synnergren, Akeem underwent a successful operation.

For Akeem, the surgery means more than repairing his heart. It means the chance to run, play and dream again; to keep chasing his ambition of one day stepping onto the world's biggest football pitches.

Akeem's determination and optimism also touched award-winning singer and Chain of Hope Ambassador Beverley Knight, who had the opportunity to meet him following his treatment.

"It was a joy to meet him. I told him that I look forward to seeing him play when he's older from my television screen, he's a real star. His situation exemplifies why the work that Chain of Hope does is so important."

Thanks to the generosity of Chain of Hope supporters, Akeem can look towards the future with hope – and keep his dreams firmly in sight.



BUILDING A STRONGER CARDIAC SERVICE IN ETHIOPIA

During 2025–26, a total of 51 cardiac procedures were carried out in Ethiopia as Chain of Hope continued to strengthen specialist cardiac services at the Cardiac Centre Ethiopia (CCE).



A total of 43 operations were conducted during three specialist missions, while a further eight were performed by the local cardiac team with support from Chain of Hope equipment.

The three specialist missions were led by Professor Sir Shakeel Qureshi, Dr Jonathan Claque and Dr Hasnat Khan.

In October 2025, Professor Sir Shakeel Qureshi, Chair of Chain of Hope's Medical Committee, led a mission that treated 18 children living with chronic heart disease. A second mission in November, led by Dr Jonathan Claque of Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals, delivered 17 procedures. In February 2026, Dr Hasnat Khan led a surgical mission that treated eight patients with rheumatic valvular heart disease.

The remaining eight procedures were carried out by the local cardiac team at the CCE, supported by Chain of Hope's



donation of more than 30 heart valves. This support enabled the Ethiopian team to provide life-changing treatment locally while building its experience and confidence in managing complex Rheumatic Heart Disease.

Chain of Hope also provided essential medical equipment to strengthen the CCE's ability to diagnose, treat and monitor patients. This included three ECG machines, a Sonosite ultrasound system, diathermy equipment, three defibrillators, two Bair Huggers and a range of patient-monitoring accessories. These resources are helping the Centre to provide safer, more effective care and ensure that essential cardiac equipment is available to the local team when it is needed.

By combining specialist international missions with investment in equipment, surgical supplies and local expertise, Chain of Hope is helping the Cardiac Centre Ethiopia move towards a stronger, more sustainable cardiac service, enabling more patients to receive life-saving treatment closer to home.



A New Chance for Hajara

At just three years old, Hajara's heart was facing a challenge she could not understand.

Born with a large patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), a congenital heart defect in which a blood vessel that is essential before birth fails to close afterwards, Hajara needed a specialist cardiac operation to protect her heart and give her the chance to grow up healthy.

During Chain of Hope's medical mission to Ethiopia in October 2025, Professor Sir Shakeel Qureshi, performed the cardiac catheterisation procedure to close Hajara's PDA.

For Hajara, the procedure was more than a medical intervention. It was an opportunity for a different future. Today, her smile offers a glimpse of what that future could hold – a childhood filled with play, laughter and the freedom to simply be a child.

Thanks to the skill and dedication of our incredible medical volunteers, and the generosity of our supporters, Hajara has been given another chance at a happy and healthy life.

BUILDING UGANDA'S CARDIAC CARE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Building on more than two decades of partnership, Chain of Hope continued to strengthen access to specialist cardiac care in Uganda during 2025–26, delivering 29 life-changing cardiac procedures across two medical missions while investing in the equipment and expertise needed to build a sustainable local service.

Chain of Hope supported children requiring cardiac care in Uganda as early as 2005, initially helping patients access treatment overseas. Since 2011, our partnership with the Uganda Heart Institute and Gift of Life International has evolved to focus increasingly on bringing specialist expertise to Uganda, supporting local teams through treatment, teaching and training missions. Our long-term goal is to enable Ugandan cardiac teams to independently provide high-quality care to patients in their own country.



In September 2025, Professor Sir Shakeel Qureshi of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, led a specialist catheterisation mission to Uganda. The team treated 19 children living with heart disease, providing vital interventions that would otherwise have been difficult to access.

In October, Chain of Hope marked an important milestone by returning to Uganda with its first surgical mission in more than 10 years, delivered in partnership with Gift of Life International. Led by Chain of Hope Vice-President Professor Victor Tsang of Great Ormond Street Hospital and Dr Kiet Tran of Skåne University Hospital, Sweden, the team performed 10 successful open-heart surgeries, while working alongside and sharing expertise with the local cardiac team.





Alongside these missions, Chain of Hope strengthened the capacity of the Uganda Heart Institute by donating essential specialist equipment, including a heart-lung machine, Sonosite ultrasound system and diathermy unit. These investments will support the local team to continue providing complex cardiac care beyond the visiting missions.



FLYING CHILDREN FOR EMERGENCY SURGERY

We transferred 13 critically ill children for emergency surgery by our international child referral team.

These children were flown from Kenya, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Somaliland, Uganda, The Gambia, and Gaza to one of our partners centres in Egypt, Spain and India.



FAHEEM FROM UGANDA

Born with Transposition of the Great Arteries, baby Faheem needed urgent specialist cardiac care. Within days of birth, he received emergency intervention in Uganda during a Chain of Hope mission, led by Dr Matthew Jones in collaboration with the Uganda Heart Institute. This intervention gave Faheem vital time whilst he awaited the heart surgery he desperately needed.

Through Chain of Hope's International Child Referral Programme, teams in Uganda, the UK, Ethiopia and Egypt worked together to prepare Faheem for surgery. Before transfer, Volunteer Medical Escort Rachael Morrison helped optimise him for travel, and Dr Samson Gebreeyesus safely escorted him on the delicate journey to the Aswan Heart Centre.

After careful pre-operative care, Faheem successfully underwent life-saving surgery. His mother, Joearia, who has remained by his side throughout, is overjoyed that her son now has the chance of a long and healthy life.

SOPHONIAS FROM ETHIOPIA

Thirteen-year-old Sophonias was born with two complex heart conditions and needed specialist care unavailable in Ethiopia. Through Chain of Hope's International Child Referral Programme, he travelled to Hospital Sant Joan de Déu in Barcelona for life-saving treatment.

Working closely with Cardiac Centre Ethiopia, Chain of Hope supported Sophonias and his aunt, Zayed, throughout their journey. In Spain, Sophonias successfully underwent interventional catheterisation followed by surgery to repair his second heart condition.

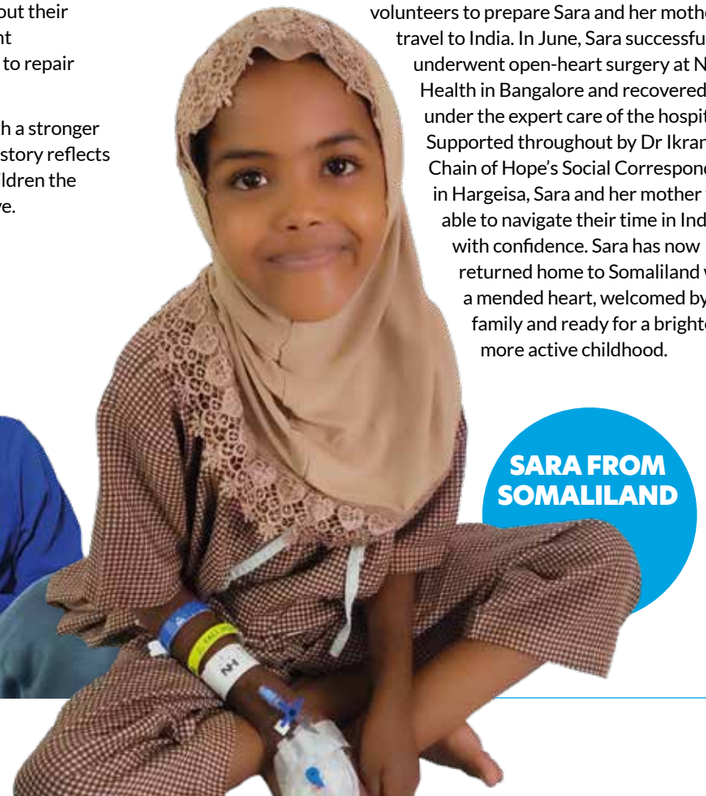
Sophonias has since returned home to Ethiopia with a stronger heart, reunited with his family and community. His story reflects the power of international collaboration to give children the care they urgently need and the future they deserve.



SARA FROM SOMALILAND

Seven-year-old Sara was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect at just 12 days old, limiting her childhood as she grew. When the surgery she needed was not available in Somaliland, Chain of Hope's partner in Hargeisa, Dr Abdirehman Nuh, alerted the team so Sara could access treatment abroad.

Chain of Hope worked with correspondents and volunteers to prepare Sara and her mother for travel to India. In June, Sara successfully underwent open-heart surgery at Narayana Health in Bangalore and recovered well under the expert care of the hospital team. Supported throughout by Dr Ikran Haibe, Chain of Hope's Social Correspondent in Hargeisa, Sara and her mother were able to navigate their time in India with confidence. Sara has now returned home to Somaliland with a mended heart, welcomed by her family and ready for a brighter, more active childhood.



YAYA FROM THE GAMBIA



Brave 13-year-old Yaya finally returned home to The Gambia after a remarkable medical journey spanning three countries and involving teams across The Gambia and Egypt.

Yaya's condition was exceptionally complex. Following life-saving heart surgery through Chain of Hope at the Aswan Heart Centre in January 2024, he developed severe mitral regurgitation and dangerously high pulmonary pressures. When his condition deteriorated, he was urgently transferred back to the Aswan Heart Centre in Egypt in May 2025 for specialist care unavailable in The Gambia.

Getting Yaya safely to Egypt was itself a major undertaking. Three virtual clinics brought together his local doctors with the UK and Aswan teams.

After weeks of careful preparation and treatment, Yaya underwent another successful surgery in July 2025. His recovery was complicated by a fungal infection, but with the dedicated care of the Aswan Heart Centre team he gradually grew stronger.

After more than three months in hospital, Yaya was finally well enough to return home.



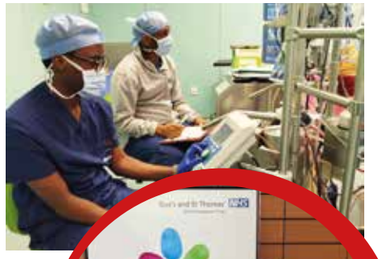
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF CARDIAC CARE

During 2025–26, Chain of Hope invested in the development of cardiac professionals across Egypt, Rwanda, Jamaica and beyond, working alongside leading partner hospitals and volunteer specialists to transfer expertise and build local capacity.





This programme reflects Chain of Hope's commitment not only to investing in individual healthcare professionals, but also to developing the local expertise and training capacity needed to improve cardiovascular care for future generations of patients in Rwanda.



National Training Curriculum in Jamaica

In Jamaica, Chain of Hope developed and delivered a dedicated cardiac module for the only national Critical Care Course the University of Technology (UTECH) training 25 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) students in cardiac care.

The programme combined remote teaching delivered by Chain of Hope volunteers and clinicians from Bustamante Hospital for Children with a practical training week led by Trustee, Maura O'Callaghan and Joanna Broadhurst of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The students also gained valuable bedside experience during surgical support missions, learning directly alongside Chain of Hope's visiting specialist team.



Training Cardiac personnel for the future of Rwanda

Looking to the future, Chain of Hope is also helping to develop specialist expertise that will support the expansion of cardiac services in Africa.

We facilitated advanced training opportunities for three perfusionists at the Aswan Heart Centre, who are being prepared to join the planned Rwanda–Egypt Heart Centre. Their specialist training is scheduled to begin in October 2026.

During the last financial year, Chain of Hope supported ten nurses from Rwanda to complete the second year of their Master's Degree in Advanced Cardiovascular Nursing at the British University in Egypt, with clinical training at the Aswan Heart Centre in Egypt.

As the first cohort to undertake this programme, the nurses represent an important milestone in Chain of Hope's commitment to building sustainable local capacity in specialist cardiovascular care.

Chain of Hope fully sponsored the nurses' tuition fees, living costs and return flights between Rwanda and Egypt, ensuring they could focus on their studies and clinical training.

All ten nurses successfully completed their training during the financial year and have now returned to Rwanda. Looking ahead, they will play a pivotal role in the development of the Rwanda–Egypt Heart Centre, where they will take on a training role when the centre is expected to open in autumn 2027.



Aswan

We facilitated a ten-day specialist training placement for Dr Soha Romeih, a cardiologist from the Aswan Heart Centre, at Evelina London Children's Hospital. She worked closely under Chain of Hope Trustee, Dr Kuberan Pushparajah, focusing on Cardiac Magnetic Resonance (CMR) imaging of the lymphatic system. This advanced training will contribute to the continued development of specialist diagnostic expertise at the Aswan Heart Centre.

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PARTNERING TO SAVE MORE LIVES



BOLIVIA

In partnership with Gift of Life International (GOLI), Chain of Hope supported two medical missions to La Paz Regional Hospital in Bolivia during the last financial year.

Led by paediatric cardiac surgeons Dr Rodrigo Soto and Dr Abe Rothman, the missions delivered 22 cardiac procedures, transforming the lives of children living with congenital heart disease and offering hope for healthier futures.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A total of 70 life-changing procedures were carried out across three individual missions to the Dominican Republic. The missions were led by paediatric cardiac surgeon Dr Rodrigo Soto at CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo, in partnership with Gift of Life International.



PALESTINE

Chain of Hope provided vital support to the Ramallah Heart Centre in the West Bank, donating an echocardiography machine and essential medical disposables valued at £26,000. This equipment is helping local cardiac teams to continue assessing, diagnosing and treating patients despite the significant challenges facing healthcare services.

EGYPT

In 2025–26, Chain of Hope continued its vital support of the Aswan Heart Centre, founded by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, by donating cardiac valves and other cardiac disposables.

These essential supplies helped support the Centre's specialist cardiac services and ensure its clinical teams had access to the equipment and resources required to undertake complex cardiac procedures. This contribution reflects Chain of Hope's continued commitment to strengthening cardiac care and supporting sustainable specialist services in Egypt in partnership with the Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation.



LEBANON

Amid ongoing conflict, Chain of Hope provided vital support to Hammoud Hospital in Sidon, Lebanon, enabling its local cardiac team to perform surgery on seven children with heart disease.

Among them was nine-month-old Celine, born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a complex congenital heart condition affecting the heart's ability to deliver oxygen-rich blood to the body. With Chain of Hope's support, Celine received the specialist treatment she urgently needed, close to home and surrounded by her family. By supporting local teams and hospitals, Chain of Hope is helping ensure that children living in countries affected by conflict can still access the cardiac care that could change their lives.



UKRAINE

In 2025–26, Chain of Hope provided essential patient monitor accessories, valued at £4,500, to support urgent healthcare needs in war-affected Ukraine.

This donation helped strengthen the capacity of local medical teams to ensure that children and families affected by conflict can continue to receive the vital cardiac care they need.



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GALA BALL 2025: RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR LITTLE HEARTS

On Friday 14th November 2025, over 350 guests gathered at London's iconic Natural History Museum for the annual Chain of Hope Gala Ball. The evening raised an incredible £1.9 million to support children with heart disease.



Impressionist and comedian Rory Bremner hosted the evening, while Lord Jeffrey Archer brought his trademark wit to the live auction. Guests bid generously on a range of exclusive experiences, with one of the most sought-after prizes —a VIP Los Angeles Lakers experience for six - creating an exciting bidding battle in support of Chain of Hope's work.







Chair of The Chain of Hope Gala Ball Committee, Mrs Cherine Helmy

Throughout the evening, guests were reminded of the extraordinary impact their generosity makes. Chief Executive Emma Scanlan shared the powerful story of Jamal, a young boy evacuated from Gaza to receive urgent heart treatment, highlighting how collaboration between medical teams, humanitarian organisations and supporters makes these life-saving interventions possible.

The evening featured outstanding live entertainment, returning favourites Nadiya Bychkova and James Cutler once again captivated guests with a spectacular dance performance. Chart-topping pop legends Blue delivered an energetic performance before the dazzling Sophie Ellis-Bextor brought the Gala Ball to a memorable close.

Chain of Hope extends its heartfelt thanks to our sponsors Azura Partners, Jawhara Jewellery, Savoy Group Sharm el Sheikh, Somabay, National Bank of Egypt and Gratus Foundation, as well as to our dedicated Gala Ball and Corporate Advisory Committee, whose unwavering commitment and generosity continue to make our vital work possible.

£1.9 million was raised to help provide life-saving heart treatment for children in need around the world.







SHARE YOUR HEART 2026

Our second Share Your Heart exhibition once again brought together an extraordinary community of artists, celebrities, supporters and friends in a vibrant celebration of creativity and compassion.



Hosted at the iconic Saatchi Gallery, this year's exhibition featured more than 80 unique heart-inspired artworks donated by celebrities, internationally renowned artists, medical volunteers and even Chain of Hope patients. The incredible collection showcased a diverse range of artistic styles and mediums, all created in support of children living with life-threatening heart disease.

We were delighted to receive contributions from an exceptional group of artists and famous personalities from Chris Levine and Nabil Nahass to Olivia Colman and Graham Norton. Philip Colbert's striking centrepiece of two lobsters forming the shape of a heart became one of the evening's most talked-about artworks.

In total we exhibited over 80 pieces of unique artwork.









Guests enjoyed a colourful and inspiring evening, with many artists, supporters and long-standing friends of the charity coming together to celebrate the power of art to change lives. Among those in attendance were Dame Zandra Rhodes, Dame Maureen Lipman, Nitin Ganatra, Philip Colbert, Martha Freud and Nadiya Bychkova, alongside many other valued supporters of the charity.

The excitement continued as Sotheby's auctioneer, the Earl of Rosebery, conducted an energetic live auction, with guests enthusiastically bidding on the unique collection of artworks on display at the Saatchi Gallery.

As with our Gala Ball, we are indebted to the hard work and dedication of an extraordinary committee. Our sincere thanks go to Maria Sukkar (Chair and curator), Cherine Helmy, Najla Nabih, Alia Nosseir, Jessica Gaffney, Jane Soliman, Renee Jamieson and Vicky Diegman for their unwavering support and commitment.

We are also extremely grateful to Soliman Travel and La Hechicera for their generous sponsorship.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT 2025

Chain of Hope held its annual Christmas Carol Concert at The Grosvenor Chapel, Mayfair, welcoming supporters, donors and volunteers for a festive evening of celebration and reflection.

Readings were given by founder Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub FRS, OM, television presenter and author Konnie Huq, fashion designer Dame Zandra Rhodes, Gala Ball Committee member Mary Habib, Honorary Treasurer Marc Walden-Lowe and television personality Nessie Welschinger, alongside special contributions from Father Stephen Coleman.



Guests joined in singing traditional Christmas carols accompanied by the Tredici Chamber Choir, while special performances were delivered by acclaimed singer Beverley Knight MBE and artist Samira Mighty.

The evening celebrated the spirit of hope and generosity that continues to drive Chain of Hope's life-saving work around the world. Following the concert, guests enjoyed mince pies kindly sponsored by Birley Bakery, together with hot chocolate and wine.









CORPORATE FUNDRAISING AND CHALLENGE EVENTS

H.R. OWEN

Chain of Hope is proud to continue our longstanding partnership with H.R. Owen, who hosted their fourth annual charity shooting day in support of children living with heart disease.





As beneficiaries of this fantastic initiative for the fourth consecutive year, we were thrilled to see another hugely successful event bring together supporters in aid of Chain of Hope's life-saving work. Thanks to the generosity of H.R. Owen and all those who attended, an incredible £22,000.

This latest event brings the total amount raised through H.R. Owen charity events to more than £140,000, helping us continue to provide critical cardiac care to children in developing and war-torn countries.

BIRLEY BAKERY EASTER EGG RAFFLE

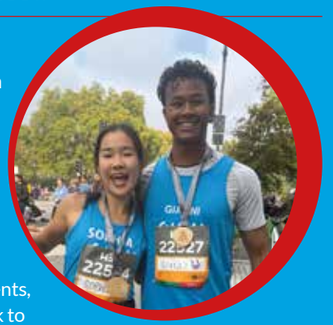
In April, Chain of Hope was selected as the beneficiary of the Birley Bakery Easter Egg Raffle, which raised an impressive £6,900.

The raffle attracted strong support from participants and highlighted the generosity of the Birley Bakery community. A standout feature of the campaign was a spectacular **60kg handcrafted chocolate Easter egg**, created by Birley Bakery and awarded to raffle winner **David Daly**.

Chain of Hope is deeply grateful to Birley Bakery for its exceptional support, creativity and commitment.



CHALLENGE EVENTS



London Marathon and Royal Parks Half Marathon
Chain of Hope was proud to have 14 dedicated runners take part in the London Marathon and the Royal Parks Half Marathon. Their collective efforts raised an incredible £28,900 across the two events, helping to support our work to bring critical cardiac care to children in developing and war-torn countries.



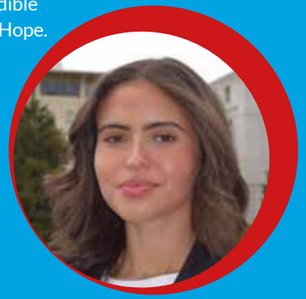
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



We are incredibly grateful to the supporters who raised vital funds for Chain of Hope through their fundraising efforts. Here are just a few of the individuals who went above and beyond to make a difference this year.



- Fahmy Fahmy climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and raised an incredible £10,595 in support of Chain of Hope.
- Rob Redhead swam the English Channel and raised £6,051 to support our work bringing life-changing cardiac care to children.
- Laila Ismail ran the Boston Marathon and raised £7,300 in support of Chain of Hope.



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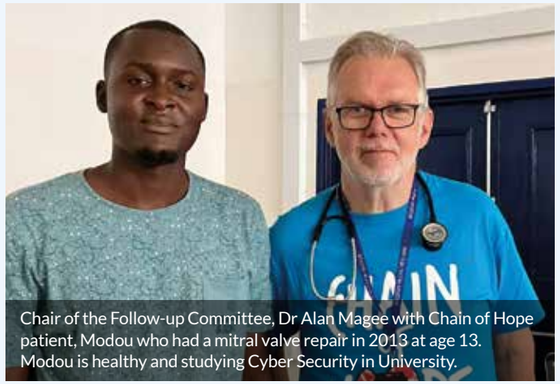
GOVERNANCE

Good governance is fundamental to a charity's success. It supports compliance with the law and relevant regulations while fostering a culture in which decisions, resources and activities are consistently directed towards fulfilling the charity's vision.

The Board of Trustees remains responsible for the charity's governance and financial management, setting policy and approving the framework for the delivery of its activities, while day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

Several Committees strengthen this governance framework by bringing together a variety of advisers that bring a range of skills. Together they assess and mitigate risks, guide sustainable long-term patient care, ensure the appropriate skills and objectives for missions and training visits, and report material issues to the Board.

During the financial year two new committees were established to look at the governance of the charity and the follow-up of our patients.



Chair of the Follow-up Committee, Dr Alan Magee with Chain of Hope patient, Modou who had a mitral valve repair in 2013 at age 13. Modou is healthy and studying Cyber Security in University.

Development of a Follow-Up Committee

The Chain of Hope Follow-Up Committee, a subset of the Trustee Board, guides the development of the charity's responsibility and approach to supporting patients following treatment. It advises the Charitable Operations team on how best to provide appropriate long-term follow-up care while strengthening local partners' capacity, clinical practices and competencies to support patients throughout childhood and into adulthood. Its aim is to promote sustainable, locally led follow-up care and improve long-term outcomes for patients with congenital heart disease.



Some members of the Missions Committee
(L-R) Maura O'Callaghan, Rachael Morrison and Julie Plumridge

Development of a Mission Committee

The Mission Committee supports the Overseas Operations team in vetting medical volunteers and ensuring the appropriate skill mix for each mission and training visit. Its remit includes reviewing volunteer applications, setting mission objectives, evaluating team performance, and ensuring incidents and lessons learned are appropriately reported and escalated to Risk Committee and, where necessary, Trustees.

The Committee is chaired by Maura O'Callaghan, Cardiac Nurse and Safeguarding Trustee, with representatives from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital, reflecting Chain of Hope's international network.



Jilliane Lewis, Director of Charitable Operations

Jilliane as Director of Charitable Operations & Governance

Jilliane Lewis was appointed Director of Charitable Operations, bringing the charity's international operations under unified leadership across both the Overseas Missions and International Child Referral Programme (ICRP). Her role oversees the effective delivery of programmes, operational management, governance, risk, and ensuring consistency and alignment with the charity's strategic overseas objectives.

Jilliane has worked with the charity for over 10 years in many capacities, with expertise in international relations, mission logistics and equipment management.

CHAIN OF HOPE 2025-26

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

In the 12 months to 31 March 2026, the charity raised £2.9m of funds and received donated services worth £1.8m. For every £1 raised 74p was spend on charitable activities, 20p on raising more funds and 6p on essential support for charitable activities.

The success of our Gala raising £1.9m has allowed us to not only continue to operate on children in many of our existing partner countries but also to conduct our first mission to Uganda in 10 years. We were also able to support the provision of treatment and equipment in several war-affected regions, including Lebanon, the West Bank and a large number of refugee families, including those from Gaza, primarily in Jordan. These missions are saving hundreds of young lives and the continued generosity both of our long-term donors, and those who have supported us for the first time this year, is hugely appreciated, especially as the cost and complexity of our operations has only increased year on year.

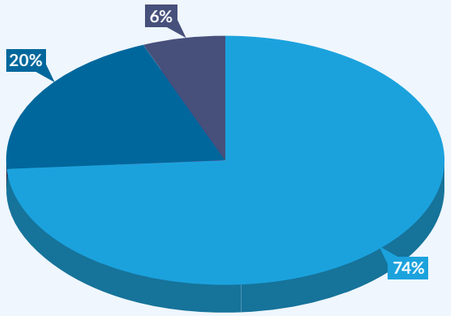
And of course a massive thank you to all the medical professionals, committee members and other volunteers whose energy, compassion and skill continue to save the lives of so many children.

Following a few years of increased expenditure on missions and sustainability to utilise excess funds above our minimum reserves, we expect the following financial year will see us return to a net surplus, with funds now at our target level.



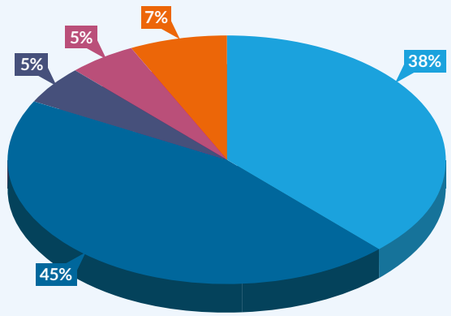
Mr Marc Walden-Lowe, Honorary Treasurer

EXPENDITURE 2025/26



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	74%
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS	20%
SUPPORT COSTS	6%

INCOME 2025/26



GIFTS IN KIND	£1,809,434
SPECIAL EVENTS	£2,141,888
MAJOR DONORS	£244,458
APPEALS, REGULAR GIVING & OTHER INCOME	£237,461
CORPORATES & TRUSTS	£319,632

CHAIN OF HOPE 2025-26

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities - For the year ended 31 March 2026

(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026 Total	2025 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	1,073,633	3,137,776	**4,211,409**	4,395,918
Other trading activities	541,464	-	**541,464**	411,320
Investment income	54,074	-	**54,074**	76,993
Total income	**1,669,171**	**3,137,776**	**4,806,947**	4,884,231
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	**1,140,661**	-	**1,140,661**	921,548
Charitable activities:				
Overseas Activities	869,218	2,654,840	**3,524,058**	3,960,341
International Child Referral Programme	125,909	283,366	**409,275**	729,738
Total expenditure	**2,135,788**	**2,938,206**	**5,073,994**	5,611,627
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses	(466,617)	199,570	(267,047)	(727,396)
Net Movement in funds	**(466,617)**	**199,570**	**(267,047)**	(727,396)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,541,001	463,615	**3,004,616**	3,732,012
Total funds carried forward	**2,074,384**	**663,185**	**2,737,569**	3,004,616

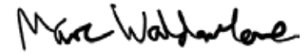
All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

Balance Sheet - As at 31 March 2026

	2026	2026	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		**64,587**		82,781
Current assets:				
Debtors	317,315		207,562	
Cash at bank and in hand	2,440,067		2,028,376	
Investments	-		1,079,592	
Stock	25,130		191,398	
	2,782,512		3,506,928	
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(109,530)		(585,093)	
Net current assets		**2,672,982**		2,921,835
Total assets less current liabilities		**2,737,569**		3,004,616
Total net assets		**2,737,569**		3,004,616
Funds				
Restricted funds		663,185		463,615
Unrestricted funds: General funds	2,074,384		2,541,001	
Total unrestricted funds		2,074,384		2,541,001
Total funds		**2,737,569**		3,004,616

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.
For the year ending 31st March 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.



Marc Walden-Lowe
Treasurer

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