Building and
Assisting Communities
with Education

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registered charity number 1142445

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Trustee's Report

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives for BACE and in planning activities and setting policies for the year ahead.

Our objectives are:

1. To advance the education of the public in poor communities in The Gambia in particular but not exclusively by providing learning materials to established schools and building new schools where they do not currently exist.

2. The relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people residing permanently or temporarily, particularly but not exclusively in The Gambia, West Africa.

Significant activities

It's been another productive and positive year for our projects in The Gambia. I'm delighted to share the key developments and progress we've made across the various programs BACE supports.

This year, we proudly launched our new website with the incredible help of Severnsidesolutions Ltd.

Mothers Club Development

Our Head Teacher was instrumental in establishing a Mothers Club at the school. Every Monday, a group of mothers meets to discuss early years education and how best to support their children's development. Their involvement has been inspiring and is already making a difference in the home environment for our students. One of our most exciting achievements during our volunteer week in December was teaching local mums how to hand sew and use a sewing machine! The result was fifteen mums making shoe bags for their children and plan to start a Saturday Sewing Club in the new year. We can't wait to see this initiative grow!

BACE Clinic Laboratory

We opened our much-needed Lab in September 2025. In just two months, our technician completed 589 blood and urine tests, providing essential healthcare services

Volunteer contribution

Our volunteers are vital to the charity fund raising, raising awareness, and supporting across all our projects. In December 2025 we travelled out to The Gambia with 18 volunteers all paying for their own travel and accommodation, this included 4 coaches from The Bristol City Cerebral Palsy charity who provided football training and CPR training tour staff and various football coaches.

Once again, our volunteers have shown amazing commitment to our fundraising goals!

- **Hastings Half Marathon**: Seven volunteers and trustees ran the challenging course—many in fancy dress to represent BACE Charity!
- **Community Events**: Boot sales, Gambian cooking evenings, school events, sponsored walks, and more.
- **Online Giving**: Volunteers maximized **wonderful.org**, ensuring 100% of donations went directly to our cause.
- **Container Shipment**
  In August, we packed and shipped over 100 boxes, plus donated bicycles, football goals and kits, staff accommodation furniture, sewing machines, and vital education and clinic supplies from our Amazon Wish List. The container arrived in The Gambia in October, and volunteers sorted through donations in December.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

It has another year of growth and consolidation for BACE. Key achievements include the development of our new on-site laboratory, the ongoing success of our nursery school, and the preparations for another major container shipment. With a team of 12 volunteers preparing for our December 2026 trip, we are looking forward to continuing to support sustainable development and community empowerment in The Gambia.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income of the charity increased to £48,068 from £36,978 in 2024. This increase is largely due to more fundraising income during the year.

Expenditure during the year was £27,486 which was an increase from the prior year of £21,829 largely as a result of higher running costs. As a result, our funds carried forward have increased to £94,402 from £73,820 and continue to meet our target reserves policy.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to build enough reserves to enable it to meet its objectives of advancing the education of the public in poor communities. In addition to help support with the relief of sickness and the preservation of health amongst people in The Gambia, by providing ongoing support with the staff salaries associated with the charity. The charity will also provide the necessary funds and support for the overall maintenance of Favour Preparatory Nursery School, the BACE Primary Health Care Clinic and other buildings funded by BACE to the required standard.

In addition, sufficient reserves will be maintained at a level, as deemed appropriate by the Trustees, to ensure the charity can meet its existing commitments. Currently the Trustees deem that the appropriate level of reserves should be a minimum of 12 months operating costs.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of any future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as Trustees, the Trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise has a special knowledge of the area of benefit or who is otherwise able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the object or the management of the charity.

Upon appointment each new Trustee will receive a copy of the trust constitution and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and volunteer's health and safety when supporting the charity. A risk analysis form is now in place and is utilised prior to any volunteer trips the charity are involved in.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1142445

Principal Office

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Trustees

Mrs T Mendy MBE
Mr H Taylor
Miss C Barnett
Miss L Collier-Keywood
Dr Frances Warren
Mr Christopher Lilleystone
Mr Francis Mendy
Mrs Tanya Price

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Approved by the trustees on 3rd August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tracy Mendy MBE
Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BACE
Year ended 31 December 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....

Name: JENNIFER HARPER

Date: 11/10/26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME FROM:			
Donations and legacies		11,624	23,452
Fundraising activities		32,503	9,610
Bank interest		1	2
Other income		3,764	3,914
Exchange gain		176	
Total receipts		48,068	36,978
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	4	487	172
Charitable activities	5	26,894	20,354
Bank charges		105	76
Exchange loss		-	1,226
Total payments		27,486	21,828
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		20,582	15,150
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		73,820	58,670
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		94,402	73,820

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CASH FUNDS			
Cash at bank		91,363	69,844
Cash		-	-
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax reclaim		3,0396	3,976
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**94,402**	**73,820**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year			
NET ASSETS		**94,402**	**73,820**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds			
Unrestricted funds		94,402	73,820
TOTAL FUNDS		**94,402**	**73,820**

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Laura Collier-Keywood
Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor of when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

3. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising	337	172
Website costs	150	-
Total	**487**	**172**

4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2025 £	2024 £
Building and project costs	3,022	1,768
School running costs	5,929	3,952
Clinic running costs	4,567	2,692
Office costs	1,416	899
Gambian salaries and staff costs	11,960	10,567
Other costs	-	476
Total	**26,894**	**20,354**

5. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees' covered all out of pocket expenses personally.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

6. STAFF

During the year we employed an average of 14.4 staff (2024:14). All employees are based in The Gambia. There are currently 8 staff (2024: 8) who work in education and the running of the Nursery school, 6 (2024: 5) who work in health and the running of the clinic and 1 (2024: 1) staff who work in management and the day to day running of the charity.

There were no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with BACE.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions during the reporting period.

8. AUDIT, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FEES

No fees have been paid in this reporting period for any audit, independent examination or other financial services.