Annual Report

Year ending 31st December 2025

WHO ARE WE?

VISION, VALUES & APPROACH

Novō's vision is to bring freedom to individuals, peace to families, and hope to communities gripped by addiction. We do this by empowering local teams in developing nations to build transformational communities that offer healing, wholeness, and hope. Five core values shape what we do: integrity, empowerment, respect, excellence, and community.

We view addiction as a whole-person (bio-psycho-social-spiritual) problem requiring a whole-person solution. We believe long-term recovery is achievable, regardless of a person's story or circumstances, and that the best foundation for true freedom is a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ. However, we will never impose our viewpoint on anyone, recognizing freedom of choice in faith, as in other areas. We welcome and value applications from men of all walks of life, backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and faiths.

NOVŌ BOLIVIA

TRANSFORMED LIVES

In 2016, Novō's community in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, opened its doors to help men find healing, wholeness, and hope. Today, the work is effectively led by local leadership and has measurable impact.

Quinta Totaices, our home in Santa Cruz, is a spacious colonial-style property on the city's edge. It is an ideal location for delivering our treatment programs and provides space to house up to 20 men, along with members of staff and the volunteer team.

On our 24-week Therapeutic programme, residents address the past and prepare for the future, primarily within the security of the Novō community of staff and residents. Our 12-week Transition program focuses on 'putting into practice' learning and growth from the recovery programme and on establishing relationships within the wider community.

Both programmes include 1-1 counselling, recovery groups, opportunities to explore and grow in the Christian faith, vocational work and training, and the broader benefits of life in community. In recovery groups, residents share their autobiographies, relapse-prevention plans, and other individual projects, and they explore a wide range of topics, including triggers for relapse, communication, and related subjects.

After assessing our work against international standards for addiction care, the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) recognizes Novō Bolivia as a center of excellence and a model program.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

NOVŌ SERVICES & NOVŌ ADVENTURES

Quinta Totaices is also home to two businesses. Both independent social enterprises donate 100% of their profits to Novō Communities and are registered as a limited company in Bolivia.

Novō Services is a property and garden maintenance business. The primary focus of the business is to provide a context for work training, skill development, and the development of communication skills, character, self-esteem, and positive habits. We also offer our staff free of charge to other charities and social organizations, giving our residents the opportunity to serve the wider community.

Novō Adventures is a motorcycle tour company that primarily serves international customers and delivers an additional revenue stream for the charity's work.

MULTIPLYING IMPACT

EMPOWERING & EQUIPPING

With our work in Bolivia now well established, Novō is actively seeking to empower local teams elsewhere to build effective and sustainable recovery communities. Our aim is to come alongside those called to serve those gripped by addiction, supporting them as they pursue their vision through mentoring and training, access to *Beyond Addiction*, the Novō recovery programme, and a broader sense of community and prayer support.

Our long-term goal is to build a community of communities whose heart and approach serve as a model for compassionate addiction care in the developing world.

In this context, Novō's community in Bolivia will serve as both a rehabilitation center and a

training site for recovery workers from elsewhere in the world. As our capacity grows, we hope to provide grants that will enhance the effectiveness of our partners' work.

REVIEW OF YEAR ENDING 31st December 2025

During 2025, Novō's recovery work in Bolivia continued to flourish under the leadership of our National Director, David Salazar, and our stable, experienced team of staff and volunteers.

During the year, our team delivered a recovery programme that included:

- 714 hours of counselling and recovery coaching
- 268 hours of recovery groups
- Weekly discipleship groups
- Weekly church attendance
- 15,000 nutririous meals
- Routine medical care
- Daily opportunities for sports and recreation

From November 2016 through the end of 2025, there were 221 admissions to our 6-month program (half of whom joined us directly from living on the streets), and 70 men graduated. Today, 68% of these graduates are drug- and alcohol-free.

Addiction is complex, especially for those from severely disadvantaged backgrounds. It's more than a simple "problem." As Christians, we invest in this work as an expression of God's sacrificial love and grace, celebrating the results while, above all, working to glorify God by offering healing, wholeness, and hope.

In this context, while we are pleased to report that 68% of our graduates are drug/alcohol-free today, we also celebrate the profound impact on many more men who experienced God's grace and took steps forward in recovery because of their time with us.

Our work in Bolivia continues to operate from Quinta Totaices, for which we have a secure and reasonable rental contract. Quinta Totaices is a large property on the edge of the city, allowing our staff to reach it by public transportation, our residents to receive visits from family, and our income-generating businesses to operate within the city's bustling economy. We have an agreement with the owner to purchase the property as soon as funds permit.

Our International Director, Andy Partington, is based in Managua, Nicaragua, where he oversees work in Bolivia, connects virtually with the Novō Communities and Novo Adventures teams, and visits in person twice a year. Andy is also focused on supporter relations, donor development, and building new partnerships to help Novō Communities

multiply its impact. Andy and his family are self-funded and receive no salary from Novō Communities.

Andy's book, *Hope in Addiction: Understanding & Helping Those Caught in Its Grip* (Moody Publishers, 2022), which is also available in Spanish, continues to receive a warm reception in the UK, the US, and among readers in the developing world. As a UK charity, we were able to gift copies of the book to those working in substance use prevention and recovery in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and South Sudan in 2025.

Additionally, in 2025, we were able to:

- Deliver an Introduction to Counselling and Addiction course in Juba, South Sudan, under the auspices of the Episcopal University.

- Develop our plans for the launch of Novō Communities in Nigeria, in partnership with the Nigerian charity Life Challenge Nigeria, so that our fundraising efforts can begin in 2026.

- Provide addiction awareness, prevention, and recovery training in schools, churches, and on radio broadcasts in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

- Andy Partington served as a keynote speaker at the International Substance Abuse & Addiction Coalition (ISAAC) UK conference in Bristol in March.

As a charity, we are deeply grateful to the individuals, churches, and trusts whose compassion and generosity enabled us to bring freedom to individuals, peace to families, and hope to communities gripped by addiction.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, ACCOUNTS

UK Novo Communities is formed as a charitable trust. The UK based trustees have met 5 times in the 2024 accounting period and have included Andy Partington, our CEO based in Nicaragua, via video link. Also there have been frequent 1-1 discussions between trustees and Andy Partington. We were delighted that Pete Moon, a long term supporter of Novo joined the trustees in August 2025 bringing his strong faith and business experience. The monthly update and prayer time with a wide group of supporters via Zoom has continued strongly and is a powerful source of encouragement and support. As previously, main UK trustee activities have been to manage donations, transferring funds to Bolivia, and acting as advisors in major decisions affecting the project. In addition, the plans for Nigeria have taken shape, with a Partnership Agreement between Novo and Life Challenge Nigeria setting out the proposed shape for our relationship. Andy Partington and Jonathan Horne visited Kaduna in December, gaining knowledge of the local situation visiting sites, meeting some

gripped by addiction and meeting with officials and with the trustees of Life Challenge organisation.
The local management team in Bolivia continues to be stable, to mature and develop and take new local initiatives. The team have an experienced local lawyer on employment contracts and other staff issues. Novo Communities Bolivia is registered as a 'Foundation' under Bolivian Law.
The trustees have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit and confirm that the whole work is directed towards the Object of the charity, currently focussed on Bolivia as the pilot project, but with new partnerships under development elsewhere in Africa.
Novo Adventures continues to operate separately from the charitable work, and we continue to be grateful for the help and advice from a UK retired experienced commercial banker.

Board of Trustees:
Mr Trevor Childs (Chair),
Mr Ian Hudell (Treasurer),
Mr Peter Moon from August 2025
Mr Jonathan Horne

Leadership Team Bolivia
Dr Andrew Partington CEO Leadership Team
Mr David Salazar Bolivian team leader

Year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

(Registered Charity Number 1164421)

Opening Balance		£19,011.98
Income for the Year	£94,778.76	
ADD Transfers from Reserves	£6016.75	
LESS Transfers to Reserves	£7,872.5	
LESS Increase in Reserves	£ 145.74	
Expenditure for the year	£106,266.87	
Closing Balance		£5522.38

INCOME BREAKDOWN

-From Regular individual Giving	£29,825
-From Corporate Entities	£30,456.34
-Through Stewardship	£ 5,875.21
-Through Stripe	£27,038.35
- Just Giving	£1.438.12
-Through Amazon	£132.61
-Credit interest	£13.13
Total	£94,778.76

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

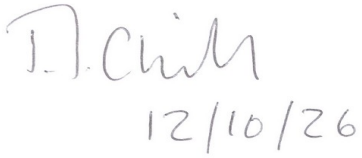
-Donorfy system	£1,675.20
-A Partington operational expenses	£13,622.28
-Bank Transfer fees	£75
-Funds Transferred to Bolivia	£75,889.43
-Funds Transferred to Sudan	£8,516.75
-Funds Transferred to Nigeria	£1,127
-Bank Charges in UK	£104.70
-Fundraising fees	£3,097.51
-Cube Creative – Website Design	£240
-Trustee Flight Fees	£1669
-Subscriptions	£250
Total	£106,266.87

RESERVES

Property	£714.94	£720.62

Trustees Declaration and Report of the External Examiner

The trustees declare they have approved the above annual trustees report.



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Novo Communities

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Novo Communities for the period ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charities 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

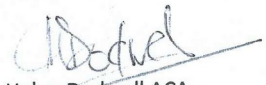
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts, set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view 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:



Helen Dodwell ACA

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Date: 25 April 2026