Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Heart for Philippines

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1193858

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 to 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the Receipts and Payments Accounts method of presenting the financial report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are: The relief of those in need in the Philippines and the UK who are and have been impacted by natural disasters, global health crisis and poverty, through the provision of grants, funding and the distribution of essential items, such as food, clothing, hygiene items and educational support.

Public benefit

In planning our activities, the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at their trustee meetings. In view of the charity's objectives to provide relief, the work of the charity has continued to operate in accordance with these aims, seeking to promote public benefit through the charity's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity has had regular communications with the supporter base through social media www.facebook.com/heartforphilippines and the charity's website www.heartforphilippines.org.

Zobel Starritt has worked closely with the local Filipino community to raise awareness of needs and to raise finances to support projects in the Philippines.

Charity Activities and Fundraising in 2025

1. Community Library Opening – Barangay Abella, Philippines

In July 2025, Heart for Philippines opened its first community library project in Barangay Abella, Naga City, Philippines. The opening ceremony was attended by the charity's founders, the barangay head and Leni Robredo, Mayor of Naga City and former Vice President of the Philippines. The project attracted significant community interest and supported the goal of establishing Barangay Abella as a model barangay. Preschool and primary school children attended the event, where food and school supplies were distributed to support local families**.**

2. Supporting the Elderly Community in the UK – "From the Heart: Afternoon Tea for Highworth Elders"

In summer 2025, Heart for Philippines, in collaboration with The Big Highworth Foundation and The Highworth Hotel, organised a free afternoon tea for elderly residents in local care homes in Highworth. The event featured food, music, entertainment and friendly conversation with volunteers.

The initiative received a very positive response. One resident remarked, *"Why are you doing this for old people? Such a lovely thing to do!"* The event demonstrated the charity's commitment to promoting social connection, reducing isolation and bringing joy to older people in the local community.

3. Fundraising for Earthquake and Typhoon Relief in the Philippines

In October 2025, the charity organised fundraising activities in response to the devastation caused by typhoons Uwan and Tino and an earthquake in the Philippines. These included Meals for a Cause and Cake for a Cause, encouraging supporters and community members to contribute to the charity's relief efforts. The activities raised £4,533.99 in cash donations and a further £667.47 through the bake sale, bringing the total raised to £5,201.46.

Of the total funds raised, £3,454.79 was designated for typhoon relief, in accordance with the purposes communicated to donors and applicable donor restrictions.

The funds were intended to support the charity's humanitarian response to the impact of the typhoons and earthquake. The charity remains committed to ensuring that funds are applied in accordance with the purposes of the appeals and any applicable donor restrictions.

Together, these activities reflect Heart for Philippines' commitment to supporting vulnerable communities, promoting education, responding to humanitarian needs and improving wellbeing both in the Philippines and the United Kingdom.

Books for Schools – Book Donations to the Philippines

The charity continued its ***Books for Schools*** initiative, collecting donated books from schools across the United Kingdom and members of the public for distribution to schools and community libraries in the Philippines.

During the reporting period, **18 Balikbayan boxes** containing books were sent to the Philippines, reaching **nine schools and public libraries**. The donations included good-quality, hardback books that were given a new lease of life by making them available to children and communities in need of educational resources. Feedback from the recipient schools and libraries was positive, with appreciation expressed for the quality of the donated books. Students were happy to receive the books, which will help enrich school and library collections, encourage reading and support learning.

Through this initiative, the charity aims to promote literacy, widen access to educational materials and create opportunities for children and young people to develop their knowledge and love of reading. By working with UK schools and individual donors, the charity also ensures that donated books continue to serve an educational purpose and benefit communities in the Philippines.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The charity continues to function successfully. The charity has raised funds from generous donors and these funds have been disbursed successfully to make significant progress with its objectives.

Reserves policy

With minimal costs in running the UK Charity the trustees consider that the charity's funds can be fully utilised for urgent projects in the Philippines. However, it is recognised that having a small buffer allows for an instant response to natural disasters before fund raising starts to provide for the project funding. The funds carried forward into 2026 of **£3,802.28** is viewed as sufficient.

FUTURE PLANS

The trustees intend to continue focussing on developing good relationships with the local Filipino community in the UK. The charity will also develop new and innovative ways of using the modest finances and other means to support the projects in the Philippines.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) controlled by its constitution registered on 18th March 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited as needed from a diverse number of backgrounds. Each trustee has relevant experience and a wide skills base which they bring to their service. In the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the board of trustees. They are then invited to attend the next board meeting as an observer. They are then given time to consider prayerfully their willingness to stand for election. They are elected to the board of trustees by a vote taken by the existing trustees.

Organisational structure

The charity has a board of trustees comprising three trustees. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and have control of the charity and its property and funds. Existing trustees may appoint additional trustees to their number, at any time, providing the total number of trustees is a minimum number of three and a maximum number of six individuals.

Induction and training of new trustees

Once trustees are appointed, time is taken to familiarise them with the practices and requirements relating to them as trustees. They are also made familiar with all aspects of the charity's work and financial situation. Any further training or induction takes place as the need arises.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
1193858 (England and Wales)

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1193858

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Heart for Philippines CIO

Statement of Financial Activities – Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted funds £
RECEIPTS		
Donations Received		7, 518.12
Total Receipts		7, 518.12
PAYMENTS		
Funds to Philippines		3,545.79
Shipping for Books for Schools, FOREX		1,390.00
Other Activities & Events – Library Opening, Afternoon Tea for Elderly		959.89
Other Bank Fees		60.00
Total Payments		5,955.68
NET RECEIPTS		1,562.44
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Total funds brought forward, 2025		2,239.84
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD, 2026		3,802.28

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the Receipts and Payments Accounts method.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Funds are remitted to trusted individuals in the Philippines using secure, regulated international transfer services, specifically Remitly and Wise.
2. These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, an accounting method appropriate for smaller charitable organisations.
3. As applicable, documentation outlines how funds transferred abroad were converted from GBP to Philippine Pesos (PHP) and the methodology used for currency exchange rates.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Zobel Starritt
Trustee