

## **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year ended 31 March 2018**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018.

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Disability Aid Abroad

**Charity registration number** NIC100783

**Company registration number** NI061032

**Principal office and registered office** Portside Business Park  
189 Airport Road West  
Belfast  
BT3 9ED

### **The trustees**

A Brown  
J Coghlan  
A Hutchison  
C Lavery

**Company secretary** A Brown

**Independent examiner** Paul Leathern FCA  
Muir & Addy Chartered Accountants  
Muir Building  
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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is governed by a management committee which consists of the trustees supported by up to fifteen members committed to the purposes of the charity. All roles within the charity are on a voluntary basis. The management committee are nominated by the members.

The members meet quarterly to direct the management committee on relevant activities and areas of interest for involvement. The management committee meet monthly to plan activities to take this work forward.

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's mission statement is as follows:

'Disability Aid Abroad's overall aim is to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in developing countries leading to a healthier and more inclusive society.'

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### **Achievements and performance**

As we reflect on the year of 2017/18 we also look back on the last 10 years of activity for Disability Aid Abroad. We have raised over £500k of funding to support vital work for people living with disabilities in the developing world, for us, primarily in East Africa. We have reached 1000's of individuals and their families to highlight their rights within disability legislation, created income generation and advocated within communities. The journey has been one of many challenges, great successes and some disappointments. Our greatest success this year was to realise the establishment of Disability Aid Tanzania (DA Tz), an independent Tanzanian led NGO taking forward the work we have started. We will continue to support the Board financially and practically to represent disabled people in Tanzania.

We were able to facilitate a further session of Disability Awareness in the Classroom programme for Teachers and Education Officials in Morogoro, Tanzania.

The Disability Champions programme, supported by UK and Irish Trade Unions continued to roll out in Ethiopia. With the support of CETU (Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions) and delivered three sessions in this year. This is year 2 of a 3 year funded programme.

Disability Aid Abroad continues to strategically support the Mehayo centre in Morogoro, Tanzania to nurture and support children and young people with disabilities who have been abandoned by their families. This year we have specifically raised funds for the Kanyerere School for inclusive education, the first of its kind in Mwanza, Tanzania. This year they have completed an extension to their property of an additional classroom, kitchen and toilet block.

### **Financial review**

The charity has continued to carry out its activities in the current year. The Total Income was £26,723 (2017 £33,727), and Total Expenditure for the year was £51,647 (2017 £80,788), of which £24,287 (2017 £58,920) was out of restricted funds. Net Expenditure for the year amounted to £24,924 (2017 Net Expenditure £47,061).

Unrestricted Funds decreased during the year by £3,637 to £17,276. This level of unrestricted reserves would be sufficient to maintain the current level of unrestricted expenditure for a period of 6 months. The Trustees are satisfied with this level of unrestricted reserves.

### **Plans for future periods**

We have delivered a new strategy to see us through the next 3 years, we seek to highlight the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in all we strive to do and work towards a truly inclusive society. We are hopeful we will see the successful fruition of our best endeavours in time and energy of funding proposals submitted to continue the work in Tanzania of empowering women with disabilities. We will continue to deliver Disability Champions programme in Ethiopia.

### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

**Disability Aid Abroad**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
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*(continued)*  
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 14 December 2018 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brown', written in a cursive style.

A Brown  
Charity Secretary