

**THE DALITSO PROJECT**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**CHARITY NUMBER SCO46514**

**4 Princes Street  
ARBROATH  
DD11 2BL**

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2020**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year 2020

### **Reference & Administration Information**

<b>Charity Name</b>	The Dalitso Project	
<b>Charity Number</b>	SCO46514	
<b>Registered Address</b>	4 Princes Street ARBROATH DD11 2BL	
<b>Trustees</b>	Charis Bowie Sheila Dunphy Doris Bowie Fraser Dunphy Jonathon Milne Neil Grant Caroline Farquhar	(Chairperson) (Secretary) (Treasurer)
<b>Bank</b>	Bank of Scotland Brothock Bridge ARBROATH DD11 1NH	

## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Constitution**

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered on 28 April 2016. It has a two-tier structure and as such has both trustees and members.

The trustees hold regular meetings and generally direct the activities of the Charity. They are responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

The members have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees may be appointed by trustees or elected by members at the AGM. They must be a member of the Dalitso Project. All trustees must retire at each AGM but can then be eligible for reappointment by the membership. The maximum number of trustees is seven and the minimum is three,

There is also a Management Committee which comprises of the trustees and invited members. Their role is to organise fundraising and raise the profile of the Charity.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **Charitable Purposes**

The purpose of the Dalitso Project is to alleviate poverty, support education and develop healthcare in Malawi. It works in partnership with Aquaid Lifeline a Malawian Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO).

### **Activities**

Primarily the Charity supports the Orphan Care Centres at Thyolo and Kambilonjo which the Project built but are run by Aquaid Lifeline.

In addition, the Dalitso Project collects clothes, educational material, medical equipment and associated goods and ships to Malawi for distribution to those in need.

## **Achievements & Performance**

The global pandemic in 2020 has hugely affected fundraising in Scotland as well as work on the ground in Malawi.

In Scotland, a successful Burn's Night fundraiser took place in January but since then normal fundraising events have not been possible. During lockdown talented fundraisers came up with very imaginative ways to raise money such as knitting Christmas hats, baking Christmas tray bakes and even musical bingo.

Although the Project's fundraising total was down from previous years, thanks to the generosity of those who walked "Miles for Malawi" to help fund the cost of the container, gave cash donations for "Cuppies for Malawi", participated in fundraising events or gave monetary gifts the shortfall was significantly reduced.

In Malawi, the staff have done an amazing job working under very different circumstances. With schools closed for a large part of the year, day-care centres suspended and some boarders having to return to their extended families, a new way of working was adopted. The staff visited the children in their homes, checking that they were being cared for and distributed food and toiletries every week. In addition, they gave blankets, purchased by the money raised through the successful musical bingo fundraiser, to all of the supported children.

Despite the gap in their teaching most of the Standard 8s managed to pass their final exams. Unfortunately, due to the lack of secondary school places not all of these students were selected for secondary education. Most of these students will resit their exams with a few going on to do some skills training instead. The Mary Spink Skills Centre now open in Kambilonjo, will give the less academic children from both centres an opportunity to acquire skills that will hopefully lead to employment.

The past year has seen an increase in the number of babies on the Baby Rescue programme at Thyolo. This clearly shows that the number of mothers dying through complications in childbirth remains high. This programme allows the baby's extended family to look after them by providing powdered milk and other essentials that would otherwise be impossible for these poor families to afford.

This year seven boarders have had to be reintegrated. Malawi like many African countries have followed the UNICEF guidance which states that children should be taken out of care establishments and reintegrated into their home villages when they reach a certain age. The problem with this is, the boarders are there because either their extended families were too poor to provide the care required or they had been rescued from living on the streets or abusive home situations. At present a solution is being sought, which would meet the government rules, but still allow provision of some level of care and

support until the young people are finished their education and in employment.

In 2021, a new partnership at the Dochas Clinic with CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian) and CHAM (Christian Health Association of Malawi) is being created. CHAM provides 37% of Malawi's healthcare services and trains 80% of healthcare providers. Their aim is to provide a high level of healthcare in some of Malawi's poorest rural areas which closely aligns with the Project's vision for the Dochas Clinic. They will provide staff salaries and medicines and the Project will undertake the maintenance. Through this partnership the Project will be able to expand the work it undertakes and the staff will benefit from CHAM training.

With the arrival of some vaccines in Malawi it is hoped that the education system will return to normal next year. The Project aims to build upon the good work it has already achieved to ensure that the orphans receive the best level of care and support possible.

## Financial Review

This year a sizeable donation of £36,423 was received from the Oyster Trust Charity when it was wound up in July. Donations from sponsors continues to grow and through some successful imaginative fundraising and other generous monetary gifts received during the pandemic. The Charity has a closing bank balance of £34,667.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain the unrestricted fund's free reserves at a level which equates to approximately two month's expenditure, presently £11,210.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Print Name	Date of Approval
D Bowie	DORIS BOWIE	17/03/2021
Sheila Dunphy	SHEILA DUNPHY	17/3/21

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### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	
	Year Ended 31/12/20	Year Ended 31/12/19
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	81,950	48,293
Gift Aid	-	20,978
Fundraising Activities	10,484	12,656
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>92,434</b>	<b>81,927</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Charitable Activities	78,057	83,304
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>78,057</b>	<b>83,304</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for year</b>	<b>14,377</b>	<b>(1,377)</b>

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**Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2020**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Cash and bank balances at start of year	20,289	21,666
Surplus/ (Deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments Account	14,377	(1,377)
Cash and bank balances at end of year	<b>34,666</b>	<b>20,289</b>

The trustees declare that they have approved the financial statements contained in this document.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Print Name	Date of Approval
<i>D Bowie</i>	DORIS BOWIE	17/03/2021
<i>Sheila Dunphy</i>	SHEILA DUNPHY	17/3/21



## Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31 December 2020

### **Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2015 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

### **Nature and Purpose of Fund**

During 2020 all funds were unrestricted which means that they may be used at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objectives of the Dalitso Project.

### **Related Party Transaction**

No remuneration or expenses was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during 2020

### **Donations**

	<b>Total 2020</b>
Oyster Trust	36,423

### **Direct Charitable Expenditure**

	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Orphan Care – Aquaid Lifeline	71,187	66,121
Container	6,870	17,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,057</b>	<b>83,304</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees/Members of - **The Dalitso Project**

Registered Charity Number – **SCO46514**

On the Accounts of the Charity for the Period – **1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020**

### Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *KWatson* Date: 17 March 2021  
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Accountancy (Retired Member)  
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