

**THE DALITSO PROJECT**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**CHARITY NUMBER SCO46514**

**4 Princes Street  
ARBROATH  
DD11 2BL**

## Trustees' Annual Report 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### 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**

At the end of 2020 it was hoped that the coming year would see a return to normal life and the easing of Covid restrictions, so that a team of Project members would be able to travel to Malawi. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Despite the team's absence the staff carried on during difficult circumstances. In particular, the Aquaid centre administrators, Charles and Kiri deserve admiration and sincere thanks for looking after the children so competently while simultaneously overseeing building work.

The children were able to return to school without further disruption during the year. However, the decision taken by the Malawian authorities to cut the academic school year over the next two-year period, to enable the students to catch up with their education. Has resulted in the students having to sit exams with less preparation time.

In 2021 more of the young people, sponsored through the Project have graduated. Jessy Godfrey completed college obtaining a Community Social Work qualification. Grey Lewis finished his training in welding and fabrication. Khumbo Kalumpha completed her hairdresser training. Brian Phiri graduated from university with a degree in Food Nutrition and Security and Chifundo Gwesere graduated as a doctor. Congratulations to all of them on their achievements and thanks to the sponsors who have enabled these young people to follow their dreams.

The Clinic at Kambilonjo became part of CHAM (Christian Health Association of Malawi) in 2021. CHAM provide 37% of Malawi's healthcare services and train 80% of healthcare providers. Their aim is to provide a high level of healthcare in rural areas amongst some of Malawi's poorest which aligns with the Project's vision for the Dochas Clinic. CHAM now provide staff salaries and medicines and the Project takes care of maintenance. Some additional staff have been employed, one of whom, Lydia, is a nutritionist. She is presently carrying out a pilot programme, seeking to improve child and maternal nutrition through a nutritional rehabilitation unit at Kambilonjo. If this proves to be effective, then sustainable funding will be sought.

In 2020 it was reported that some of the boarders at Kambilonjo had been reintegrated back into their home villages, according to UNICEF guidelines. Some of their situations are not deemed suitable and so construction of student accommodation to provide housing for up to 6 young people has started. It is hoped that there they can be taught to cook, clean and learn budgeting skills so that when they complete their education, they will be ready to find accommodation of their own. If this accommodation proves successful, then a second one may be built. The first one will be for vulnerable girls and hopefully this will encourage them to complete their education.

The centre in Thyolo is next to a busy market and unfortunately has been the target of several break-ins and has also had a problem with people taking a shortcut through the area on motorbikes at high speed. So, although Aquaid centres are normally open, a decision was taken for the safety of the young

children to construct a wall around the centre. A successful wedding dress hire and clothes shop which was trading in the market area is now operating from a custom-built premises within the wall.

During 2021 a tenth container was sent out to Malawi, unfortunately it failed to arrive in time for Christmas, however, this didn't detract from the excitement of the young people when they received a gift from their sponsor.

Unfortunately, another year of lockdowns has had a detrimental impact on fundraising and without these funds the Project could have struggled financially. However, due to the generous donations received throughout the year, in particular two legacies, one from Rita O'Neil and the other from Jean Scott, have enabled the Project to not only continue its normal operations but to undertake some important maintenance and development work. The Project Trustees are grateful for the confidence accredited to them by way of these donations and will seek to use these legacies in accordance with their benefactors' wishes. The Trustees would also wish to acknowledge God's provision over the last 15 years and especially over the last year – something that their Malawian counterparts continually bring to their attention.

Despite the circumstances in 2021, the Project has achieved great success, supported by the kind and generous donations made to it and in no small part the monthly standing orders made for child sponsorship or other areas of work.

In 2022 it is hoped to raise the profile of the Dalitso Project so not only can it continue with its present activities but also extend its much-needed support, through monthly giving or the re-establishing of fundraising activities.

## Financial Review

During 2021, fundraising activities were detrimentally affected due to the continued lockdown restrictions. However, due to the generous donations received throughout the year, including gifts from the estates of J Scott and R O'Neil. The Charity has a closing bank balance of £161,922.

## 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 £6,800.

## 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	15/06/2022
Sheila Dunphy	SHEILA DUNPHY	15/6/22

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### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2021

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Year Ended 31/12/21</b>	<b>Year Ended 31/12/20</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	221,523	81,950
Gift Aid	-	-
Fundraising Activities	1,734	10,484
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>223,257</b>	<b>92,434</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Charitable Activities	96,001	78,057
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>96,001</b>	<b>78,057</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for year</b>	<b>127,256</b>	<b>14,377</b>

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**Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
Cash and bank balances at start of year	34,666	20,289
Surplus/ (Deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments Account	127,256	14,377
Cash and bank balances at end of year	<b>161,922</b>	<b>34,666</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
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## Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31 December 2021

### **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 2021 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 2021

### **Donations**

	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
Oyster Trust	-	36,423
J Scott Estate	163,635	-
R O'Neil Estate	5,000	-

### **Direct Charitable Expenditure**

	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
Orphan Care – Aquaid Lifeline Container	88,544 7,457	71,187 6,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,001</b>	<b>78,057</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 2021 to 31 December 2021**

### **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 view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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 June 2022

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