

**THE DALITSO PROJECT**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**CHARITY NUMBER SCO46514**

**4 Princes Street  
ARBROATH  
DD11 2BL**

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **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. These Centres care for over 300 children each and provide food, nursery care, additional primary education and training or further education for the older children.

Additionally, the Charity supports healthcare through a purpose-built Medical Centre in Kambilonjo and runs an Infant Rescue Programme in Thyolo to assist babies orphaned at birth.

Other activities include drilling boreholes to provide cleaning drinking water and a running a Maize Relief Programme which allows staff and guardians to purchase maize at an affordable price throughout the year.

## Achievements & Performance

2022 saw a team of seven finally return to Malawi. What a joy it was for the whole team to go back and see first-hand the progress at the centres in Thyolo and Kambilonjo. It is a testimony to the administrators, Kiri and Charles, that the children looked so well and that improvements at both centres had taken place and were very impressive. The Dalitso Project is so blessed to have such great staff who care passionately about the children under their care and clearly went the extra mile during the pandemic to make sure that the care provided was improved rather than scaled back.

The Project's Baby Rescue Programme sees on average forty babies being provided for, over the first two years of their lives. Referrals are made from the local hospital at Thyolo and the Dochas Clinic at Kambilonjo, when a baby's mother dies in childbirth. The nominated carer then receives powdered milk and other necessities required, to look after the baby on a day-to-day basis. Over the thirteen years since the start of this programme only five babies have died: a confirmation of the need and success of this provision. Some of these babies at the age of two will join the Education Programme as did, Crifton Luka and Chisomo Samuel, the first babies supported in this way.

In 2022, twenty-five children sat their final primary school exams. Twenty-two passed but unfortunately only seven were selected for secondary school. This is becoming an increasing problem: more children are completing and passing primary school examinations, which is great news, but unfortunately there are not enough secondary school places available for all of them.

This year at the suggestion of Kiri, Thyolo is trialling boarding all the Standard 8s on weekdays during their final term. This will allow them to take advantage of the facilities and study in the evening under better lighting as well as receive additional tuition. Hopefully this will result in better grades enabling more pupils to be selected for secondary education.

Those who graduate from secondary school can go onto further education and those who fail to be selected have an opportunity to get skills training. Presently there are thirty children on these programmes.

2022 was a difficult time for the Thyolo centre with the death of Edna, the house mother at the end of 2021 and then the death of Mary one of the boarders in September. Both were a huge part of the centre and are really missed. On a positive note, one of the boarders, Crispine Wesley, graduated as a teacher and whilst waiting for a post, returned to Thyolo to help with the extra teaching. One of the Thyolo day-care, Dauson Kamwendo, graduated as a bricklayer but instead of using these skills directly he is now working at the centre as a gardener/handyman. How great it is to see the young people that have been supported not only complete their education and go into employment but also some coming back to help at the centres.

At Kambilonjo gratitude is owed to Chifundo Gwesere, who amid his intense Junior Doctor years, still returns to his home village every holiday and

volunteers his time at the Dochas Medical Centre, as well as serving in an advisory capacity in his role as one of the trustees of the centre.

The new student accommodation is now up and running at Kambilonjo with four girls presently living there. They are learning to budget, clean and cook at the same time as having a safe and secure place for them to live while finishing off their schooling.

2022 saw the final container being shipped to Malawi. Although disappointing for those who generously donated and for the centre administrators who appreciated all the items sent. It was a decision that the Trustees felt had to be made, the rising cost meant that the benefits could no longer be justified.

Once again thanks go to the loyal supporters of the Dalitso Project, without which none of this work would be possible!

## **Financial Review**

During 2022, fundraising activities were restarted with vigour. Successful events such as the Concert held in September and the Winter Craft Fayre helped boost the fundraising total to £7,661. Generous donations received throughout the year amounted to £49,872. Leaving the Charity with a closing bank balance of £114,899.

## **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
Sheila Dunphy	SHEILA DUNPHY	9/6/23
DBowie	DOEIS BOWIE	9/6/23

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### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Year Ended 31/12/22</b>	<b>Year Ended 31/12/21</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	49,872	221,523
Fundraising Activities	7,661	1,734
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>57,533</b>	<b>223,257</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Charitable Activities	104,556	96,001
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>104,556</b>	<b>96,001</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for year</b>	<b>(47,023)</b>	<b>127,256</b>

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**Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Cash and bank balances at start of year	161,922	34,666
Surplus/ (Deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments Account	(47,023)	127,256
Cash and bank balances at end of year	<b>114,899</b>	<b>161,922</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
Sheila Dunphy	SHEILA DUNPHY	9/6/23
DBowie	DORIS BOWIE	9/6/23



## Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

### **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 2022 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 2022.

### **Donations**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
J Scott Estate	1,877	163,635
R O'Neil Estate	-	5,000

### **Direct Charitable Expenditure**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Orphan Care – Aquaid Lifeline	94,466	88,544
Container	10,090	7,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,556</b>	<b>96,001</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 2022 to 31 December 2022**

### **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: 9 June 2023

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