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for the  
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**Annual Report and Financial  
Statements**

31 May 2020

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Vice Patrons</b>                | Dame Mary Perkins<br>The Rt. Hon. Malcolm Bruce MP  |
| <b>Directors</b>                   | Philip Shaw (Chair)<br>Priyadarshni Carling (Vice Chair)<br>Steven Reekie (Honorary Treasurer)<br>David Greenberg<br>Kathleen Owston<br>Eleanor Crossley        |
| <b>Chief Executive</b>             | Kavita Prasad   |
| <b>Registered office</b>           | Pelican House<br>144 Cambridge Heath Road<br>London<br>E1 5QJ   |
| <b>Company registration number</b> | 02739343 (England and Wales)  |
| <b>Charity registration number</b> | 1013870   |
| <b>Auditor</b>                     | Myrus Smith<br>Norman House<br>8 Burnell Road<br>Sutton<br>Surrey SM1 4BW   |
| <b>Bankers</b>                     | The Co-operative Bank<br>Delf House<br>Southway<br>Skelmersdale<br>WN8 6WT  |
| <b>Investment Managers</b>         | Lloyds TSB plc<br>Butler Place Branch<br>Caxton Street<br>London<br>SW1H 0PR<br>Smith and Williamson Investment Management<br>25 Moorgate<br>London<br>EC2R 6AY |

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020**

The directors, who are also the trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act, present their statutory report together with the financial statements of The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf for the year ended 31 May 2020. The report has been prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and it is also the report of the directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 22 to 25 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, applicable laws and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from accounting periods commencing 1 January 2019 or later.

Sound Seekers is the trading name of The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf.

## **GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governance**

The following directors were in office at the date of approval of the financial statements and served throughout the year ended 31 May 2020, except where shown.

| <b>Director</b>                    | <b>Appointed /Resigned</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Philip Shaw (Chair)                |                            |
| Steven Reekie (Honorary Treasurer) |                            |
| David Greenberg                    |                            |
| Priyadarshni Carling               |                            |
| Kathleen Owston                    |                            |
| Eleanor Crossley                   | Appointed October 2019     |

In accordance with Article 50 and Article 51, appropriate Directors will retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and if eligible, may also offer themselves for re-election.

Upon joining the Board of Directors, directors are provided with a Trustees Manual, which includes information provided by the Charity Commission, explaining their legal responsibilities, together with relevant information about the charity, and a copy of the charity's governing documents.

No directors received any remuneration from the charity during the year in connection with their services as directors (2019 - £Nil). £181 (2019 - £573) was reimbursed to directors during the year and relates to costs incurred in the UK and visiting the charity's overseas projects.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

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**GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT** (continued)

**Statement of directors' responsibilities** (continued)

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the directors confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ◆ the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Structure and management reporting**

The Board of Directors delegates responsibility for the day to day management of the Charity to the Chief Executive, who reports to the Board at each of their meetings, which take place at least four times per year, plus the AGM. The Board have also set up the following Committees:

The Finance and Audit Committee, which reports to the Board of Directors, also has delegated responsibilities, as well as providing advice and submitting recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The Programme Committee reports to the Board of Directors and has delegated responsibilities, as well as providing advice and submitting recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The Fundraising Committee acts as an advisory board to the Executive Team. The Committee is independent of any external advice procured by Sound Seekers.

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**GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Key management personnel**

The directors consider that they, together with the Chief Executive, comprise the key management personnel of the charitable company. None of the directors receive any remuneration from the charitable company in connection with their role as directors. The annual pay of the Chief Executive is reviewed annually by the board.

Other transactions with the directors are disclosed in note 11.

**Risk management**

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The organisational risk register was reviewed regularly by the directors to help evaluate any risk and plan for any steps that need to be taken to address or mitigate significant or major risks. This also helps ensure that there is complete transparency across our operations.

We have continually reviewed and updated our Financial Procedures Policy to help mitigate any potential risks in financial management and ensure consistent practices are adhered to across the organisation and with our partners. To minimise the risk of transactional financial fraud, a bi-monthly review of invoices against bank statements and credit card statements is carried out by a member of Sound Seekers' Board of Directors.

The directors believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, they have established effective systems to mitigate any risk that may have a significant impact on any area of Sound Seekers' operations.

The Executive Team provides a financial analysis every three months to the directors, covering spend and income against budget and divided between project and general expenditure. All these strategies help safeguard the organisation against fraudulent practices.

This year, in keeping with our commitment to review all policies at least once every two years, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, which is reviewed every year. The Safeguarding Policy and Procedures outline Sound Seekers' commitment to safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and beneficiaries who come in contact with Sound Seekers' work and people. The policy is part of Sound Seekers approach to protecting all those involved with Sound Seekers, either directly or indirectly, and ensuring that the moral leadership, systems, culture and transparency that are needed to protect staff, volunteers and beneficiaries are in place, at all times, throughout all countries of operation.

Sound Seekers has always been committed to ensuring best practice for data protection and we have continued to monitor this to ensure our systems and processes meet, at the very least, the minimum standards required by the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

This year an in-depth strategic review was undertaken which led the directors to consider the longer term sustainability of the organisation including avenues for growth and expansion, which led to exciting discussions with DeafKidz International and resulted in Sound Seekers merging with DeafKidz International on 3 April 2020. After this time, the new combined charity will be known as 'DeafKidz International'. The new combined charity, DeafKidz International, will continue to support people with hearing loss by enabling access to healthcare and education, building on our work in Africa; and will continue to uphold the Sound Seekers vision, mission and values.

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**ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES**

**Activities and specific objectives**

Sound Seekers' main purpose was to support people with hearing loss to realise their rights by enabling access to healthcare and education, focusing on five countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Sound Seekers recognised that our mission can only be accomplished through a holistic approach of delivering audiology, community and educational services that fulfil the rights of people with hearing loss and the key commitments set out in the global health and disability agenda.

We developed long-term, holistic partnerships in all our countries of operation. This commitment involved an initial consultation and assessment leading to identification of a partner and continued as the partnership developed and further needs and/or adaptations are required to ensure we can meet our charitable objectives through our partnerships.

Deafness can be both a cause and effect of poverty. To combat this, we have worked to secure the future of people with hearing loss in some of the poorest communities of the developing world through our core values:

**Sustainability** – integrating services into existing government systems and improving institutional capacity to ensure long-term impact on the lives of people with hearing loss.

**Partnership** – working with government agencies, hospitals and schools as well as local communities and donors.

**Inclusion** – supporting participation and inclusion of children and adults with hearing loss and their families in school and community life.

**Empowerment** – promoting and raising awareness of the rights of people with hearing loss.

**Public benefit statement**

The directors (who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf) confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. They have considered the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that they have followed its guidance in this area. The annual report gives a detailed description of the activities undertaken by the charitable company during the period in furtherance of its charitable purposes, and the directors are satisfied that all such activities provide a public benefit.

**MERGER OF SOUND SEEKERS AND DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL**

Sound Seekers (The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf) celebrated its 60th birthday in 2019. This milestone served as a good point in our journey to step back and reflect on the successes and achievements and to assess our way forward to determine where we can add the most value and how we can direct our 60 years of experience and expertise in fresh and innovative ways. This period of review and reflection has led to some exciting changes.

On 3rd April 2020, Sound Seekers joined forces with DeafKidz International (DKI). After this time, the new combined charity will be known as 'DeafKidz International'.

The newly combined DeafKidz International will continue to support people with hearing loss by enabling access to healthcare and education, building on our incredible work in Africa; and will continue to uphold the Sound Seekers vision, mission and values. Our hope is that as a new combined charity we will be able to respond comprehensively to the protection, health, education and wellbeing needs of deaf children, young people and adults in low resource and complex humanitarian settings. The merger of Sound Seekers with DKI will enable us to widen the scope of our programming and geographical coverage, better supporting deaf people.

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**ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES (continued)**

**MERGER OF SOUND SEEKERS AND DEAFKIDZ INTERNATIONAL (continued)**

Continuity is being ensured by the transfer of two Sound Seekers board members and key Sound Seekers staff to the combined DeafKidz International – Sound Seekers' CEO has been appointed CEO of the combined DeafKidz International.

DeafKidz International will combine the 60 years of history, heritage, expertise and experience of Sound Seekers with the passion and innovation of DKl, positioning the new combined charity as a global leader in the deafness and hearing loss sector.

**SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES**

This year alone, through our programmes, 2,492 people (1,279 adults and 1,213 children) were screened for hearing loss through our clinic and outreach services. Of those screened, 757 people were identified with hearing loss and provided with appropriate support and management for their hearing loss.

In Malawi, we successfully completed our three-year project, funded by UK Aid from the British people and Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA), establishing clinic and outreach services in Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, which is now led and managed independently by local QECH staff. In particular, outreach services delivered through this project have been very successful in reaching poorer communities who otherwise would not have been able to make the journey to hospital-based services. We supported delivery of follow-up workshops in Malawi, in Blantyre and Mangochi, to ensure the hearing aid users were receiving the necessary after care and follow up.

We continued to strengthen and expand our programmes in Zambia. We have now fully established clinic and outreach audiology services in University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. Building on our work in Lusaka, we established a paediatric audiology clinic at the Arthur Davison Children's Hospital in Ndola, the first-of-its-kind in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia and have now established outreach services in this hospital. In addition, we sponsored a nurse from University Teaching Hospital and a clinical officer from the Arthur Davison Children's Hospital on a Diploma in Audiology and Public Health Otology at the University of Nairobi, as part of our objective to build the skills and capacities on audiology in Zambia. They have now returned to their respective hospitals and are using their skills to deliver vital audiology services to the local communities. Support from our long standing partner, Specsavers, has enabled us to continue our Hearing Aid Refurbishment Project in Beit Cure Hospital in Lusaka, meeting the vital demand for hearing aids across all our programmes.

With funding from the British and Foreign School Society and in partnership with a local organisation, Zambia Deaf Youth and Women (ZDYW), we successfully completed sign language training for 30 teachers working in the only three primary schools with deaf units in Ndola, Zambia and also established after school clubs in the three schools to improve interaction and communication between children with and without hearing loss in the schools, in partnership with local organisation, Zambia Deaf Youth and Women (ZDYW), which has been a great success. 335 children have benefited from this project helping to improve education, community and family life deaf children in Ndola.

Our corporate partnership with Specsavers has continued to flourish, with a new three-year grant secured to expand outreach services in the Gambia through Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital. We successfully procured a sound proof audiology trailer for the hospital which will enable audiology outreach in rural and remote areas of the Gambia.

A small charity such as ours thrives on in-kind donations and pro bono contributions. We are grateful for the hearing aids and equipment donated by various Specsavers stores and NHS Trusts, which help us to meet our objectives in an efficient manner, and for the pro bono services from Weil, Gotshal and Manges, who remain a long-standing supporter and partner.



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**ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES** (continued)

**SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES** (continued)

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our programmes and services. Projects in Zambia and Gambia were paused in April due to the COVID-19 situation. Our team has however continued to provide critical remote training and support to the project partners and staff in these difficult times. In Zambia, with kind approval of the funder, Jersey Overseas Aid, we have managed to deliver accessible public health messages to local deaf communities in partnership with local authorities to address the lack of accessibility of mainstream public health messages to deaf children and adults, which has been an issue not only in Zambia but in countries worldwide including the UK.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Our activities cover the following objectives: Increasing Access to Ear and Hearing Healthcare, including Training and Capacity Building; Increasing Access to Education; and Increasing Community Awareness.

**Increasing Access to Ear and Hearing Healthcare, including Training and Capacity Building**

In the financial year 2019-20, we made significant progress in increasing the availability and provision of hearing health services in Africa. In all, 2,492 people (1,279 adults and 1,213 children) were screened for hearing loss through our clinic and outreach services. Of those screened, 757 persons, including 524 adults (214 women and 310 men) and 233 children (107 girls and 126 boys), were identified with hearing loss and provided with appropriate support and management for their hearing loss.

In **Malawi**, through funding from UK Aid from the British people and long-term support from Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA), increasing numbers of people were seen at the clinic and outreach services established by Sound Seekers in Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, which is now led and managed completely by local QECH staff. This was followed by follow-up workshops where 20 hearing aid users were given further advice and support on use of hearing aids.

Photos of the follow up-workshops at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Malawi:



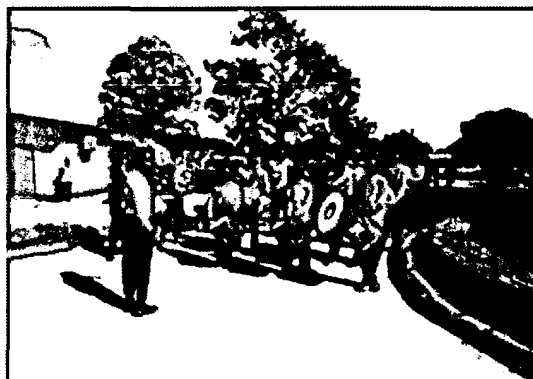
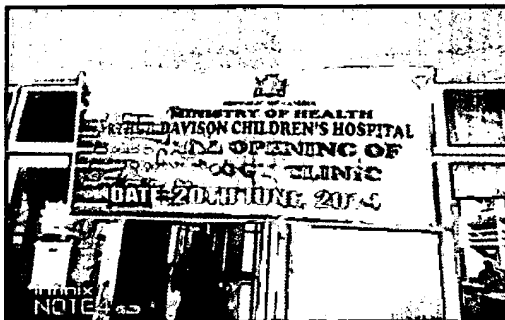
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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)**

In **Zambia**, Sound Seekers continued to implement its comprehensive audiology services project in Lusaka and Ndola, generously funded by JOA. As part of this project, we have strengthened and implemented clinic and outreach audiology services offered by the Children's Hearing Clinic at University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Lusaka. Outreach was made possible by a vehicle and trailer equipped with sound proof booths procured as part of this project. In Ndola, Sound Seekers established a paediatric audiology clinic at Arthur Davison Children's Hospital, first-of-its-kind in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia which now has both clinic and outreach services. Two Volunteer Audiologists – one in Lusaka and the other in Ndola – have supported this project and enabled these services to be up and running. In addition, a nurse from University Teaching Hospital and a clinical officer from Arthur Davison Children's Hospital graduated with a Diploma in Audiology and Public Health Otology at the University of Nairobi, as we continue to build the skills and capacities on audiology in the country. The graduates have now returned to their respective hospitals and manage and deliver audiology services for the benefit of the local population. Support from our long standing partner, Specsavers, has enabled us to continue our Hearing Aid Refurbishment Project in Beit Cure Hospital, where donated hearing aids from the UK are refurbished and made fit for use by beneficiaries in our countries of operation.

**Photos of the launch of the Audiology Clinic at Arthur Davison Children's Hospital in Ndola on 20th June 2019, attended by over 50 people, including officials from the Ministry of Health.**

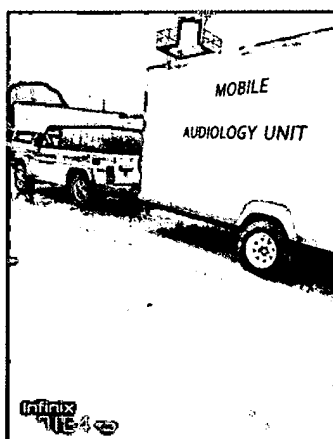


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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE** (continued)

Photos below show the new outreach vehicle for Arthur Davison Children's Hospital and audiology clinic services during World Hearing Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020:



In **The Gambia**, we launched a Specsavers funded project which will enable us to further advance the outreach services delivered by our local partner Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital. Additionally, through this project, we have sponsored the Lead ENT/Audiology Nurse on an online paediatric audiology course with Eduplex Training Institute in South Africa.

In **Sierra Leone**, we supported St Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired with tools and consumables including hearing aids needed to deliver audiology services.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)**

**The long term impact of our work**

**Shriffo, age 43, The Gambia**



Shriffo Bojang, from Bakau in The Gambia, is 43 years of age. He has had hearing loss since the age of 21 when he had malaria. After being treated for cerebral malaria at the hospital, he developed hearing difficulties and was no longer able to continue his job and support his family. Two years ago he was seen at the audiology services in Banjul established by Sound Seekers and had his hearing assessed. Shriffo was diagnosed with severe to profound hearing loss in his right ear and profound hearing loss in his left. He was fitted with a hearing aid by Yaka Faal, audiology lead trained by Sound Seekers, and returned for a follow up appointment in October 2019 and it's clear this has made a huge impact on his life since. Shriffo told Yaka that he is now employed thanks to his new hearing aids and that Sound Seekers has put a smile on his face and changed his life for the better.

**Ellen, age 10, Malawi**



Ellen Chimwaza, a 10 year old girl, was born with hearing loss in both ears, the cause was unknown as she had no history of any serious illness since birth. Ellen kept repeating grades 1 and 2 in school before she visited the Audiology Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre in 2017. Malawian Audiologist, Mwanaisha, assessed Ellen's hearing and diagnosed her with bilateral hearing loss. Ellen returned for a follow- appointment in 2019 and told Mwanaisha that since was fitted with her two hearing aids, that same year she passed her exam and moved up into grade 3. Since then, she has continued to improve in class and is currently in Grade 4. Mwanaisha was pleased with her progress and said *"Ellen is now happy that she hears much better in class and at home than before. The hearing aids have changed her life"*

**Increasing Access to Education**

In **Zambia**, with funding from British & Foreign School Society, we delivered a new project to improve sign language skills of special needs teachers in the only three deaf units attached to primary schools in Ndola and to establish after school clubs to improve inclusion and interaction between children with and without hearing loss in the schools. We successfully completed the sign language training for 30 teachers working in the 3 primary schools with deaf units in partnership with a local organisation, Zambia Deaf Youth and Women (ZDYW). Since the project started, there have been 335 direct beneficiaries including 195 deaf students who are now taught by the trained special needs teachers, as well as 165 students from the mainstream schools who have been attending the after school clubs. With 90% of direct beneficiaries being students, we are proud that this project will help to improve education, community and family life for so many children within Ndola.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE** (continued)

**Increasing Access to Education**

Photos below show the sign language teaching training and the after school club in Ndola District, attended by both students from the mainstream students:



**Increasing Community Awareness**

In **Zambia** and **Malawi**, through outreach and follow up sessions, we raised awareness among communities of ear and hearing care and the dangers of traditional practices of ear cleaning, which damage the ear and may result in hearing loss. We also urged them to seek medical care and attention at the earliest possible for ear infections, as these often lead to hearing loss in the long term if unaddressed.

**2020/21 AND BEYOND**

Sound Seekers will continue delivering its vital programmes and services in Africa as part of the merged DeafKidz International. For both charities, Sound Seekers and DKI, this merger will open new avenues of programmes and funding and widen our reach to new geographies, enabling us to deliver a greater breadth of programmes and services, better supporting deaf children, young people and adults to realise their rights and goals. The combined DeafKidz International will continue DKI's unique, innovative and vital work to safeguard deaf children and young people from violence, abuse and exploitation by raising awareness on safe behaviours and establishing protection systems and services that respond to their needs. In tandem, building on 60 years of Sound Seekers' experience in delivering ear and hearing care in Africa, the merged DeafKidz International plans to expand and scale up its work on early identification and interventions for hearing loss, and developing skills and capacities of local professionals to deliver low-cost, sustainable ear and hearing care services. All of this will be delivered within a safeguarding construct, whilst being alert and responsive to the needs of deaf children, young people and adults. The merger has enabled the streamlining of office costs, staff costs and fundraising costs making the merged entity leaner with modest overheads while still being able to scale up the combined body of work and multiply the impact.

The combined DeafKidz International's strategic goals for the 2020-23 period are to:

- I. Prevent and mitigate the abuse of deaf children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- II. Reduce risk and vulnerability by ensuring accessibility and removing barriers to communication for deaf children, young people and adults;
- III. Ensure deaf children, young people and adults have equal access to health, education and economic opportunities to realise their rights and potential;
- IV. Enhance deaf led representation and advocacy; and
- V. Build a robust and sustainable organisation by strengthening organisational effectiveness, efficiency and resilience.

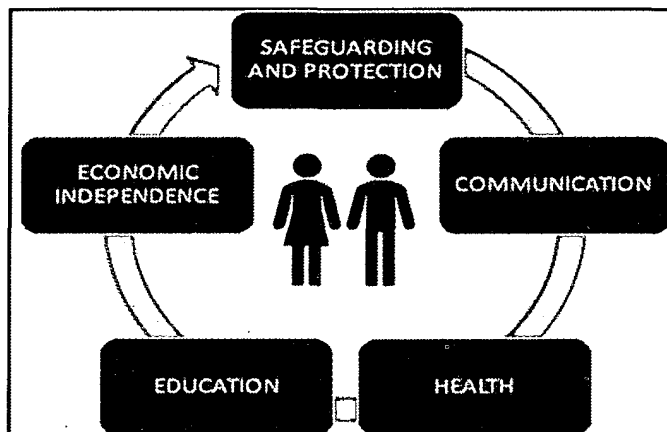
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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE** (continued)

**2020/21 AND BEYOND**

The pictogram below depicts the key change domains for the merged DeafKidz International. All of the change domains interact with each other, inform each other and impact each other.



**SUPPORTERS**

Sound Seekers would like to thank all our incredible donors and supporters for their generous contributions over the years which have made our journey possible. While it is not possible to acknowledge each of our supporters, every donation, no matter how large or small, helps us deliver our mission to support people with hearing loss to realise their rights by enabling access to healthcare and education and for that we are extremely grateful.

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The Paget Trust  
The Specsavers Partnership  
The William and Christine Eynon Charity  
W.L. Pratt Charitable Trust  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges (London) LLP

**Partners**

Sound Seekers would like to thank all our partners for their work in helping us achieve our objectives.

Ministry of Health, Malawi  
Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi  
Ministry of Education, Malawi  
Ministry of Health, Zambia  
University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia  
Beit Cure Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia  
Arthur Davison Children's Hospital, Ndola, Zambia  
Kansenshi Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Chilengwa Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Kamba Primary School, Ndola, Zambia  
Ndola District Education Board, Zambia  
Zambia Deaf Youth and Women, Ndola, Zambia  
St. Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired, Makeni, Sierra Leone  
Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon  
Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital, Banjul, The Gambia  
St. John's School for the Deaf, Serrakunda, The Gambia  
Bansang Hospital, Bansang, The Gambia  
University of Nairobi, Kenya

**THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020**  
(continued)

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Investment policy and performance**

The investment strategy is set by the directors and takes into account income requirements, present and future financial expenditure requirements, risk profile and the investment manager's advice and view of the market prospects in the long term. The policy is to maximise total return through a diversified portfolio whilst providing a level of income advised by the directors from time to time. The performance of the portfolio and the charity's investment strategy are reviewed regularly by the directors with the investment managers.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest.

During the year, the investment portfolio was able to generate healthy returns. It was transferred to DeafKidz International at the merger on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

**Results for the year**

Income for the year totalled £305,540, down £129,916 against 2019.

The main area of expenditure was the direct cost of overseas projects, which totalled £171,620 (2019 - £378,995).

The expenditure on raising funds has decreased to £40,636 (2019 - £53,978).

Excluding the transfer of funds to DeafKidz International of £266,791, the deficit was £4,457. A surplus of £70,194 in restricted funds related to project funding received but not spent during the year, which was offset by a deficit of £74,651 in unrestricted funds.

**Reserves policy and financial position**

***Reserves policy***

Our reserves are an essential element of our strategic, operational and budgetary planning and ensure that we can operate and avoid financial difficulties and that we can cover expenditure in the event of reduced income or changes in circumstances.

The directors wish to ensure that we are able to provide the services that have been promised and fulfil our commitment to our partners. As such, our reserves are held on an agreed policy with a clear understanding of what the money is to be used for and ensures we can:

- ◆ Fund working capital;
- ◆ Fund unexpected operational costs and expenditure, for example, when projects overrun or exchange fluctuations impact on original budgets;
- ◆ Fund shortfalls in income, when income does not reach expected levels. Funds might be needed to give the trustees time to take action if income falls below expectations;
- ◆ Fund an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds, e.g. an unexpected large repair bill or finding 'seed-funding' for essential equipment and/or programme work that cannot be covered by restricted funding;
- ◆ Fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, for example, money sometimes needs to be spent before a funding grant is received;
- ◆ Funds for a significant project that requires the charity to provide 'matched funding';
- ◆ Funds for net investment in fixed assets (other than those financed by restricted funds); and
- ◆ Funds for cessation costs.



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**FINANCIAL REVIEW** (continued)

On the merger with DeafKidz International, all reserves were transferred to DeafKidz International.

***Financial position***

At 31 May 2020, the total net assets were £Nil, comprising of bank and cash balances of £108,256 and liabilities of £108,256 (£4,000 accruals and £104,256 to be transferred to DeafKidz International).

***The charity's assets***

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the notes to the financial statements.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors and signed on their behalf by:



Steven Reekie  
Director

Approved by the directors on 11 March 2021

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF:**

### **THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (A company limited by guarantee)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 May 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 May 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement on page 2, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Stephen Jones FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Myrus Smith  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
Norman House,  
8 Burnell Road,  
Sutton, Surrey.  
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11 March 2021

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MAY 2020

|  | Notes   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>  |         |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Donations  | 2       | 49,906                     | 103,094                  | 153,000                     | 151,171                     |
| Charitable activities  | 3       | -                          | 143,891                  | 143,891                     | 276,814                     |
| Other trading activities   | 4       | 4,363                      | -                        | 4,363                       | 535                         |
| Investments  | 5       | 4,286                      | -                        | 4,286                       | 6,936                       |
| <b>Total income</b>  |         | <b>58,555</b>              | <b>246,985</b>           | <b>305,540</b>              | <b>435,456</b>              |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>   |         |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Raising funds  | 6       | 35,465                     | 5,171                    | 40,636                      | 53,978                      |
| Charitable activities  | 7       | 70,137                     | 171,620                  | 241,757                     | 537,791                     |
| Donations to other institutions  | 8       | 60,329                     | 206,462                  | 266,791                     | -                           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   |         | <b>165,931</b>             | <b>383,253</b>           | <b>549,184</b>              | <b>591,769</b>              |
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income before<br/>(losses)/gains on investments</b> |         | <b>(107,376)</b>           | <b>(136,268)</b>         | <b>(243,644)</b>            | <b>(156,313)</b>            |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments  | 14      | (27,604)                   | -                        | (27,604)                    | (6,792)                     |
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year</b>                             | 9       | <b>(134,980)</b>           | <b>(136,268)</b>         | <b>(271,248)</b>            | <b>(163,105)</b>            |
| Transfer between funds   |         | -                          | -                        | -                           | -                           |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>   | 17 & 18 | <b>(134,980)</b>           | <b>(136,268)</b>         | <b>(271,248)</b>            | <b>(163,105)</b>            |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>  |         |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Fund balances brought forward<br>at 1 June 2019                          | 17 & 18 | 134,980                    | 136,268                  | 271,248                     | 434,353                     |
| <b>Fund balances carried forward<br/>at 31 May 2020</b>                  | 17 & 18 | <b>£Nil</b>                | <b>£Nil</b>              | <b>£Nil</b>                 | <b>£271,248</b>             |

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.  
The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2020

|   | Notes | 2020      |      | 2019     |          |
|---|-------|-----------|------|----------|----------|
|   |       | £         | £    | £        | £        |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |           |      |          |          |
| Tangible assets                                       | 13    | -         | -    | 30,172   |          |
| Investments   | 14    | -         | -    | 198,271  |          |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
|   |       |           |      |          | 228,443  |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |           |      |          |          |
| Debtors   | 15    | -         | -    | 4,115    |          |
| Short term deposits                                   |       | 50,017    | -    | 20,017   |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 58,239    | -    | 39,516   |          |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
|   |       | 108,256   | -    | 63,648   |          |
| <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year | 16    | (108,256) | -    | (20,843) |          |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       |           | -    |          | 42,805   |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                               |       |           | £Nil |          | £271,248 |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
| <b>The funds of the charity:</b>                      |       |           |      |          |          |
| <b>Funds and reserves</b>                             |       |           |      |          |          |
| Restricted funds                                      | 17    | -         | -    | 136,268  |          |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | 18    | -         | -    | 134,980  |          |
|   |       |           |      |          |          |
|   |       |           | £Nil |          | £271,248 |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the directors and signed on their behalf by:



Steven Reekie  
Director

Approved on 11 March 2021

Company Registration Number 2739343 (England and Wales).

The notes on pages 22 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

**THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020**

|  | 2020<br>£        | 2019<br>£         |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                  |                   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | (13,147)         | (272,141)         |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                  |                   |
| Dividends, interest and rent from investments  | 4,286            | 6,936             |
| Proceeds from sale of investments  | 35,724           | 90,175            |
| Payments to acquire investments  | -                | (74,179)          |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets  | -                | (45,257)          |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities  | 40,010           | (22,325)          |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period                                  | 26,863           | (294,466)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period                           | 81,393           | 375,859           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period                                 | <u>£108,256</u>  | <u>£81,393</u>    |
| Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities        |                  |                   |
| Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities) | (271,248)        | (163,105)         |
| Adjustments for:   |                  |                   |
| Depreciation charges   | 8,373            | 21,772            |
| Transfer of Fixed Assets at Net Book Value   | 21,799           | -                 |
| Losses/(gains) on investments  | 27,604           | 6,792             |
| Transfer of Investments at Net Book Value  | 113,083          | -                 |
| Dividends, interest and rents from investments   | (4,286)          | (6,936)           |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors   | 4,115            | 31,573            |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors   | 87,413           | (162,237)         |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | <u>£(13,147)</u> | <u>£(272,141)</u> |
| Analysis of cash and cash equivalents  |                  |                   |
| Cash at bank and in hand   | 58,239           | 39,516            |
| Notice deposits (less than 3 months)   | 50,017           | 20,017            |
| Cash held by investment managers   | -                | 21,860            |
| Total cash and cash equivalents  | <u>£108,256</u>  | <u>£81,393</u>    |

The transfers relate to the transfer of assets to DeafKidz International as a result of the merger.

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.**

#### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 May 2020. The charity is a limited company, limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the financial statements requires the directors and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ estimating the liability for multi-year grant commitments; and
- ◆ estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets.

#### **Assessment of going concern**

The directors have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements for the year to 31 May 2020.

However, given the merger with and transfer into DeafKidz International at 3 April 2020 when all operations ceased, the going concern basis from 1 June 2020 would not be appropriate, and any transactions will be assessed on their true and fair value.

#### **Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charitable company has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations, grants, investment income and income from trading activities.

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.



# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES/contd...

#### **Income recognition/contd...**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Grants are recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charitable company and the income can be reliably measured. It is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Grant income is credited to the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, unless it relates to funding for specific future periods either via explicit or implicit time conditions within the grant agreement.

Grants from trusts and foundations have been included as income from charitable activities i.e. to improve the lives of people with hearing loss in the developing world where they are restricted to a specific activity but as donations where the money is given in response to an appeal or grant application or with greater freedom of use, e.g. for core purposes.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Income generated by trading activities comprises of income from events. It is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

In accordance with FRS 102, the value of volunteers is not included in the financial statements.

#### **Expenditure recognition and the basis of apportioning costs**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charitable company. This includes the salaries, direct costs and overheads associated with raising donated income and running events.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charitable company through the provision of its charitable activities as described in the directors' report.

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES/contd...

Governance costs comprising the costs involving the public accountability of the charitable company (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice are allocated to the cost of charitable activities.

#### Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at the following annual rates in order to write them off over their estimated useful lives:

- ◆ Project vehicles                      33.3% per annum based on cost
- ◆ Office equipment                      10% per annum based on cost

#### Listed investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

As noted above the main form of financial risk faced by the charitable company is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value, or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits.

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES/contd...

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

#### Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

General funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objects.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

#### Leased asset

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

### 2. DONATIONS

|                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Donations              |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Individuals            | 18,901                     | 100                      | 19,001                      | 16,803                      |
| Trusts and foundations | 28,389                     | 19,494                   | 47,883                      | 46,802                      |
| Corporates             | 1,416                      | 83,500                   | 84,916                      | 86,244                      |
| Gift Aid donations     | 1,200                      | -                        | 1,200                       | 1,322                       |
|                        | <u>£49,906</u>             | <u>£103,094</u>          | <u>£153,000</u>             | <u>£151,171</u>             |

Of the £151,171 recognised in 2019, £93,255 was unrestricted funds and £57,916 was restricted funds.

Income from donations in 2020 includes £Nil (2019 : £79,499) of donated goods and services, and an equivalent charge is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

# THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

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### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Increasing access to ear and hearing<br>healthcare, including training and capacity<br>building | £Nil                       | 143,891                  | 143,891                     | 276,814                     |

All of the £276,814 recognised in 2019 was restricted funds.

### 4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | 2020<br>Total<br>Funds | 2019<br>Total<br>funds |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Events                                   | 3,423                 | -                   | 3,423                  | 169                    |
| Sponsorship income from Challenge events | 609                   | -                   | 609                    | 345                    |
| Other miscellaneous income               | 331                   | -                   | 331                    | 21                     |
|  | <u>£4,363</u>         | <u>£Nil</u>         | <u>£4,363</u>          | <u>£535</u>            |

All of the £535 recognised in 2019 was unrestricted funds.

### 5. INVESTMENT INCOME AND INTEREST RECEIVABLE

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Smith and Williamson Investment Management: |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| UK Equities – Investment Trusts             | 1,381                      | -                        | 1,381                       | 2,238                       |
| International Equities – Investment Trusts  | -                          | -                        | -                           | 2,465                       |
| UK Property – Investment Trusts             | -                          | -                        | -                           | 400                         |
| Global                                      | 411                        | -                        | 411                         | -                           |
| Overseas fixed interest                     | 451                        | -                        | 451                         | -                           |
| UK Fixed Interest                           | 738                        | -                        | 738                         | 154                         |
| Alternative Investments                     | 741                        | -                        | 741                         | 908                         |
| Multi Asset                                 | 136                        | -                        | 136                         | 179                         |
| Interest receivable                         | 407                        | -                        | 407                         | 573                         |
| Other investment income                     | 21                         | -                        | 21                          | 19                          |
|   | <u>£4,286</u>              | <u>£Nil</u>              | <u>£4,286</u>               | <u>£6,936</u>               |

All of the £6,936 recognised in 2019 was unrestricted funds.

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### 6. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | 2020<br>Total<br>funds | 2019<br>Total<br>funds |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | £                     | £                   | £                      | £                      |
| Fundraising costs                      |                       |                     |                        |                        |
| Staff costs                            | 34,487                | -                   | 34,487                 | 49,422                 |
| Event costs                            | -                     | 5,171               | 5,171                  | 348                    |
| Advertising, marketing and other costs | 892                   | -                   | 892                    | 2,786                  |
| Investment management fees             | 86                    | -                   | 86                     | 1,332                  |
|  | <u>£35,465</u>        | <u>£5,171</u>       | <u>£40,636</u>         | <u>£53,978</u>         |

All of the £53,978 expenditure recognised in 2019 was charged to unrestricted funds.

### 7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

|   | 2020<br>£       | 2019<br>£       |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Direct costs</b>                                     |                 |                 |
| Management visits to country                            | 7,802           | 11,546          |
| Equipment and tools                                     | 70,633          | 122,671         |
| Training for field officers                             | 2,699           | 32,944          |
| Expenses for field officers                             | 14,996          | 76,263          |
| Recycling and reusing                                   | 5,814           | -               |
| Overhead costs  | 1,198           | 4,652           |
| Volunteer visits and training                           | 2,915           | 34,365          |
| Audiology support                                       | 5,284           | 13,928          |
| Construction  | 602             | 9,120           |
| Depreciation on HARK vehicles                           | -               | 6,687           |
| Depreciation on Comprehensive Audiology Session, Zambia | 8,373           | 15,085          |
| Bank charges  | 12              | 19              |
|   | <u>120,328</u>  | <u>327,280</u>  |
| <b>Support costs</b>                                    |                 |                 |
| Staff costs   | 90,265          | 129,143         |
| Training costs  | 66              | 3,373           |
| Office costs  | 18,050          | 21,876          |
| Other expenditure                                       | 3,909           | 5,785           |
| Legal and professional fees                             | 3,565           | 43,048          |
| Governance costs  |                 |                 |
| Auditor's remuneration                                  | 4,000           | 4,000           |
| Board meetings and other statutory arrangements         | 1,574           | 3,286           |
|   | <u>121,429</u>  | <u>210,511</u>  |
| <b>Total expenditure on charitable activities</b>       | <u>£241,757</u> | <u>£537,791</u> |

Of the £537,791 expenditure recognised in 2019, £158,796 was charged to unrestricted funds and £378,995 was charged to restricted funds.

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### 8. DONATIONS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

On 3 April 2020 the charity merged with Deafkidz International, a charity registered in England & Wales. Unrestricted funds of £60,329 and restricted funds of £206,462 were transferred to DeafKidz international on that date.

### 9. NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

|                                  | 2020              | 2019              |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | £                 | £                 |
| Depreciation                     | 8,373             | 21,772            |
| Operating lease rentals          | 15,848            | 14,831            |
| Gains/(loss) on foreign exchange | 11                | 76                |
|                                  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

### 10. EMPLOYEES AND STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

|                       | 2020              | 2019              |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | £                 | £                 |
| Wages and salaries    | 114,664           | 161,930           |
| Social security costs | 12,096            | 13,820            |
| Pension costs         | 2,816             | 2,815             |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
|                       | <u>£129,576</u>   | <u>£178,565</u>   |

The average number of UK employees during the year, calculated on an average headcount basis, analysed by function, was as follows:

|                       | Number<br>2020    | Number<br>2019    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Generation of funds   | 1.0               | 2.0               |
| Charitable activities | 2.0               | 3.0               |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
|                       | <u>3.0</u>        | <u>5.0</u>        |

No employees earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits but excluding employer pension contributions) during the year (2019 - None).

The directors consider that they, together with the Chief Executive, comprise the key management personnel of the charitable company. The total remuneration of the key management personnel for the year was £45,305 (2019 - £65,714).

Under FRS 102, employee benefits include gross salaries, benefits in kind, employer's national insurance and employer's pension costs.

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### 11. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No directors received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2019 - £Nil).

£181 (2019 - £573) was reimbursed to one director (2019 - two) during the year and relates to the costs of visiting the charity's overseas projects and UK expenses.

### 12. TAXATION

The Commonwealth Society for the Deaf is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

### 13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|  | Comprehensive<br>Audiology<br>Services, Zambia<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|--|---|------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                              |   |            |
| At 1 June 2019                           | 45,257  | 45,257     |
| Transfer at Net Book Value               | (45,257)  | (45,257)   |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |
| At 31 May 2020                           | -   | -          |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                      |   |            |
| At 1 June 2019                           | 15,085  | 15,085     |
| Charge for year                          | 8,373   | 8,363      |
| Eliminated on transfer at Net Book Value | (23,458)  | (23,448)   |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |
| At 31 May 2020                           | -   | -          |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |
| <b>Net book values</b>                   |   |            |
| At 31 May 2020                           | £Nil  | £Nil       |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |
| At 31 May 2019                           | £30,172   | £30,172    |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>      |

The Transfer relates to transferring fixed assets to DeafKidz International as a result of the merger.

### 14. INVESTMENTS

|                                      | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Market value at 1 June 2019          | 176,411   | 199,199   |
| Additions at cost                    | -         | 74,179    |
| Disposals at opening market value    | (35,724)  | (90,175)  |
| Transfer at Market Value             | (113,083) | -         |
| Unrealised investment (losses)/gains | -         | (6,792)   |
| Realised investment (losses)/gains   | (27,604)  | -         |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| Market value at 31 May 2020          | -         | 176,411   |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| Cash held by investment managers     | -         | 21,860    |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                      | £Nil      | £198,271  |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |

The transfer relates to transferring the investments to DeafKidz International as a result of the merger.

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**14. INVESTMENTS (continued)**

Investments held at 31 May 2020 comprised the following:

|   | 2020        | 2019            |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
|   | £           | £               |
| Smith and Williamson Investment Management: |             |                 |
| UK Equities - Investment Trusts             | -           | 61,400          |
| International Equities - Investment Trusts  | -           | 11,898          |
| UK Fixed                                    | -           | 37,130          |
| Overseas Fixed Interest                     | -           | 22,470          |
| Alternative Investments                     | -           | 22,460          |
| Multi Assets                                | -           | 21,053          |
|   | <u>£Nil</u> | <u>£176,411</u> |

At 31 May 2020 investments included the following individual material holdings when compared to the total portfolio valuation as at that date:

| Holding                                     | 2020<br>% | 2020<br>£   | 2019<br>%    | 2019<br>£      |
|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Smith and Williamson Investment Management: |           |             |              |                |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust                  | -         | -           | 11.8         | 20,650         |
| Mercantile Investment Trust                 | -         | -           | 23.1         | 40,750         |
| Artemis Fund Managers Global Income         | -         | -           | 6.7          | 11,898         |
| UK Fixed Interest                           | -         | -           | 8.6          | 15,232         |
| NB Private Equity Partners Ltd              | -         | -           | 12.7         | 22,460         |
| Schroder Unit Trusts                        | -         | -           | 12.4         | 21,898         |
| Polar Capital Funds                         | -         | -           | 12.7         | 22,470         |
| RIT Cap Partners                            | -         | -           | 12.0         | 21,053         |
|   | <u>-</u>  | <u>£Nil</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>176,411</u> |

**15. DEBTORS**

|                                | 2020        | 2019          |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                                | £           | £             |
| Prepayments and accrued income | -           | 2,536         |
| Taxation recoverable           | -           | 340           |
| Other debtors                  | -           | 1,239         |
|                                | <u>£Nil</u> | <u>£4,115</u> |



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**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                    | 2020            | 2019           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                    | £               | £              |
| Accruals and deferred income       | 4,000           | 17,172         |
| Other creditors                    | -               | 3,671          |
| Amounts owed to other institutions | 104,256         | -              |
|                                    | <u>£108,256</u> | <u>£20,843</u> |

The amounts owed to other institutions represent the balance owing to Deafkidz International as a result of the merger.

Deferred income relates to project grants received in advance. Movements on deferred income are shown below:

|                                | £               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Deferred income at 1 June 2019 | -               |
| Resources deferred in the year | 17,172          |
| Released during the year       | <u>(17,172)</u> |
| Deferred income at 31 May 2020 | <u>£Nil</u>     |

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### 17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

|  | At<br>1 June 2019<br>£ | Income<br>£     | Expenditure<br>£ | Transfers<br>£    | At<br>31 May 2020<br>£ |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>2020</b>  |                        |                 |                  |                   |                        |
| <b>Increasing access to ear and hearing healthcare, including training and capacity building</b> |                        |                 |                  |                   |                        |
| DfID Malawi  | 9,073                  | (11,067)        | (1,994)          | -                 | -                      |
| TPS Sierra Leone   | 1,209                  | -               | 1,209            | -                 | -                      |
| TPS Zambia   | (1)                    | -               | (1)              | -                 | -                      |
| Tele-audiology – Malawi and Zambia   | 1,479                  | -               | 1,479            | -                 | -                      |
| Hearing Aid Refurbishment Zambia   | 12,593                 | -               | 8,077            | (4,516)           | -                      |
| Consultant Audiologist   | 9,615                  | -               | -                | (9,615)           | -                      |
| Recycling and Reusing  | 5,814                  | -               | 5,814            | -                 | -                      |
| Audiology Bansang  | 1,560                  | -               | 1,560            | -                 | -                      |
| Audiology Services Zambia (JOA)  | 63,163                 | 164,913         | 91,943           | (136,133)         | -                      |
| Good Gifts (Audiology)   | 5,140                  | (1,000)         | 4,140            | -                 | -                      |
| Audiology Setup Connaught Hospital   | 19,901                 | (19,901)        | -                | -                 | -                      |
| Specsavers Gambia Audiology  | -                      | 80,000          | 36,468           | (43,532)          | -                      |
| JOA Malawi follow-up workshop  | -                      | 9,946           | 9,946            | -                 | -                      |
| Audiology training Zambia (PACT)   | -                      | 9,500           | -                | (9,500)           | -                      |
| Dame Hilary Blume (otoscope)   | -                      | 100             | 100              | -                 | -                      |
| Malawi outreach (Clare King charitable trust)  | -                      | 1,000           | 1,000            | -                 | -                      |
| <b>Increasing access to education</b>  |                        |                 |                  |                   |                        |
| Access to Education Zambia   | 393                    | -               | 393              | -                 | -                      |
| Access to Education Kansenshi Zambia   | (16)                   | -               | (16)             | -                 | -                      |
| Access to Education Chilengwa  | 108                    | -               | 108              | -                 | -                      |
| Zambia Endola – Teacher training   | 2,229                  | 9,994           | 9,057            | (3,166)           | -                      |
| <b>Research on Prevalence, Causes and Effects of Hearing Loss</b>                                |                        |                 |                  |                   |                        |
| Zambia Research  | 1,508                  | -               | 1,508            | -                 | -                      |
| 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event   | 2,500                  | 3,500           | 6,000            | -                 | -                      |
|  | <u>£136,268</u>        | <u>£246,985</u> | <u>£176,791</u>  | <u>£(206,462)</u> | <u>£Nil</u>            |

The transfers represent the funds transferred to DeafKidz International on 3 April 2020 as a result of the merger.

Comparative information for the previous financial year follows:

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**17. RESTRICTED FUNDS/contd....**

|  | At<br>1 June 2018<br>£ | Income<br>£     | Expenditure<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | At<br>31 May 2019<br>£ |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>2019</b>  |                        |                 |                  |                |                        |
| <b>Increasing access to ear and hearing healthcare, including training and capacity building</b> |                        |                 |                  |                |                        |
| DfID Malawi  | 21,381                 | 91,360          | 103,668          | -              | 9,073                  |
| Malawi Extension   | 1,125                  | -               | 3,735            | 2,610          | -                      |
| Malawi Outreach  | 4                      | -               | 4                | -              | -                      |
| Basic audiology support Gambia   | 28                     | -               | 28               | -              | -                      |
| TPS Sierra Leone   | 5,780                  | -               | 4,571            | -              | 1,209                  |
| TPS Zambia   | (1)                    | -               | -                | -              | (1)                    |
| Tele-audiology – Malawi and Zambia   | 9,129                  | -               | 7,650            | -              | 1,479                  |
| Hearing Aid Refurbishment Zambia   | 32,441                 | -               | 19,848           | -              | 12,593                 |
| Earmould Zambia  | 7                      | -               | 7                | -              | -                      |
| Earmould Cameroon  | 272                    | -               | 272              | -              | -                      |
| Consultant Audiologist   | 10,467                 | -               | 852              | -              | 9,615                  |
| HARK Vehicles  | 6,687                  | -               | 6,687            | -              | -                      |
| Recycling and Reusing  | 5,814                  | -               | -                | -              | 5,814                  |
| Hearing Aids, Batteries and Equipment  | -                      | 39,660          | 39,660           | -              | -                      |
| Audiology Bansang  | 1,560                  | -               | -                | -              | 1,560                  |
| Audiology Services Zambia (JOA)  | 10,703                 | 165,009         | 112,549          | -              | 63,163                 |
| Good Gifts (Audiology)   | 1,577                  | 3,763           | 200              | -              | 5,140                  |
| Audiology Setup Connaught Hospital   | -                      | 19,901          | -                | -              | 19,901                 |
| World Hearing Day 2019 Award - Zambia  | -                      | 544             | 544              | -              | -                      |
| <b>Increasing access to education</b>  |                        |                 |                  |                |                        |
| Access to Education Sierra Leone   | 6,188                  | -               | 6,188            | -              | -                      |
| Access to Education Zambia   | 1,708                  | -               | 1,315            | -              | 393                    |
| Access to Education Malawi   | 51,854                 | -               | 51,854           | -              | -                      |
| Access to Education Kansenshi Zambia   | (16)                   | -               | -                | -              | (16)                   |
| Access to Education Chilengwa  | 2,930                  | -               | 2,822            | -              | 108                    |
| Zambia Endola – Teacher training   | -                      | 9,993           | 7,764            | -              | 2,229                  |
| Bryan Guinness Trust   | -                      | 2,000           | 2,000            | -              | -                      |
| <b>Increasing community awareness</b>  |                        |                 |                  |                |                        |
| PEHC   | 6,777                  | -               | 6,777            | -              | -                      |
| <b>Research on Prevalence, Causes and Effects of Hearing Loss</b>                                |                        |                 |                  |                |                        |
| Zambia Research  | 1,508                  | -               | -                | -              | 1,508                  |
| <b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event</b>   | -                      | 2,500           | -                | -              | 2,500                  |
|  | <u>£177,923</u>        | <u>£334,730</u> | <u>£378,995</u>  | <u>£2,610</u>  | <u>£136,268</u>        |

A description of the purpose for each of these restricted funds is as follows:

The projects under 'Increasing access to ear and hearing healthcare, including training and capacity building' aim to establish audiology services in hospitals and clinics and promote and advance hearing healthcare in our countries of operation. These services enable the screening of people for hearing loss and provision of appropriate support for children and adults identified with hearing loss. In all countries, these services are delivered through a twin approach of static services and mobile outreach in rural and remote areas. Complementing these services are earmould labs, which help customise earmoulds for hearing aid fitting, and hearing aid refurbishment project in Zambia, which enables donated hearing aids to be refurbished and distributed to our programmes.

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Our work on **increasing access to education** has involved the expansion of classrooms for deaf children as well as training of special needs teachers to better include children with hearing loss in their classrooms and respond to their specific needs.

Through our Primary Ear and Hearing Care work, we have **increased community awareness** of good ear and hearing care practices and of services available for people with hearing loss.

Our **Research on Prevalence, Causes and Effects of Hearing Loss** was a one-off research in Zambia on "Multi Drug Resistant TB Treatment in Ndola Central Hospital, Zambia: Study of ototoxicity and practice".

### 18. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

|                     | Balance at<br>1 June<br>2019<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>Resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | At<br>31 May<br>2020 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2020                |                                   |                            |                            |                |                      |
| Unrestricted Funds: |                                   |                            |                            |                |                      |
| General             | £134,980                          | £58,555                    | £133,206                   | £(60,329)      | £Nil                 |

The transfers represent the funds transferred to DeafKidz International on 3 April 2020 as a result of the merger.

Comparative information for the previous financial year is as follows:

|                     | Balance at<br>1 June<br>2018<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>Resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | At<br>31 May<br>2019 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2019                |                                   |                            |                            |                |                      |
| Unrestricted Funds: |                                   |                            |                            |                |                      |
| General             | £256,430                          | £100,726                   | £219,566                   | £(2,610)       | £134,980             |

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**19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2020   |                            |                          |                    |
| Fixed assets                                   | -                          | -                        | -                  |
| Investments                                    | -                          | -                        | -                  |
| Current assets                                 | 108,256                    | -                        | 108,256            |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (108,256)                  | -                        | (108,256)          |
| Total net assets                               | <u>£Nil</u>                | <u>£Nil</u>              | <u>£Nil</u>        |

Comparative information for the previous financial year is as follows:

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Total<br>2019   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2019   |                       |                     |                 |
| Fixed assets                                   | -                     | 30,172              | 30,172          |
| Investments                                    | 198,271               | -                   | 198,271         |
| Current assets                                 | (55,737)              | 119,385             | 63,648          |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (7,554)               | (13,289)            | (20,843)        |
| Total net assets                               | <u>£134,980</u>       | <u>£136,268</u>     | <u>£271,248</u> |

**13. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES**

The total future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

|                 | Land and buildings |               |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
|                 | 2020               | 2019          |
| Within one year | <u>£Nil</u>        | <u>£4,331</u> |