



Vision for Asia

Empower Educate Liberate



Impact Report 2020

Report and Financial Statements 2020

Year ended 31 December 2020

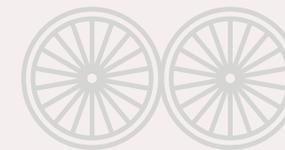
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TRUSTEES' INTRODUCTION

Why are we helping people in poverty in Asia, when there is so much need in the UK?

This is a valid question and I am sure many people would like to know our reasons for doing what we do.

First and foremost, each of the four trustees of Vision for Asia are active members of their communities and churches and, alongside working with Vision for Asia, also support people in need in the churches they attend, within the community, and nationally through personal donations to other charities and good causes.

For us it is not a case of choosing Asia above the UK, but both. It just happens that as individuals we have been to Asia and witnessed first-hand the poverty, our partners work within poverty-stricken communities and how far reaching the impact is when we send relatively small amounts of money to help people escape the cycle of poverty. The same amount of money donated to a UK charity, although gratefully received, would not have nearly the same result or impact. An estimated 800 million people in Asia survive on an income of less than £1 per day.

The varying needs of the world are so massive and diverse and yet our time and resources are finite. No one person can respond to all of them, but each one of us has been given the ability from God to make a difference in whatever He calls us to do.

We are extremely fortunate in living within a system where we have access to an excellent free state education, healthcare and benefits systems. This is not true for Asia, which is why we do what we do, and our supporters faithfully enable us to continue the work through their prayers, giving of their time and financial contributions.

Asian countries are mostly dependent upon agriculture, forestry and tourism, which can all be affected by natural disasters. Half of the world's natural disasters take place in the Asia-Pacific region such as earthquakes, droughts, volcanic eruptions, storms, extreme temperatures. Drought and floods, causing significant economic losses and loss of life. Today, millions of the world's poorest people are feeling the worst impacts of climate change, and experts predict more floods, drought and extreme weather patterns to come. For those living in poverty, this means more hunger, conflict and insecurity.

Asia is the world's driest continent and also one of the most water polluted regions as all kinds of waste from mills and factories, home waste and untreated sewage pouring into the rivers almost every day, making their water unfit for human consumption. The UN suggests that every person requires 20-50 litres of water a day just to ensure their basic needs for drinking, cooking and cleaning. Yet, there are places in the region where not even a litre of water is available for any of these purposes.

Civil war has erupted in many countries suffering from persistent poverty or sharp economic decline. These conflicts sap already depleted national resources and further cripple the fragile economies of some of the world's poorest people, while claiming millions of innocent lives. We hold a vision of a better world, free from civil war, poverty, and climate change. Where everyone has enough to eat and can live without fear of their homes being destroyed.

Thank you for your interest and generous support,

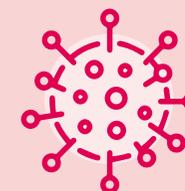
The Trustees

IN 2020....



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water pumps = clean drinking water for 6,250 people



3,730

people in desperate need given food parcels, sanitising equipment and soap



2,215

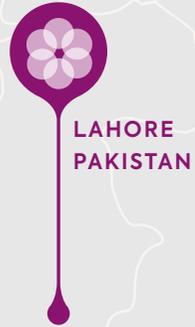
people given food and clothes in natural disaster hit areas



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children free from slavery, safe in children's care homes and recovering from their ordeals

WHERE WE WORK



LAHORE
PAKISTAN



VARANASI & ALLAHABAD
Pastor support



WEST BENGAL
Child education
Cycle repair training
Pastor support
Teaching ladies to sew



ANDHRA PRADESH
Pastor support



MYANMAR
Church building
Pastor support



KERALA
Pastor support
Leprosy village support



ANDAMAN ISLANDS
Pastor support
Orphan support



THE PHILIPPINES
Child education
Church support
Pastor support

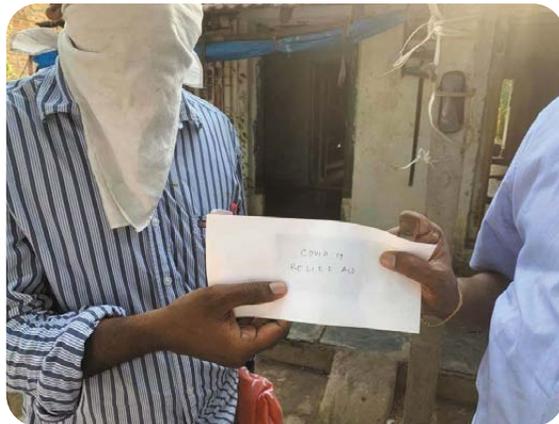
CORONAVIRUS

As well as supporting our own individual UK charities during this current crisis, we also have the huge commitment in supporting our partners in the humanitarian work that they are beginning to embark upon in distributing food parcels, soap, and sanitising equipment to those in desperate need.



2020

Food parcels, sanitising equipment and soap given to 3730 people in desperate need



WATER PUMPS

We help to give people access clean drinking water where there is none, or where they have been denied access to a pump because they are Christian. This then releases the women so they can work to earn money and the children can attend school.



2020

3 water pumps = clean drinking water for 6,250 people



One of our partners reports: “There are so many critical villages and summer is approaching now and the rivers also would be dry, people have to buy the drinking water and poverty plays a major role in villages where people suffer and sometimes, they take drain water and get affected.”

We were able to buy several pumps this year the people from one of these villages sent us a thank you message:

Hunuman Nagar Village

“We are so thankful to you all for saving us with fresh water and in these recent months we suffered a lot to get the fresh water, and we have taken the drain water, river water which really contaminated our health, and there are many water diseases. Our health is now improving thank you.”

SEWING PROJECT

We help to initiate new sewing projects as our partners share the needs of their different communities. We help to train women in the vocational area of sewing to enable them to become self-supporting and provide an income for themselves and their families. We now have three different training groups.

“My name is Manisha Tandy. I was born and brought up in a Hindu background. My family consists of 4 brothers and one sister. My elder sister got married recently and the rest of them are studying at school. My father is a farmer and my mother is a simple house wife. We are having lots of problems due to my father only earning a small amount of money. As there are 6 of us it is very hard to survive sometimes, and we don't have a proper meal. So, I decided to help ease the situation by leaving the family home and live with my uncle and aunt. I am taking care of them and they are loving me so much. My dream is to earn money and to take care of my family. Really, I will be so very thankful to get this opportunity to learn sewing, to earn some money and to fulfil my personal dreams and also to help my family. And especially, I would like to thank all those who are behind the scenes helping the needy person. God bless you all.”



2020

20 ladies would have completed their training this year but their progress has been hampered by COVID-19. However, 4 other women were able to complete their training before the virus spread



DISASTER RELIEF

When unforeseen disasters like earthquakes, flooding and tsunamis hit we try to respond quickly to our partners requests. We help them to supply food, clothing, and shelter when their communities are devastated.



2020

Food, clothing, and temporary housing materials in 3 disaster hit areas, flooding and tornadoes

2,215 people given food and clothes as they lost everything they owned

113 plastic sheets for temporary house as Rupamari island riverbanks gave way and water covered the island waist deep

“Thank you for your help to provide Rupamari Island with food and plastic sheeting. I could see people lost their homes and many houses were under water. River wall is broken and salt-water has flooded the whole island. Crops are ruined and fish died.”

THE IMPACT OF CYCLONE AMPHAN ON RUPAMARI ISLAND.

With homes either flooded or totally destroyed, many people are camping down on any pathways which are still intact. Getting people under cover and providing food for those who are currently starving was the first priority.

Although a daily meal is being provided from one central point, the majority of the islanders have to walk long distances, often through conditions such as these, to access it. On most days, by the time they reach their destination, all the food has gone; there is just not enough for everyone.

There was a lady, she lost her house, when we gave her a plastic sheet and food, she was crying and she told me my son “God bless you. I feel, this the greatest gift I got it.”



PASTOR SUPPORT

This is provided in many different ways. Visits from a UK team to Asia, giving pastors training through conferences and youth camps to purchasing transport to help pastors travel more quickly and safely over the large areas they cover. Some pastors also receive personal financial support as they are in great need.



“My name is Mira and I am so thankful for the bicycle. I am now able to visit lots of new villages and help the families there. This has made my life so much easier. Thank you so much.”

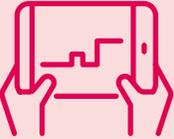
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Transport:
2 Rixco vans
1 motorbike
4 tyres for vehicle
3 bicycles




Equipment:
Projector
iPad



This year we were able to help two of our partners who needed equipment to enhance the work they can do. The projector is being used in many villages in southern India to share the gospel for the first time. The iPad is for one of our partners to help him communicate better as he previously had no computer to use.

CHRISTMAS FEEDING

We support our partners very busy Christmas programmes where each year they take the opportunity to feed, clothe, give blankets, bibles and gifts to children. It is also a time of sharing the gospel for the very first time in many new communities. However, this year due to Corona Virus pandemic are partners have been extremely limited in what they have been able to do.



2020



3,600 people fed
100 children given a gift
Blankets given to old people



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Many families in Asia have not the luxury of an education as they have had to work hard simple to survive. We are helping such children as these with their education through our child sponsorship programme. With an education they become more employable in the future and can earn a good wage.



WEST BENGAL

74 Island children have attended the Vision for Asia built school where they receive a free education and a meal each day. At the age of 8, if they pass the entrance exams, they can attend the free state school. This year 23 pupils passed their entry exams in English, Bengali and maths. The annual medical check-up programme enables a qualified doctor to visit Rupamari school to examine and treat the children and their families.

PHILIPPINES

This project aims to support 30 orphan children from three of the mountain villages in sending them to school. They begin schooling at the age of 5 and finish at the age of 18.

2020



100 children in West Bengal and Myanmar have been enabled to attend school, some for the first time

82 orphan children from the Andaman Islands and the Philippines have been enabled to attend school

ONE CHILD AT A TIME (CHILD SLAVERY) RAJAHMUNDRY

Too many people throughout Asia are still struggling for the most basic human needs. Many children are sold into slavery by their parents in a desperate need for money to feed the rest of their family. These children are used, abused, made to beg and trafficked by their owners with no hope of ever being freed.



2020



5 boys released from drug dealing. 4 boys from sex trafficking and drug dealing
Total boys 9



6 girls released from begging and prostitution 5 girls from prostitution 3 girls from prostitution
Total girls 14

We were able to help set 23 children free from slavery and they are now safe in children's care homes and are recovering from their ordeals



QUOTES FROM UK SUPPORTERS

“It is always very encouraging to see how The Lord is working in Asia. We know what can be achieved when different people all come together to make a difference.”

“I’ve been blessed throughout my life by never having ‘not enough’ of the necessities to live. Now it is a blessing to be able to help struggling people in Asia who don’t have enough food, water, clothing, education, work, money - and to see their smiling faces of gratitude through the photos that are shared.”

“It may sound silly but knowing how my small donation towards child sponsorship each month makes a huge difference to the life of one child makes me feel as if I am, little by little, changing the world.”

“I am grateful that Vision for Asia keeps me updated with news and prayer requests from Asian partners who I now regard as friends.”




QUOTES FROM OUR ASIAN PARTNERS

PASTOR SUPPORT

“I would like to express my deepest thanks to all the trustee members of Vision for Asia, and their supporters, for kindly supporting my ministry through prayer, financially and words of encouragement. I would like to humbly request you to kindly consider continuing to stand with me in the ministry as we reach out to serve those in the depths of poverty.”

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN

“In December, my team visited the orphan children and we took them to the town centre to buy them new shoes and shirts with the money the UK sponsors gave for Christmas gifts. I cannot describe how happy and grateful they were. Having no parents and just living with their new father and mother, life is very difficult. But, by the grace of God through their sponsors, you made a difference to them.”

WATER WELLS

“We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts in saving critical villages with fresh water. These villages have suffered massive attacks from people, mobs and gangs for not allowing the Christian families to take water near the well drilled by the Government. Now you have saved thousands of lives by giving them water in their villages.”

RESCUING CHILDREN FROM SLAVERY

“We thank the Vision for Asia supporters and also the trustees for helping children come out of slavery. All these children have been given a better place to live and better education in orphanages. India is bound by more than 25 million slave children and we cannot rescue all of them, but our motivation is to save one life at a time. The children are given woollen blankets, new clothes and medical treatment as they are very weak. They say a great thank you.”



HOW YOUR MONEY IS USED

REASONS WHY YOU CAN TRUST VISION FOR ASIA TO MANAGE YOUR DONATIONS EFFECTIVELY

We strive to utilise and manage the money donated to effectively support the requests and needs of our 10 Asian partners.

2020 was a vastly different year in terms of financial activity due to the Coronavirus pandemic affecting us here in the UK and our Asian partner in their own countries. Whilst we were limited here in terms of running fund raising events and giving promotional talks to gain support our Asian partners were also limited and restricted in what they could do.

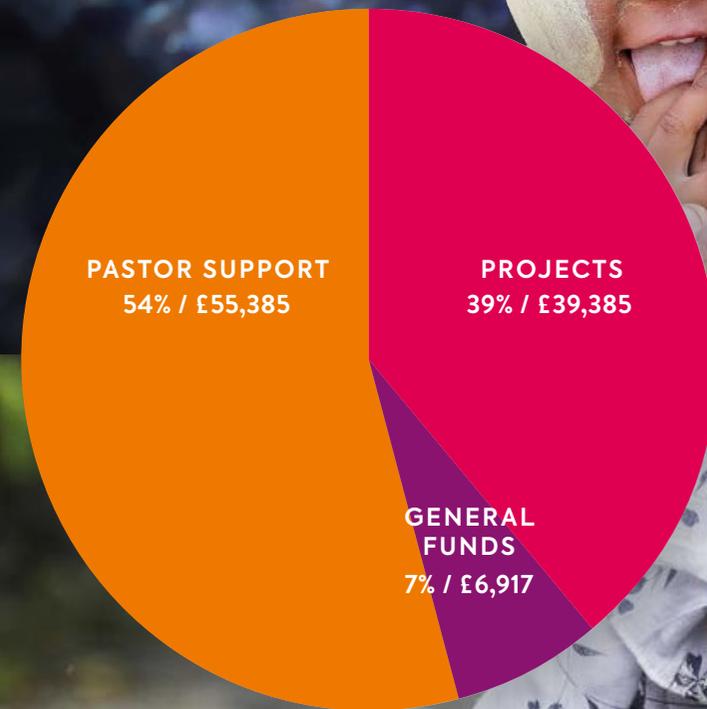
Nevertheless we did not see a big drop in the income we had in fact once Project Exodus was removed, as it is now running under another charitable organisation, we increased our income very slightly on our 2018 accounts.

We are a volunteer run organisation so need to utilise part of the donations given to cover the annual running costs incurred in administer the work of the charity here in the UK. So 20p in every £1 donated is used for this purpose.

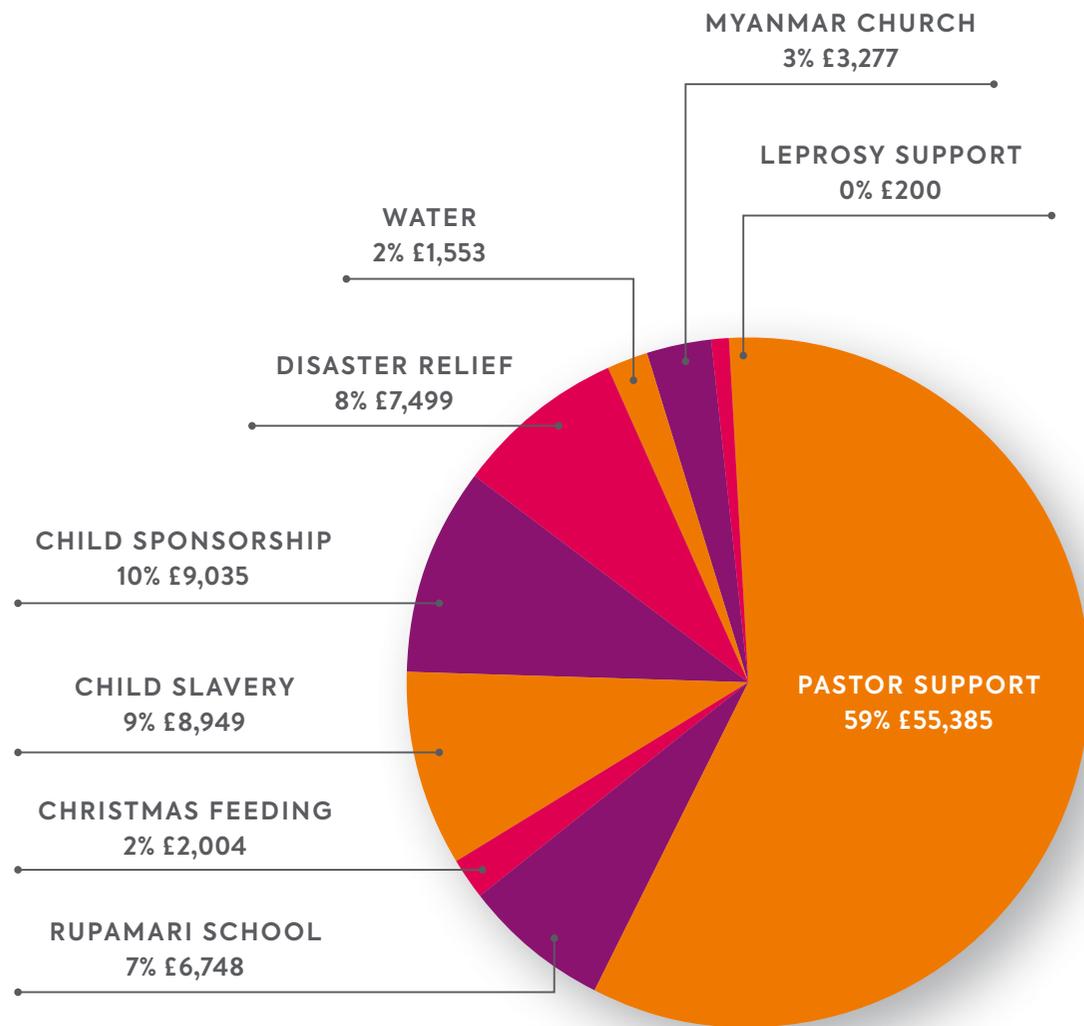
We are again hoping to increase our income by 20%, which was our target in 2020, in order to continue to support the fast growth that our Asian partners are experiencing in their work. We hope to achieve this by firstly getting the charity more widely known and as a consequence to see an increase in the number of volunteers helping to run, promote and fundraise.

For a more detailed breakdown of how your money was spent in our different project areas and pastoral support please see the diagrams overleaf.

EXPENDITURE

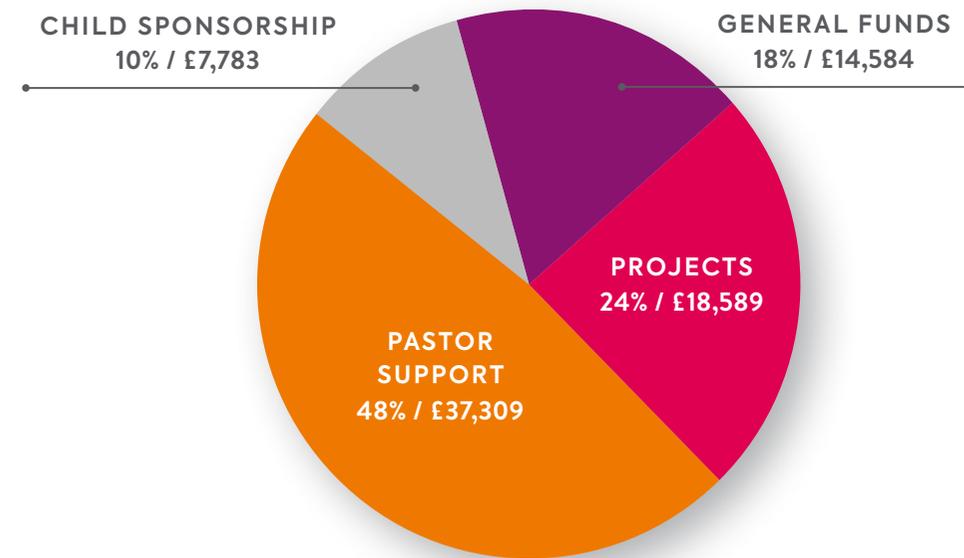


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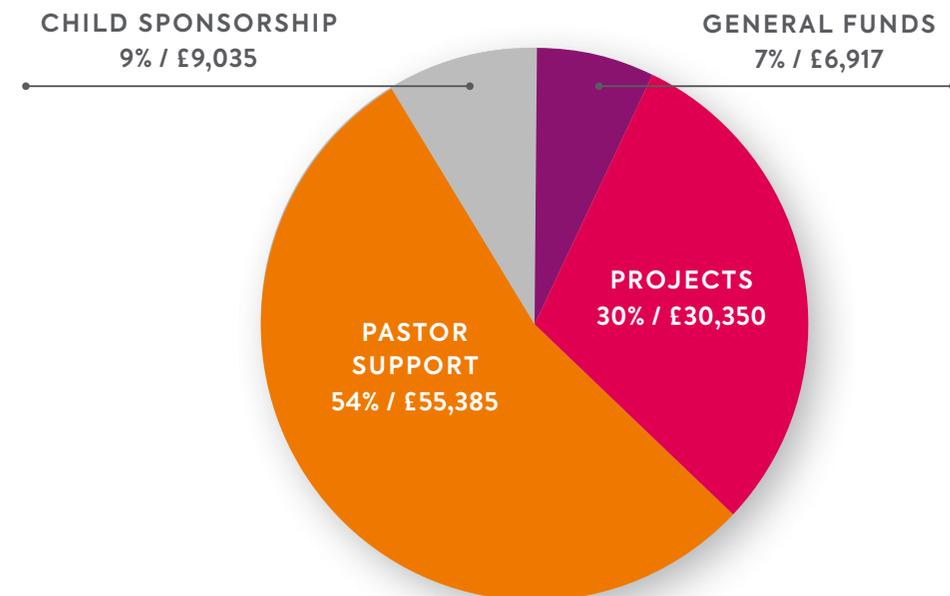


INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020

Income £78,265



Expenditure £101,687



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
Unrestricted Funds	1 Jan 2020				31 Dec 2020
General Fund	4,242	14,584	(6,917)	(11,120)	789
Restricted:					
Child Sponsorship	1,161	7,783	(9,035)	(242)	(334)
Pastor Support	12,001	37,309	(55,385)	7,019	944
Projects	14,992	18,589	(30,350)	4,343	7,574
Total Funds	32,395	78,265	(101,687)	0	8,973

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
Unrestricted Funds	1 Jan 2019				31 Dec 2019
General Fund	0	36,240	(16,909)	(15,089)	4,242
Restricted:					
Child Sponsorship	941	3,093	(5,276)	2,402	1,161
Pastor Support	1,278	56,252	(54,639)	9,110	12,001
Projects	6,542	55,622	(50,749)	3,577	14,992
Total Funds	8,761	151,207	(127,573)	0	32,395

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