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Village Aid Ltd

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2019

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Reference and administrative information

For the year ended 31 March 2018

Company number 03446625

Charity number 1067322

Registered office and operational address Village Aid
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Country of registration England & Wales

Country of incorporation United Kingdom

Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Chasca Twyman	Appointed October 2018
Alan Davies	Resigned October 2018
Kathryn Llewellyn	Appointed October 2018
David Phillips	Resigned July 2018
David Winder	
Kemal Shaheen	

Company Secretary Obiechina Ofokansi Resigned on June 2019

Bankers Royal Bank of Scotland
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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Purposes and aims

Mission and Vision: We want to live in a world where people in Africa enjoy a peaceful society, a prosperous economy and a healthy environment.

We work with people in Africa to secure a long-term positive change in their lives. We achieve this by developing strong working relationships with local community-based partners, supporting them to build their own capacity and to deliver grassroots programmes including Education and Learning, Securing Livelihoods and Advocacy and Justice.

From rural England to rural West Africa, Village Aid believes in people working together in partnership.

Village Aid is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Purpose (since 2015). As well as running projects directly through United Purpose, the charity makes grants to support the wider work of United Purpose.

Village Aid's long-term objectives include to:

- Work effectively at a small and appropriate scale directly with people in rural West Africa.
- Support self-determination and capacity enhancement at a village level in areas determined by the communities themselves.
- Support people's ability to lever in and mobilise the resources they need.
- Use African resources and resourcefulness where these strengthen local capacity to take effective decisions.
- Encourage those taking decisions to be responsible for them and for ensuring they are able to implement them.
- Present positive images of rural West African people and the way they are driving their own development.
- Establish long-term partnerships with like-minded organisations.
- Bring together the needs of the funders and rural West African communities to benefit marginalized people.
- Promote our values with marginalised people and those who take decisions which affect them in the UK and Africa.
- Challenge our assumed roles and responsibilities and the ways in which we carry them out.
- Continue to enrol UK supporters to achieve our aims in rural West Africa.

Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 March 2019

- The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on our vision of a world where people in rural West Africa can enjoy a peaceful society, a prosperous economy, and a healthy environment and are undertaken to further Village Aid's charitable purposes for the public benefit. During 2018/19 Village Aid focussed on the following:

1. Strengthening Village Aid's 'brand identity' in the Peak District, building the profile and increasing funds raised through events, volunteers and business for the public benefit of African communities;

This objective remains central to our current strategy which focusses on playing to Village Aid's key strengths as a small, rurally based development charity uniquely placed in the Peak District National Park. During 2018/19 we have made good progress against this objective and some of the fundraising that took place included:

- Trusts & Foundations have been a significant focus for us during 2018/19 and we're so grateful to the funders that have chosen to support a range of development projects across West Africa in partnership with us.
- We ran a pilot legacy campaign in March 2019 to raise awareness of the importance of gifts left in Wills to our work. A number of supporters took the opportunity to write or update their Will free of charge through our free Will-writing service. We were really pleased with the results of the campaign and thank those supporters that chose to leave a gift to Village Aid in their Will – their generous support is greatly appreciated.
- We continued to deliver outreach work across the Peak District and we subsequently received a number of generous donations from local Churches and community groups.
- Local community fundraising groups continued to raise our profile within the Peak District and surrounding areas and raised some valuable income from open garden events, choir concerts and pub quizzes.
- We developed a successful retail line which included cards, tea towels, notebooks and our own Village Aid Christmas puddings.
- We had a number of runners who took part in the Sheffield Half Marathon on behalf of Village Aid who exceeded their fundraising targets.

- We ran a successful direct mail appeal which secured a number of high-value one-off gifts and new regular donors.
- We also took part in the Bakewell Monday Market, the Bakewell Well Dressing and the Bakewell Show.
- We took part in Ebay's 'Give at Checkout' scheme again which raised over £2,000.

2. Supporting United Purpose programmes in Africa for public benefit;

2018 was another exciting year for the Village Aid and United Purpose partnership. Thanks to our 'In Search of Common Ground' project, 13 out of the 14 hardest-hit communities in this region now have access to clean and safe water close to their homes. Our key objective for 2018 was to secure funding to enable the 14th and final water catchment site in the village of Akum to be built. Village Aid has also selected three vital projects to fund in West Africa during the next financial year in Ghana, Senegal and Cameroon respectively. We look forward to reporting back on each of these projects in our next set of annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020.

Cameroon – Finding Common Ground for Peaceful Livelihoods

Akum is a remote rural farming community in the 'conflict hotspot' Santa district of North-West Cameroon. Over half of people in the region survive on less than \$1.25 a day and life expectancy is below 55 years of age. Many inhabitants have been directly affected by conflict over limited natural resources like land and water. 85% of people in Akum collect their drinking water from streams, rivers or unprotected wells. The existing water infrastructure is badly designed and not fit for purpose, leaving the community with no choice but to use unsafe and inadequate sources. In the dry season, women and girls walk around two and a half hours up to four times a day to collect water from unsafe sources polluted by livestock. The lack of water causes illness (cholera, typhoid and diarrhoea), violent conflict and often the girls miss school. Village Aid has worked in the North West Region of Cameroon for 20 years and this project will build on our success and experience through similar projects that have successfully raised clean water supply to 100% in target communities. Our 2016 midterm survey showed that in communities that we have already supported with a water catchment site, conflict over water reduced from 44% to 19% – a significant change.

Village Aid's safe water project in the community directly benefits 1,731 people living in Akum through the provision of clean water (647 men, 684 women, 400 children). Key direct beneficiaries are women and girls, whose lives and welfare suffer disproportionately from the impact of low clean water supply. The project will also improve relations between the cattle herding and crop farming communities as they jointly manage the water scheme. Our project was designed to ensure everyone in the Akum community has access to clean, safe and sustainable drinking water through the installation of innovative water catchment infrastructure. This project uses local resources to collect and store pure spring water and construction of pipes and taps to deliver water to homes, communities and their livestock. We also train local people that are representative of different ethnic groups to form Water Management Committees, who ensure the infrastructure is maintained permanently and deliver education in sanitation to ensure the work is permanent. The project aims were as follows:

Aim 1: Improved health of rural communities through year-round water access to clean water

- Livestock and people will no longer have to share water sources.
- Safer hygiene practices will be promoted and supported by Water Management Committees.
- Community-based management and income generation support ensure the long-term sustainability of water access.

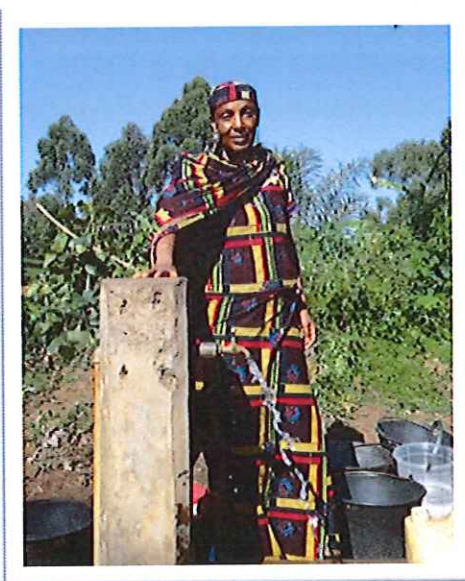
Aim 2: Equitable water access contributing to reduced conflict between farmers

- 75% of the people involved in the conflict in the region cited water as a cause. Equitable water access has been proven to reduce conflict significantly.
- Community labour, with both crop farmers and cattle herders working together to lay pipes, encourages ownership and cooperation.
- The management committee will also represent both sides involved in the conflict.

Aim 3: Improve the lives of women and girls who currently trek long distances to get water

- Water points will be much closer to dwellings, saving women and girls round trips of up to 5 hours to collect water.

We're pleased to report that this project has proven to be a particularly successful component within the wider 'In Search of Common Ground' Big Lottery funded project and led to a reduction in conflict within the North West region of Cameroon, though external tensions in the region have since increased. The overall 5-year project had four integrated outcomes. First, it helped to reduce the incidence and severity of conflict between crop farmers and cattle herders – through dialogue and collaboration – resulting in more equitable access to natural resources and an improved environment for exercising basic rights. Second, the project improved skills in sustainable farming methods leading to better crop and livestock yields, greater cooperation between crop farmers and cattle herders and increased awareness of the need for environmental protection. Third, we contributed to equitable access to clean water promoting reduced conflict between farmers and grazers and more sustainable use of a vital natural and economic resource. Finally, Mbororo people now have greater capacity to exercise their rights, leading to more responsive legislation, reduction in the human rights violations that they experience and improved opportunities for



**Amina Adamu: WMC Committee Member
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social and economic development. Mboscuda, our implementing partner for the project, have shown outstanding resilience and integrity in completing this project in an increasingly fragile and tense context. By the end of the project, 56 dialogue platforms were holding quarterly meetings, reaching 1,058 community members (776 croppers, 282 herders comprising 874 men, 184 women, of which 7 people with disabilities). Over 4 times the number of people used the DPs than expected, with a significant impact on reducing the amount and severity of the conflict and improving access to natural resources. 83% of respondents said that the severity of conflicts has reduced over the project life. We continued to build local capacity in conflict resolution and effective running of Water Management Committees. Water Catchment projects have provided safe water to a community of over 1,700 people with the dual aims of water access and

conflict mitigation. The project also enabled the production of improved crop and livestock yields as a result

of improved cooperation. Knowledge and skills of these new farming methods increased by over 300% cumulatively over the course of the project, vastly exceeding our target. This is demonstrated by a 243% increase in those practising alliance farming, a 508% increase in those with improved pasture farms and a 366% increase in those using biogas plants.

Further details of Village Aid projects can be viewed on our website at www.villageaid.org/projects/.

Financial review

As of 31st March 2019, the unrestricted income was £87,217 and expenditure £81,275 which was pre-financed by United Purpose, compared to prior year Income £108,735 and expenditure of £99,190. Restricted income in the year amounted to £7,200 and expenditure was £Nil, as compared to restricted income £21,653 and expenditure £21,653 in FY2016 -17.

Total unrestricted funds to be carried forward are £32,216 compared to £26,274 in FY 2016-17. Restricted funds are £7,200 versus £Nil in FY 2017-18.

Full details of the restricted funds incoming and outgoing resources are outlined in Note: 10a and 10b.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed nor invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be kept to a minimum for operational purposes with excess funds made available to fund the wider work of United Purpose. Since Village Aid became a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Purpose, United Purpose has undertaken all costs, including staffing costs, on behalf of Village Aid, and as a consequence reserves required for operational purposes are minimal; the level of our reserves is targeted at £5,000 and our current unrestricted reserves of £3,216 reflect the continued level of savings since the merger and the reserves are planned to be utilised in pursuit of the objects within the next 6 months..

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 October 1997 and registered as a charity on 9 January 1988. The organisation previously operated as an unincorporated charity.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Trustees' annual report

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Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are elected for three years, and then retire or stand for re-election for a further term, are elected annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The board is responsible as a body for governance, policy-making, monitoring of implementation, general conduct and overall performance and for reporting to the membership at the Annual General Meetings. The Board delegates day to day management and administration of the charity to its employees. The number of Trustees shall be not less than two but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution); trustees shall not be subject to any maximum.

New trustees are recruited through public media and through the membership publications, with the aim of achieving a representative balance of people, not only with varying necessary skills and experience but also comprising a mix of gender, ethnic background, and age-group.

Trustees meet a minimum of four times a year and hold additional strategic planning days with staff to establish a corporate plan and budget for the following year.

United Purpose has a representative on the Village Aid board.

Staff and Office Costs were undertaken by United Purpose

Village Aid's employment costs were eliminated so as to maximise charitable expenditure in Africa.

Since Village Aid became a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Purpose, United Purpose has undertaken all costs, including staffing costs, on behalf of Village Aid. Village Aid does not employ any staff and as at 31 March 2019, two United Purpose employees were employed to focus on Village Aid fundraising and charitable activities. United Purpose covered staff costs and office costs totalling £70,076 in addition to pre-financing projects £81,187 in 2018/19 financial year (£32,266 in FY 2017-18).

Volunteers play an important role in Village Aid, assisting staff, undertaking programme monitoring and evaluation, promoting the work and supporting activities and events of the charity when and wherever possible in the UK. These include a local supporter base (25 volunteers) plus students from Sheffield University who made valuable contributions while acquiring work experience.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

At the end of the year under review, a total of £81,187 was payable to United Purpose, the parent company charity in the year in respect of funding for various projects.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

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

Company law requires the trustees 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. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

The trustees 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.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2019 was 52 (2018: 69). The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditor

Sayer Vincent LLP was appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed its willingness to continue in that capacity.

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Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 March 2019

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on
their behalf by

25/09/19
25/09/19

and signed on



Kemal Shaheen
Chair of Trustees

Independent auditor's report

To the members of

Village Aid Ltd

Independent auditor's report to the members of Village Aid

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Village Aid (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, 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 March 2019 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
- 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 other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Independent auditor's report

To the members of

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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.

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' annual report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements
- The trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the 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 trustees' annual 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 trustees' 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 trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, 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.

Independent auditor's report

To the members of

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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

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.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Independent auditor's report

To the members of

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Jonathan Orchard (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Sayer Vincent LLP, Statutory Auditor
Invicta House, 108-114 Golden Lane, LONDON, EC1Y 0TL

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	2019			2018		
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies	2	86,823	-	86,823	108,735		108,735
Charitable Activities		-	7,200	7,200		21,653	21,653
Investments		194		194	30		30
Total income		87,217	7,200	94,417	108,765	21,653	130,418
Expenditure on:							
Supporting People in West Africa	3	81,275	-	81,275	99,190	21,653	120,843
Total expenditure		81,275	-	81,275	99,190	21,653	120,843
Net movement in funds	10a+b	5,942	7,200	13,142	9,575	-	9,575
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		26,274	-	26,274	16,699		16,699
Total funds carried forward		32,216	7,200	39,416	26,274	-	26,274

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	£	2019 £	2018 £
Current assets:				
Debtors	8	2,736	3,648	
Cash at bank and in hand		117,867	137,866	
		<u>120,603</u>	<u>141,514</u>	
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(81,187)	(115,240)	
Net current assets / (liabilities)			<u>39,416</u>	<u>26,274</u>
Total net assets / (liabilities)			<u>39,416</u>	<u>26,274</u>
The funds of the charity:				
Restricted income funds	10		7,200	-
Unrestricted income funds:				
General funds		32,216	26,274	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>32,216</u>	<u>26,274</u>
Total charity funds			<u>39,416</u>	<u>26,274</u>

Approved by the trustees on 25/9/19 and signed on 5/11/19
their behalf by



Kemal Shaheen

Chair of Trustees

Accounting policies

1) Statutory information

Village Aid Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office address is Denby House Business Centre, Taylor Lane, Loscoe Derbyshire DE75 7AB.

2) Basis of preparation

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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (September 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

3) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

4) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

5) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

6) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, 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

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of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

i) Interest receivable

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

1) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for charitable purposes.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of supporting United Purpose programmes in Africa for public benefit undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

The irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Support and Fundraising costs are borne by Village Aid's parent Charity United Purpose.

) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third-party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2019 total	2018
	£	£	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Regular givers, and Gift Aid)	62,991		62,991	69,022
One-off donations	17,919		17,919	38,942
Legacies	6,113		6,113	771
Interest in UK short term deposits	194		194	30
Project grants – Cameroon		-	-	21,653
Project grants - Ghana		4,700	4,700	-
Project grants -UK		2,500	2,500	-
	87,217	7,200	94,417	130,418

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Governance costs	Support costs	2019 Total	2018 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant support (payable to United Purpose)	-	81,187	-	-	81,187	120,413
Telephone IT and other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premises costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges		88	-	-	88	700
	-	81,275	-	-	81,275	120,873
Total expenditure 2019	-	81,275	-	-	81,275	120,843
Total expenditure 2018		120,843			120,843	

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4 Net income / (expenditure) for the year
This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2019	2018
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration (excluding VAT):		
Audit	-	-

The audit fee for Village Aid is £2,880 (2018: £3,000) and will be paid for by Village Aid's parent charity, United Purpose

5 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its former employees, the assets of which are held in separate trustee administered funds.

All other staff costs are borne by Village Aid's parent company, United Purpose.

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2018: nil).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 2 (2017: 2).

Staff are split across the activities of the charitable company as follows (full-time equivalent basis):

	2019	2018
	No.	No.
Direct charitable work	2	2

6 Related party transactions

During the year under review, the charitable company received £530 (FY2018 -Nil) from the parent company charity for a report writing exercise.

In addition, a total of £81,187 (2018: £120,240) is payable to United Purpose in the year in respect of funding for various projects.

7 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8 Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,736	2,526
Accrued income	-	1,122
	2,736	3,648

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	-	-
Amounts due to parent undertaking	81,187	115,240
	81,187	115,240

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10a Movements in funds (current year)

	At 1 April 2018	Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	At 31 March 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Ghana	-	4,700	-	-	4,700
UK	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total restricted funds	-	7,200			7,200
Unrestricted general funds					
	26,274	87,217	81,275	-	32,216
Total funds	26,274	94,417	81,275	-	39,416

The narrative to explain the purpose of each fund is given at the foot of the note below.

10b Movements in funds (prior year)

	At 1 April 2018	Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	At 31 March 2018
				£	£
Restricted funds:					
Cameroon		21,653	(21,653)	-	-
Total restricted funds		21,653	(21,653)	-	-
Unrestricted general funds					
	16,699	108,765	(96,690)	-	28,774
Total funds	16,699	130,418	(118,343)	-	28,774

Purposes of restricted funds:

Providing access to safe water in Akum, north-west Cameroon
 Micro-irrigation schemes in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana
 Outreach educational projects in the UK

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11 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

12 Members' guarantees

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of the same being wound up while he/she is a member or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he/she ceases to be a member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

13 Ultimate controlling party

Village Aid is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Purpose, company registration number 01278887, a company registered in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee.

