



HELPING
VULNERABLE
CHILDREN
IN INDIA

Annual Report
2015 – 2016

Purpose

SLA's purpose is to help transform the lives of vulnerable children in India.

We do this by partnering with and supporting grassroots Indian NGOs that care for and educate children. In 2015-16, for the 16th year running, we supported the Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA) to manage the Light of Love Children's Home and School in the town of Tuni in Andhra Pradesh state. ☆

Our joint vision with our Indian partners is to reduce all forms of child poverty – physical, emotional, educational and economic – by providing each child with the care and security, encouragement, education and life skills that will empower them to develop their potential, self-esteem and aspirations. This will enable them to lead independent, fulfilling lives and to break cycles of poverty. ☆

Since 2000, we have focused on caring for destitute children and we continue to do so. More recently we have expanded our focus to reach out to girls who are especially vulnerable and at greater risk of exploitation. We have adapted SLA's purpose accordingly. ☆



Founder's Introduction

There is change all around us in our world today, much negative, but there is positive, good news too. SLA, in step with the global movement resisting the intolerable suppression and deprivation of girls worldwide, is engaging with two new projects that are educating and empowering 6000+ street/deprived girls so they have the courage to break down the barriers of exploitation and prejudice that deny them their basic human rights.

SLA continues to meet the needs of destitute children in Tuni and now also through this new challenge in and around Hyderabad.

Good news too about the Social Enterprise Project which is now well on the way to its realisation, the dairy farm. In time we will see the milk on the table and the surplus revenues helping our Indian partners towards our joint goal of sustainability.

With your loving support and incredible generosity, we hope that, through SLA, you will continue to express your deep concern in this area of our tragic global poverty, that of child deprivation. Each time I read the

UN Convention on the inalienable Rights of the Child I am reminded of why we created SLA. Please help us, in our own small way, fight against the fearful violations of these rights. These children could be our children, (grandchildren, nephews and nieces.) Thank you all.

“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace.” - Kofi Annan

Gillie Davidson MBE



WHY INDIA?

More than 60% of Indians live in chronic poverty, which has severe repercussions for Indian children.

Some 62 million under-5s are stunted due to malnutrition. Most cannot access hygienic sanitation, leaving them exposed to life-threatening diseases.



Deprived children are vulnerable to exploitation. Millions drop out of school to go to work or get married. About half of Indian girls are married off illegally before they are 18. Meanwhile, child labour perpetuates poverty, illiteracy and population growth, according to Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi.



Deprived school children are also struggling to learn: more than half of Grade 5 students in rural schools cannot read Grade 2 texts. In Telangana state where our new partners work, more than 1 in 5 children drops out of primary school while nearly 2 in 5 drops out of secondary school.



Government initiatives are making progress addressing various dimensions of child poverty, but many children miss out and need the help of SLA and our Indian partners.

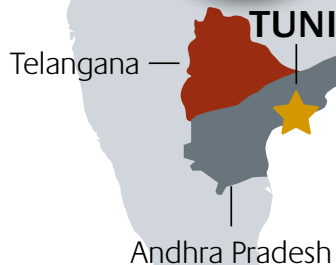


ACHIEVEMENTS 2015-2016

100% graduation rate from high school

62 new children taken in and immunised

443 children cared for



In 2015-16, SLA supported our local NGO partner, the Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA), in its work managing the Light of Love Children's Home and School in the town of Tuni. Our joint objective is to feed, clothe, house, educate and provide medical care for approximately 500 children who are either orphans or whose relatives cannot support them. After exceeding this target in 2013-2014, the last two years the numbers of children fell below 500. This year, 443 children (224 boys and 219 girls) were cared for.

NASA has identified two reasons for this development. First, the Andhra Pradesh state government has enacted policies and provided benefits that encourage vulnerable children to enrol in government homes and schools. For instance, between 30 and 40 children from marginalised tribal communities left the Light of Love Home because they were required to reside in their communities to qualify for new government grants and reserved places in further education and training. Previously, these children would have been entirely reliant on NASA and SLA. Second, improved living conditions in Tuni and surrounding districts have led to fewer children asking for admission to the Light of Love Home and School.

Extreme poverty remains a huge problem and the need for external support is great, but it is gratifying to see the work of NASA and other NGOs is influencing domestic policies for vulnerable children. We are working with NASA to explore ways to increase the numbers of children in the Light of Love Home closer to 500.

SLA Strategy

In 2011, SLA identified **three key strategic objectives.**

- (1) **Continue supporting the Light of Love Children's Home and School**
- (2) **Make our Indian projects more financially self-sustaining**
- (3) **Expand our support to more vulnerable children in India through new projects.**

SLA has developed these inter-linked objectives in parallel, resulting in three outcomes:

The Light of Love Home and School remains our primary project, attracting 80% of SLA funds. We are this project's core funder. ★

SLA is partnering with Indian NGOs to implement a Social Enterprise Project (SEP) in Andhra Pradesh state that will generate funds from a dairy farm to support new projects for Indian children and the Light of Love Home and School. ★

SLA has agreed to fund and support two non-profit organisations in Telangana state to implement two projects for a trial period, reaching more than 6,000 girls. ★

Strategy Progress

Strategic objective 1 is ongoing and strategic objective 2 is in development (see p.4). We have decided to move forward with strategic objective 3 (see p.5-6). Although this will be a challenge, we believe the time is right to reach out to more vulnerable children. This is primarily due to two developments that have helped to reduce the funding needs of the Light of Love Home and School in recent years:

- **Increased** local government funding, particularly for further education, for deprived children who previously needed 100% funding from SLA/NASA
- **Reduced** need for capital projects funding due to the completion of necessary planned infrastructure like the medical centre

These developments, together with your ongoing support and that of new supporters, should enable strategic objective 3 to be realised.

Consequently, we have started to fund two new projects for a trial period of three years. At the end of this period, we will be in a position to evaluate the most effective way to invest donor funds and the additional funds that will be generated by the Social Enterprise Project.

**ABOUT 70% OF ALL
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FROM INDIVIDUAL
SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU!**

What SLA Needs

Every year, SLA must raise over £450,000 to support our work in India. The cost fluctuates with prices of food, fuel, materials and wages in India, but the long-term trend is upward.

Costs are also impacted by exchange rates. In our 2015-16 financial year this was not a significant factor, and we have hedged against currency risk by purchasing rupees. However, since the Brexit vote the pound has devalued against the rupee by 15%. This presents a substantial challenge.

About 70% of all SLA funds comes from individual supporters like you. Please continue to walk with us on the next exciting phase of our journey as we continue to support the Light of Love Home and begin our trial period supporting more children through new projects.



Social Enterprise Project Update

Three SLA Trustees travelled to Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Delhi in July to progress the Social Enterprise Project that will help fund projects supporting vulnerable children in India.

The trip was a great success, resolving many of our concerns and confirming the partnership approach that we are taking.

The project is a dairy farm and we now feel confident that the necessary expertise and support is in place to establish this social enterprise, and the steps to implementation have now commenced.

Two Indian NGOs will implement the project: A Society called the Marri Vrukshamu Children's Foundation (MVCF) and a Section-8 Company likely to be named the Banyan Livelihoods Foundation (BLF).

A further trip to India is planned before the end of the year in order to meet the board members for both organizations and to agree how these organizations will work with SLA to realize our mutually agreed objectives.

Jim Inch, SLA Trustee



New Projects Update

SLA has been exploring ways of helping more vulnerable children in India. After a year-long process that involved visiting projects in India, we decided to support two projects helping girls in Telangana state.

These projects are being implemented by Indian NGOs based in the state capital Hyderabad, which are strongly endorsed by local government and educators. We agreed to fund and support the projects for a three-year trial period in partnership with the NGOs. This will enable evaluation of the impact of the projects and consequently inform SLA's future strategy regarding allocation of donor funds and funds from the Social Enterprise Project. We also intend SLA's support to help our partners to demonstrate the positive impacts of these projects to potential supporters from within India.



ASRITHA Rainbow Home cares for 100 girls formerly living on the streets of the city of Hyderabad, where there are about 28,000 street children open to exploitation. The Home's social worker identifies destitute girls who enter the Rainbow Home voluntarily. The Home provides long-term, comprehensive care. It provides intensive 'bridge courses' of enhanced nutrition, basic education and social skills to help the girls enter mainstream schools and society. Across India there are 45 Rainbow Homes caring for more than 3,000 children and they are recognized as best practice models for rehabilitating vulnerable street children.

VOICE 4 Girls conducts activity-based camps during school holidays for vulnerable adolescent girls. During a three-year cycle of camps and follow-up activities, 'campers' learn about and discuss their rights, reproductive health, sexual relations, domestic violence and conflict resolution, financial literacy, career options, future planning and leadership. They also improve their spoken English skills. The goal is to empower them to make decisions about their futures, to remain in education and to resist forced labour, violence, early marriage and childbirth. To date, VOICE 4 Girls has reached out to 30,000 girls; SLA's project will help 6,000 girls in 30 schools in Hyderabad and the countryside around.



We hope that you will be as thrilled as we are that these projects will enable us to increase the numbers of children we help from hundreds to thousands.

Our experience has taught us that the most effective use of our funds is to support projects devised by Indians for Indians and this was reinforced by our research visit to India. There is wonderful work being done by Indian NGOs with clear, effective strategies for helping vulnerable children, notably in mentoring and empowerment projects that motivate and guide children through perilous transitions from childhood to adolescence to adulthood.

Young Indians in their 20s and 30s are at the forefront of these efforts which is extremely heartening.

We will present the projects in further detail and answer your questions at a SLA event early in 2017, so watch this space! Your continued support has made it possible to continue supporting the Light of Love Children's Home and School and find new ways to support more children, so we **THANK YOU!**



Manasa's Story

VOICE 4 GIRLS CAMPER

Class 10 student Manasa comes from a small village in Telangana state. Her father passed away and her mother is an agricultural labourer, leaving Manasa vulnerable to forced marriage.

"It is not easy to be a girl in my village," she explains in a video on the VOICE 4 Girls website. "When parents want to get their daughters married off, it is difficult to stop them. Girls do not get to decide their own futures. I used to think about my life negatively." After Manasa attended VOICE 4 Girls camps she began to think differently. "Now I think positively...I have learnt that boys and girls are equal and deserve the same opportunities. I must work hard to reach my goals and not let anyone stop me." And after completing VOICE 4 Girls leadership training, Manasa is working to teach younger girls and parents about the importance of educating girls and delaying marriage. She has written a book called 'Naa Lakshyam' (My Aim) for the girls in her village and is negotiating with parents to delay marrying off their daughters.

SLA Fundraising Event News

Highlights of this year's fundraising efforts included our Spooktacular Fireworks Extravanzas when **we welcomed over 4,750 guests** and our sold out Ladies Cinema Night at the Dominion Cinema.

Our fundraising planning included researching and organising an additional Fireworks Event at a new venue on the north side of Edinburgh for 2016. The growing success of this community based event and the numerous requests over the years for additional venues led to our decision to expand our largest annual fundraiser.



Meanwhile, our army of committed ASLA volunteers organised numerous events which we hope will inspire more people to fundraise for the children in India. Sadly we cannot mention everybody in this report but thank you to all who have been so creative and dedicated.

The ideal event is one that becomes a fixture on the calendar, contributing regular funds to SLA that enable forward planning. For example, for the last two years Knight Frank's Edinburgh office has held Christmas events and donated the proceeds to SLA. Your event could be as simple as a coffee morning, a quiz night or a golf day.

Please get in touch with your ideas. You can make a huge difference!



**SPOOKTACULAR
FIREWORKS
EXTRAVANZA
RAISED £23,500**



Happy-Go-Lucky



£3,000

LADIES CINEMA
NIGHT



Bridge and Afternoon Tea RAISED £1,220

A sell out for the third year running. Many thanks to Keith Clark and his team.

Art Sale RAISED £475

During the last five years Wallace Fyffe has raised £4600+ for SLA by selling his paintings. We thank him sincerely.

Edinburgh Buskers £300

Thank you to the Edinburgh Buskers for their ongoing support through busking at the Edinburgh Farmers' Market and other venues.

Teachers' Evening

Two new schools have signed up for the Rice Relay as a result of the evening.



£2,075

Book Café



£460

Knight Frank

Tuni Home

SLA funding feeds, clothes, houses, educates and provides medical care for more than **440 children** at the Light of Love Home and School.

Every year, SLA and our partner NASA undertake numerous capital and maintenance projects. These requirements have increased over time due to the number and age of the buildings, vehicles and other facilities and infrastructure. Projects generally focus on upgrading the buildings, sanitation, water, power, medical and food supplies supporting the children. The 2015-2016 year was the final year of the current three-year development programme agreed between SLA and our partner NASA which now features a dedicated Major Maintenance budget. ☆



After completing the new boys' dormitory block and the medical centre last year, no major capital projects were necessary in 2015-16. However, SLA did fund two small scale capital projects:

Washing Machines: Due to difficulties recruiting reliable laundry staff, increased costs and in an effort to save water, NASA purchased an industrial washing machine and a water extractor. These were installed on the main campus and a former student was employed to manage and maintain the laundry.

New Computers: In 2012, we funded a computer lab in conjunction with Glaxo Smith Klyne who provided funding and donated reconditioned computers. Several of those machines became inoperable and so we have replaced them with five new desktop computers.

Maintenance work included building repairs in the senior boys' block necessitated by water damage along with repairs to cracks in the roof and chemical sealing to prevent further damage. After a destructive cyclone, we also reconstructed a damaged badminton court. During the summer, water problems at the boys' and girls' dormitories required submersible water pumps to be installed.



Mansa's Story

Mansa is 10 years old and has been at the Home for one year. Her father was a fisherman who died two years ago in a tragic accident on his boat.

A year later, her mother died of typhoid. An uncle tried to look after Mansa and her younger sister but could not afford food for them. She arrived in a very malnourished state. Despite having never been to school, she immediately settled into her new class and her teachers are amazed at her concentration levels and her ability to catch up. Her favourite subject is English despite never having spoken it until 9 months ago, and her progress is astounding. She is very keen to speak to anyone who comes from Scotland so she can learn new words. She is determined to become an English teacher. Very popular with her friends, she is so happy at the Home that she cannot believe her luck!

Health

SLA funds complete health care for the children in the Light of Love Home.

A qualified doctor, Dr. Sowmya, lives onsite and provides medical care in a recently-constructed medical centre, with the help of a resident trained nurse and a trained lab assistant. She immunizes all new arrivals against diseases including Measles, Polio, Hepatitis B, Tetanus and Rabies and tests them for HIV. She also immunizes infants against flu and de-worms them. A daily clinic is conducted, as are monthly checks of the children's health, diet and physical growth. The centre has emergency life-saving equipment like anti-venom, adrenaline, oxygen and a nebulizer. Under her expert care the children's health has steadily improved.



The medical centre which opened last year is used by the children who now have access to treatments including putting on plaster casts, carrying out minor operations, x-ray and ECG diagnoses, blood transfusions and testing. The nurse visits every class daily and identifies sick children who are then treated. Children with contagious diseases are accommodated in a children's ward in the medical centre. Dr. Sowmya considers the new clinic an excellent facility which is serving the children well.

There are now seven children in the Home who are HIV positive. These children receive a special rich diet devised by Dr. Sowmya as well as free antiretroviral drugs from the government. In March 2016, the District Collector brought an HIV positive orphan girl from the government hostel where she had been placed after her parents died of AIDS. She was depressed with suicidal tendencies and the Collector thought the best place for her would be the Light of Love Home. She is now greatly improved.

Dr. Sowmya was this year honoured by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh State for her work providing medical services to the poor and needy. She is currently undertaking an advanced course in the nearby city of Rajamundry, which will lead to a qualification in paediatrics at consultant level. During her periods in Rajamundry, a local doctor treats any children who may need urgent medical attention that cannot be provided by the nurse.



Venkatesh's Story

Venkatesh arrived at the Home in June 2015 and is 12 years old.

His father was a lorry driver who died of AIDS five years ago. His mother found a job as a live-in cook in a house in Hyderabad and Venkatesh went to live in the family village with his older sister, who was 18 and recently married. However, she has recently had a baby and her husband was no longer able to support Venkatesh, so they brought him to the Home. He is great fun and loves playing sport, especially cricket. He is an excellent batsman. He hopes to become a software engineer and his teachers are very pleased with his progress.



**MONTHLY COST
TO PROVIDE
HEALTHCARE
FOR ONE CHILD**

Basic Education

SLA's funding makes **education available to children** otherwise denied it due to poverty, disability or discrimination.

SLA is delighted that a special honour was bestowed on Sony Wood, the Director of the Light of Love Home and School, who received the 'Jewel of India Award' for services to education from the International Institute of Education and Management in Delhi in April 2016.



In 2015-16, SLA funded basic education for 345 children from Kindergarten to High School graduation after Class 10 (age about 16). The school is recognized by the Andhra Pradesh state government and follows the state curriculum, overseen by the Principal, 24 teachers and five student tutors who help children outside class hours. More than half the children (183) are taught in the native language Telugu while 162 children are taught in English. English medium education for all is NASA's long-term goal.

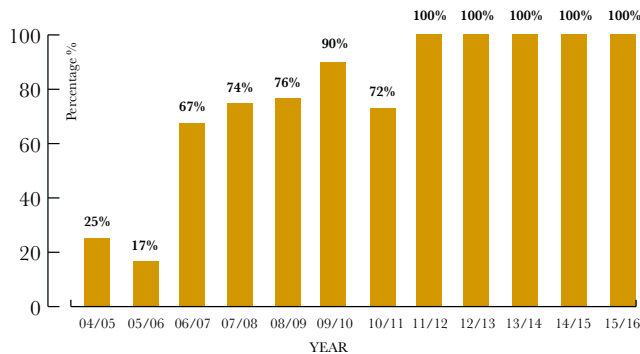
The school maintained excellent standards this year, with all 36 students passing their Class 10 external exams. Twenty-five students achieved an A or B pass mark. In India, Class 10 exam passes are the accepted measure of a school's quality and the gateway to further education, training and good jobs. These results underline how the school is opening up opportunities for children previously denied education. Younger students improved on last year's results, with 80%

of Telugu medium students and 87% of English medium students scoring over 70% in year-end exams. This is testament to the school's additional support for C-grade students this year, which has helped them to improve.

Other key developments included the extension of English medium to Class 9, the appointment of a full-time English medium Head Teacher and the introduction of a system of awards for children.

Students from Class 5 to Class 9 received three computing classes every week, two theory classes and one practical class.

A key objective is to increase the number of girls playing sport and participating in competitions. Unfortunately, NASA was unable to recruit a female PE teacher this year. Despite this they have encouraged girls to play sports and report that girls increased their participation in internal and inter-school sporting events.



High School Graduation (Class 10) pass rates 2005-2016



**MONTHLY
COST TO
EDUCATE
A CHILD**

Further Education

SLA's aim is to enable as many young people as possible to gain academic, vocational and professional qualifications to help them transition into independent adulthood and break the cycle of poverty.

Ten students have in the last year completed courses in Nursing, Business and Commerce and Engineering as well as vocational courses to become electricians and air conditioning engineers.



In 2015-2016, SLA funded 80 students to attend intermediate college, polytechnic or university courses. SLA also partially funded (e.g. with stationary costs) a further 24 students who receive the bulk of their education funding from government grants or relatives. Partial funding is a response to the increase in free places in further education and government grant support, and it reduces our further education costs. All children starting a further education course are now assessed by NASA to determine whether they require full funding (and housing).

Of the 56 children who completed Class 10 last year, 26 of the most needy went on to intermediate college with full Light of Love Home support. The other 30 students left the Home, returned to their relatives and joined intermediate and other courses with the help of funding from family and government grants.

NASA's Savings Scheme for Further Education encourages relatives of the children to save for further education and assists them to access government funds. NASA reports many relatives are willing to support the children having witnessed the benefits of further education, and this has meant a good number of students are now partially supported and that children have been able to return to relatives who provide food and accommodation. This is a significant development that could considerably reduce further education costs



Sudharani's Story

Sudharani is 16 years old and has been at the home for 10 years..

When she was only two weeks old her father, a fisherman, was drowned at sea. Her mother was unable to cope and became very depressed. Sudharani was brought to the Home when she was seven. She has thrived and is a contented, confident girl with lots of friends. She is very wise for her years and really looks out for the younger children.

She achieved an excellent mark this summer in her 10th Class government exams and has gone on to study Maths, Physics and Chemistry at the local Government Intermediate College. She wants to be a software engineer or a policewoman.

Sudharani is very close to her grandmother, and she hopes one day to have a house where her granny can live with her.

How SLA Works



To achieve our annual income target of more than £450,000, the SLA staff draw up an annual fundraising strategy which includes potential funding income streams from Regular Giving, Annual Events, Volunteer Expeditions, Trusts, Organisations and Appeals.

This strategy is then approved by the trustees and implemented by the staff with the help of volunteers

SLA is extremely lucky to have a tight-knit core of long-serving trustees, staff and volunteers, many of whom have been lending their support and guidance since our beginnings in 2000.

We salute their tremendous efforts for the children.



2015-16

Board of Trustees

Gillie Davidson (Founder & Chair), Chris Horne (Convenor), Jim Young, Jim Inch, Susan Inch, Alison Erlanger, Susan Dick, Clare Jack, James Tulloch, Sheila Cannell, Lesley Murphy, Richard Dunbar.

Staff

Colin McRae – Executive Director

Vicki Watson – Fundraising and Communications Manager

ASLA

ASLA (Active for SLA) is an integral part of SLA and was created to organise and support our growing number of dedicated volunteers. Managed by Colin McRae and volunteer ASLA administrator Mabel Mowatt, it harnesses the diverse skills of volunteers who assist SLA in so many ways. These include administration work in the SLA office, assisting staff to deliver large fundraising events and acting as fundraising ambassadors independently organising numerous events in aid of SLA. We are fortunate to have such proactive, motivated and creative people, constantly searching for new ways to support the charity.

SLA Office Volunteers

Barbara Brown is our dedicated administrator who has been with SLA for over eight years. We also have a team of volunteers who regularly devote their time and considerable energies to numerous essential tasks while many other volunteers contribute on a more ad hoc basis. Everyone's contribution is invaluable for our work and we are always delighted to welcome new volunteers.

How SLA Works with NASA

The origin of SLA's work is our partnership with the local NGO Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA).

NASA is a registered not-for-profit organisation based in Tuni with a General Body overseeing an Executive Board. Jyothi Premdas is NASA's Chief Functionary, responsible for project operations and reporting to the Executive Board.

NASA operates the Light of Love Children's Home and School. Sony Wood is Director, responsible for all operations. He oversees teams that manage specific operations such as the school or the medical centre.

We nurture our working relationship with NASA by regularly monitoring, evaluating and refining our joint objectives via key structures and processes including regular visits to India.

Operating Agreement

This details the operating budget for 3 years, objectives for specific areas (e.g. basic education, health) and the procedures NASA and SLA will follow to plan, budget and communicate..

Capital Budget

This details the approval procedures between NASA and SLA for all capital projects.

Communication Plan

NASA provides SLA with a 6-month progress report on the objectives in the operating agreement. NASA officers and the SLA Executive Director regularly update each other on progress towards agreed objectives. NASA also provides SLA with quarterly communications detailing the children's activities to communicate to our supporters.

Audited Accounts

NASA provides SLA with annual audited accounts for the Home and School. SLA's Executive Director and the Home and School Director review the accounts during SLA's annual visit to Tuni.

Annual Visits to Tuni

The SLA Executive Director and at least one SLA Trustee review the year's operations, expenditure, progress towards objectives with the Director of the Home and School and his staff in Tuni. In addition, the SLA Executive Director and/or Trustees visit Tuni annually to discuss plans.

After the death of NASA's founder and Chief Functionary, Dr. Christopher Premdas, NASA has considered succession planning and how best to structure the organisation going forward. NASA's recommendation is that the Light of Love Home and School, and the new medical centre, should be transferred to a separate NGO. Sony Wood has become its Chief Functionary. SLA is working with NASA to determine how this arrangement can be optimised to satisfy all government requirements which enable SLA to fund the Light of Love Home and School directly via the new NGO.

Financial Review

Summary from SLA's financial statements for the year 2015-2016.



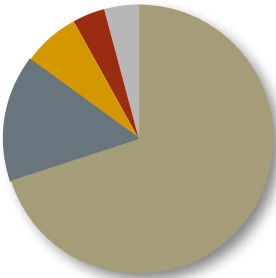
SLA Income 2015-2016

Income during 2015-2016 fell by £96,257 to £391,669. This was not unexpected, as the trustees had decided that it was not appropriate to embark on a new three year strategy until the charity had defined its strategic plan, following the resolution of succession and organisational matters at Light of Love Children's Home and School and identification of the type of new projects to be funded. A one year fundraising plan was therefore established, focusing on the existing income streams rather than developing new income stream activities.

Individuals	70%
Fundraising	15%
Trusts	7%
Legacies	4%
Businesses, Schools & Other Organisations	4%
Volunteer Expeditions to India	0%
Others	0%

All of this, coupled with the fact that there were no volunteer trips during the year, resulted in a fall in our income from donations, as anticipated.

The importance of individual donations is highlighted in the pie-chart. We thank each and every one of these donors. We equally appreciate and depend on the huge efforts to generate our other sources of income.



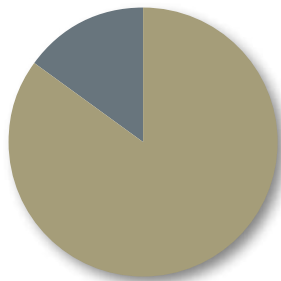
SLA Income 2015-2016

SLA Expenditure 2015-2016

85p of every £1 spent this year was on charitable activities. Our aim of keeping the cost of Raising Funds to a minimum is helped enormously by our energetic volunteers.

Total expenditure for the year also fell slightly to £441,365 from £455,737 in 2015, but this was largely due to the fall in expenditure on fundraising activities. Ongoing expenditure in India did not diminish in the year, although capital project spend was down on the previous year as projects were completed.

Charitable Activities	85%
Raising Funds	15%

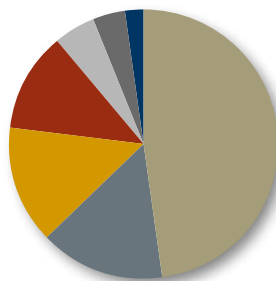


Total Expenditure 2015-2016

SLA Overall Position

2016 saw our expenditure exceed our income by £49,696 (2015 surplus - £32,189), resulting in the total funds held at 30 June 2016 amounting to £550,368 (2015 - £600,064). This is still a very healthy state of affairs. The deficit very much reflected that 2016 was a year of transition and reflection as the charity defined its strategic plan to meet the succession and organisational matters at Light of Love Home and identified the new projects to be funded. From this a fresh three year fundraising strategy will be created.

The trustees continued to hold rupees to meet known future expenditure and monitored the exchange rate closely during the year. Indeed before the 23 June Referendum they decided it would be prudent to forward purchase an additional amount of rupees.



Charitable Activities Expenditure

The exchange rate fall since the Referendum is a concern to the charity and the Trustees will continue to monitor the position closely.

We still believe it is essential to provide security for the children in the Home and School. To this end, our largest single fund continues to provide cover for a minimum of 12 months operating costs. Given the current financial uncertainties, the commencement of two new projects and the exciting stage that the Social Enterprise Project has reached, the trustees will be reviewing the level and allocation of these reserves to make the best use of funds.

The financial information set out has been extracted for the year ending 30 June 2016. A copy of the full set of audited accounts, including the report of the auditors, French Duncan LLP, which is unqualified, can be obtained from the trustees at The Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9RR.

Food, Clothing & Accommodation	48%
Social Enterprise Project - India	15%
Development, Monitoring & Evaluation	14%
School Education	12%
Medical Care	5%
Others	4%
Further Education	2%
Capital Projects	0%

Leaving a Legacy

Legacies have helped SLA make fundamental improvements to the lives of the children. A legacy funded our comprehensive child immunisation programme which has virtually eradicated some diseases from the Light of Love Children's Home and School. Another legacy funded four much-needed additional classrooms. A legacy also funded Phase 1 of the new medical centre which provides improved medical facilities and care for all the children.

After you have made provision for your loved ones, please consider leaving a gift to SLA in your will. It would enable us to continue giving life-changing support to destitute children for years to come and ensure that each child receives the education and life skills needed to develop their unique potential, escape the poverty trap and lead productive, independent lives.

Donations of any size are welcome. Any amount will go a surprisingly long way to making a difference for these children.



Gowrie's Story

Gowrie is 11 years old and has been at the Light of Love Home for two years. His father left home and never returned; his whereabouts remain unknown.

His mother is a seasonal day labourer, a very precarious and poorly paid job. She was unable to feed Gowrie so she brought him to the Home and asked for help. She tries to visit once a month and he likes this. He excels at maths and is targeting a career in IT. He loves the food at the Home and enjoys playing badminton with his friends. His family village is far away from the Home and he has gone there for holidays, but he no longer enjoys the visits. This is always very difficult as it is important for those children with family to keep that link, but sometimes the children prefer to remain at the Home during the holidays instead of going back to their villages.



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