



HELPING VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN INDIA

Annual Report 2018 – 2019

What we do

Scottish Love in Action partners with and supports grassroots Indian organisations that care for, educate and empower vulnerable children and young people.

We share a joint vision with our Indian partners to transform children's lives, enabling them to escape the poverty trap and reach their full potential.

Since 2000, through our partnerships we have helped thousands of children overcome hardship and trauma, grow up in safety and receive the education, life skills and self-confidence they need to lead independent lives free from poverty.



Founder's Introduction

Dear SLA Supporters,

Over the last 20 years, so many destitute children have learnt the meaning of love and found their voices through the care of our Indian partners in Tuni, made possible by the loving generosity of you, our staunch supporters. Now we have completed our withdrawal from Light of Love Children's Home there is, as you can imagine, much sadness for us. Tuni will always be in our hearts.

At the same time, our spirits are lifted by the wonderful work of our other partners ASRITHA Rainbow Home and VOICE 4 Girls. They are responding to the needs of vulnerable girls, sheltering, educating and empowering them, enabling them to raise their voices and resist discrimination and exploitation. We are particularly excited to be supporting the Rainbow 'Udaan' programme which helps adolescent girls prepare for the very difficult transition from living at the Home to independence within Indian society.

We are absolutely thrilled that the BBC has chosen SLA to present the BBC Radio 4 Charity Appeal on 8th March 2020, International Women's Day! We will be talking about VOICE 4 Girls so do gather round and pop your radios on!

We are also delighted to be partnering with our sister charity The Pipl Foundation and Edinburgh University's Royal Dick Veterinary School (connected to the world-renowned Roslin Institute) to develop our social enterprise dairy farm. Now we are in the process of choosing the right piece of land. All this has been made possible through the generosity of one passionate donor.

Thank you all for your continued, generous support and loving concern for the children of SLA.

With my love,

Gillie

Gillie Davidson MBE received the Royal Maundy Gift from Her Majesty the Queen on Maundy Thursday 2019.

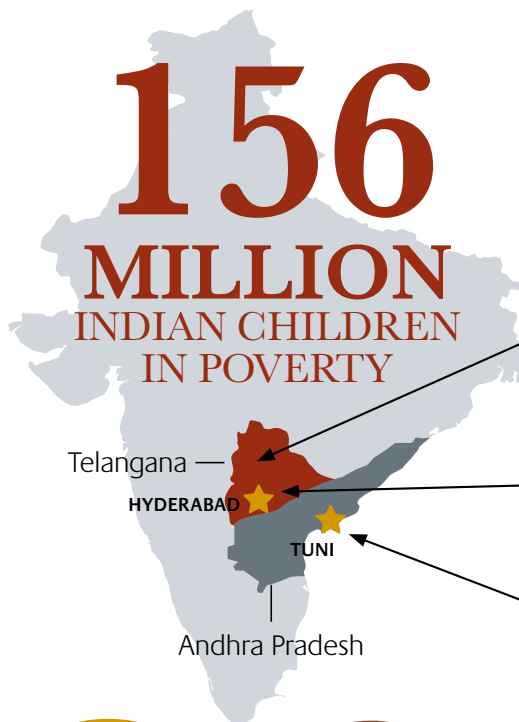
Children in India

Millions of Indian children and young people are extremely vulnerable. In 2016, there were 156 million children living in poverty in India.

More than one in four girls are married by age 18 and 38% of secondary school-aged girls are not in school. These are the children in peril who desperately need our partners' support.

The biggest consequence of child poverty is malnutrition and the 2019 Global Hunger Index reports that one in five Indian children suffer from 'wasting'. Our partners care for many malnourished children. You can help by setting up a monthly donation of just £3 to SLA, enough for 18 children's meals at the ASRITHA Rainbow Home. Just text FEEDME to 70140.

Join the SLA subscription programme for £3 per month. The charity receives 100%. This costs £3 per month until you reply with a "STOP" text. Customer care 01316299112. Charity No SCO30516. Your subscription text will cost your standard network rate & your first donation of £3 will be taken within 24 hours.



OUR PROJECTS 2018-19

VOICE 4 Girls
Telangana

**ASRITHA
Rainbow Home**
Hyderabad

**Light of Love
Children's Home**
Tuni

The Pipal Foundation
Location TBC

**Text
FEEDME
to 70140**

**£3 a month
= 18 meals**



SAVE THE DATE!

SLA on the BBC

**International Women's Day,
Sunday 8th March 2020**

That's when to tune into Radio 4 to hear SLA do the BBC Radio 4 Charity Appeal to highlight the brilliant work of our Indian partner VOICE 4 Girls. Tell all your family and friends!

We are honoured and thrilled that the BBC selected SLA (after a very rigorous application process) because it shows that charity experts recognise the vital importance of the work VOICE 4 Girls does. It also gives us a chance to raise awareness of their work across the UK.

The Appeal is a 3-minute broadcast that the SLA team is busily preparing. It will be broadcast on Sunday 8th March at 7.54am and 9.25pm, then repeated on Thursday 12th March at 3.27pm.

During the week of the broadcast, the BBC will collect donations for SLA. In 2018-19, there were 50 Radio 4 Appeals which raised a total of £1,219,603!



So please save the date, share it before and after the big day, listen in live or via BBC Sounds and ask everyone you know to listen too. You could even host a small fundraiser based around listening to the Appeal. SLA will be running our own associated fundraising appeal before, during and after the BBC Appeal.

RADIO 4
APPEAL


International
Women's Day

All the evidence shows that educated and empowered girls are healthier, earn more money, make better life choices and spend more on their children's health and education. They also transform their communities.

This is why gender equality is a global Sustainable Development Goal. And this is why the BBC has selected SLA to present the BBC Radio 4 Appeal on International Women's Day.

**SUNDAY 8TH
MARCH 2020**

New SLA Website

Please also check out our new website at www.sla-india.org

We're really pleased with it. We've made the new site more 'mobile-responsive', which means it can be easily viewed on phones, tablets and iPads as well as laptops and PCs.

We've also worked hard to make finding information easier while giving the layout a fresh new look.



VOICE 4 Girls

SLA is supporting VOICE 4 Girls to provide education and empowerment 'camps' for adolescent girls in Telangana state. In rural Telangana, the Indian National Family Health Survey found that more than one third of women aged 20-24 were married before they turned 18 (illegal in India). Almost half of women aged 15-49 who have been married have suffered spousal violence.

VOICE 4 Girls enables girls to take control of their bodies, their education and their futures. VOICE 4 Girls is also educating boys, teaching them the empathy and respect for girls and women that is critical for lasting change.



This year, 3,664 girls attended VOICE 4 Girls camps supported by SLA, learning about reproductive health, their rights under Indian law, how to negotiate, prevent conflict and plan their lives. Central to how VOICE works is girls learning from each other. Some older girls also study leadership with VOICE and then mentor younger girls. Girls like Aparna then create a positive ripple effect through their schools, families and communities.



Aparna's Story

Aparna explains how she saved her sister from becoming a child bride.

"I had learnt from VOICE 4 Girls that child marriage is illegal. I also learnt about the problems of teenage pregnancy and didn't want my young sister to face those problems. I negotiated with my father and convinced him to cancel my sister's wedding. I also motivated my sister to study and she is now continuing her education."

£18

**SENDS 1 GIRL
TO A 10-DAY
VOICE CAMP**

ASRITHA Rainbow Home

SLA is supporting the ASRITHA Rainbow Home in Hyderabad, which in 2018-19 cared for 113 girls who used to live on the streets.

The city has an estimated 28,000 street children. ASRITHA works with the community to identify girls in danger and, if they cannot find their families, offers them a place at the Home.



The Home provides residential care and rehabilitation, 'bridge courses' of enhanced nutrition, basic education and social skills, access to local schools and teaches the girls about their rights. ASRITHA workers also try to trace the girls' families and reunite them.

This year, 5 new girls joined the ASRITHA Home, 4 girls passed Class 10 examinations enabling them to go on to further education and 4 girls were in further education, studying civil engineering, commerce, pharmacy and midwifery.

Our partners have also been developing their groundbreaking Udaan ('Taking Flight') programme which helps the older girls transition from adolescence to adulthood. They teach the girls how to set goals, make decisions, manage their finances and plan their futures. They then offer them a place in a shared flat and support them as they begin to live independently.



Sukanya's Story

Sukanya came to the Home in 2011. She had dropped out of school and worked as a housemaid. She took the education 'bridge course' and then joined the local high school. Three years later, she graduated and went on to study health work. In November 2018, she won a scholarship to study General Nursing and Midwifery at one of Hyderabad's top colleges.

She said: "I always wanted to become a nurse. With all the support that I got I am able to reach my goal, especially the Udaan workshop. Through this training they have strengthened me to become who I am today."

Light of Love Home and School

For 20 years SLA has supported the Light of Love Children's Home and School (LLCH) in the market town of Tuni. By funding housing, food, clothing, education and medical care we have helped to transform the lives of thousands of children.

This was the final year of our partnership with LLCH and we extended an additional six months of support from March 2019.



As highlighted in previous Annual Reports, since we started supporting LLCH in 2000 there have been many changes as the country has worked hard to tackle poverty. In the local area, there has been an increase in the number of residential children's homes and schools run by the government and Non-Governmental Organisations. These changes, as well as increased availability of further education scholarships for lower caste and deprived children, have contributed to a reduction in the number of children who require the support of LLCH.

At the same time, as SLA supporters will know from previous communications, our partnership faced substantial challenges. In 2018-19, as part of continuing dialogue with LLCH, it was proposed that financial support from SLA would cease in March 2019. Following a subsequent meeting in Scotland however, it was agreed that funding would continue until the end of September 2019, to give LLCH additional time to plan for their future and seek alternative support.

SLA will always treasure fond memories of our roots under the trees in Tuni, and we wish our partners all the best as they progress to an independent future.



Social Enterprise Project

Through the wonderfully generous support of a single donor SLA is developing a social enterprise project through its sister charity The Pipal Foundation. The Foundation has partnered with the University of Edinburgh's Royal (Dick) School for Veterinary Studies to establish a dairy farm of approximately 500 milking cows. This will generate funds which will be used to support Indian NGOs helping vulnerable children.



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH



The Pipal Foundation was officially incorporated in February 2019.

In partnership with SLA and the University of Edinburgh's Royal (Dick) School for Veterinary Studies, the Foundation will establish a centre of excellence in dairy farming and animal husbandry through a not-for-profit model.

Surplus funds will be distributed among NGOs engaged in child welfare activities.

This partnership aims to deliver:

- Direct employment for approximately 20 people and large-scale indirect employment opportunities in agricultural and engineering fields
- An educational hub incorporating research, the provision of world-class techniques and practical experience for those engaged in animal husbandry



- Support to families reliant upon animal husbandry by facilitating increased milk yields and thus income, by:
- Improving access to world-leading veterinary practices, focusing on prevention rather than cure
- Supporting fodder development and income to local farmers through contract farming for high-quality feed, made accessible also to the farm community.

A suitable site for the farm is currently being sought, following which detailed plans will be developed for the farm buildings. We will be ready to welcome the first of our herd in late 2020. Careful management of the herd will ensure a constant milk supply, steadily increasing to full capacity in 2021.

It is anticipated that shortly thereafter surplus funds will become available for distribution in accordance with the Pipal Foundation's objectives and in consultation with SLA.

SLA Fundraising

Every year the SLA community organises lots of fundraisers from major events to coffee mornings and quiz nights.

YOU CAN make a huge difference! Please contact us with your ideas. We do not have space to feature everyone, but massive thanks go to all who have been so creative and dedicated in fundraising for us this year.



Tartantastic Fireworks Extravaganza

In November 2018, we organised three Fireworks Shows – one at George Heriot's Playing Fields and two shows at George Watson's Rugby Grounds. Sponsored by Spire Edinburgh Hospitals, the three shows attracted 7,000 people and raised over £34,000, our biggest fundraiser yet.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort and in particular George Heriot's Pipe Band, George Watson's College Pipes and Drums, ESMS Pipe Band and Phelan School of Dance.



BOOK
AND
SOUP CAFÉ
£2,300+

CHRISTMAS
CARD POST
£260

WALLACE
FYFFE'S
ART SALE
£345

BRIDGE
AND
CREAM TEA
£1200+

LADIES'
CINEMA
NIGHT
£3,760



Partner with Us

SLA is all about partnerships, both in India and in Scotland.

To support our work, we are always on the lookout for Scottish companies and organisations that want to help us to help vulnerable children, whether with financial or in-kind support.

If this sounds like you, please get in touch.

TUK TUK

One of our most successful partnerships is with **Tuk Tuk**, the award-winning Indian street food restaurant with branches in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

In the first year of our partnership, Tuk Tuk raised an incredible £11,061 for SLA through their 'Dine and Donate' scheme: 50p per table of customers is added to their bill – the cost of three meals for a child living at the ASRITHA Rainbow Home. That money was enough to provide the children at the Home with an incredible 66,336 meals!

We are delighted that Tuk Tuk are supporting SLA for a second year. As Mohit Chowdhary, manager of Edinburgh Tuk Tuk, said last year: "A street food restaurant helping street kids. It couldn't be better!"

66,336
MEALS



Truscott Property

In June 2019, we partnered with **Truscott Property**, who signed up to be sole sponsors of the Fireworks Extravaganza 2019. Our compère spoke to Director Stephen Truscott at the event about his support for SLA.

SLA have been working closely with Truscott Property to build a mutually beneficial partnership.



Financial Review

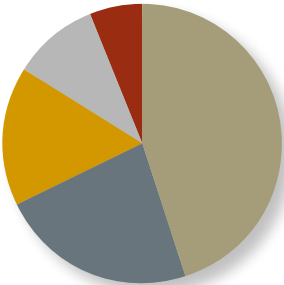
Summary from SLA's financial statements for the year 2018-2019. This report refers to our financial year from July 2018 to June 2019.



SLA Income 2018-2019

This report refers to our financial year from July 2018 to June 2019. Our income for the year was £375,456 (2018: £451,357). Individual donations continue to be of key importance to our fundraising efforts. We sincerely thank every one of our donors and supporters. We equally appreciate and depend on the huge efforts of SLA staff and volunteers to generate our other sources of income. Our focus this financial year has been (and will continue to be) diversification of our income sources.

Individuals	45%
Fundraising	23%
Gift Aid and Interest	16%
Trusts	10%
Businesses, Schools and Other Organisations	6%

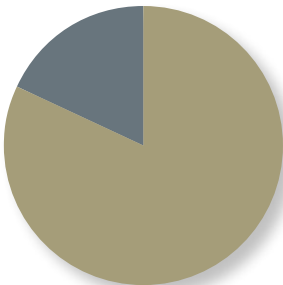


SLA Income 2018-2019

SLA Expenditure 2018-2019

Our expenditure for the year was £542,635 (2018: £558,829). One staff member left in December 2018, reducing salary costs over the year. Scottish expenditure continued to be closely monitored throughout 2018/19 and cost savings made wherever possible. 82p of every £1 spent this year went on charitable activities. SLA's aim to keep the costs of raising funds to a minimum is hugely helped by the resource provided by our committed and hardworking volunteers.

Charitable Activities	82%
Raising Funds	18%



Total Expenditure 2018-2019

SLA Overall Position

The Statement of Financial Activities reflects net outgoing resources of £167,179 (2018: £107,472). There was a deficit of £59,237 (2018: £124,534) on the unrestricted general fund activities, a deficit of £55,902 (2018: £319,624) on unrestricted designated funds and a deficit of £52,040 (2018: £17,062) on restricted funds. Total funds amounted to £166,111 (2018: £333,290).

SLA is in the midst of a transition period in relation to our work in India. This has had an adverse impact on our funds. We anticipate that this will begin to resolve itself in the coming financial year.

The majority of our expenditure is incurred in India and in 2019 the trustees continued their practice of holding Rupees to meet known short-term expenditure.

As at June 2019 the Rupee exchange rate was 87.5 (2018: 90.00) and at that date we held 4,743,054 Rupees (2018: 12,666,643 Rupees) which translated into £54,206 (2018: £140,740).

The total unrestricted reserves held at 30 June 2019 amounted to £129,801.

SLA are supported by a number of trusts and businesses and we encourage regular giving from individual supporters. All of The Pipal Foundation expenditure is covered by a donation from one donor.

The financial information set out has been extracted for the year ending June 2019. A copy of the full set of independently examined accounts, including the report of the independent examiners Cornerstone Accounting Limited, which is unqualified, can be obtained from the trustees at Scottish Love in Action, Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 138-140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR.

SLA Governance

The SLA Board of Trustees is responsible for the charity's governance and strategy. It accounts for the charity's activities and outcomes in line with guidance provided by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. The SLA Chief Executive and staff work with the Trustees to implement strategy and undertake day-to-day operations.

2018-19 Board of Trustees

James Inch (Chair), Sheila Cannell, Susan Dick, Richard Dunbar, Alison Erlanger, Christopher Horne, Clare Jack, Mabel Mowatt, Lesley Murphy, James Tulloch, James Young.

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Vicki Watson

Fundraising and Communications Manager

Elsbeth Fairgrieve

Business Coordinator

Scott Preston

Development Coordinator

VOLUNTEER TO BE THE CHANGE

SLA was started by volunteers and they continue to be essential to our work.

We could not support our Indian partners' work without these selfless people putting their Scottish love, energy, enthusiasm, commitment and expertise into action.



There are so many ways to get involved. You could become a Fundraising Ambassador and organise a fundraising event or activity. You could help out in our office. Or you might like to get your teeth into one of our 'mini-projects', using your skills to help us with background research, communications or other work.

Or maybe you'd like to 'go big' and go all the way to India on an SLA volunteer trip! These have raised tens of thousands of pounds for our work and strengthened relations with our Indian partners. We have volunteer trips planned for 2020.

To find out more about volunteering with us to 'be the change' you want to see, check out our website and volunteering blog at www.sla-india.org/news.

Email enquiries@sla-india.org or call 0131 629 9112.

We look forward to hearing from you.



"After meeting the warm, friendly staff, it was clear for me to see where the heart and passion comes from that drives the charity. Everyone is truly dedicated to the cause and they immediately made me feel part of the team."

(Julie Ridge, SLA Volunteer)



I WISH TO HELP THE WORK OF SLA

Please tick the stars below as appropriate.

☆ I wish to donate to SLA and make a donation of

- Cheques can be made payable to 'SLA'.
- To donate using online banking our details are:
Account number: 00164481 Sort Code 80-02-77.
- To donate by phone please call the SLA Office on **0131 629 9112**
or donate online at **www.sla-india.org**

☆ I wish to make a regular donation of:

£3 ☐ £5 ☐ £10 ☐ £20 ☐ Other
Starting on 1st ☐ 15th ☐ 25th ☐ of month/year

For all monthly donations please complete the Direct Debit form opposite.

For all single and monthly donations please complete your details below:

Title & Name

Address

Telephone

Email

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

☆ I would like to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future to SLA. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Signature

Date

SLA would like to send you further information about our activities.

I would like to receive this ☆ By email

By post ☆

SLA will not pass your details on to any 3rd parties.

Please return this form with your donation to:

**Scottish Love in Action, Greyfriars Charteris Centre,
140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR.**



Originator's Identification Number

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Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debit

Scottish Love in Action, Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR

DO NOT RETURN TO YOUR BANK

Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To The Manager	Bank/Building Society
Address	
Postcode	

Name(s) of Account holder(s)

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Reference No (For Scottish Love in Action use only)

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Bank and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instruction for some types of account. We will send you a copy of the Direct Debit Guarantee for your reference and confirm details as soon as we receive your complete Direct Debit Form.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Scottish Love in Action of the United Kingdom Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Scottish Love in Action and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society

Signature	X
	X
Date	

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